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## WHO WILL WIN THE \$65 PRIZE SATURDAY?

### Merchants to Have Dollar Day Jan. 19th

### SCHOOL BOND ELECTION NEXT SATURDAY

That there is absolute need of additional school building room in Merkel every parent and citizen who feels an interest in the future of the boys and girls of this town and community is bound to know. In fact for several years there has been a very crowded condition in the Merkel schools, and which with the coming and going of every year becomes more so.

And in order to do away with this crowded condition and make comfortable and decent room for the proper teaching and training of the young men and young ladies of this community, an election will be held at the City Hall in this city on next Saturday, January 12, when the voters will decide whether or not there shall be issued bonds to the amount of \$40,000 for the purpose of buying a site, building and equipping of a new high school building in this city.

It is just up to the property tax payers, the parents, of the boys and girls, whether or not they want to make this needed improvement or not. Of course no one will say that it will raise the tax rate, for that is as high as the law allows the rate to go; being already \$1.00 on the \$100.00 valuation. And the valuations are as high as they should be considering the price of property. Well some one says, how are you going to get the money with which to pay off the bonds and interest, as they accrue. Well, the school board informs us that there will be sufficient revenue from the present tax rate and present valuation to insure the payment of the bonds and interest as they accrue. We are informed that the bonds to be voted are for FIVE PER CENT and that they will accrue one bond annually, and which will eliminate the interest each year as they accrue and are paid off.

Up to this time there has been but little or no comment on the subject and it is doubted if there will be any opposition what ever to speak of to the voting of the bonds.

Stanley King and family have moved to Trent, where Mr. King will open a new filling Station for the Magnolia Company. He is a fine young man and will no doubt make good. Read his ad in this paper.

For the people of Merkel and surrounding country, January 19 is going to be one of the biggest days ever before experienced. It is going to be DOLLAR DAY in Merkel, yes it is going to be a day when your dollar will go further in the purchase of merchandise. The merchants and business men of Merkel are going to make it so. And besides this, January 19 is the day when the Merkel Mail's big subscription campaign ends—the day when the big premiums and cash prizes will be awarded. And of course everybody will want to be here to see who receives all these gifts. So in order to make the day profitable to each and every one the Merchants are joining in and on this day will offer many interesting and useful items at a real bargain.

Almost every mercantile establishment in the city is carrying a card advertisement in the big double page advertisement to be found in this paper, in which they make an appeal and bargain offer to the buying public, and we urge our readers to read carefully every advertisement to be found in this big double page advertisement, and we feel sure that you will find many bargains in goods of the various firms carrying advertisements, and from which you will be able to make quite a saving.

There is no reason why the merchants of this city cannot sell goods as cheap, quality considered, as can be bought any where, and this paper believes they are doing this, and we further believe that the public realizes this and will give them their unlimited and unstinted support. Any way here's hoping that every person trading in Merkel will be able to realize a good saving by doing so, and that the business men will enjoy a real big volume of business.

Don't fail to read every firm's advertisement in the big double page ad in the middle of this paper.

### PIE SUPPER AT SANDBURR

Announcement is made that there will be a regular old time Pie Supper and entertainment at Sandburr School house on tonight, Friday, January 11. Everybody is invited and urged to come and bring a pie and take part in same.

Mr. Geo. T. Moore was at home during the holidays to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore on route three. Geo. T. returned to Business College at Tyler, Texas, where he is taking a business course.

### WARNING!

Roby, Texas, Dec. 18, 1923.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Vinson,  
Merkel, Texas.

Mr. Vinson you warn those people—I mean the friends of the candidates—that they can cause their favorite candidate to lose by putting them off until the last day of the campaign. You warned the people here as well as the candidates, but it seemed they did not heed the warning, so you can tell those people at Merkel that I was two minutes late with \$241.50 just for that reason.

Mr. Vinson I wish you great success in your campaign. I have told you my hard luck so you could warn those people down there. You told me I would get lots of help, but help is like anything else; it can reach the needy TOO LATE.

(SIGNED) Gladies McCrary.

### SPECIAL MEETING AT LOCAL POULTRY MEN M. E. CHURCH SOUTH WIN MANY PRIZES

Rev. T. J. Ra, pastor of the Methodist church has this week been conducting a series of services, preaching each day at 10 o'clock in the morning and at 7:15 in the evening, will continue indefinitely. He is delivering able and interesting sermons at each service, and both the attendance and interest is growing as the meeting continues. Rev. Rea extends a royal welcome to every one who will, to come, and especially urges all Methodists to come and take part in the services.

On Friday evening at 7:15 there will be a special High School Service, and during which the pastor will tell in his sermon of some of the needs of the schools of today. This is going to be very interesting and it is hoped that every one will be in attendance.

So, don't forget the Special High School Services at the Methodist church (Tonight) Friday, January 11.

### MERKEL YOUNG MAN AND BRIDE VISITING HERE

Mr. Wallace Bragg, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, who for the past year has been connected with a bank at Chillicothe, arrived in the city yesterday, accompanied by his new bride, formerly Miss Pearl Campbell, one of the accomplished and most popular young ladies of Paducah, Texas. And we might add here that, the bride is a grand daughter of Mrs. Frank Sears, who is also one of Merkel's pioneer, popular and best citizens.

After a visit here among friends and relatives for a few days, the happy couple will return to Chillicothe, where they will make their future home.

We join many friends in extending congratulations and good wishes.

We are informed that friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner gave them a big surprise one days this week when they secretly prepared and brought to their home a big fine turkey dinner in honor of celebrating their "Golden Wedding Anniversary." Only a few friends and relatives were present for the happy event, but the occasion brought much joy and happiness to all. May they see many more such happy events.

1924 Ford Touring Like new, Licence paid. Lock steering wheel—\$50.00 off. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers.

At the West Texas Poultry Show in Abilene last week among those we learned residing in and near Merkel who won many prizes and blue ribbons, were Mr. W. L. Diltz Jr., one of the splendid Assistant Cashiers at the Farmers State Bank, who had on exhibit some forty beautiful and fine birds of the Silver Laced Wyandotte variety. Joe Higgins, was also equally as lucky with his fine barred rocks and Rhode Island Reds likewise Mr. H. P. Wilkins of Salt Branch community had many birds on display and earned many prizes and ribbons away. Also our fellow town man and excellent citizen, Mr. R. A. Ellis, was a big winner Rhode Island Reds.

And all in all the West Texas Poultry Show was a great success, and much commendation is due the management same.

### MISS TRACY IN REGITAL JAN. 18

Miss Lucy Tracy, reader will give an impersonation the three Act Play, "Peg O' My Heart", by J. Heartly Manners, at the High School Auditorium Friday, January 18, 1924 at 8:00 o'clock.

There will be a small admission of 25 cents charged for the benefit of the school.

### Characters

Mrs. Chichester, a wealthy, aristocratic English Woman  
Ethel, her daughter  
Alaric, her son.  
Mrs. Christian Brent, supposed friend of the family.  
And Peg, niece of Mrs. Chichester.

Mr. C. H. Lester, recently sold his farm of 62 acres near here to Mr. Frank McElroy of Winters, and has moved with his family to Abilene, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Lester is a fine man and we regret to lose him. We welcome Mr. McElroy to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Ford moved into the home they recently purchased on Oak Street, from their farm in the Stith community.

Miss Veona Hamblett of Cisco, is here for a visit with home folks Mr. and Mrs. W. F. 1112 Hamblett.

### MISS OUIDA CAMPBELL TAKES LEAD THIS WEEK

Mrs. Causseaux and Miss Jones Running Near First Place---Whole Country Now Interested in This Big Campaign

### IT'S ANYBODY'S RACE FOR THE CAR

Opportunity for Some One to Pile Up Big Lead Before Second Vote Period Closes Saturday Night---It's Now or Never

Miss Ouida Campbell, Merkl	2,164,800
Mrs. Nannie Casseaux, Merkl	2,154,200
Miss Iris Garrett, Merkl	291,000
Miss Mabel Jenkins, Noodle	470,000
Mrs. R. L. Jobe, Merkl	406,000
Miss Ruth Jones, Merkl	2,147,000
Miss Beatrice McLeod, Trent	1,650,000
Miss Lillian McRee, Trent	1,645,000
Mrs. Sam Salyers, Buffalo ap	155,000
Mrs. C. W. Seago, Route 2 rent	1,631,000

### TO BE GIVEN AWAY! EXTRA!

\$65 Scholarship in Tyler Commercial College To Be Given Away Saturday, Jan. 12!

Is to be given to candidate who gets the most votes in the

now to Saturday night will be published in next week's issue of the Merkel Mail. But you must bear in mind that the votes will be those that were collected only up to Saturday night, for the votes collected after that time will be in the locked ballot box. It will be,

must be in this office before 5 o'clock Saturday night, Jan. 12, or your votes will be issued third period schedule, which greatly reduced.

According to the rules of the campaign, the ballot box in the Merkel Mail's campaign has been locked and sealed and will be placed in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel Monday, January 14, when it will remain until Saturday afternoon, January 19, at 6 o'clock. Candidates and their friends are to deposit their votes and subscriptions in the sealed ballot box from January 14, until the close of the campaign. The standing of every candidate, as it appears today, includes every coupon, and every subscription for publication up to and including Wednesday night January 9. Votes turned in from

and marshalling their aids as would a general on the eve of a great battle, preparing with feverish haste to make their final stand for victory before 3 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, January 19—the last day—while Taylor County and surrounding territory are watching, wait-

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### WHAT \$60 WILL DO

This vote schedule will be greatly reduced after Sat. Jan. 12

Four 10-year subscriptions (\$60) counts	1,200,000 votes
This would be four clubs	400,000 votes
Total for four subscriptions	1,600,000 votes
Eight 5-year subscriptions (\$60) counts	880,000 votes
This would be four clubs	400,000 votes
Total for eight subscriptions	1,280,000 votes
Twenty 2-year subscriptions (\$60) counts	180,000 votes
This would be four clubs	400,000 votes
Total for twenty subscriptions	580,000 votes

### ATTENTION, READERS

As close as the race stands, your subscription may be the very one that will bring a small fortune to your choice in the list. Don't wait to be asked, for, in their frantic efforts these last few days, the candidate you want to help may not be able to see you. Bring your subscription to this office and the votes will be credited to any one whom you choose. Here is an opportunity to do a real kindness to a friend that may mean a New Motor car to them in the end—without costing you one cent more than you would pay for the paper otherwise.

The ten-year subscriptions help most. In fact a very few such subscriptions separate the ones furthestest down the list from the ones who are among the leaders. One or two such subscriptions may prove to be the deciding votes as to who wins the new motor car.



Statement of Condition  
**Farmers State Bank**

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business Dec. 31, 1923

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$309,226.06
Overdrafts	442.69
Banking house & Fixtures	13,800.00
Other Real Estate	7,000.00
Due from State Cty. Fund.	29,056.34
Stocks & Bonds	1,818.40
Other Resources	19,128.20
<b>Cash and Exchange</b>	<b>374,738.44</b>
Total	\$755,210.13

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	33,037.20
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed money	NONE
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>672,172.93</b>
Total	\$755,210.13

The above Statement is Correct

R. L. GRIMES, Cashier

**A GUARANTY FUND BANK**

**MISS OUIDA CAMPBELL TAKES LEAD THIS WEEK**

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ing, wondering—and hustling for their favorites.

Leading candidates are seething with the hustle of preparation for the final dash and with one accord are fighting valiantly and determinedly to reach the goal where the brand new Ford Touring Car awaits.

Six weeks of hard work and anxiety culminate in the closing scene Saturday afternoon, Jan. 19, at three o'clock, at which time the automobile campaign comes to an official close and the most successful candidate will claim the magnificent prizes—headed by the brand new Ford touring car.

**To the Candidates**

The end of the contest is but a few days away. If you can trust your own judgement as to your competitors' strength based on facts and observations and lay your plans accordingly, there is yet time to stem the tide and turn it into a sweeping victory.

Are you going to be one to finish triumphantly with an overwhelming number of votes, are you going to be content with what you now have and see the efforts of these many weeks go to waste and the rewards of the campaign wrested from your grasp by more enterprising competitors? It is up to you now. Will you come out on top or will you let your rivals beat you to the big prize?

Don't try to figure out just how many votes it will take to win, for you will, very likely, fail to get enough. Don't be afraid of having too many votes, for you CAN'T HAVE TOO MANY. It would be better to win by a million votes or so too many than to get left by a few thousand.

**Overconfidence is Fatal**

Overconfidence has lost many battles. Relaxation at this stage of the campaign is suicidal to success. Determination to win, coupled with relentless activity in vote getting, will make any candidate a winner. There is no time to hesitate. What is intended to be done must be done now. To temporize is to let some other competitor sweep ahead and claim the prize that would have been yours.

**Now for Real Speed**

Now is the time to double up our fists, grit your teeth, roll up your sleeves and GO TO IT with all the energy you have at your command.

Remember that the long-term subscriptions are most valuable. Get the ten-year subscriptions! Every one of them you secure THIS week counts you 300,000. Also bear in mind that every \$15.00 "club" of subscriptions turned in entitles you to 100,000 EXTRA FREE VOTES.

Your work this last week of the campaign can make you a winner of the big prize. You can get the winning votes these last few days.

**CAMPAIGN NOTES**

Who will win the \$65.00 scholarship in Tyler Commercial College Saturday night, Jan. 12? The one who gets the most votes from Monday Jan. 7 to Saturday night, Jan. 12, at 12 o'clock. This award is made over and above all the other nice prizes, and all the votes turned in to win this prize will be counted on the other awards to be given away at the close of the campaign—Jan. 19, at 3 o'clock.

Miss Ouida Campbell was one of the early entrants in the campaign, and although she was just recovering from fever she has been a constant worker, and her friends have supported her in a nice way.

Mrs. Nannie Casseaux entered the campaign with the determination of being one of the winners, and she has perhaps devoted more time to the campaign than any of the other candidates and a glance at her vote total will attest to her success in her efforts to capture the nice car.

The campaign was a little slow in getting started, but it is now going in a great way. Sufficient funds were received from the campaign last week to pay for all the nice prizes.

Miss Iris Garrett is one of our youngest contestants, and is in school, but outside of school hours Miss Garrett has been able to gather a goodly number of votes, and she has some friends who would certainly like to see her declared winner.

Don't lend an ear to dame-rumor. Contestants listening to rumor in other campaigns caused them to receive the 15 percent commission instead of one of the larger awards. The fat is being chewed and the "wise" ones are putting out "inside" information, but the one that wins the new touring car will be that contestant who pays no attention to "talk" but keeps on working till the very last minute.

Miss Mabel Jenkins of Noodle made a most excellent start in the campaign, but the last few days she has not been so active. But you can never tell. Who knows how many 10-year subscriptions Miss Jenkins may be able to get the last week of the campaign. And that is the all-important week—the least one.

Work is an important factor in the campaign, but the unfailing support of friends is perhaps after all more important. It must be very gratifying for one to know that they have friends who will support them so loyally in a campaign of this kind.

Mrs. R. L. Jobe, of Merkel, was an early entrant in this campaign, and has done remarkably well, when one understands that she is unable to get out and do any active work, but depends entirely upon her friends to help her. She has many friends in the county and over the state, and it would be unwise not to count this candidate when you are figuring on whom you will have to defeat to win the car.

This has been one of the most pleasant campaigns the writer has ever had the pleasure of managing. The force at the Merkel Mail office, has done every thing within its power to make the campaign manager's stay in Merkel pleasant. Fine folks these Merkel people.

Miss Ruth Jones, of Merkel, got into the campaign right at the start and is still in the race. She has been very consistent in her work and has many friends in Merkel who are anxious to see her win the car.

Miss Beatrice McLeod, of Trent, was a few days late in getting into the campaign, but she has made up for that by

At the Beginning of The

**New Year**

we wish to again introduce to you our

**DIRECTORS**

three of whom have been on the board since the organization of the bank, and who have so successfully directed its policies that

**We Have Never Missed a Dividend and Never Assessed a Shareholder**

Here They are

J. T. WARREN

G. F. WEST

HENRY JAMES

SAM BUTMAN, SR.

L. R. THOMPSON

The best security any bank in the world can offer is the personal integrity, conservative management and a thorough knowledge of banking. On this basis we are modest in declaring that there is no safer financial institution in TEXAS.

We offer a service unexcelled, and every officer, director and employee is heartily co-operating toward the success of the bank and the service of its patrons.

All business intrusted to us is STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank**

Merkel, Texas

working right along all the time. Trent people, as well as people over the county, have supported this candidate loyally.

Listen, candidates. You better watch some of these candidates who have not been so very active. Who knows but some of these quiet workers will be able to do the last week? And you know that is when the votes will be counted—the last week when the campaign is over. Those votes which you deposit in the locked box in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, are the votes that will keep them all guessing—until the judges count them.

Miss Lillian McRee of Trent, is one of our most active candidates. The weather never gets too bad for Miss McRee to get out and gather votes. Those Trent people are vitally interested in this campaign. Better watch Trent.

Who will win the car? The candidate having the most votes—the LAST week.

Mrs. Sam Salyer, of Buffalo Gap, was a bit late in getting into the campaign, but she is doing well. Buffalo Gap people

say they would like to see the car come to their town, so there you are again. Mrs. Salyer has the solid support of this community and you better watch Buffalo Gap.

Folks, remember the lady at Roby who failed to win first prize just because her friends wanted to wait till the LAST day of the campaign to help her—so she won fourth prize. The earliest moment you can help your favorite candidate will not be any too early. You CAN'T be too early, but you CAN be too late.

Mrs. C. W. Seago, of Route 2, Trent, has not been able to do as much work as she wished to do on account of the bad weather. This candidate has had experience in working in campaigns, and she knows that what she does the LAST week of the campaign is what really counts. It's nice to be in the lead all during the campaign, but it is a lot nicer to be ahead when the final ballots are counted.

Remember the \$65.00 scholarship which will be awarded on

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**AUCTION SALE**

I will sell at auction on Saturday afternoon at 2:30, all of my Plow Tools, Team and Wagon, North of W. H. Hamblett's Store. C. E. Stamps. 1tp

Messrs. V. N. Ellis, W. M. lays and T. L. Stevens, all of his part of the country, have been doing valuable service for their county this week, as members of the Taylor county grand jury

**COZY THEATRE**

Matinee Saturday at 10c 20c

Friday

PETE MORRISON

in

"DUTY FIRST"

Also—

Christie Comedy

And—

Travelogue

Saturday

WILLIAM S. HART

in

"HELL'S HALF ACRE"

Also—

Al St. John Comedy

And—

Sport Review

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

January 14 and 15

**"REMEMBRANCE"**

A Companion picture to the "OLD NEST" made by the same Company with the same cast, author and director. The Comedy and tragedy of every day life in the American home made into a picture you will remember always. "Remembrance" is one of the four big pictures of 1923, and played to double and triple admission prices in all the larger cities. The press, Pulpit and censors everywhere have unanimously voiced a desire for every Father, Mother, Daughter and son to see it. Admission and war tax 20c and 40c.

**New Filling Station**

Within a few days we will open in the city of Trent, the

**Magnolia Filling Station**

"The Drive In Station"

Will Appreciate your business Stanley King, Mgr.



# NOW Is The Time

Now is the right time to get your  
**Incubator**

and get it started so you can get off some early chicks, for they are the ones that bring the fancy prices. Also they are the ones that are ready for the early shows. Let us show you one of the best on the market for the price.

We have received  
**One Car of Implements**

others and expect in a few days. Let us show you our lines before you buy elsewhere. If you don't you may regret it. We are booking orders now, come and get in line.

**Liberty Hardware Co.**

'In the Heart of Merkel's Business District'

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The State of Texas; County of Taylor. In the District court of Taylor county, Texas.

Wm. P. Carey Co. and Burton Lingo Co., Plaintiffs vs. H. F. Groene, Defendant. No. 5274.

Whereas, by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 17th day of December, 1923, in favor of Wm. P. Carey Company, a partnership composed of Charles D. Carey & M. E. Carey said judgement being in the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Five and 78 one hundredths (585.78) Dollars, with interest from date at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, judgement also being rendered in favor of Burton-Lingo Company for the sum of Twelve Hundred Seventy-Six and 80 one hundredths (\$1,276.80) Dollars, with interest from the date thereof at the rate of six percent per annum, said judgements being against the said H. F. Groene being in cause No. 5274 on docket of said court and being a foreclosure of a materialman's lien on the following described real estate to-wit,

The north thirty (30) feet of Lot No. Eighteen (18), Block No. Eighteen (18) of the town of Merkel in Taylor County, Texas, on which is situated the Cozy Theatre building.

I did on the 28th day of December, 1923, levy upon the above described tract and parcel of land, and on the 5th day of February, 1924, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. of said date at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said H. F. Groene in said property.

Dated this the 28th day of December, 1923.

John Bond,  
Sheriff of Taylor County Tex.  
414.

## P. T. A. NOTES

The Parent Teachers Association met in regular meeting on last Wednesday afternoon. A splendid program was rendered. The round table discussion on why Merkl should have a new high school was entered into heartily by many of those present. And all voiced the one outstanding sentiment that Merkl should and must have a new High school building before the opening of another school year. Splendid talks along this line were made by Mrs. Len Sublett, Mr. Burgess, Bro. Rea, and others. Facts and figures were brought out to show that though we have done splendid work and have 20 units of credit which is excellent for a school of this size, yet we are on the verge of losing at least a part of these credits on account of the crowded condition of the school. Merkl is the only town of its size, and with the enrollment we have, in a radius of 75 or 100 miles that does not have 2 or more school buildings. We could mention several towns with an enrollment no larger than ours that have as many as three buildings. We have arrived at a crisis, we must either go forward or backward. We must go forward and build this new High school and hold our credits and make it possible for our boys and girls to progress and become the future citizens that we so much desire them to be, or we will go backward and by losing our credits we will lose numbers of pupils because they can and will go other places to finish the high school work. Let's not be unfair to the youth of our town, they are entitled to the best, let's give it to them.

Mr. O. J. Adcock made a splendid talk on "What a New High school would mean." The schools and churches build the town." Citing as an example our sister city, Abilene, Merkl

he said, must build this new building, we can't afford to let the opportunity pass. The boys and girls of Merkl are justly entitled to it and the dollars and cents it will cost is the smallest part compared to the benefits derived.

During the business hour the library was awarded to Miss Coats room and the banner to the 8th grade room.

Our next meeting will be on February 13th.

## The Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Subject: The Lame Man.  
Introduction: By Fannie Bell Boaz.

Carrying on the work of Jesus, W. L. Harkrider.  
The Lame Man, by Clyde Mayfield.

Peter and John, by Agnes Sanders.

Jesus the great Physician, by Joe Ben Ashby.

Our source of power today, Ray Garrett.

The helping hand, by Lila Mae Bird.

Memory verse, by Alfred Title.

Closing song and prayer.

Onion Sets —just received. Better get them before all are gone. W. F. Hamblett. It

## SPECIAL SERVICE

Baptist Young Men's Bible Class— Sunday morning, Jan. 13, our new Pastor, Bro. Albertson will address the young men's Bible class in the Gem Theatre on the subject: "Doing the Impossible" Let every member of the Class be present to greet our new Pastor, not only be there, but make a special effort to bring others to hear this address and to meet our pastor.

This is the beginning of an active, aggressive campaign to enlarge our membership. Be there on time, 9:45.

## MISS OUIDA CAMPBELL TAKES LEAD THIS WEEK

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Saturday night, January 12, at 12 o'clock. This is an extra prize and it is worth working for.

Miss Clare Lee Tarbutton of Merkel entered the race but has not been very active.

This campaign has certainly given the Merkel Mail a nice circulation, and Mr. Durham is proud of the fact. Already a good advertising medium, it is much better since it is now covering this trade territory completely.

Candidates, don't forget the votes will be reduced again after Saturday night. Get every subscription possible under the wire by Saturday night at 10 o'clock. After that time the votes count much less.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Sears School Building will be sold at public auction Tuesday January 15 between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 A. M. Sale to be at School house.

The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved. 1tp

New Car Blacksmith Coal.— Swafford —South Side. 1t.

1922 Ford Coupe Good Shape \$350.00 Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. 11t2

Mr. J. C. Hartline of route two, was here first of the week and reported having 60 acres of his land turned already. He has a new Moline Tractor and is highly pleased with same. He will cultivate 230 acres of land this year.

## CITATION ON APPLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO THE SHERIFF or any CONSTABLE of Taylor County Greeting:—

You Are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published, once a week for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

## The State Of Texas

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Jack Trent Anderson Sr., Deceased, you are hereby notified that R. O. Anderson has filed in the County Court of Taylor Co. an application for letters of administration on the estate of said Jack T. Anderson, Sr. deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 3rd Monday in February A. D. 1924, the same being the 18th day of February A. D. 1924 at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, But have you then and there before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof this Writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand And seal of said Court this 7th day of Jan. A. D. 1924 W. E. Beasley, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County Texas.

By Bessie Briggs, Deputy. 11t2.

Make the boys and girls of Merkl rejoice by voting for a new School building next Saturday. Don't forget to remember to go vote. P. T. A. Comittee.

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the ladies toilet belonging to this hotel is no longer open to the public, and the public is asked to take note of same. Woodrum Hotel.

Miss Rennie Burns and Miss Maxie Banner, returned first of the week from a visit with friends and relatives at Clyde.

## "FERRASAL SAVED MY LIFE"

"Two doctors said I had Bright's disease and it would be necessary to remove one of my kidneys. I was sick for over five years and was often unable to even turn over in bed. I started taking FERRASAL when I wasn't able to walk across the street. I showed marked improvement from the second box and have never had a doctor since. FERRASAL saved my life and to-day I am in wonderful health I am only too glad to tell people what FERRASAL has done for me."

Mrs. Winnie Watkins, 3816 Second Ave., Dallas, Tex. Excess acid is the primary cause of many dread diseases, such as cancer, kidney trouble chronic indigestion, rheumatism etc. FERRASAL gets at the source of the trouble by neutralizing the excess in the stomach and eliminating it from the system. Don't allow your condition to become chronic. TAKE FERRASAL NOW. 50c per box. It will benefit you or your druggist will refund your money.

**Ferrasal**  
THE ACID NEUTRALIZER  
STOPS INDIGESTION NOW!

50c per box at Merkel Drug Co.

## NEW SAMPLES

JUST ARRIVED

for  
Spring and Summer

ALL ONE PRICE

Any Two-Piece  
SUIT to Order **\$25**

All Wool SCOTCH All Wool

J. W. Schindler, Tailor

## We Now Have A Complete Line

Of  
**Mobile Oils**  
and  
**Magnolia Oils**

Drive around and have your  
Ford filled up with that  
**FORD SPECIAL OIL**

I will drain your crank case and fill up your car and if you are not fully satisfied we will gladly refund your money. Also a complete line of tires, and the prices are right. We Guarantee Satisfactory Service.

## McFARLAND GARAGE



# \$1 DOLLAR DAY

## SATURDAY

The merchants and business men of Merkel are cooperating in offering outstanding values to the people of this trade extraordinary bargains. It is planned to have a Dollar Day in Merkel one day in each month. Be sure to come

Children's and misses' 75c and 95c bloomers

Two Pairs **\$1**  
for

Ladies' fleeced vests and pants; regular 50c kind

Three **\$1**  
for

12 dozen pairs men's black and brown hose; will be sold at

8 pairs **\$1**  
for

100 pairs ladies' shoes, worth \$2.50 to \$5.00, on sale at the pair

**\$1**

**Bragg D. G. Company**

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Six towels, w  
McDonald wo  
For Saturday  
2 pairs ladies

**\$ Brown D. G**

### WEST COMPANY

Ford Supply Department

"ALWAYS A FULL DOLLARS WORTH"

3 Door Handles and 2 Gas and Spark levers, set. \$1  
2 Champion-X Plugs (short type) ..... \$1  
Bull Dog Foot Feed ..... \$1  
Set Front Axle Anti Rattlers (5 pieces) ..... \$1  
1923 Rear Curtain Glass, per set ..... \$1  
16 inch Ford Steering Wheel ..... \$1

### Sanders Drug Co.

\$1.50 Day Dream face powder . . . \$1  
\$2.00 Marcella hair curler . . . \$1  
\$1.25 Liquid smoke . . . . . \$1  
\$1.50 Fountain syringe . . . . . \$1  
\$1.50 Hair brush . . . . . \$1

Watch Our Window for  
Our Dollar Specials  
for Saturday  
January 19

**Liberty Hardware  
Company**

### Merkel Drug Company

5 Pathe Records

For  
**\$1**

### G. M. Sharp

20 Bars Joy soap  
for **\$1**

on this day

**A. C. ROSE  
DRY GOODS**

Will Quote Prices Next Week.

### White House Cafe

Best Eats For  
"Less Money"

Your Patronage Appreciated

Sanders & Holloway

### Better Feeds

Dawson Fancy  
Egg Coal

**SWAFFORD**

South Side

PHONE 44

### W. W. CAMPBELL

5 Pounds Rio Coffee, \$1  
8 Cans Farm Queen Corn, \$1  
2 Gallons Apples, \$1



# IN MERKEL \$1

## Y, JAN. 19

territory for one day only, Saturday, January 19, which will be dollar day. These firms are offering for this one day to Merkel Dollar Day, Saturday, January 19, and get your share of the real bargains offered on that day--January 19

<p><b>LAR ONE</b></p> <p>ere 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, now 16<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub></p> <p>rk shirts</p> <p>only</p> <p>' silk hose for</p> <p>Company \$</p>	<p>14 pounds pinto beans . . . \$1</p> <p>6 cans Primrose corn . . . \$1</p> <p><b>West Co.</b> GROCERY DEPT.</p>	<p><b>Ladies' Black and White Hose</b></p> <p>7 PAIRS, \$1</p> <p><b>MAX MELLINGER</b></p>
<p><b>Hamilton &amp; Case</b></p> <p><b>\$1.25 can Sunset Coffee</b></p> <p><b>At \$1.05</b></p>	<p><b>ON DOLLAR DAY</b> <b>SATURDAY, JAN. 19</b></p> <p>WE WILL SELL</p> <p>6 cans St. Lawrence Sweet Sifted Peas for . . . \$1.00 7 cans Rabbitt Lye . . . \$1.00 14 Cans Pet Milk . . . \$1.00 11 lbs. Pinto Beans . . . \$1.00 17 bars Crystal White Laundry Soap with one Box of Borax for . . . \$1.00</p> <p><b>W. D. RAMSEY GROCERY CO.</b></p>	<p><b>W. F. Hamblett</b></p> <p>One 3-pound bucket of Breakfast Delight coffee, for</p> <p><b>\$1.15</b></p>
<p><b>McFarland Garage</b></p> <p>On this day will give \$1 off on Casings And 50c off on Tubes</p>	<p><b>Your Dollar Counts More Here</b></p> <p>Why? Because it will buy as much of any Commodity we sell as can be bought elsewhere, and--well the quality make s the difference.</p> <p>Special, Accurate and quick service to all on Dollar Day, January 19th.</p> <p><b>Magnolia Filling Station</b> C. H. JONES, Agent</p>	<p><b>City Cafe</b></p> <p>The place you get a square meal for less than \$1.00</p> <p><b>Yes, 40 Cents</b></p>
<p><b>Barrow Furniture Co.</b></p> <p>One O-Cedar Mop <b>\$1</b> One Bottle Polish</p>	<p><b>Quality Bakery</b></p> <p><b>Fresh Bread Pies, Cakes</b></p> <p>A. A. McGhee, Prop.</p>	<p><b>Bob Martin Gro. Co.</b></p> <p>Where your \$1 will buy the cleanest and most sanitary</p> <p><b>Groceries</b></p>
<p><b>Barrow Furniture Co.</b></p> <p>One O-Cedar Mop <b>\$1</b> One Bottle Polish</p>	<p><b>J. D. Porter Cash Grocery</b></p> <p>6 Cans Darling Coffee, \$1 5 Cans Booth's Sardines, \$1</p>	<p><b>Woodrum FILLING STATION</b></p> <p>Stop When You Pass Never a Frown, Always a Smile The Best Water and Air in Town We are at your service. Two up-to-date visible pumps and Goodrich Tires and Tubes</p>



## Notice to the Public

We have just installed a new and up-to-date **Visible Gasoline Pump**, which has 2 filters on it and will strain your Gasoline twice before it runs into your car. And have also remodeled our old Pump, putting an extra new filter on it, which makes it impossible to get any dirt or water, or anything that is injurious to your car into same.

### When your Car won't Start

On these cold mornings and you have to have your battery charged before you can start it bring it around and fill it up with that **GOOD GULF GASOLINE** and give us a trial, and see for yourself, and you will find that we have the **GAS THAT HAS A KICK IN IT!** Makes them start easy on cold mornings. Every drop we sell you is guaranteed to do the work. We say it to do or we will refund your money.

We have also that

### Good Gulf Ford Oil

which is guaranteed to give your car as long life of service as any other oil that you can buy. We have **GULF OIL** that suits every car that is made, as we keep a chart to go by, and put the oil in that factory says put in, and which builds your car.

We also Handle

### Goodrich Silvertown Cords

on which we will have a special price for the next two weeks. Come to the place where you can get service, now as we have everything up-to-date. We also thank you for all past patronage, and wish for you much happiness and prosperity through the New Year and trust to serve you in our line in the future.

## Woodrum Filing Station

Geo. Woodrum, Propr.

## The Merkel Mail

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THOMAS DURHAM, Editor and Manager

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEAR

TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel Texas as second class mail matter.

**ALL ADVERTISEMENTS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SIX O'CLOCK P. M. WEDNESDAY FOR INSERTION IN THAT WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE MAIL**

### BONDING FUTURE GENERATIONS

Will the issuance of school building bonds to build a new high school building incur for the future generations an unjust debt? The amount of the issue is \$40,000 to be issued serially—that is there will be issued forty bonds or notes; one due each year for forty years—one due in 1925, one due in 1926 and so on until the fortieth one is paid. Thus each year the principal will be reduced and interest saved. Is this unfair to the people who will be paying taxes forty years from now? Is this new high school building to be used by us of the year 1924 only? If we could, would it be fair for us this year to raise the entire amount (not borrowing) building the new building, when not only us, but generations to come will use the building? The building will be used by us and by the people for forty years and then some. Is it anything but fair then that the people who follow us and also use the building help pay for it? Then issue the bonds, get what we need badly and must have, and let those to follow help pay for them.

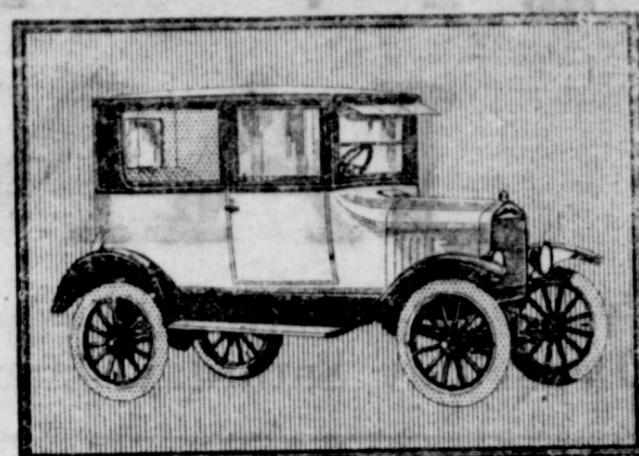
The question is, does Merkel need a new high school building? It will be located by the Board of Trustees where it will best serve the people of Merkel as a whole. No little local petty politics should lead you to dodge the issue. Look it square in the face. If you think we need a new building after you have investigated the crowded conditions that now prevail, vote for the bonds.

Who can vote? The following may vote in the election to be held at the fire station on tomorrow:—Those who before January 31st 1923 paid their poll tax and are otherwise qualified tax paying voters and who reside within the bounds of the Merkel Independent School District. The wife of a man who pays taxes on community property may vote. If you did not pay your poll tax by January 31st, 1923 and have recently paid your poll tax for this year you are not entitled to vote until after January 31st this year (1914)

If you are a qualified tax-paying voter of the Merkel Independent School District, tomorrow, go to the Fire Station and vote. If you believe in good schools and in giving the Merkel boys and girls a square deal in an educational way, then vote for the bonds. Vote FOR the bonds.

More than 15,000 bales of cotton have been weighed and marketed in Merkel during the fall and winter; all of which is evidence of a good farming country and a wide trade territory. And which is sufficient to insure a liberal trade for the business men of this city. However, they will do well to take into consideration the fact that competition in all lines is keen these days, and that far-sighted business men spend time and money in an effort to bring to them a larger volume of business. Also that people read much more than ever before and that every household studies just how and where they may be able to buy what they want and at the best price possible. Yes, Merkel has a splendid and large trade territory, but it is up to the business interests

## A New Body Type



### THE Tudor SEDAN

F.O.B. \$590 FULLY EQUIPPED  
DETROIT

The Tudor Sedan is a distinctly new Ford body type, admirably designed for harmony of exterior appearance and excellence of interior comfort and convenience.

At \$590, its price is lower than any sedan ever put on the American market.

This car can be obtained on the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

Wide doors, folding front seats, well spaced interior, dark brown broadcloth upholstery and attractive trimmings give it individuality, comfort and convenience.

See this exceptionally desirable new Ford product in Ford showrooms.

MERKEL MOTOR CO.

**Ford**  
CARS TRUCKS TRACTORS

to hold that trade by convincing the public that it is to their interest to buy their needs here.

This paper has for several years maintained one thousand or more subscribers, and which is considered mighty good, but the management of this paper has gone to the expense of putting on a large and extensive subscription campaign, which is now in progress, and although not finished, has enabled us to make the Merkel Mail one of the best advertising mediums ever offered the business interest of the size of this city.

Mail Order catalogues are already beginning to make their appearance through the mails. And it costs some of these mail order companies as much as one dollar to get these catalogues to each family, while the Merkel Mail offers to carry a half page advertisement to 1,000 homes in this section for just one and one half cents per each home.

But then how may one know who can be counted on as a friend, for surely does it seem that the time has come when one can hardly believe there are such people as a friend any more.

As a general thing now the man who poses as your best friend is really and truly your greatest enemy.

### YOU MISSED IT

All of you who failed to be at Nubia on the fifth Sunday missed a real happy day, as the singing was fine and the dinner was great. I am glad to say that Nubia knows exactly how to entertain a convention and to the delight of all Mr. Eason and Mr. Will Wood, from Abilene were each in perfect tune and keyed right up to the occasion and of course put the crowning touch to the day. O! my but it was fine.

Now I want to tell all classes belonging to this convention we did not designate any place for the next fifth Sunday, but left this matter in the hands of a locating committee, namely, Prof. Eason, Ira Stanley and Mr. E. H. Cordill. So any place wishing the next meeting of the convention will please see this committee, as they have full power to locate. So wishing the presence of all singers at the next meeting, I remain, Tom Spears.

Vote FOR a better school for Merkel.

**LAYING HENS PAY**  
Make 'em Lay and Pay—Feed  
MARTIN EGG PRODUCER  
And get more Eggs or your money back  
Martin's Roup Tablets, Blue Bug Remedy and Taroline Guaranteed by SANDERS DRUG STORE

### Intermediate League Program

Leader: Anna Lou Russell.  
Songs  
Scripture Lesson (2 Tim. 2-15) by Leader.  
John Wesley, the Boy—Gladys Milliken.  
Sentence Prayer.  
What the Epworthian is For: Lola Dennis  
The Influence on Methodism, by Lucille Guitier.  
What does the Epworthian contain, Orpah Patterson.  
Announcements  
League Benediction

1921 Ford Touring with shock absorbers and starter—complete \$175.00. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers.

Vote FOR the School bonds.

### FRED DEUTSCHMAN GARAGE

Where you get personal service. All work guaranteed. I will over haul your Ford for \$15 or grind valves for \$2.50. My prices are right. I have just completed my shop and am ready to be there all the next year. Come over and get that car put up right. No job too large or small. Will carry a nice line of accessories. Get your oil and gas from me. Phone me and I will come after your car and deliver it to you. Fred Deutschman Garage, one mile east of Horn School House.

Miss Willie Swann, splendid milliner at Bragg Dry Goods Company is taking a short vacation. She plans to visit her sister on the plains.

Vote to-morrow FOR the School boys and girls.

You will always be sorry if you don't go vote for the bonds Saturday. A new High School building is a necessity. The high school pupils deserve it. Lets give it to them. P. T. A. Com.

### PROFESSIONAL

THOS. C. WILSON

The Jeweler

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry Repaired

All Work Guaranteed

Located at Merkel Drug Co.

DR. R. I. GRIMES

Physician and Surgeon

Hours 10 to 12 a.m. 2 to 5 p.m.

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DR. S W. JOHNSON.

Surgeon Dentist

Office over Farmers State Bank

Office Phone 306

G. W. JOHNSON

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Over Woodroof—Bragg's Store

Merkel — Texas

W. W. WHEELER

Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado Insurance Agent. Notary Public.

Office over Crown Hardware Co. Merkel — Texas

Read the Classified Column.

## REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

There is just one day when it is wise to insure. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may be too late. Today, the day Before you may suffer a loss by fire, or Theft, is the one wise day to cover yourself fully with insurance.

Today we can protect you from tomorrow's possible loss. Today is the only day you can be sure you are in time. Call on us today—be insured in time.

**W. O. BONEY**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your lawyer.

## LADY GOT SO WEAK COULD SCARCELY STAND

After Suffering From Many Female Troubles This Lady Heard of Cardui and Took It, She Says, "Until I Was Well."

"SOME TIME AGO," says Mrs. Buena McFarland, of R. F. D. 2, Bostic, N. C., "I suffered a great deal with weakness common to women. I had bearing-down pains, my sides and back hurt, and my limbs drew. I would get so weak in my knees I could scarcely stand. "I was very nervous, and could not rest. I didn't feel like eating. I grew thin, and did not have ambition for anything. "I had been trying other remedies . . . but did not get any better. "Some one told us of Cardui, and what it was recommended for. I also took a Ladies Birthday Almanac and read of a case something like mine. I told my husband to get it and I would try it. "I saw a great improvement after the first bottle (of Cardui), so I kept it up until I was well. Now I am the picture of health. "Thousands of other women have written, to tell of the beneficial results obtained by taking Cardui, and to recommend it to others. Cardui has stood the test of extended use, for more than forty years, in treatment of troubles common to women. Try it."



# FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

## Fair Warning to Candidates

Do not let one ten-year subscription stand between you and the \$444.00 Ford Touring Car. Do not let the car slip through your fingers just because you lacked only ONE ten-year subscription. Get those subscriptions NOW. You cannot wait until the last day to get them. It may be too late then. Make sure by getting them NOW.

## Details of the Final Count

In order to maintain the utmost secrecy as to the number of subscriptions turned in by each candidate beginning Monday, January 14, the last week of the Merkel Mail's Gift Distribution, the race will be brought to a close under Sealed Ballot Box.

No subscriptions whatever will be accepted through the Campaign Department after Saturday, January 12, but instead candidates themselves will deposit their final collections in the sealed ballot box located in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel. By doing so, not even the Campaign Manager or the publisher can possibly know the voting strength of the respective candidates, which precludes any possibility of favoritism and insures fairness to the minutest degree.

Locked and sealed, on Monday, January 14, the ballot box will be placed in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, where it will remain until the closing hour of the campaign—3 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, January 19, 1924.

When the final count is issued on subscription day, there will be no waiting.

It is calculated that the final count will be on January 25th. By that time the race will be over.

Heretofore out-of-town candidates have had various "periods" during which they could deposit their money. THE RACE IS CLOSED. Letters containing money will not be opened. Particular

attention is called to the fact that the ballot box will be declared closed. The judges will break the seals, unlock the box and immediately thereafter, or as soon as the votes can be counted, will begin. The winners will be determined by merely adding reserve votes and those contained in the ballot box, simply a matter of adding the vote totals and announcing the winners.

It is the duty of every candidate to canvass the findings in the box and to determine the winners. The results will be published in the Merkel Mail immediately after the judges have determined the winners.

It is the privilege of mailing their letters containing subscriptions from their home towns as late as the closing hour of the day of the contest. ALL VOTES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE IN THE SEALED BOX AT 3 P.M. WHEN THE RACE IS CLOSED. Where it is possible to do so, arrange to deposit their envelopes in person at the bank, but where this cannot be done, letters should be addressed to "Campaign Department", Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas, and plainly marked "For Sealed Ballot Box; Not to be opened until the final hour, and it is advisable that same be sent Special Delivery.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1—Campaign is now in progress of about six weeks.

2—Any reputable man or woman residing in adjoining counties is eligible to compete for a prize.

3—No employee or member of the Merkel Mail is eligible. The Merkel Mail reserves the right to disqualify any person.

4—Candidates are not allowed to solicit subscriptions, but may talk to friends or United States.

5—Cash must accompany all subscriptions. There will be no exchange of money between candidates.

6—Votes are free. It is the privilege of the voter to vote for their favorite candidate when paying subscriptions, but they must waive this privilege.

7—Votes cannot be purchased. Every cent accepted through Election Department must represent subscriptions.

8—Votes are not transferable. Candidates cannot withdraw in favor of another candidate. Should a candidate withdraw from the race his or her votes will be cancelled. Neither will it be permissible for candidates to give or transfer subscriptions to another candidate. Votes on such transferred subscriptions will be subject to disqualification, at the discretion of the management.

9—Any collusion on the part of the candidates to nullify competition, or any other combination arrangement or effort to the detriment of candidates or this newspaper will not be tolerated. Any candidate or candidates entering into or taking part in such an agreement or effort will forfeit all rights to a prize commission.

10—Any ballots issued on subscriptions may be held in reserve and voted at the discretion of the candidate. The printed coupons appearing from day to day in the paper must be voted before the expiration date appearing thereon.

11—In the event of a tie for any of the prizes, a prize identical in value will be given each tying contestant.

12—No statement or promise made by any solicitor, agent or candidate varying from the rules and statements published through the columns of this newspaper will be recognized by the publisher.

13—In case of typographical or other error, it is understood that neither the publisher or the campaign manager shall be held responsible, except for the necessary correction upon the same.

14—Every candidate is an authorized agent of the Merkel Mail, and as such may collect subscription payments from present as well as from new subscribers.

15—It is distinctly understood and agreed that candidates will be responsible for all moneys collected, and that they will remit amounts in full at frequent intervals or on demand to the Campaign Department.

16—There will be several big prizes awarded, besides a 15 per-cent cash commission to all ACTIVE non-prize winners, but it is distinctly understood that in the event ANY candidate becomes INACTIVE, failing to make semi-weekly cash reports, he or she will, at the discretion of the management, become disqualified and thereby forfeit all right to a prize or a commission. This rule is absolute.

17—To insure absolute fairness in the awarding of prizes, the race will be brought to a close under "sealed ballot box" system, and will be under the personal supervision of two or more judges selected from within Taylor County. During the entire last period of the election, the box—locked and sealed—will repose in the vaults of a local bank, where candidates and their friends will deposit their final collections and reserve

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# THE MERKEL MAIL

TELEPHONE 61



At The  
**G E M**  
SATURDAY  
"Vengeance of Piera"  
Featured by "Lester Cuneo"  
with  
Hall Room Boys Comedy  
"My Mistake"

Come and see this program and get an ear full of new music from our new and modern Piano which has just arrived from Dallas.

Our programs are new and not re-issued nor re-titled. Our admission price is always the same; it don't fluctuate like the cotton market. Come to be entertained. Yours for Pleasure.

**LEE ACUFF**

**JUDGE SPECK FOR COUNTY JUDGE**

In this issue of the Merkel Mail Hon. Carlos D. Speck, present County Attorney, announces as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary next July.

As stated above, Mr. Speck has been serving honestly, faithfully, and efficiently as County Attorney for several years, and his record as such is well known to the voters of the entire county. He promises if elected County Judge, to put forth his best efforts and attention toward rendering the best and most efficient service that he is capable of putting forth.

In performing his duties as County Attorney, he has at all times been diligent, honest and faithful and should be chosen to fill the important position to which he is seeking this paper feels that the public would have no cause for regret, and believing so, we urge the voters to give his claims fair and due consideration

Cleaning and pressing and altering promptly done. J. W. Schindler, Tailor. 4t2

**DRAUGHON'S BUSINESS COLLEGE BUYS NATIONAL**

Draughon's Business College will be open for regular work on Wednesday at 807 1-2 Tenth Street, in the building formerly occupied by the National Business College.

J. D. Miracle, superintendent of the Draughon's school at Abilene, announced Tuesday that his company had purchased the National institution of this city and would combine the two schools.

M. B. Whately, who has had charge of Draughon's college here since last May, will continue as superintendent of the combined schools. The merger of the two schools makes Draughon's college locally one of the largest schools in the state.

National Students will be given the same cordial welcome and attention as the regular Draughon's students, when the new school opens Wednesday.—Wichita Falls Daily Times



**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—Best quality Half and half Cotton Seed. Made record of better than 45 percent Lint last year. Write for prices. Rhodes Bros. Huron, Tenn. 21t4

FOR SALE—Well improved farm of 160 acres, 140 acres in cultivation; 3-4 mile east of town. Phone 22 or write G. W. Branch, Merkel. 4t2p

FOR SALE—Pair of 1,000 lb. ponies and harness. Work good every way; good pulls.—Kenneth Dickey. 5t2p

FOR SALE—I still have three farms that I can sell worth the money, for a small cash payment, and long time. And can give immediate possession. E. D. Coats. 1t

FOR SALE—1923 Model Ford Car, almost as good as new. See or Phone J. H. Craig, Merkel. 1tp

**WANTED**

WANTED—Men to clear land by the acre or cord. Sam Butman Sr. 4t2

WANTED—Farm and Ranch hand, by the month. Must have experience. Sam Butman Sr. 4t2

WANTED—Have 60 acres of land that I want to get grubbed. See or write A. B. Cranston Merkel, Route 1. 4t2p

WANTED—To buy a good second hand buggy. See or write J. C. Tucker, Merkel, Texas. 4t2p

WANTED—Man with family to work on farm. 3 room-house to occupy. G. L. Schuff, Merkel Route 5. 1tp

WANTED—Everyone who is interested in used cars to look over our list. Our price will suit you. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. 1t

FOR SWEET MILK—Once or twice a day. Call Phone 9010-F 4. 1t4p

**LOST**

LOST—On Merkel Trent road, December 26, one Poland China Sheat, weighing about 75 lbs. D. S. Howell, Abilene Texas, Route 4. 4t2p

LOST OR STRAYED—Three horses; 2 of horses big browns, and one roan. Let N. D. Wallace Route 1 Tye Texas know. Reward offered. 1tp

LOST—Between Merkel and Sweetwater on Dec. 19, one brief case, containing Texhoma Oil and Refining Co. files and Manuel. Keep brief case, but return contents. No questions asked. J. W. Keliher, 643 South Fifth St. Abilene. 1tp

**A HOLIDAY WEDDING**

One of the serious troubles of the average newspaper man is that there is never a week that goes by that he does not in his rush and hurry, overlook some important and interesting news item. And it seems that last week was one of the worst weeks this editor ever experienced along this line. And one of such items which escaped our making mention of was the marriage of Mr. H. M. Rainbolt Jr., and Miss Ruby Dunagin, which occurred at Abilene on the 27th of December. Rev. W. M. Pearce pastor of the First Methodist church of Abilene, spoke the solemn words that bound in holy wedlock this splendid young couple, and started them out on the high seas of life together.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunagin, of Abilene, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt,

of Merkel, and both have a host of friends and admirers with whom we join in extending to them congratulations and good wishes for a long life of usefulness and happiness.

For the present they are making their home with the grooms parents in this city, and the young man has identified himself as a member of the firm of J. N. Carson & Company, grocery dealers. He is very energetic and capable and will no doubt make good in the business world as the years come and go.

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**The Farmers State Bank**

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the Farmers State Bank at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1923, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 11th day of Jan., 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$28,810.00
Loans, real estate	10,416.00
Overdrafts	92.99
Bonds and Stocks	1,818.40
Real Estate (banking house)	5,903.00
Other Real Estate	7,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,300.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	355,411.77
Interest in Depositors' Gty. Fund	6,277.38
Asst. Depositors, Gty. Fund	22,778.99
Acceptances, Bills of Exchange, Cotton	19,328.67
Other Resources, Maturity Guarantee	19,128.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$755,210.13</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	8,037.20
Due to Banks and Bankers	
Individual Deposits sub. to check	650,460.27
Time Certificates of Deposit	14,340.00
Cashier's checks	7,372.66
Bills Payable and R-discounts	NONE
Other liabilities	NONE
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$755,210.13</b>

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, John Sears as president, and R. L. Grimes, as cashier of said bank each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

John Sears, president.  
R. L. Grimes, cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Jan., A. D. 1924. C. L. McLeod, (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

Correct—Attest: M. Armstrong, H. L. Propp, H. H. Toombs, J. A. Patterson, Jr. Directors

**Home State Bank, Trent, Texas**

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of Home State Bank, Trent, Texas at close of business on the 31st day of Dec 1923, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 11th day of Jan. 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$212,196.07
Loans, real estate	3,400.00
Overdrafts	119.28
Bonds and Stocks	370.00
Real Estate (banking house)	4,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,600.00
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	112,211.83
Interest in Dep. Gty. Fund	750.00
Assessment Dep. Gty. Fund	
Acceptances and Bills Exchange	7,519.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$342,565.21</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,500.00
Undivided profits, net	8,007.57
Individual Deposits sub. to Check	308,83.53
Time certificates of Deposit	
Cashier's Checks	844.11
Bills Payable and Rediscouunts	NONE
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$342,565.21</b>

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. T. Warren, as president, and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. Warren, President  
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Jan., A. D., 1924. J. T. Howard (SEAL) Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.

Correct—Attest: H. W. Rankham, T. L. Stevens, J. W. Robinson Directors

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This paper is authorized to place in the proper announcement column, the name of Hon. J. K. Fuller, of Abilene, as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Clerk of Taylor county, Texas, subject to the election of the Democratic Primary in July

Mr. Fuller has held this position long enough to know every detail of the duties connected with same, and the splendid record he has made as such officer, is too well known to need mention from us at this time. However, we are pleased to state that he is always courteous and anxious to render pleasant and efficient service to the public as a whole, and he promises if elected again, to continue to the very best of his ability to render if it is possible even more efficient service in the future than has been his custom in the past.

And this paper would ask that every voter, before making up his mind as to whom he would vote for District Clerk, give Mr. J. K. Fuller's claims due and impartial consideration.

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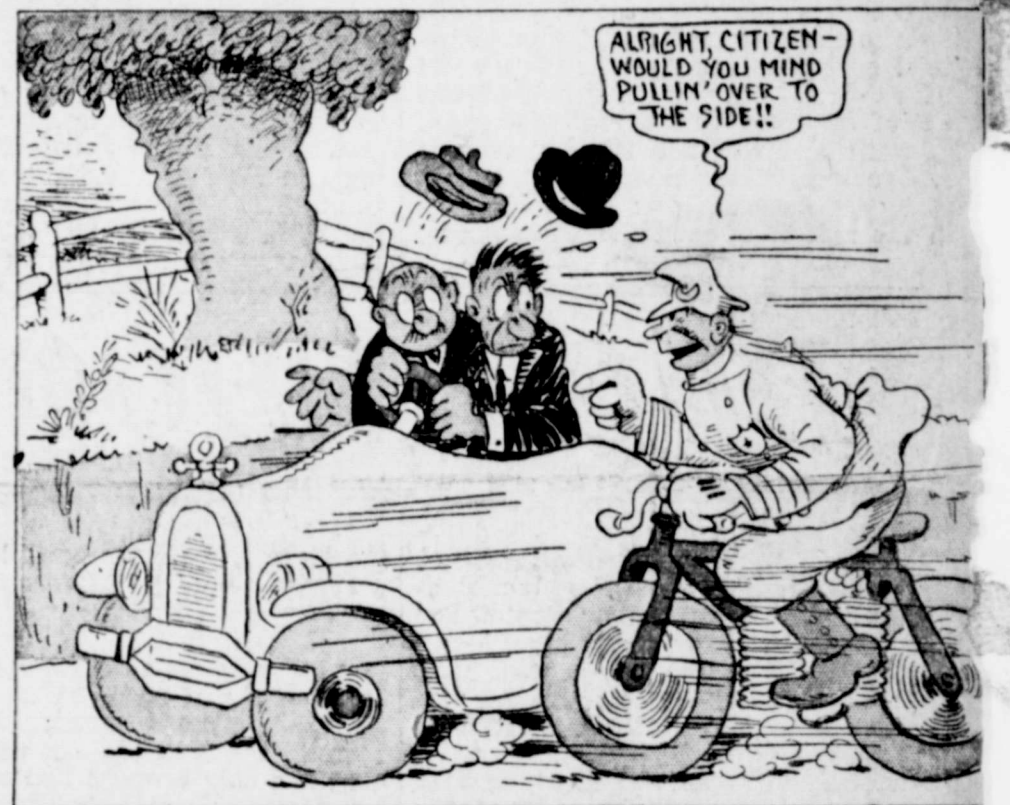
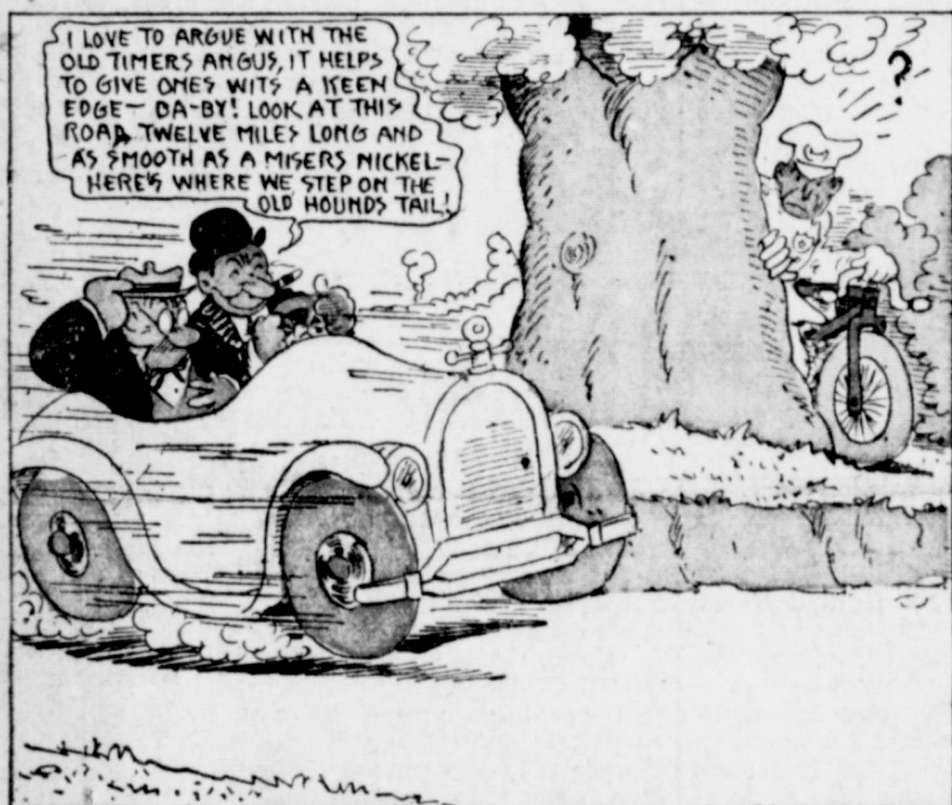
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# A Growing Empire of Wealth

How Nurturing Influences Are Fast Developing Texas as a Manufacturing State  
By AUSTIN CALLAN.

The first power factory in America was built on the banks of the river Charles not far from Boston. The last was built on the banks of the Rio Grande at Eagle Pass. More than two thousand miles separate these locations. One is in the cold north close to where the Pilgrims landed, while the other is in the sunny South, where wild Flantascian Indians roamed two hundred years ago.



The point I want to bring out, however, is not that these two places have factories. Such is of little concern to the average reader. But it is very significant that while the most logical place to build a manufacturing concern in 1816 was Massachusetts, the most logical place now is Texas.

About 1824 Daniel Webster and John C. Calhoun clashed in congress over the tariff question. They were both giants in the forensic arena and we doubt if America has ever produced their superiority in statesmanship. But Webster believed then that Massachusetts would eternally lead every sister state in manufacturing, and Calhoun with equal force and certainty declared that the future of South Carolina was inseparably linked with the cultivation of the soil.

## A New Star Gleams

Time has proven that both were mistaken. This generation can bear witness to the fact that the star of industrial greatness, which once threw its rays over the old Bay state, now gleams out of the clear blue sky of the South. Climatic and fuel and labor conditions are such in Texas that this state has many advantages over Massachusetts in the matter of manufacturing goods,

and as a consequence the one state is slipping in her factory prestige while the other is gaining. Massachusetts was first to get into the game and Texas was last, but it is a case where "the first shall be last and the last shall be first."

For a long time our people believed that the Lone Star state could never be anything but a producer of agriculture and live stock. They had not measured the power of her many streams or taken cognizance of her rich deposits of coal and oil. Taking it for granted that the plow and the cow-pony were the only agencies through which success could come, the building and encouragement of factories was not fostered. While for years and years we led in the production of wool, mohair and cotton, we didn't have a solitary manufacturing plant to work up the fleece of a sheep or a goats' back, or the white staple of one of our broad cotton fields. As a consequence we were at the mercy of other sections. The Eastern buyers told us what we could get for our raw materials and what we would have to pay for their finished wares. It was a very unsatisfactory arrangement.

But the worm turned and when it turned Massachusetts and all the New England states thought that it was a boa constrictor flopping over. The advantage today is decidedly with Texas. With our millions of acres devoted to agriculture we shall continue to lead in the production of raw materials, and whenever the Eastern bidder for a pound of wool, mohair or cotton enters the market, he has the Southern manufacturer for a rival. And the Southern manufacturer can put the raw materials of the South at his mill cheaper than the Northern manufacturer can put the same raw materials at his mill.

That is one advantage the Texan has with his \$600,000,000.00 cotton crop and his thousands of bags of wool and mohair, and there are other advantages. The climate makes a difference and the cost of labor makes a difference. Working conditions in Texas are such that through the winter months, if not all the time, practically any manufactured

article can be turned out for less money here than in New England, or even the Carolinas.

Proof of this was recently given at a conference of leaders in the manufacturing world held at Providence, Rhode Island, at which conference alarm was expressed at the shifting of the industrial center from the North to the South. At that meeting the startling statement was made that the half-billion dollars expended annually for extension work found its way into the South and that Texas was getting a greater share of it than Massachusetts.

## A 100 per cent Increase.

In 1914 when the price of cotton was around seven cents, there was just one half the number of spindles south of the Mason and Dixon line that are operating today, and while we have increased our cotton mills activities 100 per cent during that time, the North has only increased hers three per cent.

This is proof of the rapidity of the growth which is taking place in Texas and which is putting her in the front rank of commercial leadership, a growth that gives us not only the proud position of unrivaled supremacy in owning the greatest number of fertile acres of land, but also of advancing faster than any of our Northern sisters in the installation of manufacturing plants.

And wherever there is a factory there is a dinner bucket brigade, a nice pay roll and the well built running gear of a band wagon of prosperity. It was only in an humble way that an enterprising Mexican named Tafurio opened up a garment factory at Eagle Pass. He had limited capital and no experience. But he had vision and nerve, and now a regular army of workmen file in and out of his factory each day and he told us only recently that he has his entire output contracted for for the next six months.

One step leads to another, and when Tafurio found that his garment factory was a go, he commenced looking about to see what he could do with the scraps of cloth that were left from the cuttings. He soon learned, and by the next mail an order went in for ma-

chinery to manufacture mattresses out of these scraps. Now he has another paying proposition on his hands.

All over the state we can find evidence of the fact that Texas is learning what to do with herself. On every side useful articles are being turned out that sell from one end of the nation to the other. This writer bought a bottle of shoe polish in San Francisco that was manufactured in Waco, and he saw a box of chocolates made in Fort Worth for sale on Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C. Displays of manufactured articles at the recent State Fair in Dallas was an eye-opener on what we are doing. "Made in Texas" will some day be as familiar on the articles we buy as "Made in Germany," once was.

Communities cannot learn too soon the wisdom of going after some kind of a factory. No matter how insignificant the article to be manufactured, if there is a demand for it, the foundation is being laid for growth and development in the town where the plant is located. To the average person Eagle Pass looked like a very unpromising field in which to place any kind of a manufacturing adventure. But Tafurio had vision and what he did can be repeated along the Trinity, the Brazos, or practically anywhere from El Paso to Texarkana.

Of course, it takes vision; it takes a mind capable of grasping the advantages a certain locality offers for a certain industry. Nobody could make a saw mill flourish on the naked plains of the Panhandle, or do anything with a plant to dehydrate prunes where there are no orchards. But the town-builder, the empire builder, is charged with the duty of studying the lay of the land and mapping out a plan that need not fail.

The past history of our state is glorious with the achievement of pioneers who opened the way for settlement and civilization. We delight to read of the daring of Houston and Crockett, of Fannin and Bowie. The sacred old Alamo with its battered walls thrills our souls and inspires us to high ideals and true loyalty. And the man with

the hoe, the man who came bringing his family in a covered wagon to till the soil and fight the discomforts of pioneering, he too has a claim on our gratitude and we shall not forget him.

## Builders of To-Day.

But let us turn to the present, to the builders of today for a new interest and a new agency of growth. Those who are manufacturing pioneers in our great empire to be, those who with faith and fortitude are laying the stones of industrial greatness, one upon another, those who are building factories and opening the way for more fruitful opportunities for all the people—we cannot too warmly welcome and highly praise them.

The manufacturers' diadem of wealth has in reality fallen from the brow of New England. Today it lies glistening at our feet, a tempting prize for those who have the faith to pick it up and crown Texas the industrial leader. A survey of the whole field will show the reader that no statement made here has been without facts. The textile industry, representing a capitalization of more than five billion dollars, is planning all of its future extensions for the South, and it is authoritatively stated that Texas is looked upon with more favor than any other section because of its milder climate, its more satisfactory labor conditions and the cheap fuel which is possible because of her vast oil fields.

Dyeing and bleaching plants as well as finishing plants are contemplated to complete ready for market the products of the mills that have already been established, and the money has been subscribed for new mills at a number of points.

And the textile industry is only one branch of American manufacturing, while we are securing factories in practically all of the branches. The outlook is such that without resorting to flamboyant boasts, or claims founded upon dreams instead of facts, we can claim that a Texas of vast wealth, of world-wide economic influence, of independent people and happy homes, is fast becoming a reality.

# DUCK SHOOTING IN TEXAS THE KING OF OUTDOOR SPORTS.

There was a time when the duck-hunter had an alibi; if his spoon-billed bird kept flying after he bombarded the sky, it was perfectly regular for him to go ahead and abuse the quality of the shells he was using. But that excuse will not save anybody today; no factory will use inferior material. The powder is good, the shot up to a high standard, and you must be able to bag your fowls or take a low rating as a Nimrod.

The average Texas hunter doesn't have to resort to any excuse. Being a man of the out-doors, he knows how to use fire-arms, whether it be a six-shooter, Winchester or trusty pump-gun, and he lives in reach of various kinds of game, including deer, turkey, birds and ducks.

## Wet Weather Lakes.

Over a number of counties in West, Northwest and Southwest Texas there are large wet-weather lakes. If the rains are generous in the fall, these lakes will last all through the winter and they become the homes of mallards, teal, spoonbills and kindred "birds." Sometimes such bodies of water cover hundreds of acres of territory and afford fine duck shooting for those who enjoy such sport.

One of the most popular lakes of this kind known to the people of the borderland, is situated in Maverick county, Texas. It is not popular merely because it is close to Mexico and directly on the route over which tequilla is bootlegged from across the Rio Grande to thirsty denizens of the United States, but because it is easy to reach by automobile and in season abounds with "our favorite fowls."

Last winter the writer and a party of friends, including L. M. Huffman of Eagle Pass, C. K. McDowell of San Antonio and Ernest Thumm of Del Rio, were comfortably camped near this lake. Bob Grant was our cook and while Bob isn't quite as black as some negroes we know, he is one of the best game chefs in all the West. He can bake a duck so good in an old Dutch oven, that you will be half tempted to abandon the city altogether and remain out where the wilds of nature and the aroma from the cooking edible calls to you.

There was a mild norther blowing the day we struck camp and a good many ducks were already on the pond, but along late that afternoon they commenced coming in by the hundreds. It was early in the season and the North had not yet fully "stocked" our watering places with them. Shooting was very fine from the edge of the lake, or better still, if you could find a place where you could hide in the thicker mesquite trees and wing-shoot the feathery hosts as they flew over you.

L. M. Huffman, who never goes beyond the game limit fixed by law, for a reason which he blames on his gun, actually got his full one-day's quota the first afternoon. At least he claimed to have done so and he tossed that many teal and mallards at Bob's feet, when he entered camp. But Ernest Thumm declared that in reality Huffman had only brought two of the number down. He said that McDowell had killed the balance from a comfortable position which he occupied on a Navajo blanket spread in the shade under some trees. That is Mac's way of taking outdoor "exercise."

He can shoot about as good as anybody in the Southwest, but he never would win a Marathon race. In fact, he doesn't hold any medals for breaking a non-stop walking record.

At any rate, we had ducks in camp, and that wasn't all, we had the "ingredients" that go along with them. Bob immediately set about the task of dressing the afternoon's "bagging," so that we might have a great outdoor feast the next day. Ernest Thumm protested against delaying the feast; he said that he was duck hungry right then and he talked the balance of us into voting his way. Bob agreed to do his best but said that he would not guarantee the results. "Ah tell yo' boss," he declared, "hit sho' spiles a duck or a possum to cook 'em 'fore you done let 'em hang over night."

Soon a great blazing fire was leaping high and the negro chef was whistling and singing snatches of old darkey songs, as he prepared the birds for the oven. The rest of us engaged in some kind of an innocent American game down on the Navajo blanket. Occasionally Ernest would look at his watch to see what time it was, as a sweet aroma was whiffed his way from underneath the coal-covered lid on the camp skillet. "Gee, but I am hungry," he would declare, and then he'd ask Bob how long it took to cook a duck, anyway. "They's sho' got to be cooked till they's plum done," Bob would reply, as he continued with his work and whistling.

Bob Sees a "Panther."  
It must have been about midnight and everything had quieted down in the game, when Bob let out an unearthly yell and ran over to where we were. "A panter, a panter," he declared, almost out of breath and fairly shaking from head to foot, as he pointed with trembling finger to a mesquite thicket. We scrambled up as quick as we could and made for our guns. The camp fire was right at the edge of this mesquite thicket, not over twenty steps away, but when we got there no animal of any kind was to be seen.



"Shooting Was Very Fine From the Edge of the Lake."

"Maybe you saw a coon or a possum," suggested Ernest, after a thorough search had been made. "No sah, boss," protested Bob, "not on yo' life. It wah a panter as sho' as I'ze black. No coon or possum's gwine to wall his eyes like dat critter when he done chomp dem teeth."

"Well, he's gone at any rate," continued Ernest, "so let's get these ducks out of the skillet." Bob proceeded cautiously to do as he was requested, but he kept a close lookout in the direction of the brush where he said he saw the panther. One of the boys surreptitiously threw a stick over in the brush, and when it hit the ground the negro almost jumped across the table. The feast was enjoyed, however, in spite of the disturbance. No one ever tasted sweeter, juicier meat and after the long, long wait our appetites were thoroughly whetted up for the occasion.

Our hunt lasted three days and we killed as many ducks each day as the law allowed. It was not so easy to get at them most of the time, however, and we had some long tramps around the big pond without bringing in any

feathers. But by persistently staying on the job and liberally helping the Duplicates, we would eventually get our quota. One evening we piled down as many as four different species of beauties, and it was easy enough to have the particular kind of a duck that best suited your taste. But it was this very evening that McDowell had a mud-hen well cooked and browned for Huffman. He couldn't stick his fork into it, however, and soon threw it aside for his favorite teal.

Duck hunting is perhaps the most popular out-door winter sport that Texas can offer, and it usually gives the best returns on the ammunition expended.

Millions of ducks of almost every variety winter in the bays and around Aransas Pass and Corpus Christi. These fowls migrate from extreme Northern latitudes in the fall of the year to the gulf coast, returning to the North with the approach of spring.

Later I will tell the readers of the Magazine Section about a duck hunt on the coast of South Texas. The lower gulf coast furnishes the finest duck shooting in the world; also the rice fields in the vicinity of Eagle Pass and El Campo are a hunter's paradise for almost every variety of water fowl, including geese and canvas-backs.

## YOUR HOME TOWN.

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the seventh of a series of talks on "Your Home Town." Other talks will follow. There is food for thought and profit to you if you will read carefully each one of these talks. The publisher of this newspaper is not finding any fault with his Home Town, but wants it to progress and set a pace that will be the envy of all towns in Texas—now the biggest and potentially the richest state in the Union.

If you want to live in the kind of a town That's the kind of a town you'd like, You needn't slip your clothes in a grip And start on a long, long hike. You'll find elsewhere what you left behind For there's nothing that's really new— It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town.

It isn't your town, it's you. Real towns are not made by men afraid, Less somebody else gets ahead; Where everyone works and nobody shirks You can raise a town from the dead; And if while you make your personal stake Your neighbor can make one, too, Your town will be what you want it to be, It isn't your town, it's you.

The above poem fittingly describes

"Your Home Town" and the relationship you bear to it. There are no perfect towns anywhere, or cities, either, but they become less imperfect the more we look for the good that's always in them. Are you looking for the GOOD that's in your home town? Are you working and not shirking its responsibilities—helping it forward by your individual and financial assistance. If you are, then "your town will be what you want it to be."

"It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town." We don't know of a sadder or sorer specimen of humanity than the town knocker. He is always looking for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and continually brags of other towns not near so good as his own town. The community would be better off without the knocker, for he is usually a sour pessimist, trying to discourage other citizens in their efforts for civic improvement and industrial advancement.

"Real towns are not made by men afraid," is literally true. You must have courage and faith in your home town and its destiny. Back it for all you are worth, show your determination to stand by it, even if business conditions are not what they should be. Sooner or later the old town will put on prosperity and you will get out of it all you have ever put into it, and then some.

Texas is growing, not a part of it, but all of it, so will your home town grow, if it has your backing and your boosting. Don't make any mistake about that. If by some reason your town doesn't grow then investigate the reason. Normally it should grow with other Texas towns, but if it does not grow get together with the other good citizens and make it grow. Men make better progress in life commercially and spiritually by advancing. They don't get anywhere standing still—nor does the home town. Keep going forward and onward. It is an irrevocable law of nature to keep going forward. The oak tree, when a sapling, kept pushing its way upward to meet the sunlight and the rain; had it faltered, or stopped growing, it would have never become a tall and stately oak.

Property values rise and fall with a town's population. If you own a home, or any property, in your home town, its value will be governed by population. Therefore you increase the valuation of any property you may own by helping to increase your town's population. And you can't do it without optimism—without work and faith. If you want more homes and more people in your home town you must do your share of the work to get them. Not only your share of the work but you must spend some of your money. It will come back to you in the long run—your money—but you must work and wait and hope.



# CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

## CHRISTMAS EVE.



You have seen, I am sure, a horse pulling against a collar that hurt his shoulder. If you happen to read these vapors think of the horse that pulled against the collar that rubbed the raw spot on his shoulder, and then think of me. You recall how the horse hesitated and flinched, and refused to set himself against the load, even when the lash was applied. Finally, after much lashing, the equine made a lunge, but immediately dropped back when the collar touched the skinned place on his shoulder. It was a work that hurt the horse, and he did everything within his power to avoid it. And this is a work that hurts me, and I have tried to shun it. You will understand when I tell you it is Christmas eve. It isn't a time for work. It is a time to feel good. There are so many things for one to enjoy this afternoon. It's great to watch the crowds as they go by. The faces that pass the window are radiant with smiles, and one can almost hear in their heart-beats the silver notes of a song of joy. There are friends out on the street I want to go out and talk to and hear talk. They have been so busy all the year they have had little time for talking of companionship. If they talked at all it was in a very pessimistic strain and with gloomy forebodings, but they are happy and loquacious this afternoon. Their faces are lighted with sunniest smiles and their words are as musical as the notes of the hallelujah chorus. I have had pencil and paper ready two or three times, but found it so delightful to watch the happy crowds, or join in greetings and good cheer, that the implements of work were thrust aside. We are now in the season when the people are happy, generous and good, and as I said before, we don't want to work; we want to just feel good. It fell to my lot this morning to assist in raising a fund to bury a tramp who was a stranger here and who died yesterday. The county would have given the unknown tramp a pine box to coffin his pulseless breast, but the people said "no; we knew him not, but he must have a decent casket, and a decent shroud, and his remains must be conveyed to the city of the dead by a funeral car, and wreath of flowers and greeneries must

nestle upon the mound heaped above his remains, and the Word of God must be read when his body is lowered into the tomb to return to the dust from which it came." How easy it was to raise the money to provide a decent burial for this unknown, one-legged tramp, who, weary with the march of life, ended his earthly existence yesterday by swallowing poison. The people came flocking with their dollars until told enough had been contributed. Sufficient funds could have been raised in a few minutes to have purchased the finest casket in the land. Of course, you understand why. The world is just entering Christmas, and the spirit of Christ is imminent in man. And as I see the beautiful spirit of Christmas flowering in every heart, and feel it moving my own hardened self to better thoughts and better deeds, the words are whispered into my ears, "why can't every day be Christmas?"

Of course every day can't be the anniversary of the birth of the Son of Mary, but neither is the twenty-fifth of December, for that matter. There is no magic or charm in the day or the date. Christmas is nothing more than the opening up of self and extending an invitation to the spirit of Christ to come in. Can every day really be Christmas, or am I merely entertaining rambling thoughts that bear upon an impossible, altruistic dream? To ask this is to ask if the human heart is susceptible to intense cultivation and the full development of its better parts. Has man a spark of goodness in him, or rather can he fan that spark into a flame that will keep the fires of Christmas burning within his heart for a year as he keeps it burning for a day? Can he revel from day to day in the joys of giving, and laugh his little cares away for a whole year? Can he really dwell in the peace of content and smiles at all he meets through winter, spring and autumn until Christmas comes again? In brief, can man overcome the weeds of selfishness for a whole year and let the flower of fraternity bloom perennial?

You say no; there is a season for all things, even for the visit and indwelling of the Christmas spirit. The violets and the buttercups are for the spring-time, not for all the year. But, friend, remember that the violets and the buttercups do bloom all the year. True, there are frosts that kill and scorching

suns that wither, but these can be kept away. Right now, in the dead of winter, violets and buttercups are burgeoning and blooming unharmed by unfriendly elements and giving forth the glow of the amethyst and the topaz. But they are in places prepared for them, where their beauty can not be chilled nor their fragrance lost. And as the boreal winds and the chilling frosts can be shut out from the flowers, even so can the human heart be protected from the baser passions, that the nobler parts may burgeon and bloom and give to the world the beauty and the fragrance of unselfishness, that sweetest flower that blooms. The Christmas spirit lives throughout the year. It dwells within us for a short season, but it fain would live with us throughout the year. May it be given unto us to prepare a great room in our hearts that the spirit of Christmas may abide and make us the happy, cheerful, generous brother throughout the year.

1924. I never dreamed I would do such a thing, but I must—I mean, drop into poetry. My old poetry mill has laid away many years, and, like Little Boy Blue's tin soldier, is covered with rust and dust. I haven't used it since that eventful day when I tried to win the heart and hand of a radiant maiden with rhyme, so many, many years ago and made such an inglorious failure. I was sure when I consigned the poetry mill to the cobwebs in the attic in the dim and musty past that never again would I expose it to the world's cruel gaze; but the spirit is upon me and I must drag it from the place where it has so long rested. As I try to turn it it slips eccentrics, strikes on only one cylinder and rattles worse than a Ford car of the vintage of 1913. It skews the rhythm in a horrible manner, grinds mete and measure in its rusty cogs and knocks rhyme into a cocked hat; but I must approach the New Year now, and I can't approach it with dull, insipid prose. I want to place our thoughts and hopes and prayers on paper just as they will be on the first day of 1924, and conditions cannot be truly pictured, neither can the truest sentiments of the heart be set forth in cold prose; and so poetry it must be. Wherefore, let the old poetry mill grind and rattle, skip eccentrics and cylinders, and wheeze as it may, here goes—

This is the first day of the year,  
And we all begin anew right here  
To do a blamed sight better.

With work we'll always come to taw,  
Tempers we'll mold without a flaw,  
And faithfully keep the moral law  
In spirit and in letter.

Husbands will jaw their wives no more,  
Wives won't get mad and slam the door  
Nor viciously kick the cat.  
Boys with their work will harder try  
The dear girls won't get mad and cry,  
Men to their wives will tell no lie  
Nor other things like that.

Won't it be fine. Our men won't cuss,  
No woman in the land will fuss  
Nor gossip any more.  
Only milk and water will we drink,  
The best of thoughts we all will think  
During the nineteen twenty-four.

Bully for the old mill; it performed nobly. It's a Pegasus effort worthy of Irvin Cobb. When the diggs played with the three locks of Bill Nye's hair, in his palmiest days, he did no better. It transcends the most soulful poetic effusion that ever flowed from the poetic breast of State Press of the Dallas News or George Bailey of the Houston Post. In short, it tells in verse that glitter and glow just what we are going to do and be in the good year of our Lord 1924. At least we feel that way about it. And now I beg to do something I have never done before—repeat. It's Christmas eve. The people who failed to heed my advice and do their Christmas shopping early, are now doing it as early as they can. They are crowding the stores and buying anything they can find. They are hurrying by with their bundles. They are on their way to the Christmas trees and the postoffice. The boys are exploding giant crackers until the cannonading is as fierce and terrible as the Germans inflicted upon Verdun five years ago. I have just recalled the fact that I was so busy urging the people to do their Christmas shopping early these last few weeks that I forgot to do my own Christmas shopping, and there will be so many people in my way at the stores that it will take me until time to hang up my sock to make my two purchases, and—the printer is calling for copy! I feel that I must give a New Year greeting, and I am going to express my wishes for you, and state my own feelings in the very same words I used to express my wishes for you and myself ten years ago. In doing so I beg to assure you that they were the sincere wishes of my heart ten years ago, and the sincere wishes of my heart now.

I see in the New Year a new opportunity—another chance—which I hope

to use with an enthusiasm and solemnity born of the thought that it may be the last. I want to be gladder and sadder than I have ever been before—gladder in appreciation of the friends, and the beauties, and the privileges that are here to make one glad; sadder over the neglected opportunities to say a word or do a deed that might have lighted the face of a fellow-traveler with a sunnier smile or yielded new honey in the life-cup of "one of these, my brethren." I wish for you the gladness without the sadness. I sincerely hope you will be able to so shape your deeds and moods that there will be no ghost of neglected opportunity, no phantom of haughty spirit or ignoble impulse to make you sad. But, feeling that I will not be able to cast off my burden of human frailties, my sweetest hope is that my errors, and the consciousness of my frailties, will make me gentler and truer, even to the journey's end, where I shall leave them all on the brink of the grave.

My wish for us all is that life may not become commonplace—an eternal winter of commercialism whose cold kills our ideals and our dreams—a tragic concatenation, with each day but a return to yesterday's routine—a mere business of obtaining means to feed and clothe and shelter. May we be able to see in that which callouses the hand, dims the eye or wears the brain more than meat and drink and houses and lands.

My New Year Wish for you is the same I would have you wish for me: A correct conception of duty and a willingness to answer every call; strength to meet every task, and a love for labor undertaken that will make work a pleasure; a control of your thoughts that will keep your heart pure; a shaping of your moods that will keep your life bright; a coloring of your disposition that will make your presence a benediction; an ability to so express your desire in words and impress your purposes in deeds that your motives will not be misjudged nor your purposes misunderstood; a love of Nature that will lend a new beauty to her fields and gardens; a love of humanity that will make the stranger a trusted friend and the misunderstood enemy a boon companion; a success in your work that will be gratifying to you and make you truly useful.

And to these I'd add this wish for thee:  
Strong faith—in God and men and things to be.

## Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim

Being the Experience of Two Real Fishermen in Texas Lakes, Rivers and Creeks  
By JACK MAXWELL.

Now, listen, fellers! You all whut claims to b'long to the grate brotherhood uv fishin' fools—the same bein' umprised uv the followin': Wumstranglers, liver-feeders, sour-doe-ballers, the same bein' carp ketchers, bug an' fly floaters an' plug throwers—I want to git yer attenthun fer just a minit. I'm a gonna spill yer a tale whut has to do with one time when Me an' Jim went to a leetle ole lake to try an' ketch a mess uv bass, fer a fish-fry whut my Lindy Lou was a goin' to put on down in Happy Hollow—the place whar I live in my Home Town on the Interrubbin.

The reason I'm a gonna tel 'bout this particular time is bekwah hit was in the month uv Jiniuary an' cold 'nough to freeze the line on a fellers fishin' reel—an' that hain't no exaggerashun. Yep, hit was sho a cold day when the leetle piece uv calico whut I'm married to, suggested that she wuld like fer Me an' Jim to sorter wrop up an' go to the lake in questshun an' bring back a lotta fish, fer the fry she hed staged fer a flock uv sawsiety folks whut she tries to run with. You heerd me say TRY, didn't yer? Well, that's all she can do, fer she ain't got the glad-rags and the affluence to do the high-an' mightey in the big shows whut they sumtimes pull off in the village whar Me an' Jimmie lives an' eats our bakun an' beans.

### For the Love of Lindy Lou.

Seem' as how thar was nuthin' fer us to do but to meakly submit, we goes out an' tries to persuade our ol' lizzie to shake a leg, but fellers, nary a limb wuld she shake. She jes back-fired and stood thar a darin' us to give her 'nother twist. Well, sir, we kranked, twisted an' coaxed that ol' omnybus till we kumpletely used up our breth, an' then we set down, rested a bit an' tried her agin. This time she coughed onct er twice, shook her frale body, an' then was on 'er way to the place whar the bass was supposed to be a waitin' fer Me an' Jim to bring 'em in outta the clammy dampness an' put 'em in the fryin'-pan, fer the aforsed Lindy Lou's partie.

After a perfectly saloobrious drive uv 'bout one hour, we arrives, an' found the buzz of the puddle jes as smooth as a boys chin, after his just shave with his pop's razor. As Jimmie an' yours sinnerly stood thar a lookin' over the broad expanse uv water we seed not a

derned thing in site cept one ol' mud-hen whut wuz doin' sum tail-spin dives fer our edifikashun.

When Me an' James hed stomped 'round a bit, a gettin' our jints sorter limberd up, I sez to Jimmie: "Say, whatta yer think we hed beter try to fool the sleepin'-beuties with today, seein' as how the water am perfectly kalm an' not a ripple in site?" After givin' the matter dew kunsiderashun, James tells me like this: "Jack, ol' deer, I'd suggest that we tie on a 'deep-water' castin' bate—say one with a white belley an' a green back—owin' to the fact that we has gotta go down after 'em, fer fish at this seesson uv the year is layin' on the bottom a tryin' to keep there snoots warm in the sunken moss."

What Jim sed was the truth, al-right, an' we gits busy a riggin' up our castin' rods, an' was soon a pluggin' 'way fer the piskatorial prizes whut was a holdin' a special conference down in the "sugar-holes" in 'bout 15 feet uv water. Not havin' eny boat, why, we wurked frum the shore; we wuld make a long cast 'way out in the lake an' then let the bate slowly nose down to nigh the bottom uv the pool, an' after lettin' hit rest fer a frackshun uv a minit we wuld give hit a leetle jerk—sorter like a kid a monkeyin' with a kitten an' a string, jes a kind uv teasin' movemint yer know. Yep, that am the way we fished fer them babies on that Jiniuary day, an' when I tells you all that we had a right smart bit uv luck why, I'm sayin' the honest-to-gudness truth; fer we did ketch quite a sprinkle uv bass, even tho hit was cold an' the wether enclemint.

But a funny thing hapened. Long 'bout 1 o'clock in the afternoon Jim was a draggin' his "plug" in deep water, over on the fer side uv the lake, when all at onct I heerd him give the dad-burndest yell whut hit has ever bin my misfortune to hear in all

uv my born days. I stops rite whar I was, realed in my line an' goes a runnin' 'round to whar Jim was.

### A Critical Situation.

I soon tuk in the situashun an' seed that James was 'parently tied onto a dag-gone big fish—culdn't tell whether hit was a bass er a cat, fer a feller sumtimes gits tangled up with one uv them big-mouthed kitties when he's a messin' 'round in deep water in the winter time—an' I jest stood thar a sayin' 'nuthin', an' let my runnin'-mate do his stunt, till finerly, he looks 'round at me and sed: "Jack, whut in the dickens do you reckon I see a messin' with? Do yer guess hit culd be a son-uv-a-gun uv



"James Was 'parently Tied Onto a Dag-Gone Big Fish."

a big ol' bass, whut I hev axidentally hooked in the belley an' he's a doin' his sun-fishin' stuff.

After sorter gazin' in astonishmint at the circumstanshul evidence whut was a lookin' me in the face. I sez to Jimmie: "Ol' scout, I dum.o. Jes keep a tite line on whut ever hit is an' we'll purty dag-gone quick see whut's whut—pervided, yer don't bust a ham-string er lose the britchin'."

Well, sir, Jim played that raskel back an' forth, round an' round, till at last I seed sumpin' dark like, a comin' uv clost to the top uv the water; an' I yells at James to wind up his leetle ball uv yarn, fer the battle was all over, purty nigh, but the shoutin' an' a weighin' the fish.

Folks, talk about yer zero hour, an' how derned skeered a guy is when he's a standin' on fust one leg an' the 'toter, a waitin' fer the preacher to ast him if he's a goin' to pervide fer the sweet leetle bunch uv sorgum-lasses, whut he's a holdin' by the hand, but the hain't nuthin' to the way I was a feelin' while I was a standin' thar in the cold a waitin' fer Jimmie to say, "Kum an' git 'em." No, en deed, them wum sum awful minits in my past life, an' long as thar is breth in my pore body I'll never fergit ol' Jim, a standin' thar, fer all the world like a segar-store Injun, face all set, both ears stickin' up like he wuz skeered haff to death.

Finerly, I culdn't keep still eny longer, an' I yells at Jim: "Fer God's sake, do sumthin'!" an' he sorter looks 'round at me an' says, mad as a hornet: "Whar yer git thet do sumthin' stuff? Whut the devil do yer think I'm a doin', techin' this here derned fish to swim on hits back?"

Seem' that James was a gittin' riled up an' liable to slip the head-stall, I ansers him jes as soft as I kin: "Now, Jimmie, don't pay eny 'tenshun to thet last remark uv mine. Jes keep yer eye on the prize an' we'll soon hev a hansum fish to take home an' show Lindy Lou." This seemed to pacifie him a bit, an' he got rite down to business, an' purty quick he hed the ketch a comin' rite along 'tward the shore, an' I seed him reach an' roll hit out onto the land; an' whut do yer reckon hit was? The biggest derned turtle whut Me an' Jim ever snagged with a castin'-bate in the month uv Jiniuary.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the fifth series of Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim. Other series will be published from time to time in the Magazine Section.)

A \$4,000,000.00 ESTATE GIVEN TO TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY.  
Out where the West begins they do things, and they do them in a big way.

The broad open spaces seem to get into the hearts, the minds, the souls of the people. A good many years ago a man of very indifferent financial means but of tremendous energy, resourcefulness and latent ability began doing things out on the plains of West Texas. He began in a small way with his mind made up, determined to win in a big way, and he did. He hitched his wagon to a star and never faltered until he had achieved the chief purpose to which he had set his heart. This man took for his help-mate a woman whose life and deeds have reflected the fact that he made no mistake in his choice. She like her husband, had her own ambitions and big things whispered their beckoning call to her just as stamping herds of lowing white faced cattle beckoned to her husband and spurred him in his dreams to greater effort and achievement. The man was Captain Burk Burnett; the woman is Mrs. Mary Couts Burnett, his widow. Captain Burnett achieved his desire and became not only wealthy but one of the foremost ranchmen in Texas.

The Captain is now dead but the good that he did lives after him. When he died he still had left an immense fortune running into the millions to distribute among his heirs.

Mrs. Mary Couts Burnett had her share of the fortune and it is supposed to amount to approximately \$4,150,000, consisting of lands, buildings, stocks and bonds, cash on hand and other personal properties. In carrying out her desires and her ambitions, she has now done a most remarkable and benevolent thing that will make her name and her deeds live in the minds and lives of the future generations of young men and women for many years to come. She has so arranged her fortune in trust that during her life time the Texas Christian University of Fort Worth, Texas, shall receive one-fourth of all the income from her entire estate of \$4,150,000 and at her death the University is to receive the income from the entire estate. Thus has a most thoughtful, a most provident and wise woman, whom Texas and all Texans are proud to speak of as a Texan, disposed of all her worldly estate and thereby made it possible for many a deserving young man and young woman to acquire a higher education.



# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER  
THE STATE

## COTTON BELT TO REBALLAST.

As a result of a recent visit to Texas of officers of the Cotton Belt railway line for purpose of inspection it has been announced that the entire line in Texas is to be re-ballasted.

## CHILD DIES AS RESULT OF SCRATCH BY CAT.

The three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ham Shipman of Lampasas is dead as the result of being scratched by a cat. Lockjaw developed shortly after the child was scratched.

## CITY PLANNING BOARD FOR FORT WORTH.

Fort Worth, Texas, is to have a city planning board. The board is to be composed of one architect, one engineer and one real estate man, all to be named by the mayor and to work for the building of a greater Fort Worth.

## TEXAS CHILD MUSICAL MARVEL.

Edward Donaldson of Honey Grove, Texas, is only five years old and yet he is a musical marvel. He is now on a visit to New York City with his parents for the purpose of having a board of musical instructors outline a course of study for him.

## ORANGE, TEXAS, ENCOURAGES INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES.

The business men of Orange, Texas, and the city and county officials there have demonstrated that they appreciate the necessity of offering inducements to industries to locate in Texas, and in Beaumont, by agreeing to exempt them from paying taxes for ten years.

## TEXAS CHAMPION SPINACH STATE.

2,299,000 bushels of spinach were raised this year in the state of Texas, according to reports from the Department of Agriculture of Washington, D. C. The entire United States produced 5,631,000 bushels of spinach this year off an entire acreage of 21,190 acres. Of this acreage there was planted in Texas alone 11,040 acres.

## STATE UNIVERSITY SEEKS LARGE LOAN.

The regents of the University of Texas have declared the negotiations with Brown-Crummer of Kansas City for a loan for the University of Texas at an end and have decided to advertise and ask bids on a loan of \$2,500,000 for building improvements. Plans for the erection of a stadium seating 50,000 persons have also been approved but these funds are to come from the alumni.

## T. M. BARTLEY RE-ELECTED FOR ELEVENTH TIME.

T. M. Bartley has been re-elected Grand Secretary of the Masonic Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. His recent re-election makes eleven times he has been elected to this position. He now makes his home in Waco, but formerly was a resident of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, when there were only three Royal Arch Masons in the county. He has been a Mason for more than thirty-two years.

## TEXAS POPULATION CENTER NEAR WACO.

Texas' exact center of population, as determined by the fourteenth census, was located in latitude 31 degrees 28 minutes and 34 seconds north, and longitude 97 degrees 19 minutes and 12 seconds west, the U. S. Census Bureau has announced.

The approximate location of the population center of the State was 12.1 miles southwest of Waco, McLennan County.

## NEGRO HAD HARD TIME GETTING IN JAIL.

At Greenville, Texas, a negro one night knocked at the jail door and told the jailer his name was Jesse Lee and said "Cap, I want to get in de jail where I is to wait for Cap Russel, who is to come and git me and take me to de penitentiary," but the jailer would not let him in until he finally produced credentials showing he ought to be in jail. He carried a letter of recommendation from the Sheriff of Morris County, Texas, together with credentials duly signed by the sheriff showing he was entitled to be in jail.

## U. S. TO ENLARGE HELIUM PLANT.

Navy officials who recently visited Fort Worth for an inspection of the helium plant, located 5 miles north of Fort Worth, announce that recommendations would be made for improvements at the plant for a helium capacity of 10 to 15 times the present capacity. About \$500,000.00 must be expended in order to increase capacity production.

It is possible that dirigible airships of the future will be flown to Fort Worth with hydrogen gas and there be filled with non-inflammable helium gas. The cost of shipping helium to Lakehurst to build the Shenandoah, the greatest airship in the world, was approximately \$30,000. Gas is shipped in heavy steel capsules under high pressure. Thirty carloads of these capsules were required to fill the Shenandoah.

## A. & M. STUDENTS TO WRITE ON GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS.

A prominent ex-student of A. & M. College has authorized President Bizzell of A. & M. College to offer two prizes to students of A. & M. College preparing the best written themes dealing with governmental functions. The first prize is to be \$50 and the second prize is to be \$25.00. This is an offer made in an effort to encourage the study of such problems and to stimulate writing.

## JAMES K. WELLS.

When Judge James K. Wells of Brownsville, Texas, died recently at his home in Brownsville, one of the most picturesque Texans of modern times was lost to a generation that perhaps had known in a way but never fully realized what an important part he had played in the upbuilding and making of the new West. Jim Wells County is named for Judge Wells. He was a border character of the rugged type and the kind who win men's love and esteem. He had practiced law in Brownsville since 1876.

## BABY DIES IN ITS MOTHER'S LAP AT PICTURE SHOW.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Steed recently attended a picture show at Alto, Texas, and took along their five months old baby. The picture was a fast plot thriller and they did not know anything was wrong with their baby until the mother suddenly discovered it had grown cold in death and screamed for help. When doctors examined the child they said it must have been dead for at least an hour. It died in its mother's arms evidently while the show enthralled her.

## COURT HOLDS A MAN'S COLOR DOES NOT AFFECT HIS VERACITY.

In a recent decision the Court of Criminal Appeals, which is really the Supreme Court of Criminal cases in Texas, laid down the law regarding veracity as applying to race color.

Will Arnold of Washington County, Texas, was tried and convicted for illegal transportation of liquor. The prosecuting attorney in his arraignment, it was claimed, stated that since the defendant's witnesses were negroes and the state's white, the testimony of the defendant's witnesses should be rejected.

The Court of Criminal Appeals in its opinion said, "The truth may come from members of either race, and color alone should not be urged to measure the testimony."

## TEXAS POETESS RECOGNIZED BY ENGLISH WRITER.

An unusual honor is to be paid Mrs. Karle Wilson Baker of Nacogdoches, Texas. Thomas Moulton, 3 Milton Park, Highgate, London, England, is editing an English anthology, "The Best Poems of 1923, English and American," which he will soon publish. It is to contain two poems by Karle Wilson Baker of Nacogdoches, entitled "The Old Elm" and "Let Me Grow Lovely." The inspiration for "The Old Elm" was the old elm tree that stands on the corner of Hospital and Walker Streets in Nacogdoches. This tree casts a shadow said to measure 125 feet across. Mrs. Baker, the author of these poems, is Vice President of the Poetry Society of Texas and resides in Nacogdoches.

## RIO GRANDE VALLEY FARM BUREAU ORGANIZED.

At Harlingen, Texas, a farm bureau known as the valley Farm Bureau has been organized that takes in the whole Rio Grande valley in its scope instead of simply taking in a single county, as has heretofore been the plan. The interested parties considered it best to have the whole valley in one organization because the claim is made that the interests of the whole valley and of all the counties in the valley are identical. The organization now has approximately 600 members in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties. Harlingen was designated as the headquarters of organization and monthly meetings will be held, while the Board of Directors will meet every three months.

## BEN J. TILLAR, PHILANTHROPIST.

When the will of Ben J. Tillar, deceased, of Fort Worth, Texas, was filed for probate it was found that he had set aside the sum of fifty thousand dollars to establish the Ben J. Tillar Endowment Fund for scholarships for deserving young women. Under the terms of the will scholarships will be awarded to twenty-five young women by the President, Faculty and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Texas Woman's College of Fort Worth. It is his desire that such awards be made to "Meritorious young girls or young women who really need the aid of a scholarship in their efforts to acquire a college education." He further provides that if the revolving fund is ever increased through normal growth from investment that additional scholarships shall be established. This fund will enable twenty-five young ladies each year to get an education who otherwise probably would not be able to acquire it.

## TYLER HEADQUARTERS FOR DISTRICT HIGHWAY ENGINEER.

District Highway Engineer D. L. Hogan has moved to Tyler, Texas, where he is opening up headquarters for the district composed of Marion, Harrison, Gregg, Upshur, Wood, Smith, Van Zandt, Henderson, Cherokee, Anderson, Panola and Shelby Counties. He will have two assistants and will employ a large number of men in the above named counties and will put into effect an extensive campaign for the general improvements and up-keep and betterment of the roads and highways in all of those counties through which his work is to extend.

## TYLER'S BENEVOLENT SANTA CLAUS.

Tyler, Smith County, Texas, enjoys a more unique distinction than that of any city with a big pulsating heart for humanity. Last year Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Swann bought presents for and played the part of Santa Claus for about 4,000 Tyler and Smith county little tots. For Christmas 1923 they played Santa Claus for about 9,000 Smith county children. Both black and white were invited and at the Blackstone Hotel, in Tyler, the gifts were distributed—between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m. to the white children, and then between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m. to the negro children. Nearly a carload of presents were distributed and a public letter from Santa Claus to the Smith county children was published, inviting them to this commendable and uniquely philanthropic party.

## IMPORTANT DECISION BY COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS.

The decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas in the case of State vs. G. W. McDonald of Palo Pinto County, Texas, is of great importance to Texas cattlemen. In this case McDonald was shown to have used his best efforts to dip all of his cattle but a few got away without being dipped and the Court held that in view of the fact he had shown that he had tried to dip his cattle there was no intention to violate the law and that under those circumstances the case should be reversed and remanded. The Court said there was "no wilful refusal" shown and the effect of this holding is that there must be wilful refusal to dip before parties can be held to have violated the law. McDonald had been found guilty in the lower court and fined \$25.00 but the Higher Court reversed and remanded the case of the failure to show "wilful refusal."

## STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!

In Texas during the five and one-half years from January 1, 1918, to June 30, 1923, the number of people killed and injured at highway grade crossings on railroads totaled 1,779, according to a statement by Texas Railroad Commission Walter Splawn. Of this number 389 were killed outright and 1,390 injured. The greatest number of fatal accidents occurred in 1918, there being 367 fatalities that year; 1921 was second with 335 and in 1922 there were 309. During the first six months of 1923 there were 138 killed and injured.

The greatest number of those killed and injured at grade crossings in Texas were in automobiles, revealing that the greatest danger at grade crossings is from the collision of automobiles with trains. In 1922 49 autoists were killed and 211 injured, out of a total of 309. Pedestrians came second. In 1922 there were nine pedestrians killed and eighteen injured at grade crossings.

Taking the four and one-half years from January, 1919, to July 1923, 1,412 were killed and injured, 288 being killed and 1,124 injured. Of this number 1,058 were autoists, 119 were pedestrians, 87 were in wagons, 61 were on street cars, 21 were in buggies, 7 on motorcycles and 5 on bicycles.

## MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST RULES ARE CHANGED.

The rules of the State wide music memory contest conducted each year by the University of Texas Inter-scholastic League have been changed for 1924.

The old rules provided that two students from each school in the state enrolled in the league could send in papers, and the students having the best grades were to become State Champions. This is said to have proven unsatisfactory because each year there has been from 300 to 400 perfect papers turned in.

The new rules allow each school, with an enrollment of less than 100 students, two contestants and for each additional 50 students over 100, one additional contestant is allowed. Each contestant is to send his or her paper, covering the contest, to the county officer of the league, where the papers will be graded and such papers as are then found to be perfect are to be then sent to the league headquarters at Austin, where they are to be re-graded, and if they are again found to be perfect, then the student who sent in the perfect paper is to be awarded a handsome gold pen by the league. By this new plan the State Championship is done away with, but it insures each individual proper recognition and award on a more equalized basis.

## KERRVILLE, TEXAS, VOTES BONDS

Kerrville, Texas, recently voted bonds in the amount of \$78,000 to install a modern sewer system. When the bonds are sold the work will begin immediately and Kerrville will have made another important stride forward.

## COTTON MILL FOR CORPUS CHRISTI.

Meetings are being held and plans discussed for building a modern cotton mill in Corpus Christi, Texas. Eight Corpus Christi business men have met with officials of the Planters and Merchants Mill Company, Inc., for the purpose of devising ways and means of building and equipping such a mill. It is proposed to construct a similiar mill to the textile mill now in operation in New Braunfels, Texas, which is being operated by the Planters and Merchants Mill Company, Inc. The proposed mill is to be capitalized for \$1,500,000.

## TROUP TO BE ON STATE HIGHWAY.

As the result of a compromise agreement the State Highway Commission will not eliminate Troup, Texas, from a designated state highway. Under the compromise agreement a spur highway is to be built from Troup connecting with Highway No. 64 at the nearest point and as a result the highway will not have to be rerouted in Smith County.

A new highway was designated to be built between Marshall, Texas, and Jacksonville, Texas, as part of the State Highway System. It will be built by way of Henderson, Texas.

## BAYLOR BOY WINS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

Robert Lee Guthrie has won the Rhodes scholarship from the State of Texas over twelve opponents. His opponents were from the University of Texas, A. & M. College, S. M. U. and T. C. U. He is a Baylor man, having graduated from Baylor University in 1921. He was at his graduation from Baylor awarded the scholarship to Brown University from which he took his Master Degree in 1922 and then he went to Princeton University to carry forward his studies for the degree of Ph. D. He will complete this work in 1924, with the possible exception of his thesis which can be had at any time within the next ten years. He is now only 23 years old. Under the Rhodes Scholarship provision he will go to Oxford, England, to study and all of his expenses will be paid from the Cecil Rhodes scholarship fund which was created by the late Cecil Rhodes, of South African fame, in 1904.

Young Guthrie was a prominent man in Baylor University in all of his classes, especially political science and history. He will continue these studies in Oxford.

## PRESENTS COLEMAN WITH HOSPITAL.

Mrs. M. Tye Overall of Coleman, Texas, has built and equipped, at her own expense, a two story brick hospital building to be known as the Overall Memorial Hospital which she has presented to the city of Coleman. Mrs. Overall has resided in Coleman for forty-seven years and is the widow of Colonel Richard H. Overall. She and Colonel Overall came to Coleman from St. Charles, Mo., in 1876 and the Colonel engaged in the cattle business. The hospital is a modern, up to date, structure specially planned and equipped for the purpose of furnishing Coleman and surrounding towns proper hospital facilities that will go along way toward relieving suffering humanity. Mrs. Overall is a woman who has seen and taken part in the hardships of settling the West and has played her part in turning West Texas from a wilderness into a land of prosperity and promise. The hospital is an institution that the citizens of Coleman consider a fitting memorial to the efforts and hardships of those early pioneers who played such a prominent part in the development and growth of that part of Texas.

## TEXAS AUTO REGISTRATION IN 1923 LARGEST IN HISTORY OF STATE.

Indications are that the registration of autos in Texas for 1923 will easily reach 700,000 which is 50,000 more than predicted by the State Highway Commission at the beginning of the year. In eleven months of this year the registration reached 672,000 and it is expected the registration for December will make the figure easily 700,000 and more. For the first eleven months of 1923 the registrations have already exceeded the registration of the entire year of 1922 by 140,953. Only seven counties in Texas show decreases and these decreases in the entire seven counties only total 1,104 and it is expected that when the final figures for the year of 1923 have been compiled that these figures will show an increase all over the state in every county for 1923. At present Dallas County leads the state with an increase of 10,417 and Harris County is second with an increase of 8,020 while Tarrant County is third with an increase of 6,195 and Bexar County is fourth with an increase of 5,680.

## TEXAS WOMEN ORGANIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The women of Texas have started a movement of their own for the betterment and development of the state by obtaining a charter for what is to be known as the Woman's Texas Chamber of Commerce with headquarters at Dallas, Texas. The purpose of this corporation as set out in its charter is mutual benefit of its members "in fostering and promoting harmonious relations and co-operating with other organizations and individuals in the general welfare and upbuilding of communities and sections of Texas." Branch organizations are to be established throughout the state. The charter was obtained by Mrs. Nellie C. Metcalf, Mrs. Henry N. Anderson, Mrs. C. A. Sheffield, Mrs. C. N. McCoy, and Mrs. E. B. Clark, all of Dallas, and Mrs. Perry Jones, Mrs. W. H. Burnett, Miss Isophene Toler, Mrs. W. L. Sellers, Mrs. F. M. Shaddix, Mrs. J. D. Randsou, and Mrs. R. C. Lewis, all of Abilene, Texas.

## PHYSIQUE OF C. I. A. COLLEGE STUDENTS.

The average age of the girls enrolled in physical training in the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas, is 18 years, the average weight 121.5 pounds, and the average height 63.61 inches.

The tallest girl is 69.6 inches and the shortest is 56 inches. The heaviest girl weighs 227 pounds and the lightest weighs only 78.5 pounds. These figures represent 1,019 freshmen, sophomores, and physical education majors.

The normal weight of a girl 18 years old and 63.61 inches tall should be 122 pounds, and as the average of these students is 121.5 pounds they can all be said to be normal.

In the examination special attention was given to the posture of the girls and they were graded A, B, C and D, according to their posture. Out of the 1,018 only four girls, Misses Jewell Haven of Victoria, Artie Young of Sherman, Elouise Holt of Howe and Ruth Johnson of Giddings received A grades in posture, while 376 girls were given B grades. The others, according to the physical director, are bordering on poor posture and a tendency to be swayback—that is, hollowness in the small of the back. This is something for young girls and parents to ponder over.

The feet of the girls were graded as perfect, as weak in three degrees and as flat. Two hundred and sixty-one girls have perfect feet; 465 have feet in the first degree of weakness; 188 in the second degree of weakness; 88 have feet in the third degree of weakness while 17 have flat feet.

A careful check is being kept on each girl and the efforts of the physical department are to be devoted to remedying defects. These figures should give fond parents food for thought, as these girls come from in all walks of life and from nearly every section of the state.

## SEEK TO STIMULATE INCREASED COTTON PRODUCTION.

Business men and bankers of Mount Pleasant, Texas, have recently distributed \$1,325 in prizes to twelve winners in a cotton contest that was inaugurated for the purpose of increasing the yield per acre and the quality or grade of cotton raised. A contest will be held in 1924 for the purpose of improving grade and increasing yield per acre on both bottom land and hill land. The crop in 1923 was produced under rather adverse conditions and a large per centage of the crop raised by parties entering the contest was raised on hill land that suffered from disadvantageous weather conditions. One hundred and forty farmers entered the 1923 contest. The first prize was \$500.00 which was awarded to Frank Traylor, who produced 478 pounds of lint per acre, or a total of seven bales on five acres. This cotton was raised on sandy bottom loam land that was planted in corn the season before and that produced forty bushels of corn to the acre. The actual bale weights were 518, 601, 496, 495, 468, 411 and 223 pounds respectively. The staple for three bales was one and one-sixteenth inch, and for the rejected bale seven-eighths of an inch. M. Traylor used 400 pounds of a ten-three-three commercial fertilizer and 16 per cent acid phosphate distributed just before planting, and a side dressing May 20. The cotton was planted April 20th, but had to be replanted May 11. Because of the dry summer there was practically no weevil damage. The total amount of lint was 3,212 pounds and seed 5,302 pounds and the total price received on sale was \$953.81 with a net profit of \$720.18 after deducting the production cost of \$253.63. The cotton samples entered in the contest were all sent to the textile engineering department of A. & M. College where they were graded and stapled and the grades averaged middling and slightly above. The results of this contest have delighted the bankers and business men and farmers of that section of Texas, as it has demonstrated that under modern intensive methods cotton production can be greatly increased at a correspondingly reduced cost per acre.



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**COW, SOW AND HEN TRAIN.**  
The Santa Fe Railway has again in operation its "cow, sow and hen" train.  
The train which will be operated jointly by the Santa Fe and the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, will have its origin at Bellville January 8. It will be out three weeks winding up the trip at Gainesville the afternoon of February 1. One hundred and six meetings will be held, covering all of the Santa Fe's territory south of Gainesville and east of Temple. One day, January 15, will be spent on the Oakdale branch in Louisiana. Five meetings will be held in that state, but all of the others will be in Texas.

The train will be in direct charge of J. D. Tinsley, general agricultural agent, assisted by other officials. The A. & M. College will furnish speakers who will present the practical side of dairying and hog and poultry raising and also an exhibit of live stock and poultry for demonstration purposes.  
Many letters have been received by the Santa Fe since the train was run last spring, according to Mr. F. G. Pettibone, Vice President and General Manager of the Santa Fe railway system in Texas, showing some of the splendid results of the campaign. Some communities have imported considerable dairy cows, and there has been a noticeable increase in the number of hogs and poultry. Farmers have shown a ready tendency to diversify, and the results as a whole, Mr. Pettibone asserted, fully warrant renewing the campaign in January.

**LARGE NUMBER OF CATTLE DIPPED.**  
Nearly two million Texas cattle were dipped in the month of November, 1923. This was done in a campaign to eradicate the fever tick. In all 16,119 different herds were dipped and 17,965 infected cattle were found. At the beginning of this coming spring it is expected a new campaign will be inaugurated.

**BAYLOR LIBRARY BUILDING FINISHED.**  
The beautiful new library building for Baylor University is now finished. It is known as the F. L. Carroll chapel and library, having been named for the illustrious Dr. F. L. Carroll. The former library building was destroyed by fire. The new building is one of the best library buildings in the Southwest.

**FANNIN COUNTY HEARD FROM.**  
W. J. Elledge, who lives twenty miles north of Bonham, raised a turnip that weighed nine and one-half pounds. Mrs. J. R. Hogg of Randolph, Fannin County, raised a cauliflower that weighed two pounds.

Partridge Plymouths by Dave Smith of Marlin captured two places in the Texas Cotton Palace poultry exhibit at Waco.

**A LITTLE FUN** Jokes to Make You Laugh

**FINED FOR SPEEDIN'.**  
Mother—"Dorothy, you have disobeyed mother by racing around and making all that noise. Now, you shan't have that piece of candy."  
Father (entering a few minutes later)—"Why so quiet, little one?"  
Dorothy—"I've been fined for speedin'!"

There was a thin maiden called Lena,  
Who bought a new vacuum cleaner,  
But she got in the way  
Of its suction one day  
And since then nobody has seena.

**THE RULE.**  
The toll-gate keeper in a certain section of Alabama is an aged darkey. When, recently, a farmer of that district sought to pay toll by the offer of a dime, the coin was returned to him by the keeper with this statement:  
"Scuse me, boss, but I can't take dis dime. It's bent an' de county's got a strict rule agin our takin' bad coins."  
"Indeed?" said the farmer, "Well, let me tell you that you gave me that very bent dime yourself in change yesterday!"  
"May be, may be," murmured the old darkey, "Dere ain't no rule agin my handin' out bad money. It's only agin my takin' it."

**THE EFFICACY OF PRAYER.**  
A darky soldier was having a good deal of trouble getting a mule started. He coaxed and begged and finally sank to his knees and began praying earnestly.  
The moment he rose the mule started off at an easy pace without a word being said.  
A white officer who had seen the odd performance demanded:  
"What in the name of goodness is the idea of that?"  
"Well, suh," explained the dusky philosopher, "Ise's a pow'ful believer in prayer and dat mule knows dat as soon Ise gets the Lawd's forgiveness I'll jest whale de tar outer him, so he nacherly gets started when Ise finish-ed prayin'."

**PASSWORD.**  
In the recent war a negro soldier was on guard one night. A company of soldiers came toward him.  
"Halt! Who goes dar?" asked the negro. "The French Army," was the reply. "Pass on, French Army," answered the darkey.  
Soon later another company approached the guard. Again he shouted "Halt! Who goes dar?" "The English Army," was the response. "Pass on, English Army," said the guard.  
A third company came near and the negro again shouted: "Halt! Who goes dar?" "Get the h— out of the way or we will knock your head off," was the sharp answer. "Pass on, American Army," replied the frightened negro.

**BEFORE CIRCUSES.**  
A negro had heard his parson tell the story of Daniel in the lion's den. He doubted the story very much, however, so he decided to see the parson about it.  
"Pahson," he questioned, "am it true dat Daniel was thrown in de lions' den and dey didn't eat him up?"  
"Yes, suh, Brudder Smiff," answered the parson, "dat am de fack."  
"Den dey must have been circus lions."  
"No, suh; de Bible say just de contrary."  
"It do?"  
"Yes, suh, it do. Don't it say dat it happened 600 B. C.?"  
"Yeah it do say dat."  
"Well, don't B. C. mean befo' circuses?"

**TALE OF TWO SALESMEN.**  
Two salesmen were swapping tales on the relative faults of two small railway systems. The first traveler finished up by saying, "On my last trip through here it was so smoky that we had to leave the door at the rear of the coach open in order to let the smoke out."  
"That's nothing," came back the second. "You get so covered with soot on the Peavine limited that the last time I got off the Pullman one of the ladies on the platform handed me her suitcase and tipped me a quarter!"

**HIS PEDIGREE.**  
Uncle Dan Collins took one of his best goats to the county fair for exhibition. One of the officials surveyed Uncle Dan and the goat with a wary eye. "What breed is that goat?" he asked.  
Uncle Dan removed a wisp of straw from his mouth and said:  
"That critter's father knocked a book agent end over end, butted a justice of the peace, lifted a tramp over a picket fence; and as for his mother, she chased the whole Cherrydale brass band out o' town last Fourth of July. If that ain't breed enough, you can rule him out. I'm not pressing him on anybody."

Lem Frisby avers that times have changed.  
"You used to see dogs running wild with tin cans tied to their tails," says Lem, "but now you see them riding in them with their noses up in the air."

**THE DADDY OF 'EM ALL.**  
A Northern guest at Pinehurst found an old negro beating down dried cotton stalks. "What did the boll weevil do to you last year?" he inquired.  
The darkey, seeing "one o' dem Nawthern folks," answered:  
"Lawd, boss, dey was de wust ever. Why, one night I was awake by such a noise dat I ain't never heard de lak of befo'. I takes my lantern and goes out in dat patch over dere, and what do you 'spose I foun'?"  
"I have no idea, uncle. What was it?" the Northerner replied.  
"Lawd, cap, de old pappy boll weevil had a big stick beating all de little boll weevils 'cause dey wouldn't take two rows at a time."

**UNCLE SI.**  
Sam Ball an' his wife had a row last night," said Uncle Si, as he moved to make room for me on the counter, "an' it goes to show the wicked ain't got no chance o' gitin' by, as the boys say. Sam, he'd been chawin' tobacco on the sly fo' years, bein' careful to rinse his mouth good befo' goin' home, an' his wife never suspected nothin'. But last night him an' her got to talkin' about somethin' an' Sam fo'got an' had a chaw in his mouth befo' he knowed it. She give him the dickens, an' cried after she told 'im she was goin' to get a divorce.  
"Habits o' wickedness sho' gits a feller in trouble. My folks moved up here when I was a little chap, and I had to fight the town boys a right smart. Licked 'em, too, mostly, on account o' me havin' copper-toed boots an' kickin' the shins. I knowed it wa'n't no fair way to fight, but I done it ever' time. An' then when summer come an' I was barefoot, a boy jumped on me an' I plum' fo'got about not havin' no boots on an' kicked him on the shin. Like to o' busted my big toe.  
"It learned me somethin', though. It learned me that a man ain't much but a bundle o' habits in a skin, an' once the habits takes root they ain't no chance o' hidin' 'em."

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**AMERICAN RANCHERS FEAR CONFISCATION.**  
American ranchers in Northern Mexico face confiscation of their lands under a recent decree published by the Mexican Government, according to a message received by the San Antonio Express from Louise J. Magenis of Del Rio, Texas. Hundreds of thousands of acres are said to be involved.  
The decree is said to have been published in the official organ of the State of Coahuila, December 5.

**PEARSALL WOMAN KILLS SECOND DEER.**  
Mrs. R. L. Brown of Pearsall, Texas, while out hunting in December, killed a large buck, the second one she has killed this season.

**SOUTH TEXAS TOWNS PROSPEROUS.**  
Business is good in South Texas towns, including the border towns, according to reports from traveling men who have visited this section of the state.

**BIG STATE FINANCIAL DEFICIT.**  
December 1, 1923, according to the State Comptroller of Texas the state deficit was \$4,852,200.00.

Thirty-one carloads of turkeys have been shipped out of Hico this season, averaging around 28,000 pounds to the car. Last year Hico shipped 27 cars of turkeys. A full carload of eggs was also shipped in one week.

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Caution should be used when employing gasoline to clean parts of the magneto. As little as possible should be used, and then only when absolutely necessary. If the magneto has been cleaned with gasoline do not put it into operation as soon as cleaned because the average gasoline of today does not evaporate as readily as generally expected and a spark occurring at the contact breaker may accidentally ignite the cleaning liquid and cause damage to the car, or at least to the magneto. There is an additional danger of fire when spark plug wires are disconnected from plugs, as the spark in this case intended for plugs would, of course, jump across the safety spark gap at the magneto.

A few drops of kerosene oil allowed to work into the spoke joints will restore them to their proper condition, and prevent further creaking.

In filling the radiator of the car allow enough water to pass into it to bring the level over the end of the overflow pipe. If this pipe is clear, as it always should be, the fact will be indicated by the water flowing through it. If it is not clear the water will overflow through the filler cap and not through the vent pipe, which should be attended to at once.

Neatly painted signs welcoming the motorist and asking him to boost the town by driving carefully, are excellent advertising. The cost is nominal. It's a good plan for the motorist to suggest the idea to townspeople when stopping off for information. The chances are that when he passes through next season, a bright, new sign will greet his eyes.

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# TEXAS FARM NEWS

The pecan crop in the Brownwood territory was much larger than was anticipated. The gathering of the crop gave employment to a large number of persons.

Texas breeders have made an enviable reputation during the year of 1923 in the corn belt of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, as producers of high-grade feeders.

The 1924 meeting of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association will be held in Denton, according to A. L. Ward, swine husbandman of the A. & M. College extension service of the association.

Smith County, East Texas, has passed the 34,000 mark for number of bales of cotton ginned. It is the largest cotton crop in this county in five years.

According to expert reports, live stock entered the winter in good condition, with range conditions 91 per cent of normal, against 80 per cent last year.

Farmers around Lockhart are holding their turkeys for higher prices than are now being paid. The price has been as low as eleven cents per pound on foot.

Farmers of Bowie County are having their farms terraced. Farmers who terraced last year were very much pleased with the results obtained by this method of conserving their top soil.

Parker County claims to be the champion turnip growing county in Texas. A farmer near Weatherford raised a turnip which weighed five and one-half pounds. It was of the purple top variety.

George Apple, of McKinney, Collin County, has shipped four cars of Jersey milk cows to Oklahoma. Many cars of this breed of dairy cattle have been shipped within the last few weeks from Collin County.

Brown County has also awakened to the advantage of farm terracing. Work of this kind was so satisfactory last year that there is a general demand from the county farm agent for information as to the best plans for terracing.

For the first time in history, Panhandle-raised cattle are being shipped to Tennessee. E. S. Brainerd of Canyon has just delivered 600 head of steer yearlings, which were purchased by a Kansas City commission man for a customer in Tennessee.

General rains which have fallen throughout Texas recently have further increased the promising outlook for 1924. An excellent season is provided for spring planting, and while preparation of the soil has been temporarily stopped by rains, farmers are again resuming work. Wheat and other grains look good, ranges are in good condition and the rains have assured plenty of water for live stock. Little damage is reported from the rains, which fell slowly in most places, and while streams were swollen to the flood stage in some sections, small loss resulted from overflows.

With a lead of nearly 3,000 bales over Williamson County, Ellis County beyond all doubt has established itself this year as the banner cotton county of the world. The first six counties in the order of their standing in cotton production are:

County	1923	1922
Ellis	111,023	77,953
Williamson	108,936	77,951
McLennan	85,860	87,428
Nueces	81,881	81,115
Hill	81,407	76,458
Navarro	84,719	84,846

The foregoing figures are for cotton of 1923 and 1922, as compiled and announced by the Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of the Census. According to the data, the totals for the State were, 1923, 3,923,442, and 1922, 3,019,771.

Four million dollars was paid to cotton growers in and around El Paso, for the 1923 cotton crop, according to estimates of buyers and county farm agents.

Thousands of gallons of ribbon cane syrup has been manufactured in Van Zandt County. The syrup this year is of excellent grade and is bringing \$1.00 per gallon at the mills.

Stamford's poultry show for December proved to be a tremendous success. The quality of the fowls was decidedly superior to quality exhibited at last year's show.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-three cotton ginning in Nueces County will be about 91,000 bales. This year's crop is the largest ever gathered in that county. Last year Nueces County raised 30,313 bales.

Mr. L. J. Pipes, living seven miles southeast of Cleburne, is making money from pecan raising. His trees are of the grafted, paper-shell variety. One lot of 200 pounds of pecans brought him \$100.00. Also, he picked twenty-five pounds from one tree. The trees are eight years old.

According to the annual report of George B. Terrell, Commissioner of Agriculture, the Rio Grande Valley is rivaling California in citrus fruit production and the Texas grapefruit is the best in this country. There are 15,000 acres growing 1,500,000 citrus trees. Canker is being fought vigorously by the experts.

Farmers and ranchmen in the wheat belt of Wichita Falls are elated over prospects of winter grazing. Wheat fields are furnishing the farmers adequate grazing for livestock, while ranchmen's pastures are still green and affording excellent feed for their herds.

Canadian claims to be one of the largest hog markets in the Panhandle. One firm shipped from this part of the state 439 cars of hogs during 1923, and the total shipments were over 500 cars. About \$500,000.00 will be paid to the farmers of that part of the state for their hogs this season.

Plans are under way for the annual meeting of the Panhandle Livestock Producers' association at Amarillo in February, the exact dates to be named later. This organization is the outgrowth of the Buyers and Sellers' association which was formed about eight years ago. W. T. Coble is president, and H. C. Harding is secretary.

The wheat crop near Paris and other parts of North Texas is said to be showing the best prospects for several years, and stockraisers are advertising for outside cattle for pasturing. It is feared that if not grazed down, it might be killed by a freeze. Where stockmen can furnish cattle in lots of about 150 head, they are allowed pasturing at \$1.50 per head per month.

Wild turkeys have been so numerous in certain parts of Southwest Texas that it is feared disease will break out among them, and ranchmen of that section have asked the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission to trap some of the birds for distribution in other portions of the state, according to statements of Commission W. W. Boyd of Austin.

The Fort Worth packers were compelled to import hogs throughout the year to meet the immediate needs of the two Fort Worth packing plants. The hogs were imported because not enough swine is produced in Texas to meet the requirements of the packers. It is wise for the farmers of Texas to let the high price of cotton blind them to raising enough meat for home use and enough to supply their own state?

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

### FARMS AND RANCHES.

TEXAS LAND FOR SALE CHEAP DIRECT FROM OWNERS. LIBERAL TERMS. NO TRADES ENTERTAINED.

ARANSAS & CALHOUN COUNTIES: 2,476 acres in the A. Bergara, E. Kilpatrick, Joseph Hill and Joseph Hill, Adjoins the town of Rockport and runs back through the bay on and north on the dark sandy loam and well drained; 800 acres in timber, balance in prairie.

BORDEN COUNTY: 223 acres, Sections Nos. 19 and 23. Hooper & Wade and H. T. C. Ry. Co. Surveys. Consists of two tracts situated 2 1/2 and 4 1/2 miles from Alvin; all level black sandy soil.

CHAMBERS COUNTY: 173.4 acres, Anson Taylor League and Labor and 26 1/2 acres, being west 1/2 of tract out of Andrew Weaver Survey, located 4 1/2 miles north of Alvin, 19 miles from Vincent, Texas.

EDWARDS AND KINNEY COUNTIES: 100.85 acres, Blocks Nos. 5C, 6C, 7C and 8C. Anson Taylor Survey, five miles southeast from Anahuac, Texas. 5 miles southeast from Anahuac, Texas. 6 1/2 miles southeast from Anahuac, Texas. Level, black sandy soil, well drained, timbered by Anahuac Canal Company; all fenced; improvements consist of small buildings, well and 2000 ft. well. This is an excellent rice farm.

EDWARDS AND KINNEY COUNTIES: 199.87 acres, parts of the S. S. Schaefer and P. J. T. B. Survey, about 1 mile from Anahuac and 18 miles from Stovall, Texas. Excellent timber land, 1000 ft. well, well fenced and cross-fenced; plenty of water; large groves of both native and introduced trees; located on beautiful Silver Lake; comfortable ranch headquarters and all necessary outbuildings.

EL PASO COUNTY: 1,920 acres, being Section 42, J. Pollock Survey, east 1/2, 1/4 of the water of Spear Creek, a tributary of the Nueces River, Section 41, J. Pollock Survey, east 1/2, 1/4 of the water of a tributary of the Nueces River, Section 40, J. Pollock Survey, east 1/2, 1/4 of the water of a tributary of the Nueces River, Section 39, J. Pollock Survey, east 1/2, 1/4 of the water of a tributary of the Nueces River, Section 38, J. Pollock Survey, east 1/2, 1/4 of the water of a tributary of the Nueces River, Section 37, J. Pollock Survey, east 1/2, 1/4 of the water of a tributary of the Nueces River, Section 36, J. Pollock Survey, east 1/2, 1/4 of the water of a tributary of the Nueces River, Section 35, J. Pollock Survey, east 1/2, 1/4 of the water of a tributary of the Nueces River, Section 34, J. Pollock Survey, east 1/2, 1/4 of the water of a tributary of the Nueces River, Section 33, J. 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**DALLAS SHOOTER HAS HIGH MARK**

Although John R. Taylor of Newark, Ohio, the ranking professional trapshooter of the country, has outscored his nearest amateur rival, Amateur Trapshooting Association figures for 1923 reveal that the ten leading amateurs boast a higher general average than the ten leading professionals.

Taylor, in the course of the season, broke 1,969 clay targets in the 2,000 shot at, for an average of .9845, but Phil R. Miller, amateur from Dallas, Texas, with an average of .9823, and W. H. Heer of Guthrie, Okla., with an average of .9813, have outscored all other professionals, and others in the amateur list show a corresponding advantage over their "pro" rivals.

In the Texas ton-litter contest recently closed it was found that Texas won over Indiana and could produce more pork in shorter time and therefore more economically than Indiana, which State boasted of a record in producing a litter of pigs weighing 3,040 pounds in six months, but it was proved conclusively that under a balanced ration, prepared by the extension agents of the A. & M. College of Texas, that pure-bred hog production can be made profitable even when the market for hogs is very low and corn very high, as in the last few months.

The winner of the contest was Vic Hill of Waco. His litter of twelve pigs gained a total weight of 3,898 1/2 pounds in the 180-day period covered by the contest. The cost of the production per pound was 5 1/2c and the market at Fort Worth was about 9c, giving him a profit on his pork of 3 1/2c. However, he sold his stock for breeding purposes at a much higher price.

During the holidays, lemons, grapefruit, sweet potatoes, spinach, tomatoes, cabbage and mixed vegetables have all been represented in the movement to markets from South Texas points. In the fruit line, Texas oranges cleared the trade at \$4.50 to \$5.00 per box, Texas lemons went to retailers at \$3.00 to \$4.00 per box, and Texas grapefruit was in demand at from \$4.50 to \$5.50 per box.

There have been 20,000 bales of cotton ginned in Cooke County this season and the gathering has been practically completed. The number of bales ginned is much larger than the amount raised in this county in 1922, and for the most part has brought the farmers much better price.

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**GREAT MEN AND WOMEN.**

One of the foremost men of his day in almost every line was Mirabeau B. Lamar. He was born in Georgia in 1798. The exact date is not known. His early life was that of the early pioneer. He was given a very good education for those days. All through life he showed his early training and education. While quite young he displayed fine literary taste. Mirabeau Lamar wrote many poems and several stories in his life time.

He came to Texas in 1835. He at once entered into the political life of the country and throughout the Texas revolution and the Mexican war of 1846, served with distinction and credit to his country and to himself. He was commander of a cavalry corps at the battle of San Jacinto.

He was the first Vice-President and the second President of the Republic of Texas.

After a rather stormy but extremely successful life he died in 1859. God was kind to him; he lived to be sixty-one years old, fourteen years after his beloved state was annexed to the United States.

Following is one of his poems which I do not think is inappropriate to print here. Don't you think it is beautiful?

**THE STAR AND THE CUP.**  
"I love the bright lone star that gems  
The banner of the brave;  
I love the light that guideth men  
To freedom or the grave.

But oh, there is a fairer star  
Of pure and holy ray  
That lights to glory's higher crown,  
And freedom's brighter day.

It is the star before whose beams  
All earth should bow the knee—  
The star that rose o'er Bethlehem  
And set on Calvary.

Let other's round the festive board  
The maddening wine-cup drain;  
Let other's court its guilty joys,  
And reap repentant pain.

But oh, there is a sweeter cup,  
And he its raptures mine,  
Whose fragrance is the breath of life,  
Whose spirit is divine.

It is the cup that Jesus filled;  
He kissed its sacred rim;  
And left the world to do the same  
In memory of Him.

**A TEXAS BIRD.**

This is one of the stories selected by the judges to be printed on this page in the Bird Story Contest. I think it is real good, don't you?

**A Texas Bird I Know and Love, (The Dove.)**  
I have had many birds in my possession but none do I love so much as my little dove, which I now possess. It is a dark gray tinted creature, gray colored eyes and very small feet. I feed it thrice a day, out of my hand. It comes to me when I call "Peggy." Can you believe a small bird to be so wise?

I have had this dove since June. How I happened to have it is simple. As I was coming from church I heard something chirping, and I looked and saw a small bird. I examined it and to my surprise I found it had a broken wing. I have tended to it ever since, but now it is well and I hate to let it fly away, but that is their only freedom. The foods of this bird is but simple, consisting of bugs, gravel, flower seeds, maize, etc.  
Some story for a girl of fourteen years.  
Our Motto: "Try, try and you will get by."  
(Signed) ELIZABETH HUTTER.

**LITTLE GIRL'S COOK BOOK.**

These cold winter nights makes our thoughts turn to the warm evenings at home and no better amusement is found than to "make candy." Here is a delicious recipe that I am sure you will enjoy:

**DOUBLE FUDGE.**  
2 cups granulated sugar  
1/2 cup of cream or milk  
2 squares of chocolate, or  
2 tablespoons cocoa  
1 tablespoon butter.  
Boil seven minutes, then beat and spread in buttered pan to cool.  
2 cups brown sugar  
1/2 cup cream or milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup walnut meats, chopped fine  
1 tablespoon butter  
Boil ten minutes; then beat and pour out on top of fudge in pan. When cool cut into squares.

**APPROPRIATE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.**

Here are a few suggestions of good books for children under eight years of age. They are highly recommended by the Children's Librarian's Section of the American Library Association.  
"The Boy who Knew What the Birds said," by Padraic Colum.

"Children's Garden of Verses," by Robert Louis Stevenson.  
"Children's Book," by Horace Elisba Scudder.  
"The Dutch Twins," by Lusy Fitch Perkins.  
"East O' the Sun and West O' the Moon, and other Norwegian Folk Tales;" edited by Mrs. Gudrun Thorne Thompson.

**FAMILIAR POEMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.**

This dear little poem is very quaint. I think. Don't you? Can't you just see your Grandma in the part?

**THE MINUET.**  
Grandma told me all about it,  
Told me so I couldn't doubt it,  
How she danced—my Grandma danced—  
Long ago;

How she held her pretty head,  
How her dainty skirt she spread,  
How she turned her little toes,  
How she slowly leaned and rose—  
Long ago;

Grandma's hair was bright and sunny;  
Dimpled cheeks too—Ah, how funny,  
Really quite a pretty girl—  
Long ago;

Bless her, why she wears a cap,  
Grandma does, and takes a nap  
Every single day; and yet  
Grandma danced the Minuet—  
Long ago;

Now she sits there, rocking, rocking  
Always knitting grandpa's stocking  
Every girl was taught to knit—  
Long ago;

Yet, her figure is so neat  
And her way so staid and sweet,  
I can almost see her now  
Bending to her partner's bow—  
Long ago;

Grandma says our modern jumping,  
Hopping, rushing, whirling, bumping,  
Would have shocked the gentle folk—  
Long ago;

No, they moved with stately grace,  
Everything in proper place;  
Gliding slowly back again—  
Long ago;

Modern ways are quite alarming,  
Grandma says; but boys were charming—  
Girls and boys, I mean, of course—  
Long ago;

Bravely modest, grandly shy  
What if all of us should try  
Just to feel like those who met  
In the graceful Minuet—  
Long ago;

With the Minuet in fashion  
Who could fly into a Passion?  
All would wear the calm they wore—  
Long ago;

In time to come, if I perchance,  
Should tell my grandchild of our dance  
I should really like to say,  
"We did it, dear, in some such way"—  
Long ago;

**WAS KING TUT A BOY KING?**

Within the next few weeks men will look into the face of a Pharaoh who ruled Egypt 3300 years ago, and archaeologists all over the world are wondering this: Will the mystery of Tutankhamen be solved?  
There is a mystery. His whole tomb proclaims it. The frantic haste in which he was buried with his palace furniture suggests some ancient drama. His tomb was not even finished. Compared with any other royal tomb in the Valley of the Kings it is a humble thing—an unworthy place for a king of Egypt to await Eternity.

Was King Tut an old man, worn out with trying to revive the ancient splendor of his country after his brother-in-law's expensive heresy? Or will there be found on his body the mark of an assassin's dagger? Or was he a boy king who died from disease?

"With very few exceptions—the rush sandals are a case in point—the garments it (the tomb) contained were those of a child," says Mr. Carter, who is conducting the explorations. "Our first idea was that the king might have kept stored away the clothes he wore as a boy, but later on one of the belts and on the sequins of one of the robes we found the royal cartouche. He must, then, have worn them after he became king, from which it would seem to follow that he was quite a young boy when he succeeded to the throne.

"The question raises an interesting historical point, and we shall be eager to see when the time comes the evidence of age the mummy will supply. Certainly, whenever the king appears on the tomb furniture he is represented as little more than a youth."

"In the coming winter" Mr. Carter continues, "our first task—a difficult and anxious one—will be the dismantling of the shrines in the sepulchre chamber. It is probable, from evidence supplied by the Rameses IV papyrus, that there will be a succession of no fewer than five of these shrines, built one within another, before we come to the stone sarcophagus in which the king lies, and in the spaces between these shrines we may expect to find a number of beautiful objects.

"With the mummy—if, as we hope and believe, it remains untouched by plunderers—there should certainly lie the crowns and other regalia of a king of Egypt. Imagination falters at the thought of what the tomb may yet disclose.

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**WOMAN'S PAGE**

MRS. MARGARET STUTE

**HOME PROBLEMS.**

**HINTS ON FURNITURE.**

One of the most difficult yet delightful problems facing a wife at the beginning of house-keeping or in refurnishing a home is the selection of correct furniture. Most of us face the same condition in one respect and that is a limited purse. So we must plan and "bargain" in order to get most for our money. A mistaken idea is that we must rush out and buy "everything" at once. We must remember that an artist never finished a picture in one day. He takes his time and adds a little here and little there. So must we, too. Remember, we are "Home Artists" and must work accordingly.

It is very nice in bed rooms, as it can be sponged off with a damp rag and is very sanitary. Besides the usual necessary articles of furniture, there are many novelties that are both pretty and useful.

First among these may be mentioned sewing cabinets. There are many styles. Foremost among them are the Margaret Breckenridge, the Mary Ball and the Martha Washington and the Elizabeth Jane. They are artistic and useful.

Then there are odd light chairs, fancy tables, unique desks, etc., that will fit in any modern home with modern furniture, although of odd design.

Another convenient article is a tea cart. Here one will find many designs and a wide range in prices. In these maddish days of house-keeping a woman will find it a great benefit and a time-saver when entertaining guests.

After you have done this, then decide just how much you can really afford to spend. Then decide which pieces are the most needed. Buy these now and then, as time goes on you can add a piece here and there. By so doing, everything will gradually assume a part of your personality, and that is the aim of every thoughtful housewife.

"Men build houses but women build homes," is a true saying, indeed.

It is usually best to buy what is known as "open sets;" then you can fill in the needed pieces when you can afford to buy them.

Mahogany is, I expect, one of the most popular woods used in the manufacture of furniture. It is appropriate in any room of the house from the parlor to the bed room (except the kitchen, of course). Many women do not like it because it is considered hard to keep. However, I have found it just as easy as any other, as all furniture must be kept free from dust in order to be attractive. Another feature in its favor is because this furniture is usually well made, and is more durable.

A unique book rack is always a pleasure and a very useful piece of furniture. There are several designs made on wheels. These are to be preferred to any other style.

The little tots have their odd pieces of furniture. There is on the market this year a notable bit of furniture called the Hi-Ta which can be used in the kitchen or in the dining room for the little one's meals. On cold damp days, or if the little one is too small to play on the floor, he will be able to amuse himself with toys on the tray. It is on wheels and can be moved easily from room to room. It is made from durable hard wood, well seasoned and carefully selected. The construction is strong. It is also equipped with an automatic lock which is dependable.

Walnut is another favorite wood. There is birch, maple, pine and many other, too. But in the selection one must not think of the price alone but also the quality and durability, the use it is to be put too and the appropriateness of the type.

Upholstered furniture is at present very popular for living rooms and parlors.

With the advent of painted woodworks, painted furniture became popular.

The tablecloth is a handy piece for the kitchen or lawn supper in summer. It is called the "Nunest," a fold leaf dining table capable of seating eight people comfortably.

Many bargains can be had at second hand stores. But it is best if buying second hand furniture to buy from the original owner. And then no "thin finish" has been added and the true condition of the wood can be seen.

Whatever you do or what ever you buy, always hold in your mind the picture of your house as you wish to see it furnished. Don't buy anything because it is cheap or a "bargain" if it does not fit with your plan and harmonize with the rest of your furniture. Don't accumulate "white elephants" to add to your expense and work.

**LATE FASHIONS.**

This modish dress is extremely smart for afternoon wear. Made up of black kasha with a white hem of the same material around the bottom and mottled black and white wooden bead embroidery, it presents a stunning appearance. A hat in black and white colors will complete the artistic affect.

**HOUSEHOLD HINTS.**

A fairly good laying mash can be made by mixing cornmeal, wheat bran and ground oats, equal parts to which is added one third of the mixture in alfalfa meal. This should be moistened with either sweet or sour milk; if this is not available add about twenty-five per cent of economical beef scraps.

Sprouted oats will bring winter eggs where other "green foods" cannot be obtained.

Feed cracked corn alone to hens on a cold night and be generous with the supply.

Fresh ink is removed by soaking the garment in sweet milk or sour milk, washing the spot with warm soap suds and rinsing with luke warm water.

It is advisable to keep a high shelf or locked closet for cleaning materials as many of them are poisonous.

If rabbits bother young apple trees grease the trees with the skin of an opossum.

Don't forget to use oil generously on all your machinery and implements during the winter months as they wear quicker from rust than from use.

When Bill wanted to buy a chicken from Mrs. Smith she sold him one. Mrs. Smith knows Bill, and she said it was better to sell him one cheap than to have him steal it.

Brown rot in plums can be prevented easily. Spray trees with Sulfocide just after bloom falls. Repeat in ten days. Then when plums are well formed spray again.

B—"Did they rotten egg you when you lectured at Sam Crossing?"

X—"No, they're conservative cusses. They tried to offend me their rotten eggs at the locan restaurant."

**FIRST AID TREATMENT and QUESTION BOX.**

To remove a foreign body from the upper eye lid either draw the upper lid down over the lower lid, so that as the upper lid returns to its normal position its under surface will rub against the lashes of the lower lid and the substance be dislodged, or turn the lid up over the tip of the finer a match or a pencil, so as to expose the under surface and remove particle with the corner of a piece of gauze or handkerchief.

To remove a particle from under the lower lid draw the lid down against the cheek bone and instruct the person to look up; or turn the lid over so as to expose its under surface, and then brush off the particle with a clean cloth.

If a foreign body is present in the ear such as a seed, or other body that will swell under the influence of oil or water, syringe the ear with alcohol which will cause it to shrink. If it is an insect, or a hard substance, oil or warm water can be used. When syring be careful not to close the orifice of the ear with the syringe. Always have the person turn the head on the side of the affected ear. If syring fails, see a physician. No one except a doctor should use force in the ear. Always be sure foreign body is removed, even if pain should stop, as it liable to cause some serious condition later.

**WINTER GARDENING.**

Most of our "winter gardening" is done indoors with a paper and pencil (except perhaps in the extreme South of Texas). This is the time of year to really plan your next year's garden. If you wait too long spring will be here before you know it with its many and various duties; and it will be just like last year, you will rush in and plant without a thought as to space and variety. The long winter evenings when you are all together is an excellent time to plan. Take a piece of wrapping paper and a colored pencil. Draw an outline of your garden space and set it off just like you want it. You don't know how much fun it is and then, too, next summer you will be delighted how many more things you were able to grow just because you did a little planning beforehand.

It won't be long before we can do some actual work, too. In the South of Texas the farmer starts his hot bed and cold frame in January and from then on the era moves north so that by the end of March all of Texas is growing vegetables.

Cabbage should be started very early. Tomatoes can be started about February 20th to March 10th, according to locality. Pepper plants are started a little later. Give your garden its real thought now and it will save labor later.

The flower beds must not be forgotten. Pansies can be set out in January. Sweet peas must be planted in January. Some florists advocate fall for transplanting rose bushes, trees, shrubs, and other such flowers and ornamental shrub, but the writer prefers March to any other month. If you are fortunate to put them in just before a rain you are most "lucky."

**TESTED RECIPES.**

**APPLE FAWN**

Line shallow earthen baking dish with rich pie crust and bake until brown. Prepare highly spiced apple sauce with ginger syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg and one tablespoon melted butter. Beat yolks of two eggs, and add to sauce. Make meringue of whites, fill pastry shell with mixture and return to oven. Serve very hot, with sweetened cream.

**EGGS A' LA SWISS.**

6 hard boiled eggs (out in halves)

1/2 cup grated Swiss cheese

1 cup tomato soup

1 cup water

1 tablespoon each butter flour

Melt butter, add flour, pour in tomato soup and water. Boil up, and add eggs. Heat thoroughly, remove eggs to serving dish, add parika and cheese to sauce, stir until well blended, and pour over eggs; arrange in rounds of toast.

**RUMP ROAST.**

An excellent way to cook this choice cut of meat is to put three tablespoons of bacon grease and three tablespoons butter (for a small cut) in a deep cooking dish. To this add one small onion chopped very fine and a little of red pepper pod. Then flour meat slightly and brown in the above mixture on both sides. Season with salt and pepper and cover. Do not add any water, it will cook in its own steam. Cook very slowly on top of the stove; forty minutes before it is done lay several small carrots and potatoes on top of roast.

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