

## GOOD ROADS WORK MAKING HEADWAY

Commissioner W. H. Frazier who is superintending the construction of the fine dirt road work now progressing on the roads leading to this city, has completed the grading of the road known as the West Noodle Road, and has moved the big grader-tractor force over on the East Noodle road, and is now making valuable progress on same.

He is building a type of road such as will be appreciated as time goes on, which is the best road in the world out side of the hard surfaced road. However the main thing toward maintaining this kind of road is the value and importance of dragging same after each and every rain. In fact it has been demonstrated time and again that there is no better road for all the year around purpose than this type of dirt road, when same is regularly dragged, and it is to be hoped that the citizenship residing along these new roads will see to it that they have such attention.

## RETURNS FROM VISIT TO EAST TEXAS

Mr. John Sears, President of the Farmers State Bank, accompanied by his family returned first of the week from a week's visit among old friends and relatives at Whitewright, Texas.

Mr. Sears states that they enjoyed their visit and trip very much and found crop conditions there as is here, late, but improving with the coming of warm weather and sunshine.

## MR. W. H. PRINCE DIES

Mr. W. H. Prince was seventy years of age, being born on March 4th 1854. His early childhood was spent in Kentucky. He came to Texas 45 years ago and settled at Giddings in Bell County, and later lived in Bell county. Several years ago he came to West Texas and had lived in Merkel for five years.

Deceased was married to Miss Pernelia Blain in Dec. 1873 and to this union were born ten children, six of whom are still living: O. G. Prince, Weinart, Texas, F. S. Prince, Haskell, Texas, Mrs. G. D. Corley, Fort Worth, Texas, Mrs. C. O. Earp of Pritchard, Texas, Mrs. F. A. Sanders, and Mrs. J. D. Slater, of Merkel.

Mr. Prince was converted at the age of sixteen and joined the Harmony Baptist church in Kentucky, since then he has belonged to other Baptist churches where he has resided and has lived a consecrated christian life. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church and were conducted by pastor, W. H. Albertson, interment taking place immediately afterwards at Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and daughter, Miss Hazel Lee spent last Sunday with relatives at Abilene. On their return they were accompanied by their granddaughters, little Misses Louise and Alberta Fryar, who will spend a few days visiting their grand parents.

Mrs. R. E. Lee, nee Miss Nell Sharp, after spending several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp left Wednesday for Dallas, where she and husband are now residing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McLeod are this week moving into their new and pretty bungalow home on Oak Street.

## POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE WEDS

Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist church, in his usual interesting and appropriate manner at ten o'clock p. m. pronounced the words that bound in holy wedlock, Mr. Holland Teaff and Miss Nell Tracy.

The happy event occurred at the Baptist church last Sunday evening in the pastors study, and brings to a close a romance of several years standing.

The bride is one of Merkel's most accomplished and most popular young ladies and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and numbers her friends by her acquaintances. For several years she has been an able teacher in the public schools of this and other towns. The groom is likewise one of our most popular young men, of sterling worth, and excellent business ability. For a number of years he was connected with the Farmers State Bank of this city and later holding a splendid position with the West Texas Utilities Company of this city, and has always made good in each and all undertakings. And by his honesty, upright character and friendly disposition, Mr. Teaff has won for himself a large circle of close friends.

This paper joins the hosts of friends of both the contracting parties in extending to them congratulations and best wishes throughout their married career.

## 'OLD FOLKS DAY' AT METHODIST CHURCH

On next Sunday our services will be known as "Old Folks Day", which we hope and expect to make one of the greatest days in the history of the church. We cordially invite and urge every Methodist in and about Merkel to be present and lend their aid and assistance in making this "Old Folks Day" all that is desired.

To all the elderly folks, we extend a special and cordial invitation to be present, and to those who have no conveyance, we will be glad to provide you a way to get to and from the services if you will kindly phone the church or let the pastor know of your desires. The members of the Leagues are going to assist the pastor in making the services a success, and we are also glad to announce that Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, one of our grand and noble superannuates, who has this week moved to Merkel with his family, will deliver the sermon for this "Old Folks" service, and I want to assure every one that they will enjoy every part of it. So let all make arrangements to be on hand for this service Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. T. J. Rea, Pastor.

## S. S. CLASS ENJOY PICNIC

On last Monday morning, the pupils of Miss Mabel Russell's Sunday school class met at the church for a hike. They walked about four miles from town, after which various games were played. About 12 o'clock lunch was spread. Those enjoying this occasion were: Clara Louise Miller, Madeline Murray, Ola Smith Bill Hamm, Jim Patterson Jr. and S. G. Russell Jr. and teacher, Mabel Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyce have as their guests this week, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Easters and son Clarence, Mrs. Lona Mabry and Miss Mayburn French, all of Beaumont. They will spend some ten days in the Boyce home.

## BAPTIST REVIVAL BEGINS JULY 1ST

At the tabernacle the first Sunday in July our annual revival meeting campaign begins under the leadership of Rev. John G. Winsett, all necessary arrangements are being made for a great campaign. We earnestly solicit the cooperation of every member of the church and all others who are anxious to see a revival in Merkel.

Next Sunday the pastor will preach at the morning hour on, "Thinning Out The Multitudes For Battle"; at the evening hour on, "The Revival At Pentecost and The Disciple Peter."

Last Sunday evening the B. Y. P. U.'s gave expression of renewed courage and interest. Next Sunday some special features will be emphasized. Every member of the B. Y. P. U. is urged to come.

Just at the close of Sunday school next Sunday a special object lesson will be given that will be of interest to all.

Hang your hat on the rack in the front of the church by nine forty-five next Sunday morning. W. H. Albertson, pastor.

## CELEBRATES 70TH BIRTHDAY

A 70th birthday dinner was given to Grandfather I. S. Simpson at his home on Kent street May 28. All of his children and twelve grandchildren were present. A great feast of every thing good to eat was served at the noon hour, and was greatly enjoyed by all, especially Grandfather and grandmother Simpson. This good couple were the happy recipients of many nice gifts too. The children present were: Mrs. D. E. Tedford and family of Trent, Mr. H. D. Simpson and family, Merkel, Mr. I. D. Simpson and family of Merkel, Mrs. O. W. Dollahite and family of Abilene, Mrs. N. E. Peebles of this city. Others enjoying this occasion were: Elder Harris of Abilene, Mr. C. P. Hendrix, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Murdock and son of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boney, Merkel, Mrs. John Rice, Abilene, Mr. Jessie Fergusson of Merkel.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 8 all the regular services will be held. The pastor has returned from the meeting of the General Assembly, and has a great many things to tell about the meeting. Preaching service at 11 o'clock, followed by Communion. At the night service the pastor will tell about the most important happenings of the Assembly. Let us have a record attendance at these services.

The revival meeting begins the fourth Sunday in June. Dr. Sneed of Dallas will have a helpful, spiritual and inspiring message every day. The meeting will be held in the church, and all have a cordial invitation to attend. Fred S. Rogers, pastor.

Mr. B. P. Middleton returned Wednesday from ten days trip to Bell county, where he with his sister, Mrs. Polly Bailey had been called on account of the serious illness of a sister, but whom we are glad to learn had improved considerably before Mr. Middleton left for his return home. Mrs. Bailey remained for a more extended visit with her sister. Mr. Middleton returned via De Leon, from which town he moved when he came here, and from that city he was accompanied by his nephew, Mr. Leslie Daniels, who will spend a short time as the guest of Mr. Middleton and family.

## WORK HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING STARTED

On Monday of this week the contractor for the erection of the new High School building started a force of men making excavations for laying the foundation for this beautiful and modern High school building in Merkel, and at the same time the work of putting brick and much other material on the ground was begun and has been going on steadily all week. And the contractor informs us that the work of putting up the building will be pushed with all possible speed, to the end that same may be ready for the opening of the school next September.

When completed the people of the Merkel Independent school district will have a building complete and second to none in this part of the country for it's size. It will aid much in the further efforts to make of our school one among the very best in the state.

## REV. ROGERS AND WIFE RETURNED

Rev. Fred S. Rogers, the gifted and talented pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Merkel, accompanied by Mrs. Rogers and little daughter, returned last Saturday evening from their trip to Grand Rapids, Mich., where they had been to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Rogers reports the greatest trip of their lives, a large attendance at the Assembly, and a very fine harmonious meeting of the delegates from the great Presbyterian church.

And while as he stated he enjoyed very much the opportunity and privilege of mixing and mingling with eminent divines of this church, hearing them deliver great sermons and discuss the important religious questions of these modern times, he also stated that he was glad to get back to Merkel and grand old Texas. He said that he had the privilege of being assigned a seat in the assembly next to the Hon. W. M. Jennings Bryan, who addressed the meeting a number of times; being accorded as usual, the largest crowds of any of the great men and speakers.

Mr. D. O. Huddleston returned first of the week from a trip to Bell county, from which county he came to Merkel. Mr. Huddleston stated, that while Bell county was one of the fine black land counties of the state, he felt prouder than ever that he resided in Merkel and West Texas and was glad that he came to this county when he did.

W. M. Elliott of the Bob Martin Grocery Co. visited his father at Stamford last week, and on his return home, the latter accompanied Mr. Elliott for a short visit here with the former and another-son, Mr. Geo. Elliott.

Mrs. W. R. Costephens of Sweetwater is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costphens in this city while her husband is attending the Shrine convention in Kansas city.

Mrs. Arthur Rose and children returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at Big Spring, Texas.

## MISS SMITH WEDS DEL RIO SCHOOL MAN

A marriage of much interest to the town was the one which was solemnized June 1st at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens, when Miss Josie Smith of this city became the bride of Mr. Robert Underwood of Del Rio.

As the clock struck eight, Mrs. Geo. Smith, sister-in-law to the bride began to softly play the wedding march from Lohengrin, and slowly down the long winding stairway came the wedding party.

The bride entered with her sister, Miss Annie Laurie Smith of Fort Worth, and was met at the altar by the bride-groom, and his best man, Mr. Geo. Smith. The impressive ring ceremony was read by Rev. C. S. Cameron of Abilene, a former pastor and special friend of the bride.

The bride was charming in a tan satin and crepe model with harmonizing accessories. She carried an arm bouquet of rosebuds and lilies of the valley.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. F. J. Smith of this city and is loved and admired by all who know her.

The groom is a stranger to our city, but comes well recommended.

They left immediately after the ceremony for Fort Worth, where they will visit for a few days and then they will go to Austin where the groom takes his M.A. degree from the State University this summer.

Out of town guests were: Miss Annie Laurie Smith, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Abilene, Mrs. Roy Costephens, Roscoe, Mrs. Pat Jones Sierra Blanco, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, Abilene.

## 'FATHERS DAY' TRENT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Fathers Day will be observed at the Trent Baptist church, the second Sunday, beginning at 11 o'clock, June the 8.

Social committee, Joe English Carrell Chambles, Misses Guinn Loller, Perlia Meeks, Cleater Vessels.

1. Devotional services, John B. Win.
2. Scripture reading, C. T. Beckham, Sim Loller.
3. A. C. Teary, Fathers Care for His Home.
4. Special music.
5. The Christian home, the greatest force for good, J. W. Humphreys.
6. Devotional, by A. W. Woods
7. Special music, by the Merkel choir.
8. Scripture reading by S. H. Eastep, Ed Bowers, and Jack Bright.
9. Reading, Mother and Dad, by Opal English.
10. Fathers, the founders of our christian nation, by Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, a pioneer Methodist minister, who is now a superannuate in that denomination, with his family has this week moved to Merkel to make this city their home. They are mighty fine folks and this paper is glad to have them as citizens and join the town in extending them a welcome as such.

W. D. Swann, a prominent and influential citizen of Tyler, Texas, is here for a visit with his brother, Mr. J. S. Swann and to look after his real estate and ranch interest near here.

## ALL IS SET FOR TRIP TO NOODLE

As per announcement that through the Luncheon Club the Trade Trip visit by the business men and citizens of Merkel which was practiced for a while last year, is to be revived beginning to-night, Friday, when a big delegation of the business men and citizens go out to Noodle, and there mix and mingle with the good people of that very fine community. A most interesting program is being arranged and it is hoped and expected that all, every one who can, will join the trade trippers and go out to Noodle and help make the occasion a good success.

The following is a part of the program as will be rendered and as has been handed in to this paper.

Purpose of the "Trade Trips" by President of the Luncheon Club, Mr. L. R. Thompson.

Good Roads, their needs and worth, by Rev. T. J. Rea.

How to get good roads, by Dr. M. Armstrong.

Double Quarter.

Talk by Mayor West.

Reading, by Miss Lola Dennis

Talk, by Rev. W. H. Albertson.

Double Quartet.

Reading, Flora Frances Anderson.

"Lets Get Acquainted" by Rev. G. W. Cypert.

## ELD. CYPERT PREACHES HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Announcement is made that Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Christian church next Sunday at the morning and evening services, and a cordial invitation is extended to one and all to hear him.

He will also preach at Noodle in the afternoon, at three P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson returned last week from their trip out on the South Plains, where they visited friends and relatives. On their return they brought back their granddaughter, Miss Maggie Wheeler who will visit with them for a few weeks. Mr. Grayson reports the Plains dry when they left there last Thursday. Mr. Grayson reports that he was very agreeably surprsd when he arrived at his home in the Shiloh community to find on his farm a fine stand of cotton, corn, feed and etc. He stated that corn on his farm was shoulder high and soon ready to tassel out.

Mr. H. L. Propst, splendid auto dealer and garage man, of this city, one day this week called the writer by his excellent home, and pointed out to us, growing in his back yard some real fine and large nice red, juicy June peaches, and there were also a number of trees literally loaded down with apricots as well as one fine grape vine, which covered a large arbor, and which was loaded down with grapes. All of which goes to show, as one speaker demonstrated at the last Luncheon, that it would pay each and every one to plant a few fruit trees, grape vines, etc. In this instance our friend Propst will raise almost sufficient fruit for his family use. We thank him for some nice "samples" of his good peaches.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes expect to leave today for a visit with friends and relatives in Collin county; joining Mrs. Grime's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones who with their daughter Mrs. Ruth left here this week for a visit there.



# As The Farmer Sows

With another season at hand, with a new determination to gain greater returns from the soil and toil, the farmers again are taking the center stage.

Last year's gain in farm production helped this nation to prosperity. The country now is watching the farmers—the men who hold the key to this year's success. Prosperity on the farm means prosperity for all.

This strong progressive institution, alive to the farmer's needs stands ready to help again as we have helped in the past to make prosperity come to those on the farm.

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### THE ADVANCE OF DEMOCRACY

It was a dramatic moment in history a few days ago, when an English miner, James Brown, was delighted as the representative of the king and of the labor party government, to occupy for a brief period the former abode of the kings of Scotland, Holyrood palace, as a symbol of kingly power. Yet this state ceremony suggests how power has passed from monarchs to the common people. A hundred years ago not many men of his station were even permitted to vote in England.

Democratic ideals were considered visionary until the fathers of the American revolution pronounced their startling doctrines. Since then they have turned great empires upside down.

The attempt to realize these ideals is complicated by the fact that men are very far from being equal in personal characteristics. Some are brainy and some are stupid, some are diligent and some are lazy.

It thus comes about that some men will be able to secure very much more of worldly possessions than others can. This is regretted by communistic philosophers, but it seems to be inevitable if each man is to have what he individually produces.

The man who organizes a great industry may prove 1000 times as much as the indifferent worker who does just as little as he can.

The fundamental ideals of democracy are that the doors of opportunity shall be opened wide to all, that honor shall be accorded to people according to their character, service, and achievement, and not according to their wealth or inheritance, and that the purpose of government shall be to promote the welfare of all the people. Statesmen and political parties must be loyal to these ideals, or some overturn may occur like the one that recently placed a labor party in power in Great Britain.

The new Drive-In Filling Station and Tourist Park being built by Mr. Ellis Warren is being rapidly rushed to completion.

Mr. Choc Jones has returned from Dallas, after a visit there for a few days.

## MANIA FOR SPEED

French Drive Autos at Reckless Rate Down Mountains.

Writer Says Passengers Touring the Alps Sit Helpless and Trust to Luck and Skill

"The motor coach accidents which have occurred recently in the south of France do not surprise me in the least," writes a correspondent. "Having just returned from motoring over a number of mountain passes, I have had enough thrills to last me for a while.

"It was risky enough dodging the taxicabs in Paris, where apparently the speed limit is unknown, but on the steep gradients and zig-zags of the French Alps the danger becomes much more acute.

The pedestrian in Paris can, with some agility, escape with a whole skin, but a passenger in one of the motor coaches which make a feature of climbing several Alpine passes in the day can only sit helpless and trust to luck. The surprising thing is that accidents are not more frequent.

"French motor drivers have a passion for speed, and when two cars meet on a hairpin bend, with a very narrow road surface and a precipitous drop of some hundreds of feet on the one side, the situation is rather unpleasant for the car on the outside edge, and decidedly thrilling for the passengers. When taking such a curve at speed, as is often the case, it is simply a matter of nerve and steady steering that pulls one through, as a sudden application of the brakes might send the car skidding into space.

"French drivers take risks that would appall an English motorist. They rush down steep mountain roads, following each other in a dense cloud of dust, or dash out of brilliant sunshine into dark tunnels at a pace that makes one gasp.

"It all seems so reckless, and yet it is really perhaps the most expert driving in Europe. One's feelings of thankfulness at being landed whole at one's hotel door are mixed with a profound admiration of French skill in meeting road emergencies, but also with a distinct preference for the slower but safer driving to which we are accustomed at home."

Suburban Life Not All Roses.

Most young married couples sooner or later get the desire for "a little place in the suburbs with a bit of ground around it." Sometimes their wishes are realized, sometimes they go to the end of their days with their dreams unfulfilled. Those who attain their goal generally find that suburban life is not all as they had pictured it. It is usually friend husband who has his eyes opened more than friend wife.

Friend husband lives and learns a great many things. Even if he has a little more money than the average he finds it's up to him to know how to do a lot of plumbing jobs, carpentry jobs and to learn something of electricity, for help in the suburbs along these lines is not always available.

Friend husband grumbles, especially to friend wife. But he learns and he does what's expected of him. He has his reward in turning patronizingly to his fellow worker who has not yet fallen for the country and saying, "You ought to live out of town, old man. Nothing like it in the world."—New York Sun and Globe.

Mails Were Accommodating.

An Irishman was astonished to receive the following letter from his son in London:

"Dear Father—I am in a deuce of a hole. Kindly send me £10, and oblige—Your loving son, Pat.

"P. S.—After writing this letter I was so stricken with remorse that I ran after the postman and tried to get it back. I can only pray that it will not reach you."

But who could be more astonished than the son when he received this reply:

"Dear Son: Your prayers are answered. The letter did not reach me. Father."—London Tit-Bits.

He Won.

The recently announced engagement of a widely known man about town to a young woman who lives in Warts brings to light, if his closest friend can be believed, a new angle in successful courtship. Said friend gives the inside dope on the proposal as follows:

"If you would marry me, it would make me quite happy."

"My dear Bob, happiness is gained in the pursuit of something, not in the catching it."

"That's not so!" cried Bob. "You've never chased the last car out of this town on a rainy night!"—Los Angeles Times.

Still Musical.

Two men who had been old school fellows met in a restaurant. After exchanging greetings, one said:

"By the way, old chap, when at school you used to be rather fond of music. Do you play any instrument now?"

"Yes," was the reply; "second fiddle at home."

His Idea of Substitutes.

"So the Lord has sent you a little sister instead of the brother you asked for?" said the kindly neighbor.

"Yes,"

"I suppose you are just as pleased?"

"Just as pleased? I should say not. I suppose this Christmas if I ask for a jack knife they'll give me a doll buggy."

### Scholarship for Sale

Miss Ouida Campbell has for 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.

You positively save money if you buy your children's shoes from Bragg D. G. Co. It

Miss Gladys Milliken is spending a few days with relatives at Caps this week.

Strange to say school examinations never take up practical subjects like the rules of baseball or how to behave at a dance

Mrs. Sam Swann returned Sunday from a visit to her mother at Leonard, Texas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ellison, of Trent, a son on June 1st.

Crate of Real Fresh Hams, at reduced prices. \$1.60 to \$2.50 J. D. Porter. 1tp

Mr. J. A. Giles Jr. of Sherman accompanied by his wife is here for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles Sr. and other relatives. For many years the former has been a prominent school man of Sherman and Grayson county.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg left yesterday for a visit to friends and relatives at Glenrose.

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Mr. Dick Cypert returned to Port Arthur first of the week, after a few weeks visit with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert.

### HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND PARALYSIS CAUSED BY COLON, SAYS DR.

Because of our habit of over-eating and the sedentary life most of us live, the food wastes stick to the sides of the colon, become hardened and prevent proper assimilation.

Toxic acid is formed, which the blood begins to absorb. This causes high blood pressure and kidney trouble, followed by paralysis or stroke unless counteracted.

A physician discovered a preparation known as FERRASAL, which will neutral the toxic acid dissolve the food wastes and keep the colon clean and deodorized. It also aids digestion, keeps the kidneys regular and is absolutely harmless.

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### Recovers from Paralysis

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OWE NELLIS, Ass't Cashier.

## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

### POPULARIZING OUT DOOR SPORTS

It may be thought that the American people already give more time than any other nation to out door sports, and do not need the efforts set in motion by President Coolidge, in calling a national conference on out door recreation. Yet there are thousands of cities and towns where there are not many such opportunities open to the mass of the people.

The advantages or supporting baseball have often been dwelt upon by the Merkel Mail. Many cities and towns fail to provide suitable ball grounds where the game can be made financially successful. The business men of many cities show little initiative in pushing this game, which would benefit their community in a number of ways.

Tennis is one of the most practical games, since it can be played in such small space. There

ought to be not merely courts owned by private parties which are accessible to their personal friends, but arrangements so that all sport loving people could have a turn at the game. Vacant lots could be used much more for tennis courts than they are.

Golf is becoming exceedingly popular. It is often supposed to be an expensive game, and it is frequently conducted in that way. Yet it can be handled in a simple manner. There is too much tendency in such games to insist that the equipment must always be of costly and the most finished character, whereas people can have a great deal of enjoyment and gain much benefit even if the conditions are a good way from perfect.

Pitching horse shoes should not be forgotten, and where courts for this increasingly popular old sport are provided, they are apt to be filled much of the time.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who in any way assisted us during the illness and death of our husband and father. We can ask no less for each of you than that in your hours of need and sadness, you may be likewise blessed.

Mrs. W. H. Prince and family

Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess left today for Austin, where he will do special work for a short time, and which will enable him to keep abreast of the times; better fitting him for his responsible position here as head of our splendid schools.

Miss Maurine Angus came in Wednesday from Abilene where she has been attending A. C. C. for the past year.

House Full of bargains.—City Furniture, Joe Garland Prop. tf.

THE USE OF THE FLAG

As June 14 is celebrated as Flag day, it would be a good idea for people to consider the appropriate handling of the national emblem.

Not much seems to be gained in the way of displaying patriotic feeling, when a faded or torn flag is displayed. If a flag does not look bright, cheerful, and beautiful, it would better not be displayed. It has done its work, has suggested a patriotic thought to many people as they have observed it fluttering in the breeze. Having served its purpose, it should be replaced by another emblem fresh from the makers, and one whose warm color will symbolize the most vivid feeling of love for country.

Display of a flag should be something more than a mere matter of form or custom, complied with in order to keep up with one's neighbors. Even such display, to complete the impression of unanimous patriotic feeling on a day of national rejoicing, is better than no display at all. But some more earnest motive should be working in our hearts.

In hoisting a flag we should think of the people of the noble patriots who gave everything that they had and hoped for to build the country up to its present greatness. It should be a call to the duties of to-day, that we in our community and national life, shall show something of the same spirit.

People would not allow their choicest furniture to stand out in a rainstorm, yet the same folks might fly a flag all day in a beating rain that may take out some of its bright tints and make patriotism look like a faded thing. The flag should be regarded as one of the choicest possessions of our homes, to be handled with a feeling of attention and watchfulness.

Mr. J. C. Mason was in Abilene on business Monday.

JUNE'S MATRIMONIAL ADVENTURES

June, famous as the wedding month, begins a new era of life for many of the young folks, including some of the popular young crowd of Merkel.

The cost of living is said to place a high barrier in the way of young folks who wish to marry, yet it seems as if about the same number as ever feel disposed to enter this normal condition of life. If young people have anything of the same spirit that the folks who settled in this country had, high prices won't daunt them, provided the man has a steady job and has shown himself willing to work.

They would better start out in a two room apartment if necessary, or only one, if their affection is real and they are worthy of the responsibilities of matrimony. It is not true that two can live as cheaply as one, yet many fellows could support a family out of the extravagances they have indulged in while single.

NOTICE

It has been called to the attention of this paper by the commanding officer of the local National Guard unit, that many persons are using the Armory club rooms who are not entitled to this privilege. Only members of the 131st Field Artillery and members of the local post of the American Legion are entitled to the use of the Armory club rooms.

John B. Gaither Jr. stopped off here for a brief stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither last week enroute to his home at ElPaso, Texas.

Mr. Clifford Westhooover of Fort Worth is here to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. B. Hill of Columbus, Texas, is here to visit her mother, Mrs. B. Jenkins.



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**Plumbing Supplies**

If it's Hardware you want, we have it

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SHILOH HAPPENINGS

Health of the community is very good at this writing.

Mr. J. W. Pomroy who underwent an operation last week is doing real well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson returned home Sunday from a visit to relatives in Dickens, Kent, Brisco, Parmer and Dawson counties. Their granddaughter Miss Maggie Wheeler returning with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert James are the happy parents of a baby girl.

Mr. Hardy, F. C. and Lovel Rutledge were called to the bed side of Mr. F. C. Rutledge's grandson on last Friday who lives in Oklahoma. They only reached there a few hours before the loved one passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson made a trip to Clyde Sunday.

Mr. Walter Driggers of Gilpin spent Saturday night with C. W. Seago.

Mr. M. F. Naron and daughters spent the week end with relatives and friends in the Noodle community.

There will be singing at Mr. M. F. Narrons Saturday night. Every one come.—Brownie

Miss Maye Flannigan, of Quinlan, Texas, is here for a visit with Miss Elsie Sharp, with whom she has taught school at Buffalo Gap the past two years. Miss Flannigan is being favorably considered for a position in the Merkel public schools, we understand.

Miss Edith Brown returned home Sunday from C. I. A. where she has been attending school the past year. She was accompanied home by her mother and brother, Jimmie, who visited her for a few days at Denton before the school was out.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baird of Loraine, Texas are here for a visit to Mrs. Baird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meks.

Junior League Program

A boy who was a good friend. Leader: Mary Elizabeth Grimes Song service.

Scripture: Mark 5 1-20—Sterling Sheppard.

Prayer; Responsive Reading. One who endured jeers for his friend, Edna Wilson.

Damon and Pythias, Ethel Hamilton.

Reading, Mildred Richardson. Song—What a Friend we have in Jesus.

Bragg D. G. Co are offering Ladies a rare opportunity to buy new style shoes at whole sale prices.

Miss Mae Biedleman returned Saturday from C. I. A. where she has attended school for the past year.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum spent last week end with relatives at Abilene and to attend the graduation exercises of her granddaughter.



*A Good Tool is a Real Friend*

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are perfect examples of sound workmanship. You need a few of them, now, for safety's sake. For a look to tie to, permit us to recommend the Miller, on sale here.

WEST COMPANY

Mr. Joe Garland and family of Oklahoma have recently moved to Merkel. Mr. Garland formerly lived at Merkel a number of years ago and will be remembered by a host of friends. Mr. Garland is in the second hand furniture business, located in the McSpadden building across from the Mail Office.

Mr. Roy Brown is at home for the summer months from Arlington, where he attended the Grubbs Vocational College the past year.

Miss Lorena Dry visited her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry for a few days this week. She returned to C. I. A. to attend the summer school Tuesday.

**"That Man Mayfield"**

Says—

Have You Attended

**HUBBARD'S**  
**SALE?**

If Not,

**"WHY**  
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Entered at the postoffice at Mer-  
kel, Texas as second class mail.

The barbers do not seem to  
be showing much indignation  
about the hair bobbing custom.

Presidential year must call  
for extra number of hats as so  
many of them are going to be  
thrown into the ring.

Now is the season for garden  
parties, but few people come ap-  
propriately dressed in overalls  
and aprons.

The poets sing about the sweet  
breath of spring, but perhaps  
they have not got very close to  
some of the sports.

The weather experts should in-  
form us why it is so likely to  
turn cold and raw when the  
churches advertise an ice cream  
and strawberry social.

Formerly they had to provide  
cold weather along the high-  
ways for the horses, but now  
they furnish hotdogs for the  
motorists.

The money which the kids  
save on shoe leather by going  
barefooted, may have to be paid  
to the doctors for getting silv-  
ers out of their foot.

The politicians who expect to  
get in by handshaking, may find  
a good deal of head shaking  
when they make their rounds.

So far the newly married  
folks have not been able to con-  
ceal their new relation by look-  
ing at each other with soulful  
eyes.

The use of airplanes is grow-  
ing constantly, but so far no  
traffic cops have had to be put  
up at crowded corners in the  
either.

Some of the people who pride  
themselves on being self edu-  
cated, seem to think it necessary  
to present themselves with a  
diploma on many occasions.

The plasters at Washington  
are demanding \$14 a day. Now  
it remains to be seen what the  
congressional whitewashers will  
ask for.

Formerly this country used to  
resound with Indian warwhoops  
but now it will resound with po-  
litical whoops, so it remains to  
be seen if real progress has re-  
sulted.

A tooth of some prehistoric  
animal, eight inches long, and  
four inches wide, was found in  
the Mississippi river. Some of  
them feel about that size when  
the dentists are working on 'em.

You may say what you please  
Mr. Business man of Merkel,  
likewise Mr. Professional man  
and property owner, there is but  
one way in which this city—  
your city, may hold it's own, let  
alone think of further growth  
and development, and that is by  
the three elements above men-  
tioned, absolutely working hard  
and cooperatively in every way  
possible to make this city a bet-  
ter trading point, as well as  
more inviting and attractive  
place in which to live. Other  
towns whose citizenship are  
alive to their best interest are  
making a strong and business  
like bid for much trade that  
really and truly belongs to Mer-  
kel.

#### Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

- Subject—The Good Shepherd  
Leader—Lola Dennis
1. The Shepherd Psalm, Dovie Teaff.
  2. Ezekiel sings of the shepherds care, Alva Wheeler.
  3. Sins of false shepherds, Valrie Dye
  4. God, our Good shepherd, Mrs. Holland Teaff.
  5. The good Shepherd, a guide by Lewis Giles.
  6. Bringing back the lost, Delbert Polly.
  7. Some lessons we may learn, Lucille Guitar.

Mrs. Lee Eason left Tuesday  
morning, accompanied by her  
father, Mr. T. Winter, and brother,  
Wm. Winter, and sister,  
Mrs. Phillips and little son Le-  
roy to visit her aged grandmoth-  
er. While away Mrs. Eason  
will visit her old home where  
she spent her childhood days be-  
fore coming to Merkel.

#### DISEASE PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS

Advocates of increased public  
health appropriations in Tennes-  
see, show that the state is  
spending 20 times as much on  
care and cure of unfortunates  
in charitable institutions, as it  
is spending to prevent disease  
through the state health depart-  
ment, though 25 per cent of  
such cases are due to prevent-  
able disease. A similar dispro-  
portion must exist in many  
states. A vast amount of fam-  
ily misery and personal suffer-  
ing can be stopped, when a far  
sighted policy is followed of  
checking disease before it gets  
its hold.

Sickness lies as a wet blanket  
of discouragement over a com-  
munity where it is accepted  
without effort to remove its  
causes. A city that is progress-  
ive in fighting diseases gains a  
special reputation as a healthy  
community, which is about the  
best recommendation that can  
be offered to prospective resi-  
dents.

#### GARDEN CITIES

Descriptions are published of  
so-called 'Garden Cities' a term  
applied to communities develop-  
ed on a comprehensive plan with  
provision for attractive homes  
and beautiful grounds. Such de-  
velopment has placed many artis-  
tic and winsome homes within  
the reach of people of ordinary  
means.

Philanthropists or groups of  
people seeking ideal conditions  
find it much easier to build a  
new town after such plans, than  
it is to deal with the past mis-  
takes of old towns and with the  
whines and failures of individ-  
ual people. But it has proved pos-  
sible to introduce garden city  
spirit in many old towns. The  
city beautiful is not so much a  
matter of spending a lot of mon-  
ey, as of inducing people to  
take hold and work with their  
own hands, and cooperate in a  
general movement for improved  
conditions.

Don't fail to read Bragg Dry  
Good Co's. shoe ad on back  
page. It

#### "THE COMMITTEE COME!"

One of the most thrilling mo-  
ments ever experienced in a  
child's life, was lived through  
in the schools of years ago, at  
about this time of year, when  
it was announced that the  
school committee had driven in  
to the school yard for their an-  
nual visit.

The children had assembled  
in their best clothes, stiff and  
uncomfortable, and full of dread.  
Many parents were present. The  
full strain of the ordeal was not  
felt until the committeemen,  
awe inspiring and terrible,  
should enter the room.

But while the committeemen  
seemed to cultivate this impress-  
ion of fearfulness, it was com-  
monly a good deal of a bluff.  
They might ask certain stock  
questions to show that they  
were carefully investigating the  
school results. But actually,  
their stern faces concealed a  
spirit of laughter and good na-  
ture, and all they wanted was a  
reasonable excuse for announc-  
ing that all the kids were pro-  
moted and everyone could go  
happy.

You lose money if you fail to  
read Bragg D. G. Co's. shoe ad  
on back page. It

F. P. Hamm is having built  
at his place this week a new  
double garage. Other improve-  
ments are being made about  
the house.

Miss Loyce Dry arrived home  
from Denton Sunday morning,  
and will spend the vacation  
months with her mother Mrs. J.  
M. Dry.

#### PROOF OF POSITIONS

During this month many  
Draughton-trained students have  
accepted good positions; Clyde  
Weaver with the Southern Mort-  
gage Co.; Thelma Phillips with  
Kirby and King; Ruth Shiflet  
with Abilene F. & V Co.; Hiram  
Monk with Brooks & Hanlon;  
Eral Hunter with the Central  
State Bank; Melvin Hodges with  
Swift & Co.; Norval Frazier  
with Continental State Bank;  
H. G. Payne with Fish & Game  
Commission; Ray Marshall with  
West Texas Utilities Co.; Jessie  
Stubblefield with Clark's Laun-  
dry; Ruby Murrah with West  
Texas Land Co.; Quills Casey  
with F & M National Bank; and  
many others that could be men-  
tioned.

If the demand is so great now  
just think what it will be this  
fall. Get ready for a guaranteed  
position. Take the first step  
now by filling in your name and  
address below and mailing the  
coupon to Draughton's College,  
Abilene or Wichita Falls, Texas.  
Low summer rates now.

Name .....  
Address .....

Mr. W. L. Barbee from El  
Paso is here to visit relatives.

Many people who were not  
smart enough to pass their stud-  
ies, laugh at the student who  
expects his diploma will get him  
a job.



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other building on your farm  
looking just as well as the house  
itself. Good paint will do it—we  
can show you some very attrac-  
tive color combinations. We'd  
suggest Lowe Brothers Barn  
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time—that's why it's economical.



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intend to do. Come in and see us.

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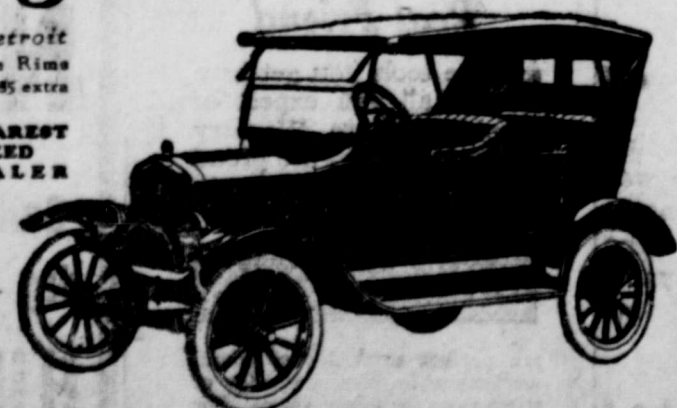
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sages, the day rate applies.

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 For County Judge:  
**CARLOS D. SPECK,**  
**J. M. STEVENSON**  
 For County Treasurer:  
**AUSTIN FITZ**  
 County Attorney  
**FRANK E. SMITH**  
**T. M. WILLIS**  
**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**  
**JOHN S. BOND**  
**R. G. (Bob) ANDERSON**  
 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 AN-**  
**NOUNCEMENTS**  
 For County Commissioner, Pre. 4  
**SAM L. GRAYSON**

M. L. Dry and wife of Hamlin, Texas were here last Sunday to visit Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Mr. Emmette Grimes of Abilene was here last Sunday visiting with relatives.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE**—Will have plenty of Berries after this week at my farm one and one-half miles of Clyde. We pick Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wesley Hardy. 30t2

**FOR SALE**—A course in Tyler Commercial College. Worth \$60.00, but if sold at once, will go at a bargain. This is absolutely one of the best Commercial Colleges in the south. For particulars, about this scholarship see the Merkel Mail or Mr. C. W. Seago, Trent, Rt. 2. 16t4p

**FOR SALE**—Nearly new Lloyd Baby carriage at a bargain. For particulars Phone 156. 1tp.

**FOR SALE**—My five room residence in Bettis Heights. Well improved, would sell or trade for small residence close in. See Mrs. L. P. Jones. 1tp

**FOR SALE**—Soda Fountain; good condition. Terms if desired. See Marvin Boney, Merkel, Texas. tf.

**FOR SALE**—Fresh Blackberries, canned blackberries, apples, grapes, berry jelly. Mrs. T. L. Cross, at Mr. N. D. Cobb's office. 1tp.

**FOR SALE**—Good oats five cents per bushel, clear of Johnson grass. One fourth mile west of Mulberry school. A. L. Walden, Merkel, Route 4. 6t3p

**FOR SALE**—Can furnish a few swarms of Bees at \$2.50 per swarm. Sam Butman. 6t2.

**FOR SALE**—Red oats that have no Johnson Grass. 58c per bushel at my farm 8 miles southeast of Merkel. J. Walter Hammond. 1tp

**FOR SALE**—HAY. Have some good headed wheat hay to sell, clear of Johnson grass and weeds and cut just right. Z. V. Moore, Merkel Rt. 5 one half mile east of Blair. Phone. 6t2p

**WANTED**

**WANTED**—50 men and boys to take advantage of the best shoe bargains Saturday at Bragg D. G. Co. 1t

**WANTED**—Large family to do farm work. Furnish house. See P. A. Diltz. 1tpd.

**WANTED**—Clean, white Cotton RAGS. No ducking, cotton bagging, or the sort accepted. Good Price. Merkel Mail Press Room.

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT**—Residence. See G. M. Sharp. 1t

Mr. J. Parker Sharp of Abilene was here last week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Mrs. H. C. Barroughs and two sons, Charm and Billy Bob of Fort Worth are here to visit Mrs. W. F. Patterson and other relatives.

Miss Deci Sharp has returned to her home here from near Stamford, where she taught school the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris will leave this week for a visit with relatives at Eliasville and Caddo.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth came in Thursday from Abilene where she has been attending Simmons college.

While all are hailing the fine appearance of the June bride, the June bridegroom should wear a tag so they would know who he is.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Q. Warren returned recently from a trip to the plains country.

Miss Althea Boden returned Tuesday from Stanton, where she has been to visit friends and relatives.

Miss Allyne Riley left Monday night for Denton, where she will attend summer school at the State Normal. Miss Riley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell and was a graduate of the Merkel High school this year.

Mr. Dick Coleman, who has been with the Merkel Mail for several months returned to his home at Hico, Texas Monday to visit with his parents for a while.

Miss Bettye Rogers was in Abilene on business Monday.

Miss Elsie Sharp has accepted a position with the Bragg Dry Goods Company as book-keeper.

Stationery with your name and address or Monogram printed on both envelopes and paper. See Blanche Durham at Merkel Mail Office. tf

Messrs. Brooks Patterson, H. L. Propst and I. L. Jackson returned last week from a fishing trip to the Concho.

Rev. C. S. Cameron of Abilene, a former pastor at Merkel was here visiting friends Sunday and preached an excellent sermon last Sunday morning at the Methodist church.

J. G. Younger, formerly of Merkel, now of Imperial Valley is moving back to Merkel to make his home.

Mr. Howell Brittan and wife of Abilene were here Friday visiting H. M. Rainbolt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglass left last week for California on a pleasure trip in their car.

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**Bathing Suits**

For Men, Women and children

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**MAX MELLINGER**

**MATTRESS FACTORY.**

I now have my Mattress Factory located at my home two blocks due west of Guitar's Gin, and am ready to do your work in first class order. New beds made and old beds made new. J. T. Biggs. 30t2pd

Miss Ruth Jones left last Saturday morning for Dallas, to visit friends.

Miss Alva Wheeler returned home from the College of Industrial Arts Sunday.

Miss Hattie Proctor, accompanied by her sister, Mary, who has been visiting in Fort Worth and Denton came in Saturday to be with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor. Miss Hattie has been attending the College of Industrial Arts for the past year.

Miss Annie Laura Smith of Fort Worth was here this week for a few days visit with her father Mr. F. J. Smith.

J. S. Swann accompanied by his brother, Mr. W. D. Swann of Tyler, were in Anson first of the week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haggard and children, Mr. and Mrs. Arl Sharp, Miss Ola, Elsie and Roxie Sharp, returned first of the week from a pleasant outing and fishing trip to the Devils river.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor Burns, after a visit here of several days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns, returned first of the week to their home at Canton, Texas, making the trip of 300 miles overland in their car in one day.

While many men object to having their wives bob their hair, not many women told their husbands that they must let their whiskers grow.

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Semi-Finish or Family washing, everything included except silk and woolen material. Ten pound minimum at 10c per lb. Eighty per cent ready to wear.

Finished work and cleaning and pressing our specialty. One day service on cleaning six days out of every week. Leave at West's, Petty's of City Barber Shop, or phone 218. Alfred H. Ligon, agent Abilene Laundry Company. tf

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All kinds of field seed, Hay, Hulls, and all kinds of grain. Also improved Spurr Fetireta seed. Gazzaway & Polly Feed Store. Phone 161. tf

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**NOTICE**

My place and Martin place I have leased is Psted. No boys are allowed to hunt or go in the tank, and will be prosecuted if trespassing. S. G. Russell. tf

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The first dose astonishes the invalid, giving immediate relief, regulating bowels and digestive organs, inducing

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**Cramping Spells**

"FOR MORE THAN A YEAR I had been in a very bad condition," says Mrs. R. E. Kimbrell, of Route 1, Dorchester, Texas. "I suffered with cramping spells which gave me bad pains in my back and sides. Sometimes I would have to catch at something, I would get so suddenly dizzy. . . I had to quit doing my work. I tried many remedies, but none of them seemed to do me any good.

"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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**FIND FORTUNES  
IN WASTE WATER**

**Profits From Simple Processes to Remove Metals.**

Thousands of pounds' worth of gold and silver are saved each year from dirty water which would otherwise pass into the sewers.

Wherever business is conducted on a large scale, and more particularly where articles of commerce are turned out on the mass production system, the control of waste is a vital part of organization. This is especially the case where the raw materials used are precious metals.

In factories producing gold and silver articles, such as jewelry, gold-rimmed eyeglasses and so on, minute portions of the metals become attached to the hands of the workers. Special arrangements are therefore necessary to prevent the loss of these minute particles, which aggregate to large values in the course of a year.

Where gold is concerned, the wash-basin is the trap used. All the workers wash in special basins, the dirty water from which is stored and treated. The gold, being heavier than water, sinks to the bottom, the water above it being drained off periodically. The accumulated sludge is sent to the refiners, who extract the gold and pay for it.

Large sums are also saved in photographic workrooms by rescuing the silver which escapes from plates and films and photographic papers during the process of development.

The hypo in the fixing bath dissolves out the unused silver. When the bath becomes exhausted and dirty, instead of going down the sewer it is run into tubs into which a chemical is thrown. The silver falls to the bottom. The water is then run off and more exhausted hypo is added, the precipitating process being repeated, and so on until the tub is nearly full of sludge.

The refiner extracts the silver from the sludge, returning to the factory sums which are often large enough to cover the rent.—London Tit-Bits.

**Vegetable Pear**

The chayote, a popular vegetable in Mexico and Central America, has been grown for more than a generation under the names "vegetable pear," "Milton," "mango squash," etc., in certain sections of the South.

A single vine in a garden or yard will produce more than enough chayotes for an average family. It is an excellent fall and winter table vegetable.

The chayote is related to the cucumber and squash. It weighs from eight ounces to a pound, has a smooth surface, a fiber-free flesh and a delicate, agreeable ornamental vine for training over a porch or outbuilding. It flowers profusely, and for that reason is a good bee plant.

The fleshy underground tubers are used in some places much the same as potatoes in temperate regions. Its foliage makes good food for cattle and poultry.—Detroit News.

**King Invents Language**

A few years ago Njoya, king of Fomhan, in the Cameroons, became jealous of the particularly good set of secret languages of neighboring tribes and invented from French, English and German words a code tongue of his own which is reserved for the exclusive use of the "cabinet" and upper administrative officials.

The interesting feature of this state language, which was discovered and studied by a Frenchman, Lieutenant Clapot, is that, instead of meaning their usual equivalent, the European words have entirely different code significations. "La mission" means "we," "savant" means "an egg," and "franc" means "a hill," "left" means "which," and "England" means "a head."—Manchester Guardian.

**Braggarts Both**

A Yankee visitor to a London club was making himself rather unpopular by bragging about the American navy. "The fact is, friends," he said, "Mrs. Britannia no longer rules the waves. Why, if it ever came to war between your country and America our fleet would come out and tow your fleet right into New York harbor, and that would be the end of it."

"Perhaps you're right," said one of the listeners quietly, "but it would take a better man than Columbus to discover America afterward."—Boston Transcript.

**R-r-revenge!**

Little Jack had been so persistently naughty that mother just had to give him a good spanking, and all that afternoon a desire for revenge rankled in his little breast.

At length bedtime came and, kneeling down, he said his evening prayer, asking a blessing upon all the members of the family individually—except one. Then rising, he turned to his mother with a triumphant look, saying, as he climbed into bed, "I suppose you noticed you wasn't in it."—The Christian Guardian.

**Belle of the Funeral**

One of the best narrators of Irish stories is Lord Carson, who always tells them with the gravest face. One of his best is an Irish "wake" story. A pretty girl was invited to the funeral of a friend. When it was over, she was telling how much she enjoyed it. "Sure, it was grand," she said. "They put me in the second coach with the brother of the corpse, and I was the belle of the funeral."

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**Intermediate B. Y. P. U.**

Subject—The Manners of a Christian.

Memory verse, John 13:34  
Introduction—By Helen Booth  
Different kinds of manners, Charlie Largent.

Why we should consider our manners, Ava McCandless.

What constitutes good manners in a christian, Fannie Bell Boaz.

Results: If our manners are had, 1. Joe Ben Ashby; 2. Mary Ellen Ashby; 3. Mildred Swafford.

Reading, "My evening prayer" by Iris Garrett.  
Closing prayer.

Mrs. J. B. Bell and daughters Venice and Hazel left Wednesday for Cohoma to visit relatives, and will also visit in Midland before returning home.

**RINGS STOLEN**

On Saturday night, May 10th, there were two rings taken from my house. One with a ruby set, and one with a cameo set. I will give \$5.00 to any one returning the rings, or giving me information of their whereabouts, and there will be nothing more said about the matter. I will certainly appreciate the favor. Mrs Tom Green. 6t2p

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones and daughter, Miss Ruth, left first of the week for Nevada, Collin county, where they will visit relatives. We also learn that Mr. Jones was very agreeably surprised to meet his brother whom he had not seen for several years from North Carolina, and neither of whom knew the other was coming to visit their relatives in Collin county.

**UNION RIDGE ITEMS**

A large audience was present at the children's program Sunday night. There were people present from Merkel, Noodle, Shiloh, Golan and other places. Misses Johnnie Davis and Ruth Gazzaway and Mr. Nelson Gazzaway were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas Sunday. Messrs. Alva and Cecil Barbee are here for a visit. Mr. Homer Dunn and family of Merkel spent Sunday with relatives of this community.

A number of Union Ridge people went to Hebron to a B. Y. P. U. Program Sunday night. Miss Gladys Hartline spent Sunday with Miss Annie Mae Harris.

Miss Ruby Hartline visited Miss Blanche Carey Sunday.

City Furniture buys everything.

**Senior League Program**

Topics from the creed—5 The Holy Spirit.

Leader—Loring Hamblett  
Hymn; Prayer; Hymn  
Talk—The Holy Spirit in Scripture and in creed—Rosie Laney.

Talk—Beginning where we are, Castle Ellis.

Talk—Through the ministry of the Spirit Jesus is still living, Cyrus Pee.

Talk—Some important applications of the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, Tom Allday.

Hymn; Sentence Prayers.  
Doxology; Benediction.

Miss Mary Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell returned Saturday from Wingate where she has been teaching school for the past few months.

**BY THE SLEEPING SEINE**

So Still It Lies Before Dawn That Its Course to the Sea Seems to Have Stopped.

You will have to stay out late or get up very early to catch the silver Seine asleep. And even then you might find it waking, wind-ruffled and restless, for the Seine seldom goes to sleep. But when, by some good fortune, you surprise it slumbering then you truly find a sleeping beauty. So still it lies sometimes in the hour before the dawn that it would seem for once to have stayed its course to join the sea. Not the tiniest ripple disturbs its polished surface.

And sleeping, it would seem to be dream-haunted. It dreams of the city through which it flows. Above it hangs the starlit sky; tall buildings seem to peep into its depths, and the bridges stretch across it almost carelessly as though protecting a child that had gone to sleep.

And the dream of the river is of these same stars that shine above, of the tall buildings that are peeping down, of the bridges that stretch their arms above its bosom. For in the mirror of its shining surface you will see all these things more beautiful perhaps than their reality, and, looking down into this dream city, you will speak quite softly lest haply you might wake the sleeping Seine.—London Mail.

**MARIE GREAT HELP TO HER**

Mother Could Do Washing for Eleven So Easy When Girl Played a Ukulele.

Unselfish mothers too often make or permit their daughters to be selfish, more's the pity. One such mother, according to a story that Booth Tarkington likes to tell, was bending industriously over the washtub when a neighbor said to her, "Hard at it as usual, ain't ye?"

"Yes," replied the mother cheerfully. "Yes, this is wash day, Mrs. O'Hoolahan, and washin' for eleven don't leave you much spare time on your hands."

"Is that Marie I hear singin' to the ukulele in the parlor?"

Marie, by the way, was in infancy christened Mary and in early youth was always known as Mollie.

"Yes, Mrs. O'Hoolahan, that's her. The help she is to me! Oh, dear! Oh, dear! I don't know how I'd get along without that girl! Every Monday morning she gets out the ukulele or opens up the piano, and while I'm scrubbin' the clothes she sings the nicest, cheerin'est pieces, like 'Mother's Day,' or 'Dear Mother, in Dreams I See You,' or 'Lighten Mother's Tasks With Love,' and the work just rolls off like play. I tell you, Mrs. O'Hoolahan, there ain't many girls like our Marie." —Youth's Companion.

**Laughter.**

A low, musical voice is one of the greatest charms of woman. It sets the seal on her beauty. Without it she loses much of her power of attraction. But many a person has turned away from a pretty girl because of her laughter. There is laughter so loud that it ceases to be hearty and becomes vulgar, so shrill that it gets on the nerves, so strident that it suggests hysterics, and so insane and cackling that the listener concludes that only an empty-headed woman could laugh so.

Many girls do not realize the effect of their laughter, and continually laugh and giggle needlessly. Thus they destroy their chances of making a favorable impression upon people they meet.

Yet a low, musical laugh is a great attraction, the greater because it is so rare. Do you possess it? If not, with patience and perseverance you can achieve it. First listen to yourself whenever you laugh. You will probably be very disagreeably surprised, and realize how ugly laughter can be. You must lower the pitch of your voice. Practice laughing in your own room when you are alone. Banish the cackle on a single note; laughter is almost a scale—harmonious and attractive.

**Would Like To.**

An absent-minded country vicar met the village postman trudging along a dusty road on a hot summer afternoon. The postman remarked that he had still a mile to walk just to deliver one newspaper.

"My goodness!" exclaimed the sympathetic clergyman, "I'd never walk all that distance for such a trifle. Why don't you send it by post?"

**Not Entirely Alone.**

"Yes, your honor," said the aggrieved woman, as she dabbed her eyes, "he neglected me shamefully. Why, he never was at home."

"And I suppose you had to spend your evenings all by yourself, with no companionship whatever?"

"W-w-well," she sobbed, "I had two goldfish."

**Terrible Faux Pas.**

"What caused the coolness between the De Golds and their country cousins?"

"Why, when she was visiting them she made a terrible blunder by asking if the family crest in the tablecloth was the laundry mark."

**Cause for Divorce.**

In Turkey, during the seventeenth century, to refuse or neglect to give coffee to one's wife was a cause for divorce. The man made provision when marrying never to let their wives be without coffee.

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