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## LUNCHEON CLUB IS ORGANIZED HERE

Initial Meeting Well Attended And Much Interest Manifested As Officers are Elected.

The noon-day Luncheon held last Monday by the business men and citizens of Merkel and surrounding community, at Ed's Cafe, was well attended and indeed a success from every standpoint. There were about sixty present and practically all signified a willingness to become permanent members of a regular Luncheon Club, which was then and there formed.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank; Secretary, R. L. Grimes, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank. The Executive Committee is composed of Messrs A. C. Rose, J. T. Dennis and J. C. Mason. Committee on Membership: W. L. Diltz, Jr., L. B. Scott and Chas. H. Jones. By-Laws: Dr. R. I. Grimes, T. G. Bragg, W. O. Boney and John Sears. Program Committee: S. D. Gamble, T. E. Lassiter and Thos. Durham.

As has been known by every one, there has been a number of similar organizations perfected in Merkel during the past few years and from which there has been but little results further than the fact that such an organization had been perfected. And to be plain about the matter, all just because of the like of that little word "cooperation." And we might say here that Mr. Thompson's remarks after his election to the presidency of the new organization, to the effect that "if the membership of the club and the citizenship in general were not going to cooperate and help put over the things that were to come up and be undertaken, that he would rather they would accept his resignation at that time, and that if they did not cooperate, his resignation would be forth coming," was indeed timely and to the point.

Both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Grimes are wide-awake, live energetic, and progressive, as well as successful business men—men connected with our two splendid banks, who, by such connection, are in a position to know better than any one else the business and financial conditions of our city, and this paper congratulates those present in thus placing them at the head of this organization, making the success of same assured, provided the citizenship of Merkel will lend them that helping hand and cooperation that they are entitled to, and that is needed to put over the different problems that are to come up and that will be espoused by the organization.

At both the last and former luncheon the fact that Merkel was and had slept on her rights in that trade was being pulled by other towns that rightly belonged to her, and that Merkel was not growing and building as it should, were her citizenship alive, up and doing. Yes, many facts were brought out showing that nearby towns that had previously been considered not nearly as good towns, were now, by progress and push, forging ahead, and that it is up to the citizenship of Merkel to either put on the armor of progress and push, or sit idly by and see the other towns grow and prosper, and steadily draw from Merkel that splendid trade to which she deserves and is real-

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## CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Seven Announcements, Three to Be Elected, On Next Saturday April Fifth.

As candidates for school trustees to be elected for the Merkel Independent School District here on next Saturday, April 5, the following names have been handed in for publication. And in justice to all the gentlemen whose names have been handed in by their friends, we take pleasure in stating that not a single one of them have announced themselves as candidates, and are not seeking the office, but will serve if elected:

They are: A. C. Rose, A. T. Sheppard, H. C. West, J. D. Porter, John Hughes, Henry Frazier, and J. R. Lamar.

All these men are good citizens, and either of those selected at the election Saturday will do his best to render efficient and honest service.

## DR. TRUETT SPEAKS IN ABILENE TO-NIGHT

Prominent Leader of Baptist Denomination to Deliver Two Addresses There.

Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas and prominent leader of the Baptist denomination in the South, will be a visitor in Abilene Friday during which time he will inspect the West Texas Baptist Memorial Sanitarium.

Two addresses will be delivered during Friday by Dr. Truett one of which will be at Simmons College during the chapel hour Friday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. At eight o'clock Friday evening Dr. Truett will speak at the First Baptist church there, using the sanitarium and its works as his subject.

Dr. Truett is no stranger to the people of Abilene, having spoken here several times during the past few years. He is very active in the work of southern Baptists, taking part in all the great moves of that denomination.

He is regarded as the most brilliant speaker in the church and has always attracted more than capacity crowds when speaking at the local church. His addresses Friday are expected to draw extremely large crowds.—Abilene Reporter.

## BOX SUPPER AT MT. PLEASANT

The Mail is requested to announce that on next Friday night there is to be a box supper at Mt. Pleasant, and that the people of Merkel and surrounding country are cordially invited to attend same.

We are also informed that quite a number of Merkel people are planning to attend the same, and all who anticipate going are urged to all gather in a body in front of the Woodrum Hotel and leave Merke promptly at seven o'clock.

Mr. A. M. Wimberly and wife of Abilene were Merkel visitors Tuesday of this week. Mr. Wimberly owns a nice farm near here, and he was here to look after farming interests.

## CITIZENS ASK FOR A SEWER BOND ISSUE

More Than Sixty Signatures on Petition Which will be Presented to City Council.

A petition asking the City Council to call at an early date an election to determine whether or not there shall be voted bonds to the amount of \$55,000.00 for the purpose of installing in this city a sewer system has been circulated this week, and we have the report that more than sixty names were secured on same. And that same will be presented to the City Council at their next regular meeting which is next Monday evening, and that in all probability the election will be called.

During the last year or two we forget when, an election was held on this question and the vote went slightly against the question; hence it is expected that there will be an interesting and warm fight on in the one that is expected to be ordered shortly. That is all right. Let those for the question fight hard but squarely for the proposition, showing why they think it best for the city to have this up-to-date and modern convenience; and likewise those who oppose the question may to the best of their ability show why the town does not need such an improvement. But EVERY MAN SHOULD BE WILLING TO ALLOW THE MAN WHO DIFFERS WITH HIM THE RIGHT TO HIS OWN OPINION. Men and women should be too big and too broad to fall out with their friends and neighbors just because they differ over such questions.

This paper thinks that the town would be better off with the installing of a sewer system, and expects to boost for it, but we expect to be fair and not to fall out with any man who is against it. We will also extend to both sides a reasonable amount of space in this paper in which to discuss the question, both for and against, provided same is clear of personalities, slurs, etc., and that copy be in good form.

## RABBIT DRIVE AT SWANN RANCH TUE.

The Mail is requested to announce that there will be a big rabbit drive next Tuesday, April 8, beginning at the J. S. Swann ranch five miles north of Trent.

A big fine dinner is expected to be served to all participating in the drive at the noon hour, at the J. W. Wheeler ranch.

Everybody is cordially invited to participate in this one of the biggest drives of the season.

Mr. R. L. Grimes, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, accompanied by his little daughter, Lorene, spent Wednesday in Winters. Mr. Grimes, who resided in Winters prior to coming to Merkel, and who was identified very closely with the church, civic improvements and betterment of the city, reports that thriving city still growing and developing cityward very fast, having just last week voted to raise their school taxes to \$1.00, the limit by law, and then the next day voted \$50,000 for a sewer system for the city. Both elections, according to reports, were put over by big majorities.

## COZY THEATRE UNDER NEW MANAG'MT

Former Merkel Theatre Man Assumes Management, And will Open Friday Night.

Mr. H. T. Hodge, who owns several of Abilene's picture shows, as well as others at different points, informs this paper that he has secured from the Farmers State Bank, present owners of the Cozy Theatre in this city, the management of the theatre, and will open under the new management to-night, Friday, April 4th.

Several years ago Mr. Hodge owned and operated the Gem Theatre in this city, selling to the present owner, and is well known to the citizenship as a live picture show man.

He informs the writer that he has booked for the Cozy Theatre in Merkel some of the very latest and best productions now before the public. He also states that he expects to show in this city nothing but the best and cleanest that can be bought in the moving picture show world.

We welcome Mr. Hodge back into the picture show circle of our city.

## STILL IS FOUND IN JONES CO. MONDAY

A complete still, a quantity of alleged mash and what Sheriff Bond said was 'ready-made' liquor, were found about three miles from Abilene on the Anson road during Monday afternoon, it was said Wednesday morning by Sheriff John Bond. The still and mash were brought to this city and are now in the sheriff's charge.

H. C. Maddux was taken into custody in connection with the find. His bond was set at \$2,000 when arraigned before Justice of the Peace P. B. Ford.

The examining trial for Riley White, charged with the manufacture of intoxicating liquor, was held by Justice Ford Tuesday afternoon. Bond, which was set at \$1,000, was furnished Tuesday by White and he was released from custody.—Abilene Reporter.

## COURT OF INQUIRY BRINGS LIQUOR ARREST

A court of inquiry in Justice Wheeler's court, conducted by the Judge, County Attorney and local Peace Officers Messrs. Jinks Winter and John Woodward Monday afternoon, which was caused by several young men driving their car into another car on the pike some miles east of town Sunday night, smashed same badly. It is reported that the boys were considerably under the influence of liquor, which caused them to run into the other car. And we are informed that the court of inquiry Monday brought evidence sufficient to cause the arrest of a prominent and well known man residing some miles north of town in Jones county, and who on Wednesday came in and made a \$2,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury.

Miss Lola Armstrong was here to visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong Monday of this week.

There are 57 auto accidents reported every hour. See E. D. COATS. It

## NEW MEN ELECTED LAST CITY ELECTION

Messrs Sharp, Swann and Campbell Elected to Board of City Aldermen.

The City election in this city Tuesday, although apparently very quiet, orderly and clear of any argument or excitement, brought about some few changes in the personnel of the "City Dad's" which seems to have happened at many points over the state, especially where interest seemed to have been lost or neglected.

The following gentlemen were declared to receive the highest votes for Aldermen in Tuesday's election: W. W. Campbell, J. S. Swann and J. P. Sharp. Mr. Swann has been a member of the city officials for the past two years, but Messrs Campbell and Sharp are new members. Mr. Sharp having served several terms some three years ago.

They are all good citizens and capable of rendering the very finest service in their respective capacities, and both Messrs. Campbell and Sharp in conversation with the writer since their election state that they shall give fair and honest consideration to any and all moves or propositions that may be for the betterment of our city or that is to the best interest of the citizenship of same.

The following will constitute the City's official family for the next year: Mayor, H. C. West; Aldermen, W. O. Boney, A. T. Sheppard, J. S. Swann, W. W. Campbell and J. P. Sharp, with Mr. J. L. Winter as City Marshal.

## OVER \$100,000 FOR FARM BUREAU MEM

According to reports given this paper the members of the local Farm Bureau Association, have been paid through their organization considerably more than \$100,000.00. That is considerably more than this amount has been received and deposited in the two splendid local banking institutions.

We also learn that with this installment the cotton farmers of this section who are members of the organization, have already received the sum of 25 cents per pound for their cotton, with another installment yet to come in June, we are told.

## FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

The Fifth Sunday Singing Convention met with the Noodle Community. The largest crowd gathered that ever before attended one of these meetings. It was estimated that five hundred people partook of the bountiful dinner spread on long tables in the church yard. There were visitors from Anson, Abilene, Merkel and all near by communities. The singing was immensely enjoyed, as likewise was the feast. Those attending from Merkel were: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, Mr. W. W. Wheeler, A. Morton and wife, Parker Sharp, W. G. Leach and wife, S. K. Eckerd and wife, Lee Acuff and family, W. F. Hamblett and wife, J. W. Schindler and wife, Roscoe Sharp and others.

Vote for School Trustees on Saturday.

## PARENT-TEACHERS MEET APRIL NINTH

Annual Election of Officers and Other Important Business on Program for Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association is the annual election of officers and all members and patrons are urged to be present.

A Library will be given to the room who has the most voters present.

We have been placing these libraries each month in order to hold the affiliation of this school. Remember if you have not paid your dues, twenty-five cents, please do so and it will help to place more libraries.

Don't forget to come to this meeting.

**Program**  
For April 9, at the school building, 3:30 in the afternoon. Devotional, led by Rev. W. H. Albertson.  
Selection by Choral Club.  
Reading, Lucille Guitar.  
"Is the Child to Blame?", Mrs. Judd Sheppard.  
Solo, Mrs. Grace Tipton.  
Business session.

## DR. ARMSTRONG IS ATTENDING CLINICS

Dr. M. Armstrong left first of the week for New Orleans, where he will spend some ten days attending the Medical Clinics, taking a special course in the treatment of Diabetes by Insulin.

It has been just 32 years since the doctor first attended the splendid medical institution in that state, and in order that he might keep pace and keep up with the progress in medical science, he has taken a number of special courses there. For the past four years his son, Dr. Frank Armstrong has been a student there and now is an intern in that states great medical hospital. The elder doctor has spent a few weeks in special work there every year during the time his son has been there. Dr. Armstrong will likely return some time next week.

## MISSSES SHARP AND DENNIS IN RECITAL

Miss Lucy Tracy, Expression teacher will present Misses Lola Dennis and Nell Sharp in recital Friday evening at the High School auditorium, beginning at eight. Misses Sharp and Dennis are talented young ladies and are among the best gifted readers in the class of Expression. The following program will be rendered:

1. Legend of The Twilight Bell—Cox, Nell Sharp.
2. Her First Appearance—Davis, Lola Dennis.
3. Wee Willie Winkle—Kipling, Nell Sharp.
4. Hats—Cox, Lola Dennis.
5. Poems: (a) Land of Beginning Again—Tarkington; (b) Just As Your Mother was—Tilzer, Nell Sharp.
6. Polyanna—Porter, Lola Dennis.
7. Within the Law—McDonald, Nell Sharp.
8. Selections: (a) The Old Apple Tree; (b) Temptation; (c) Spell of the Youkon; Lola Dennis.
9. A Quaker Contention—Koogle, Misses Sharp and Dennis.

# Deposit Insurance

The guaranteeing of bank deposits under the Guaranty Fund Law amounts simply to the insurance of deposits, without cost to the depositor. The State of Texas has provided this **FREE DEPOSIT INSURANCE** for your safety. Bank with us and avail yourself of this free protection.

State Guaranty Fund Banks are The only Banks In Texas Protected By The Depositors Guaranty Fund.

## Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas  
A Guaranty Fund Bank

### ESTIMATED INCOME OF BAPTISTS VERY LARGE

Would Receive \$20,259,681 If All Members Were Faithful Tithers, Giving One Tenth.

Dallas, Texas, April 1.—The estimated annual income of the Baptists of Texas is \$202,596,812 according to figures which have recently been compiled by the executive board of the denomination in this state, Dr. F. S. Groner, general secretary of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas asserts. If all the Baptists of Texas were tithers, faithfully giving their tenth to the church causes, the denomination would receive \$20,259,681 annually to carry on its work, Dr. Groner said.

The figures were compiled from a report on the average per capita income of the people of Texas, which showed that the average individual, including men, women and children, receives \$538 a year. It is taken for granted that the average earning power of the Baptists is equal to that of other people of the state.

Equally dividing the causes of the local church expenses and missions, education and benevolences there would be available for the major objects of the denomination this year the sum of \$10,129,840. This would represent an increase of \$6,832,820 over what was given to local church expenses last year, or approximately 200 percent and an advance of \$8,429,132.23 over what was given to the missions, education and benevolences, last year, a gain of nearly 500 percent.

### QUESTIONS FOR PATRONS OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL

Have you ever visited your children's school and seen their daily surroundings for five or six hours during eight or nine months in the year?

Have you ever tried to brighten a teacher's hours by an invitation to your home, or a drive, or a concert or entertainment?

Have you ever sent a picture or a plant to the school building?

Have you in any way shown interest or appreciation of a teacher's labors?

Have you an acquaintance with your school trustees?

Have you been careful to choose those who would best guard the school's interest.

Do you examine the grade cards, recognizing that they tell you how your child stands in his or her school work? In what study they need more application and your encouragement, or wherein they should receive your commendation for their honest effort?

Have you weighed and measured your child to ascertain whether it meets the required standard.

### BE A REAL BOOSTER

Boost your city, boost your friend;

Boost the lodge that you attend,

Boost the street on which you're dwelling,

Boost the goods that you are selling,

Boost the people round about you,

'They can get along without you, But success will quicker find them

If they know that you're behind them.

Boost for every forward movement,

Boost for every new improvement,

Boost the man for whom you labor,

Boost the stranger and the neighbor,

Cease to be a chronic knocker, Cease to be a progress blocker,

If you'd make your city better, Boost it to the final letter.

—Edgar A. Guest.

Raisin Bread, fresh every day

Quality Bakery. 1t.

### BETTER HOMES IN WEST TEX., TOWN AND RURAL

Says Porter A. Whaley, Manager of West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

We estimate there are now approximately 4000 new city and town residences under construction in the smaller West Texas cities and towns. This figure does not include construction in cities of over 15,000 inhabitants. Many of these new homes are in every way vastly superior to the homes built in the past. Not a small number of these new West Texas homes are of brick and concrete construction.

But West Texas is entitled to the very best homes. Its business and wealth warrant the very highest type of home, and nowhere more so than on the farms.

Why not a better home demonstration in your town? Are you interested? If so, write to Better Homes in America, 1654 Penn. Ave., Washington, D. C. for full campaign particulars. National Demonstration Week has been set for May 11 to 18, 1924.

### Gleaners Entertained

The members of the Gleaners Class of the Methodist Church were hospitably entertained by Mrs. Fred Guitar at her lovely home on Oak street Tuesday afternoon. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Eli Case during the afternoon. An interesting business session was held in which it was decided to have the Cook Book printed again. Plans were also suggested for more extensive work for the class.

Then a most pleasant social hour was enjoyed. As this was April Fool day, an April fool contest was had, followed by the serving of delicious doughnuts which turned out to be an April Fool trick, for the doughnuts were only made of cotton.

Mesdames Guitar and Case then served a delicious refreshment of cream and wafers. A very good number of the class were present.

At the next meeting, which is the first Tuesday in May, Mesdames Tom Toombs and J. E. Richardson will be hostesses.

### HIS AWFUL RELAPSE

A shell-shocked soldier in Germany was released from a sanitarium—cured. He was driven to the railway station in a taxi, and the chauffeur said:

"It costs you 200,000,000 marks for this ride."

The soldier thought, "Is the man crazy, or am I crazy again?"

He gave the chauffeur a 20 mark coin, whereupon the chauffeur said:

"On this you will get 300,000 marks change."

The soldier said: "Just keep the change and drive me back to the sanitarium."—Ex.

### Junior League Program

Subject: Josiah, the boy king.

Leader, Sterling Sheppard.

Song service.

Scripture, I Kings 22:1-2.

Responsive reading.

1. The young man who listened, T. J. Rea, Jr.

2. The young man who received God's word, Nell Durham.

3. The young man who obeyed, Duncan Briggs.

Reading, "Get Somebody Else, Ethel Hamilton.

Another young man who hears, receives and obeys, Tommie Durham.

Business; Benediction.

We are glad to learn that our good friend and excellent citizen Mr. Arch Harris, who has been very sick, is now reported as doing fine, and expected to recover within a short time.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes has been ill for several days with the measles. She is improving nicely now.

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Merkel Must Have Sewers NOW.

## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

of  
Merkel, Texas

J. T. WARREN, President and Director.

G. F. WEST, Vice-President and Director.

HENRY JAMES, Vice-President and Director

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier and Director.

SAM BUTMAN, Director.

BOOTH WARREN, Assistant Cashier.

OWEN ELLIS, Assistant Cashier

J. T. HOWARD }  
E. YATES BROWN } Bookkeepers  
CASTLE ELLIS }

ROSA LANEY, Stenographer.

## WE SPECIALIZE IN SERVICE

Liberty Bonds and Government Securities bought and sold.

We are under Government Supervision

### PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY PROGRAM

To be rendered Monday afternoon, April 7, at 3:30 o'clock, at the church.

1. Responsive reading No. 304.

Prayer by leader, Mrs. H. West.

1. Song, Love Lifted Me.

3.-Round table discussion:

(a) What our Missionary Society means to our church, Mrs. Geo. West.

(b) Ways and means of interesting church members who are not in the Society, Mrs. R. L. Grimes.

(c) Things we should do this year, Mrs. Henry West, president.

Business Session.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes are now occupying their new home, recently purchased from Mr. Horton. Quite a bit of improvement has been made about the house and yards, making the place quite up-to-date.

David, little son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble is ill with the measles. He is recovering nicely.

### SHOWER FOR MRS. DUNNING

Onlast Wednesday afternoon Mrs. W. G. Leach, assisted by Mrs. W. H. Laney and J. H. Wicher, honored Mrs. W. H. Dunning with a miscellaneous shower, many useful gifts were presented and all enjoyed a social hour with Mrs. Dunning.

A dainty refreshment plate was passed to the following:

Madams: Dunning, McConnell, McCoy, Jenkins, Land, Johnson, Hale, Pee, Smith, Middleton, Thornton, Elliott, Tucker, Alsbrook, Bailey, Blackk, Misses Essie and Dewey Floyd, Ora E. Bradley, Rosie Laney, Pink Milgan and the hostesses.

Mr. J. M. Johnson left first of the week for Cisco where he went to visit old friends and possibly to participate in and enjoy a big fox and wolfe hunt that was to have been staged near that city this week.

We specialize in Ford Fender Braces, front and rear, that are easy to apply. West Company, tf



My Two Jacks will make the season at by barn Four Miles Northeast of Merkel

FEE \$12.50 TO INSURE FOLD

Terms: \$2.50 cash when mare is bred, balance Due When Colt Comes

Will be careful to avoid accidents but will not be Responsible for any

J. M. TEAFF, Phone 9043-F21

## 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.

## Bettye Bonnett Box

### PRE-EASTER SALE Of NEW SPRING HATS

A large assortment of all styles and colors at remarkably low prices. Any hat in this lot for \$3.00. Will be on window display Friday and Saturday.

Any Pattern Hat in the House  
\$10.50 formerly \$14.50-\$17.50

Old hats made new, and new hats made to order. Don't fail to see us Friday and Saturday

Located in MRS. DRY'S RACKET STORE

### MAN WITH ELEPHANT'S SKIN IS IN TOWN

Mother Shortly Before His Birth Witnessed the Killing of Five Persons by Elephants.

Ralph Krooner, considered by the press and physicians as the world's greatest living curiosity, is in town with the Donald McGregor Shows next week. This man with the skin and hide of an elephant, can be seen at the Carnival grounds. One and all should avail themselves the opportunity of seeing this man while he is in town.

Mr. Krooner in a neat and well chosen way tells of his birth and the cause of his affliction. He has been before medical scientists practically all of his life, hoping against hope that there is some cure. They all tell him the same, that there is no cure for "human nature."

According to the story of Mr. Krooner, his mother was standing on a sidewalk in Plattsburg, New York, watching a circus parade. When opposite where she was standing the elephants in the parade went on a stampede, killing five persons and injuring twenty-three.

The mother was powerless to move and saw the elephants as they moved about the throng crushing the innocent bystanders down.

Five months later, as Mr. Krooner says, he was born. The skin of an elephant covered various portions of his body. Both of his hands and feet are entirely covered with the hide. In fact over his entire body is to be found the skin and hide.

Mr. Krooner studied medicine at Yale for three years, but was forced to give up his studies on account of his hands.

\$5,000.00 against \$10.00 is what I am offering with the Employers Indemnity Corporation, of Kansas City, Mo. Let me explain it to you. E. D. COATS. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard are now occupying the place recently vacated by Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNeese were here Tuesday from Abilene looking after business interests and also to visit with friends.

## "Avery Implements"

Don't miss getting a stand and have to plant over- Phone us to save you a Mr. Bill planter. A few Two Row Cultivators left. One Two Row Go-Devil left.

Let us Show you what we have.

### Everything In Hardware, Pipes, Etc.

Oh! yes, and that AERMOTOR SELF-OILING WINDMILL.

We are Hog enough to want your business  
TRY US WHEN YOU NEED ANYTHING IN THE HARDWARE LINE.

## LIBERTY Hardware Co.

Located In the Center of the Clover Leaf City

### Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: Taming wild animals  
Leader—Joe Ben Ashby.  
Human speech, Lila Mae Bird.  
Good and bad words, Alfred Tittle.  
The Gate, Lewis Tucker.  
Three gates of Gold, Agnes Sanders.  
Memory verse, Clyde Mayfield.  
All the members are urged to be present at 6:30. Come and let's try to have thirty present.

Raisin Bread, delicious and nourishing. Quality Bakkery. 1t

### Len Sublett

Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

Merkel, Texas

### "DESERT CLEANER" AGENT HERE

Tuesday of this week Mr. J. S. Bonner of Abilene called on the Mail and presented us with a large box of "Desert Cleaner." Mr. Bonner with his partner, Mr. G. N. Cox are the owners of this new invention. And it is made in Abilene. They especially recommend this cleansing soap to garages, and print shops, but is said to be very useful for common every day purposes. They are located at 928 S. Fourt St., Abilene, Texas.

Boys, see our line of Pennsylvania Bicycle tires. You'll find here a full stock of bicycle repairs. West Company. 1t

Col. C. M. Adams, J. Riordan, Harry Reagan, J. H. Green and Percy Hardison, all of Colorado, accompanied by L. B. Howard, made a trip to Abilene Monday. The visiting gentlemen were guests of Mr. L. B. Howard.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s at 6:30 p.m. Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.  
The general outlook for the work is better. There were four additions to the church last Sunday and several new pupils in the Sunday School. The spirit is fine. All pulling together we can easily make the grade. We are quite a distance from our 400 mark in Sunday School, but we are still going in that direction. Let's make it before this month is gone. What do you say?

There was a large and attentive audience to hear the pastor last Sunday morning and evening.

Let us remember that we are a part of the town. As a church is what its members make it, so is a town what its citizenship makes it. Let's boost our town. We elect school trustees Saturday. Will you be there?

Come to church and Sunday school next Sunday. We will have classes that will meet the needs of every one. The latch string hangs just outside the door. W. H. Albertson.

### METHODIST CHURCH

At the Methodist church Sunday, the pastor will preach at both the morning and evening services. Morning subject "The force that moves mountains." Evening subject, "The Judgment."

At the morning service we will have our communion. A warm welcome awaits all Come worship with us. T. J. Rea, pastor.

When you need any additional equipment for your car, whether Ford or Rolls-Royce, you should see our line and get our prices. The most complete line in Merkel. West Company. 1t

### WE HANDLE THE BEST

We handle the best Flour we can buy. Albatros, American Beauty and Bewleys Best. Fresh Meal, Feed and Field Seed. J. D. Porter Cash Grocery. 1t pd

### Announcements

For State Representative: JOHN N. HODGE  
For District Clerk: J. K. FULLER,  
Mrs. LAURA COOK MITCHELL  
J. E. McPHERSON  
For County Judge: CARLOS D. SPECK,  
J. M. STEVENSON  
For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS  
County Attorney: FRANK E. SMITH  
ROY L. DUKE  
For Tax Collector: D. T. HARKRIDER,  
ED. DICKERSON,  
R. A. McCLAIN  
For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD  
JOE T. PERRY  
(MRS) FLORENCE VANCE  
For County Clerk: W. E. BEASLEY  
For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR  
For County School Supt. M. A. WILLIAMS  
(Re-election)  
For Commissioner: T. R. LASSITER  
CHARLES P. STEVENS  
PHILLIP A. DILTZ  
HENRY R. HICKS  
JOHN S. HUGHES  
For Public Weigher: C. L. TUCKER  
(Re-election)  
JONES COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
For County Commissioner, Pre. 4 SAM L. GRAYSON

Just received a nice shipment of Shoes at right prices. Come see. A. L. Jobe. 21t2

### Scholarship for Sale

Mrs. Ouida Campbell has to sale an \$80.00 Scholarship in the Draughon's Business College of Abilene, and any one who is in need of a scholarship now, or anticipate attending this or any other Business College, will do well to see Miss Ouida Campbell at once. It will pay you to see her. 1t

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**TEACHING THE BIBLE  
IN THE SCHOOLS.**

The Vernon School authorities have adopted a wise plan for handling the matter of teaching the Bible to students. The plan adopted here is for students to become members of a class in Bible study taught by some one representing the church of the choice of the various students.

This avoids the cause of friction which must inevitably result from having classes in the Bible taught by a member of the faculty of the schools and where all students, regardless of church affiliation, must attend. The public schools are not the proper place for religious teaching, because people of all religious faiths and of no religious faith are required to send their children to the public schools, and it is impossible to avoid friction where religious teaching is sought to be done in the public schools.

Most of us prefer to have something to say about the kind of religious instruction our children get. Methodists want their children given instruction in the doctrines as taught by Methodists. The same is true of Baptists, Presbyterians, Catholics and all the other divisions of the Christian faith. Then we have Jews and unbelievers in the public schools, and, since one of the fundamental tenets of the American conception of liberty is freedom of religion and separation of church and state, the surest way to avoid controversy

over religious questions in the public schools is to leave this particular kind of teaching to the homes and churches where it properly belongs.

There has been a great deal of agitation in the past few years for the passage of a law requiring that the Bible be read regularly or taught in the public schools. Nothing could be more productive of controversy than the passage of such a law. Factions among school patrons would be formed along denominational lines and fitness of prospective teachers would be judged very largely by what church they belonged to. The public schools belong to the state and the state has no right to attempt to even remotely deal with matters of religious belief.

These pitfalls are avoided in the plan used here. If students elect to take up Bible study they are assigned to a class taught by the minister of the church of his choice. The student is not required to study the Bible. He is merely given the opportunity  
—Vernon Record.

**GOLAN NEWS**

Mrs. L. C. Williams and little son, Theron Hill, who lives near Blair, is visiting her mother Mrs. D. M. Hill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis and little son, Lewis, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Med Herron and family.

Misses Lucy Janes and Cora Mae Cooper were guests of Vera Griffin Sunday.

Mr. W. M. West gave the young people a singing Sunday night, a large crowd being present and having a good time.

Misses Vera Lewis and Bettie Byrom who are attending McMurry College at Abilene were at home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeffrey and little son, Hugh, Jr., spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Jeffrey at Sylvester.

W. M. West and family were guests of Val Byrom and family Sunday.

Several from this community attended the Singing Convention at Noodle and Newman Sunday.

Chas. Maberry of McCauley was in this community Saturday looking for a location to build a gin. He says if the people will take an interest in the gin and patronize him, he will build it here, and we think it will greatly benefit our community.

Mr. A. L. Spann of Sylvester has sold his store to a man at Cisco who is going to enlarge the building and put in a large stock of groceries. Also a black-smith shop.

Our community is progressing very rapidly. At least a dozen new dwelling houses have been erected in the past year. Our Sunday school is increasing in attendance every Sunday.

Little Lloyd Herron has been right sick this week.

Mrs. H. L. Jones and children spent last week with her mother Mrs. F. Jeffrey at Sylvester.

A card to the Merkel Mail from Mrs. Lillian Wheeler, now of Friona, Texas, states that some one has been kind enough to send this paper to her, and that she, having once resided here, appreciates same very much, as she finds much interesting news concerning old friends and the town.

Mr. Mack Cox, who for the past year has been Truck Driver for the City in the Fire Department, has lately accepted the position agent for the sale of the "Ideal Remedies," put out by the Waxahachie Medicane Co., and has an advertisement in this paper concerning same, to which we call your attention. He is a live, energetic young man and will do his best to render splendid service.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**



We have taken over the Garage on Kent Street recently owned by Bill Brown. We will continue to operate it, and to give the best of service on all cars. Give us a trial and let us convince you that we know our business.

We sell Magnolia Gasoline and Oils.



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**In this connection we would also call your attention to our large line of all the "Mobil Oils" the proper oil to use. You will also do well to see us for your next tire and tube.**

**The Place Where You Get Service "Just a Little Quicker"**

# McFarland's Garage

**Card of Thanks**

We take this method of extending our thanks and appreciation to our friends and the good people of Merkel and surrounding country who have been so good and generous to us, as the result of the loss of our home and all contents recently by fire.

You have certainly been generous to us, and we sincerely thank each and all for every gift and every kindness. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dunning.

Wade Darsey and Earl Baze returned last week from New Mexico, where they had been for a few days on business.

Merkel Must Have Sewers NOW.

**LUNCHEON CLUB IS ORGANIZED HERE**

Continued from Page One

ly entitled to. It was also emphasized by different speakers that there was plenty of business for each and every kind of business now represented in this city, and which could be maintained only by the cooperation of the different firms, and in which all must cooperate instead of "petty fighting and pulling in different directions."

One of the main topics for discussion at both the last meetings was to secure "better roads leading to Merkel," and in which all seem to agree. Another important matter discussed which seemed to meet with the hearty approval of all, was that Merkel would at once begin the putting on again of the "Trade Trips" out to the different communities surrounding Merkel, and at which splendid programs of entertainment are to be given.

As this paper sees it, taking into consideration the splendid and capable leaders of this organization, there is every reason to believe that the citizens of the town will cooperate and help them to promote and carry out any plan for the betterment of the city in any way they think best.

That the time has come when the very life and existence of the small town is standing in the balance, and can only grow and prosper, or even hold its own, by bending every effort of progress and push, every man must confess is here TODAY. There must be civic progress or the town will soon become a mere hamlet, as is witnessed all over the country where there are larger towns nearby, especially is this true where such small towns are not county seat towns.

After all is said and done, one of the best ways to help our town is to patronize its business firms. To begin with, every

firm in the city should patronize the other firms of the different kinds, in stead of going to nearby towns. The business man in the dry goods business should buy his furniture, hardware and groceries from such firms in his home town. Likewise they should patronize him. If they go elsewhere to buy such goods, they need not expect the other fellow not to pattern after them in their line. Let's stand together. This paper believes that Merkel has just as good business men as are to be found in any town, and that they are selling just as good merchandise at just as cheap prices as are to be found anywhere in this section of the country, and in many cases cheaper.

The Merkel Drug Company is this week installing a fine new Delco Frigid-Air Cream Cabinet in which they expect to keep a large stock of fresh Ice Cream for their trade. This is a new invention and is said to be very fine. This firm, we learn, will also soon install handsome new and modern fixtures and furniture.

12 per cent of all accidents are caused by automobiles. See E. D. Coats.

**MR. O'BAR IS CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF**

In this paper will be found the name of Mr. H. T. O'Bar, present County Commissioner from precinct No. 4, whose home is at Ovallo, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary on July 26.

Mr. O'Bar has been a citizen of the county for many years, has been Commissioner for six years, and has had considerable experience as a peace officer, having held deputies under some of Taylor county's sheriffs, and with his many friends believes that he is highly capable and well qualified to perform the duties connected with the office of sheriff with satisfaction to the people of the entire county.

He promises if elected to devote his entire time and attention to the duties connected with the office, and to do so in a manner that will be fair to all. He promises to enforce the law without regard to friends or foe, and believes that no man ranks so high that the law cannot reach him, or that he may be so low that he is entitled to justice and fair play.

This paper would urge that every voter before making up

his mind as to whom he will cast his vote for sheriff, to give Mr. O'Bar fair and impartial consideration.

**NEWS ITEM**

On March 26, Mrs. Annis a well beloved and honored resident of our city celebrated the celebration of her eightieth birth day.

Those of her family present were: Dr. A. A. Ennis of Aspermont, and wife, Rev. O. B. Annis pastor of Houston st. M. E. church, Amarillo, Rev. Geo. D. Durham pastor M. E. Church Clyde with his wife Doris Annis Durham, and baby, little Annis, only great grand child, Mrs. E. C. Perry and her two children, Holley and Albert. This was a surprise party and greatly enjoyed by all.

Rev. O. B. Annis will remain several days yet with his mother and sister.

**FIELD SEED**

All kinds of field seed, Hay, Hulls, and all kinds of grain at Gazzaway & Polly Feed Store on Kent Stree. Phone 16 1x tf.

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One lot of Ladies Hats very attractive Patterns . 3.95

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FOR SALE—Some single Row second-hand Implements. One two-row second-hand Cultivator worth themoney. Liberty Hardware Company. 1t

FOR SALE—Good heavy Feed Oats, free of Johnson Grass, 64 cents per bushel. J. T. Warren. 1tp

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FOR SALE—1 Firestone Ford Truck Tire, flat tread type, price \$15. West Company, Firestone Dealers. 1t

Feed Oats 64c bushel J. T. Warren. 1t

FOR SALE OR LOAN—Fresh Cows. See H. D. Simpson. 1t

FOR SALE OR RENT—Business House in Sweetwater, living apartment upstairs, modern conveniences, \$70.00 per month, or will sell for \$6500.00, easy terms. See H. D. Simpson, Merkel, Texas. 28t3p

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**WANTED**

WANTED—A man to do general farm work. Can furnish house, and work for man and family. M. P. Lattimer, Merkel, Route No. 5, Phone 9020-F14. 1t pd.

**LOST**

LOST—A Man's purse containing \$40.00 in bills, five silver dollars and 6 5 cents in change, on the street leading East from Oak street, at the extreme south side of the city of Merkel. Finder return to the Merkel Mail and receive reward. 1t

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**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT—Two residences, close in. See S. F. Haynes. 1t

Just received a shipment of Hasslers, the original, Ford Shock Absorber. All types. Let us equip your car today. West Company. 1t

**HIGH TOP'S WITCH**

By JANE GORDON

"DEED it is a witch, Mr. King, sir; I done seer with my own eyes. Last night when we's in the cabin playing cayrds something brushed past the window. Sam," he says, "I bet that's High Top's witch." Which? I asks, and Sam tells us. She roams the mountains, and its bad luck for the man that sees or tries to catch her. Joe, he once give chase, when the witch come prowlin' around the messhouse, and she throws a laugh at him and gets quick behind a tree, and when Joe looked all about she wasn't there; an' next day Joe lost his job, digtin' on High Top."

Glen King laughed, but the golden-haired child on his knee warned: "It is true what Jim says. I saw the witch one evening just as I was going off to sleep. Sister Monna had tucked me into bed and kissed me good-night. She threw a rose from the edge right through my window and into my bed—and first she kissed the rose—so I wasn't afraid at all. Maybe its only bad men that she punishes. Mr. King; Joe was a bad nigger, Mary Murphy says. He gambled money and took all poor Tim Murphy had."

"Information bureau," Glen King remarked, and pinched the little girl's cheek. "So you have seen the witch, and are not afraid of her, Angel—and Monna says that red roses mean love?" Glen King was quite untutored in the ways of John Kirkwood's daughter. And the chief engineer was.

Glen was torn with jealousy at times by the sight of Monna, walking the sweet mountain trails at the side of Bob Whitely. Bob, a New Yorker like himself, had come with the engineering commission, as secretary to Mr. Kirkwood, and Glen could not get over his dislike and suspicion regarding the ingratiating stranger. Monna appeared not to share this dislike. Sighing now, he put the child down from his knee and left the cabin; Angel walked at his side.

"And if you don't believe in the witch, Mr. King," she continued her favorite topic, "you just watch for her some evening on High Top."

Glen sat long in the moonlight at his cabin door that night; Jim, as usual was absent. As he sat across the moon-lit path fled a shadow. He got to his feet, interested—the witch, beyond a doubt. He saw a dark enveloping cape, a peaked hood rolled low.

The witch eluded him; but moonlight showed a touch of scarlet lining, where the person's arm had tightened for a moment the cape about her—or him.

Next day Glen King astonishingly received notice that his services on the great engineering commission were dispensed with. When he sought out his chief John Kirkwood received him coldly.

"This grieves me more than it can possibly grieve you," he said. "If I had not undoubted authority, I would not find it possible to believe you guilty of the very fault you have apparently been eager to help me to subdue. You were an active gambler at last night's disgraceful meeting on High Top."

Stunned, indignant, Glen King spoke but one word. "Mistaken," he said brusquely, and went to pack his things.

Black Jim brought him coffee. "Dat rascal call himself Bob Whitely, tell Mr. Kirkwood lies 'bout you, Mr. King," Jim said. "Pretendin' to look up the gamblers when he's one of 'em. Dressed up like you last night. Went to the whites' cabin. Got out so no one could catch him, an' den made the detective believe it was yo'self. I know it. An' it's Miss Monna Kirkwood that rascal wants, an' maybe'll get her, on account of his smooth ways."

"But to think," Glen murmured brokenly, "that after all our association Mr. Kirkwood would disbelieve in me—"

"Dat Bob," Jim confirmed, "is mighty smooth, Mr. King." Glen bowed his head in his head—toward him a slender figure came. The negro flew. "The witch!" the disheartened man heard him cry. Glen raised his head. Monna stood before him. A dark cape wrapped about her, its lining showed scarlet. She held out to him a wide black ribbon. "The peaked hood," she said and smiled.

"I have been High Top witch, Glen." She came to sit beside him. "After Angel was put to bed for the night I roamed the Top; really it was fun, but I had an object. Bob Whitely had whispered things about you—had insinuated to father. I had to know. So, I peeked in the cabin windows where games were played. How did I know where to go? I followed Mary Murphy's Tim one night, secretly. She had bewailed the fact of his nightly visits. And last night, Glen, I saw through a cabin door, left open but for a moment to admit a man—that man dressed as you might be dressed—but it was not you. I have told my father who the man was. And here I saw you, solitary, on your own doorstep—until you went in to bar for the night your cabin door. I have told my father that, too. Tomorrow it will be Bob Whitely who will leave the High Top commission—and not you, my Glen, dear!"

His longing arm was around the slender figure in the dark cape. "It was love for you," he said, said Monna.

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"In April I went up to Arkansas to visit my sister. . . She said to me, 'Willie, if you are going to take anything, take Cardui. It will really help you.' I came home and told my doctor what she had said and he said I could not take any better tonic, so my husband immediately got me a bottle and I began it. . . My case was a pretty tough one, I know, so I kept on faithfully. After the fourth bottle, I began to feel very much better, so much so that I was surprised at myself. I have taken six bottles now and I can truly say I feel like a different woman. . . I feel fine and I owe it all to Cardui, which I took faithfully."

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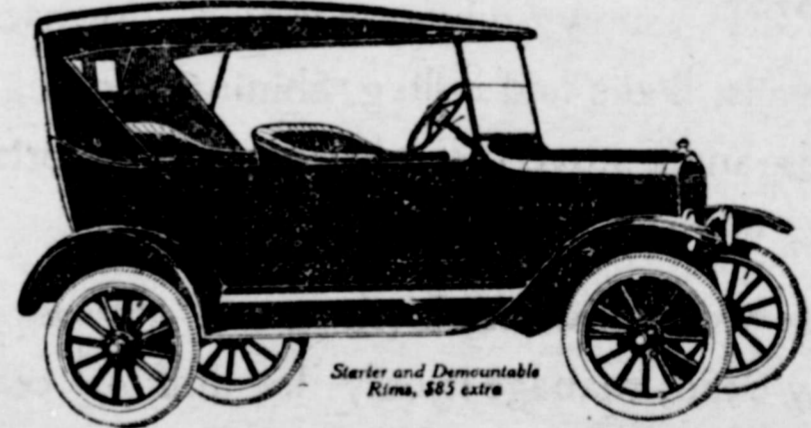
One line of tires longer than any firm in Merkel—Firestones since 1915. All sizes; get our prices. West Company. 1t

Mr. G. W. Latham of O'Donnell, Texas is in Merkel for a few days on business. Mr. Latham formerly lived here.

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Mr. W. E. Golliday, who recently purchased the home on Oak street belonging to Mr. D. B. Howard moved to same Monday of this week.

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Mr. Henry Spears, depot agent at Carlsbad, Texas, was here this week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears of Blair, Texas.

Mr. D. J. Kelly, of Ranger, Texas was here last week visiting relatives.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Jessie J. Burns by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper therein, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the second Monday in April, A. D. 1924, the same being the 14th day of April, A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of March A. D. 1924 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5480, wherein Ira Burns is Plaintiff, and Jessie J. Burns is Defendant, and said petition alleging Suit for a divorce on the ground that after they were married defendant admitted to this plaintiff that she had a living husband from whom she had never been divorced, and on the ground of cruel treatment by the defendant towards this plaintiff and third on the grounds of adultery, and for a more complete description of plaintiff's allegations reference is hereby made to plaintiff's original petition now on file in this office.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this the 19th day of March A. D. 1924.

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WHAT CAUSES KIDNEY TROUBLE?

It is a well known fact that most kidney sufferers are also constipated or at least do not eliminate properly. The food wastes stick to the sides of the colon and become hardened. Uric poison is absorbed by the blood and the kidneys are over-worked trying to get rid of it, and soon break down and become diseased.

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Discovers Odd Fish on Trip to Northern Brazil

A vulture that barks like a dog, a flat fish something like the plaice but equipped with a nasty poison spike, and vampire bats galore, are among the attractions reported by Capt. S. C. Bullock M. C., in a paper which he recently read before the Royal Geographical society in London, as having been encountered in his expedition last year to the Tocantina and Araguaya river regions of northern Brazil.

One of the members of the expedition, which traveled in a 25-foot steam yacht taken out from England, was bitten by one of the vampire bats and difficulty was experienced in stopping the bleeding. The bat is said to frequently attack humans and animals and is found in considerable numbers in the region.

The arara, as the flat plaice-like fish is called, lives in still waters and anyone bathing or walking in the water is very apt to have a foot pierced by the sharp spike with which it is equipped. The tail of the fish averages about six inches in length, and half-way along this tail is the spike, which contains a kind of poison. Natives of the district were ready with tales of many having died from the poisoned wound of an arara. The fish raises the spike perpendicularly when he senses danger.

"At one camp in this district," said Captain Bullock, "a large bird, quite new to us, was encountered, like a vulture, having five talons on each foot and one talon or spike on the middle joint of the wings, which measure nearly six feet from tip to tip. The bird is black, except for the breast and under side of the wings."

"Locally it is called 'luma' and it makes a noise very much like a dog barking. It is generally found near a lake and when frightened it takes refuge in a tree."

Captain Bullock told of an incident at one place where some waterhogs were encountered at a lagoon a short distance from the river. Two of them were shot and one fell into the water. The water was too shallow to cover the animal and before the party could get to it the piranha fish began to eat it, jumping right out of the water and onto the waterhog's back in their haste to do so. Northern Brazil abounds in curious birds, beasts and fish according to Captain Bullock.

A Marked Man

It is a custom of some hospital doctors who are treating patients suffering from heart or chest complaints of putting a blue pencil mark round the part affected, so that the condition can easily be examined day by day, sometimes leads to comedy.

One man so marked died the night following. A new patient was admitted to his bed, and the same blue-pencil process was repeated.

After the doctor had gone the neighbor of the new man turned to him and said, mournfully: "Your number's up all right."

"What do you mean?" said the patient.

"Well," continued his neighbor, "they always put a blue pencil mark round a chap what's going to die."

In a moment the new patient was out of bed, had seized his clothes from his locker and had left the hospital. As his condition was not serious, his dash led to no ill effects.

Unfortunate Man!

It used not to be common for Englishmen who have trouble with their "atches" to own costly mansions, but the war has changed all that along with much else—which makes the following story credible:

Two Americans met at a London garden party. Said the first: "To look at that Englishman you'd think he was a tramp, wouldn't you?"

"Well, I know for a fact that he hasn't a place he can call home," replied the second dryly.

"Nonsense! Why, his mansion in London is—"

"Sumptuous, you were going to say? Yes, but he calls it 'ome.'—Youth's Companion.

Capitalizing a Misfortune

A clerk in a retail clothing store stayed out so late at night that he felt compelled to snatch naps during store hours.

Being a relative of a member of the firm was all that saved him from being fired.

The manager, becoming exasperated, enlisted the aid of one of his assistants. The next day the lethargic clerk found himself in the pajama department. On the counter before him was a sign which read:

"Our pajamas are of such superior quality that even the man who sells them can't keep awake."—Printers' Ink Monthly.

Bow-Legged Ones

A Lanarkshire coal miner, hearing a chum say he was going to Glasgow, asked him to bring back a pair of stockings. The friend accordingly called at a hosiery to make the purchase, but, although shown every kind and variety of stocking, declared all unsuitable. The anxious shopman assured him that he had seen every variety that was made and could not see why some of them would not suit, whereupon the miner replied, "What I want is a pair of bow-legged ones."

Both Ways

"Crimson Gulch hasn't parking space enough to accommodate the automobiles that come to town."

"No, sir," answered Cactus Joe. "This here is a growing community with expenses to meet. If we can't catch a fiver for speedin' we get it for standin' still."—Washington Star.

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SANDBURR NEWS

We are glad to state that the general health of the community is good since the epidemic of Measles has run its course.

A number of the people of this community attended the singing at Noodle last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones have moved into their new modern bungalow which has just been completed.

Mr. John Lightsey spent a few days with home folks last week. Norman Sloan has been quite sick for the past two weeks. We hope he will soon be able to re-enter school.

Miss Ruth Wells spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells, of the Salt Branch community.

Intermediate League Program

Miss Ola Lee entertained the young people with a party last Tuesday night.

Our school was given a holiday last Friday on account of the county meet at Anson which a number of our people attended and enjoyed.

Mr. D. O. Huddleston we are informed, has purchased another 100 acre farm located adjacent to one he owns a short distance north of Noodle. This is very fine land, and the buying of this new farm adds considerably to his already large holdings throughout this section of the country.

Milo and Milford Jones of Dallas have returned to their home after visiting home folks here for a few days.

Subject: "What repentance means."  
Leader—Juanita Beene.  
Song service.  
Scripture lesson (Mark 1:14-15; Acas 3:19) Leader.  
What is repentance? Ermalee Rea.  
Prayer.  
Who should repent, Sallie Brown Solo, Lois Dixon.  
Steps in repentance, Gladys Milliken.  
Announcements, benediction.

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**New Device Is Used to Restore Old Buildings**

In England there is employed an interesting process, called grouting, whereby old buildings are restored. In its original sense grout means no more than gruel. In its building sense it is a mixture of sand, cement and water sufficiently thin to be poured. It is not a new thing, for it was probably used by the Romans, and has been employed very much since their time in engineering work. The comparatively new thing is the grouting machine, which enables the grout to be driven into places where it cannot be poured.

It is a simple machine, consisting of two parts, a cylinder of compressed air, the pressure being 100 pounds to the square inch, and a churn. A flexible hose connects them and another flexible hose with a nozzle leads out of the churn.

The dust and decayed mortar are blown out of the cracks between the stones with a jet of compressed air; clean water is then blown in to dampen the masonry just enough to make the cement adhere. Meanwhile the cement is put into the churn or grouting pan and is beaten up until it is about the consistency of cream. The preparation of it must be made carefully or the cement will grow hard in the churn and the hose. The wall being ready, the nozzle is inserted into a crack, the cracks above and below it are covered with clay to prevent the cement from leaking out, the compressed air is turned on and, passing through the grouting pan, drives the cement deep in between the stones.

Starting at the base of the building and working upward, the grouting machines will fill the whole of its walls with a new cement that reaches every crack and hole, so that when it has grown hard the building is as firm as if it were cut out of one stone. And it does this without breaking the weather-crumbled surface of its masonry or even rubbing off the mosses and lichens that have grown there.

**Memory**

"I am certain that in the academic world we always have put too much stress upon memory and not enough upon reasoning," Dr. Herbert S. Langford of Harvard said recently.

"Memory is the storehouse of information and one of the best assets of the high-powered brain. But memory under another guise is harmful. There is the student, for instance, who easily memorizes lessons, using his mind as a kind of photographic plate, without any real mental activity.

"Memories of that sort often are the most fertile for the time being; they will easily absorb and supply on demand almost any information required. But the mind as a whole does not get the instruction required, and this information later on slips from the photographic memory plate without any special benefit to the student, no matter how high he may have stood in classes."—New York Times.

**First Sound Over Phone**

The first sound was transmitted by telephone in Boston June 2, 1875. The first words were transmitted in the same city March 10, 1876, over a line less than 100 feet long, when Thomas A. Watson heard Alexander Graham Bell say: "Mr. Watson, please come here; I want you." At the time Bell was standing in a little attic at 5 Exeter place and talked over a crude telephone of his own invention to his associate. The first real telephone conversation took place October 9, 1876, over a line two miles long, between Boston and Cambridge. Professor Bell and his associate doing the talking. The first newspaper report transmitted by telephone was sent from Salem, Mass., to the Boston Globe February 12, 1877.

**To Stop Shoe Squeaks**

Shoes squeak because the pieces of leather forming the soles do not lie close together, and rub and bend with the movement of the feet.

A good plan to stop squeaking is to put a little sweet oil in a pan or dish and place the shoes to soak over night. They will take up enough oil to deaden the squeak and it is also good for the leather.

Another method is to remove a few rivets along the side of the shoe and insert powdered graphite or chalk or thin pieces of felt rubbed with chalk, and rivet up again. Three or four more small nails or pegs may be driven into the center of the sole, but this reduces the flexibility of the shoes.—London Tit-Bits.

**When Asquith Laughed**

Mr. Asquith was addressing a political meeting one day when some one in the audience made a very personal remark concerning Mrs. Asquith.

"Who said that?" demanded the speaker, angrily.

There was a sudden silence. Then a man in the rear stood up and, pointing to a farmer wearing a dilapidated straw hat, shouted: "It was him wif the cow's breakfast on his head."

The reply was altogether too much for Mr. Asquith, and he had to join in the general roar of laughter.—Boston Transcript.

**Diplomacy**

Distracted Lady — Oh, dear me, please tell me how to word this telegram to my husband. I want to tell him that the baby is sick, the cook has left, the water pipes are frozen and I want him to come home at once.

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**SIMMONS COWBOYS TO OPEN SPRING TRAINING**

Abilene, Texas, March 3.—Simmons College Cowboys open their spring baseball season with four games at Brownwood during the coming week, the Simmons nine meeting Daniel Baker team on Monday and Tuesday, and playing Howard Payne on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Cowboy line-up was characterized by coach Hays as the most promising baseball squad for the early season period that he had had in the three years

of his coaching the Simmons nine. Eight men of the 1924 line-up are letter men of last year: George Foster of Anson, Joe Gibson of Paducah, Lee Johnson of Partales N. M., Don Shiflett of Abilene, M. McCasland of Winters, Alva Hull of Snyder, Frank Kimbrough of Haskell, and Valentine Cook of Abilene.

Due to the injury of Jack Wright of Abilene, first year man on the squad, who has landed the position at third base, will be unable to play in the opening games, and a shift will be made

of McCasland, veteran catcher, to the third base. Joe Cloud of Rule will receive in the Brownwood games.

Other men who will take part in the week's diamond encounter are: Bob Estes of Abilene, J. T. Pickens of Olden, and Dick Heath of Wilson, all new men on the squad, and Earl Derryberry of Admiral, of last years scrubs. Positons in the line-up for the first games are: Kimbrough, short stop; Estes, second base; Hull or Heath, first; McCasland, third, Foster, Gibson and Pickens, outfielders; Johnson and

Shiflett, pitchers; Cloud, Catcher Derryberry and Cook utility men.

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**MRS. C. C. CAMPBELL DIES AT FALFURRIAS**

Sad indeed was the word that came to friends in this city from Mr. C. C. Campbell at Falfurrias, Texas, that his wife on Monday of this week had been called by her heavenly father to that home where life is everlasting and where troubles and sorrows are unknown.

As is known by most every one in and about Merkel, Mrs. Campbell has been in very poor health for a long time, and that during the Christmas Holidays she was taken to specialists at Temple in the hopes that something might be done to alleviate her pain and suffering, but all to no avail. Then she was removed to Falfurrias, where other specialists might do what they could, with the result that on last Monday morning at 10:30 she was relieved of all suffering and sorrow.

We understand that this good Christian woman was tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery near the above mentioned city on Tuesday morning following her death on Monday.

No better man or more devout Christian gentleman or devoted husband ever lived than Mr. C. C. Campbell, and this paper joins his many friends here in extending to him and his little daughter, their only child, deepest sympathy in the loss of their dearly beloved wife and mother.

The many friends of Mr. F. J. Smith were glad to have him return first of the week from an extended stay at Corpus Christi and other south Texas points. Mr. Smith stated that while he enjoyed his trip, he found the weather there very damp and cold, much more so than usual.

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