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LUNCHEON CLUB HAS PEPPY MEET

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Luncheon Club was held at Ed's Cafe on last Tuesday evening with about 40 members and guests present. Taking into consideration the fact that several members were sick or otherwise hindered from being present, and among whom was the president, Mr. L. R. Thompson, the meeting was said to have been one of the most interesting and enthusiastic for some time.

In the absence of the president, Mr. R. L. Grimes, secretary of the organization, acted as chairman and introduced the Toastmaster, who happened to be the editor of the Mail, and who announced that the first number on the program would be a reading by Miss Lola Dennis. Miss Lola is always charming to her audiences and this occasion was indeed no exception.

Next came a violin solo, by Miss Lynn Thompson. Miss Thompson, who is indeed talented and artistic with the violin, charmed those present with one of her latest and best selections. Miss Lorena Frazier accompanied Miss Thompson at the piano.

At this time the Toastmaster called on Dr. M. Armstrong to give to the members present a review of the work and accomplishments of the Club up to the present. And the Doctor, being among the most enthusiastic workers and believers in the good to be accomplished through the Luncheon Club, always taking part in any undertaking the organization desires to put over, had no trouble in bringing afresh to the memory of all the many good things that have been done and brought to Merkel by the Club. His talk was indeed appreciated.

Little Miss Margaret Turner royally entertained all with one of her best readings. She, too, always pleases her audiences.

After this the Toastmaster called on Dr. R. I. Grimes, who always looks to the future; never looking back, to give his view of "What might be the next Biggest thing the Club could put over for Merkel". Dr. Grimes mentioned many important things that would be fine for the club to take up with the view of pushing to the front for our splendid city; chief among which was the possibility of some paving in the business section, the beautifying of our homes, our school grounds etc. His talk was to the point and well received.

Next Mayor H. C. West who for many years has made a study of the city's best interest, was also called on to give his views of what might be the biggest thing for the Club to undertake to do for Merkel. He, too, mentioned many fine things but put strong emphasis on the desire to see in this city the establishment of a beautiful park and playground, with a splendid building suitable and large enough to hold any community meeting, such as would be needed in the taking care of our Community Fair, or any other gathering where all the people of the town and country might wish to come together.

Following this Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist church, made an interesting and appreciated talk on "Inspiration". When he had finished every one present had truly been inspired to be determined to push on any undertaking the club might care to take up.

Other splendid talks were made by Mr. T. J. R. Swafford, Dr. S. W. Johnson, C. H. Jones, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Marr, the latter

CORSICANA MAN BUYS OUT CONFERTIONARY

Mr. Donald Marr, of Corsicana, Texas, closed a deal last week for the purchase of the F. H. Latham Cold Drink and Confectionary business, located in the Gaither building on Main street, and last Saturday evening took charge of same.

Mr. Marr comes to our city well recommended as both a good business man and excellent citizen, and we welcome him to our city. He will have associated with him in the conduct of his business, Mr. J. R. Wagner, of Abilene, and Mr. Clarence King, who has been with Mr. Latham for some time.

NATIONS BIGGEST AIRSHIP PASS HERE

The largest Airship heretofore constructed in America, the Navy Dirigible Shenandoah, in its cross continent flight passed over Merkel at 2:40 p.m. Thursday, creating the greatest interest among the citizenship. It was the first of its kind to pass this way, and naturally the entire citizenship turned out to get a view of the great ship.

The monster vessel of the air was plainly visible to the naked eye for some thirty minutes before its arrival over the city.

Facts About Dirigible.

Here is some information on the giant dirigible, the Shenandoah:

Length, 680 feet.
Diameter, 78 feet.
Height, 96 feet.
Gas capacity, 2,150,000 cubic feet.

Total lift (helium) about 130,000 pounds.
Dead weight, about 75,000 pounds.

Speed, about 75 miles per hr.
Horsepower, five 300 h.p. engines, total 1,500 h.p.

Cruising radius without stopping, over 4,000 miles.

Crew in flight, nine officers, and 22 men.

BRO. CYPERT TO PREACH AT NORTH SIDE CHURCH

Eld. W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Christian church at both the morning and evening hours.

Bro. Cypert is one of the strongest ministers in this section of the country, and is always accorded a large attendance.

The membership of the church is always urged to be present, and the public is cordially invited.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of the Presbyterian church, left first of the week for Mexia, where he went to attend a meeting of the Synod, of the Presbyterian Church of Texas. While the pastor is away, Mrs. Rogers and little daughter are visiting the former's mother at Breckenridge.

two being new citizens among us. Mr. Swafford suggested that the city should make arrangements to pipe water to the cemetery, whereby same could be more easily beautified.

The question of securing cotton pickers for the farmers was discussed and a committee appointed to look into the matter.

President Thompson has appointed Mr. E. Yates Brown, of the Brown Dry Goods, as Toastmaster at the next meeting two weeks hence. Mr. Brown is one of our energetic, livewire business men, and the membership of the club may well look forward to the bringing forth by him of a very interesting program upon that occasion.

POSTMASTER ILL; IS IN SANITARIUM

One day last week Postmaster G. E. Comegys was taken suddenly ill, and while on duty in the Post office fell to the floor of the building, and for several days suffered considerably. And on Tuesday of this week, upon the advice of the attending physician, he was removed from the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, in this city, to the Baptist Sanitarium, in Abilene, where an examination caused the announcement to be made that he was suffering from Cancer of the stomach, and that the chance for his recovery was very slight.

Postmaster Comegys has been a prominent citizen and business man of Merkel for many years, and has a large circle of close friends, with whom this paper joins, in trusting that relief may yet come, and that he may be restored to his former good health.

As this is being written Thursday morning, we are glad to learn that Mr. Comegys had enjoyed a good night's rest and was at this time feeling some better.

TRENT SCHOOLS START MONDAY

Superintendent R. H. McAdams, of the Trent Public schools was a pleasant visitor at the Mail office one day this week, and informed us that on next Monday the schools of that city would begin the 1924-1925 term. A fine faculty has been employed for the schools this year, and with a live-wire man, such as Mr. McAdams, at the head of the schools there is every reason for the patrons to expect one of the best years the school has ever enjoyed.

Mr. McAdams is very desirous that all the children of the Trent Independent district who expect to attend school any time during the term to be present on the opening day and register their names even if they are not then ready to enter school.

Sister Visiting Brother Had Not Seen For 43 Years

Miss Sue Curb, sister of our fellow townsman and most excellent citizen, Mr. J. R. Curb, arrived first of the week from her home in Marion, Ala., for a month's visit to the latter, whom she had not seen for 43 years. Miss Curb is accompanied by her niece, Miss Bettye Curb, who had never met her Uncle, Mr. J. R. Curb. The visit by the sister and niece has brought much happiness to Mr. Curb and his entire family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris, of California, who are on their way home from a visit to New York City, stopped off here last Saturday for a visit with the former's Uncle, J. L. Harris and wife. The former Mr. Harris once lived in Merkel, and has many good friends here who were delighted to have him visit our city again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach accompanied by Misses Essie and Dewey Floyd, returned first of the week from a visit to Mrs. Leach's parents at Roby, where they spent several days very pleasantly visiting.

Mr. N. D. Cobb returned first of the week from a business trip to New Mexico.

6,000 BALES LESS THAN LAST YEAR NOW

Considering the three months drouth last summer, the unfavorable weather for the past few weeks, it is natural that the citizenship realizes that the cotton crop in this community is considerable shorter than last year, and the fact that the crop is thirty days later, makes us easily understand that the receipts up to date are far behind this time last year, but not until we went out to get the real facts did we think that the output was really so far behind that of last year at this time. However, facts are facts, and a visit to the cotton yard and the Farm Bureau platform reveals the following: At the cotton yard there had been weighed according to Public Weigher, C. L. Tucker, 2,888 bales up to Thursday just about noon, and according to Mr. H. B. Robertson, in charge at the Farm Bureau platform, there had been received there up to the same time about 850 bales. From these figures it is hard to estimate the production in this community, but it may not be much greater than 10,000 bales.

According to the Mail of October 12 last year, there had been received here 10,181 bales, or 6,443 bales more than to date this year.

BIG SINGING AT BLAIR NEXT SUNDAY AFT'NOON

Come to Blair next Sunday afternoon, for we are going to have some professional singers with us, and a big time is going to happen.

We are looking for singers from Merkel, Shiloh, Trent, Nubia, Mt. Pleasant, Stith and Abilene, and you know a time we are going to have. Come, Come. T. H. Spears.

MR. FRAZIER BUYS A 228 ACRE FARM

Commissioner W. H. Frazier this week purchased from Mr. F. L. Wood the latter's 228-acre farm located three miles east of Stith, 211 in cultivation.

This is said to be a very fine well improved farm, and we are informed that the price paid for same was around \$10,000. We understand Mr. Walter Frazier of this city will cultivate the farm next year.

Tye Quarterly Conference

The Fourth Quarterly Conference, Tye Circuit, will be held at Tye, Wednesday, October 15th. Preaching 11 a.m. by Presiding Elder, and business session immediately after dinner.

B. Y. Dickinson, pastor.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt will regret to learn that their daughter, Mrs. Eugene Hargrove, has been in very poor health of late, and recently underwent a serious operation at the Alexander Sanitarium, and since which time she is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mr. A. L. Walden, one among the many good citizens of route four, was here recently and dropped in to have the Mail continue to him another year. He reports his crop fair; will average a quarter of a bale. He stated that he had picked fifteen bales up to that time.

Mrs. W. L. Burns is visiting her son Minor, at Canton, Tex.

RETURNS FROM VISIT TO PALMER COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, of the Shiloh community, returned this week from a visit to their daughter, and brought with them samples of very fine red and white kaffir corn and maize, which grew in that county. The fine feed was raised by Mr. U. B. Wheeler, who bought land in that county at \$15.00 per acre year before last. Mr. Grayson states that the fine feed, some of which he left in the Mail office, was raised on sod land, which was never plowed, and is yielding from a ton to a ton and a half per acre and at the present prices will more than pay for the land this year.

BADGERS BEAT SWEETWATER

From the viewpoint of local fans, one of the most exciting games of football this season was played here Friday afternoon. The visitors were husky fellows and showed lots of fight and good sportsmanship, but were unable to gain effectively against the lighter Merkel line.

The game was one of the cleanest ever seen as there was not a penalty called on either side.

Merkel scored her first touchdown in the first quarter after Sweetwater had punted and Patterson returned 30 yards to Sweetwater's 25 yard line. From there it was pushed over by the Badgers in 5 downs, Smith carrying the ball. Sweetwater received again but was forced to punt without making any gain. Merkel got the ball in mid-field, and after an exchange of punts the ball was in possession of Merkel on 25 yard line again. From there it was carried to the 2 yard line, where the quarter ended.

Patterson carried the ball over on the fourth down for Merkel, making the second touchdown. Smith kicked goal. Score 14 to 0, Merkel. There was no more scoring in the first half.

The third quarter started with Merkel receiving. Harkrider received and ran the ball back 20 yards to the 45 yard line. Merkel made it first down on one run and repeated on two more, but was held and forced to kick. Sweetwater tried a long end run and was thrown for an 8 yard loss. Then tried a buck which failed to gain. Sweetwater then completed a pass for 2 yards which made it 4th down and about 6 to go. They punted. Patterson returned 15 yards. Merkel then started a steady march for the goal, with Acuff, Smith, Patterson and Chaney getting their part of the gains. Soon Smith carried it over for the third touchdown, but failed to make point. Third quarter ended 20 to 0, Merke.

Fourth quarter. Sweetwater got the ball and by two successful passes got withing Merkel's 15 yard line. Where they lost the ball on downs. Merkel punted out of danger. Merkel's 4th touchdown came in this quarter, Polly carrying it over. No point after touchdown. Score 26 to 0 in favor of Merkel.

The game was played before Merkel's largest football crowd.

Compere Methodist Church

There will be preaching at Compere Sunday afternoon, Oct. 12th.

This will be our last appointment at this place for the year. We will appreciate your presence. B. Y. Dickinson, pastor.

Mr. Robert McBeen of Dallas was here a guest in the George Brown home.

ZIM PUTS CHURCH FINANCES OVER

Zim, the "Tithing Evangelist" who for two weeks conducted a "Stewardship Meeting" at the Methodist church in this city, on last Sunday evening closed his meeting and departed for his home at Naples, Texas.

Without doubt Evangelist O. F. Zimmerman, who is known as "Zim the Tithing Evangelist" is in a class all his own, yes quite different from any and all other evangelists. He believes in and preaches unhesitatingly and unflinchingly, his doctrine of Store House Tithing. He hits hard, so hard that it hurts, yes hurts so bad that there are but few who stand the test of scathing denunciation of their failure to bring into the Lord's Treasury the Tithe, which according to his interpretation of the Bible, belongs to God.

So hot and so stinging were his messages that but few church members attended regularly, all the services. And yet, were they so forceable and truthful of the word, that by the end of the two weeks meeting the church's entire indebtedness amounting at the beginning to about \$2,500, had been paid in full. Yes, every dollar due the pastor, the conference claims, the superannuate endowment fund, and the entire church budget for the conference year paid to the last penny, then some.

And while there is no doubt but that Zim did a great good for the Methodist church here, and by his clear cut eloquent gospel sermon at the closing service, left the membership as a whole in splendid religious fervor, we also feel that much credit is due the able and faithful pastor, the Rev. T. J. Rea, for his untiring services during this his first year in Merkel.

Under his leadership for the year there has been 72 additions to the church, with fifty conversions and reclamations. During the year there has been held a splendid revival, besides the recent Stewardship Campaign.

And for all purposes the Merkel Methodist church has raised about \$9,000.00 All of which finds the church in possibly the best condition for a number of years. And considering the fact that the church at this time nearly a month before the annual conference meets, has paid out in full all its obligations, together with the splendid spiritual fellowship now existing, it is very likely that Rev. Rea will be able to make one of the biggest and best reports of any church throughout the Northwest Texas conference, when that body meets at Abilene on the 29th day of this month.

Mr. W. S. Telford, one of Merkel's oldest and most respected citizens, on Tuesday of this week, Oct. 7th, passed the 87th mile post, and stated that he was feeling fine for one having reached such a ripe old age. Mr. Telford was born in Missouri, but has been a citizen of Texas for the past 64 years, and a citizen of Merkel for the last three or four years, but a property owner here for the last nineteen. This paper joins his host of friends in wishing for him many more happy birthday occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Owens, came in first of the week from Gorman, and will make this city their home. Mr. Owens was formerly with the Quality Bakery in Merkel, and before their marriage some few months ago, Mrs. Owens was Miss Ruth Holloway. Their many friends welcome them back to our city.

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F. Y. Gaither, Assistant Cashier
W. L. Diltz Jr., Assistant Cashier

WITH THE CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church
October is Loyalty month in the Presbyterian church. Loyal to every phase of the church work. We are counting on every member of the local church to help make this the best month of the year.

Rev. Charlie Tucker will preach next Sunday, October 12. This young man was raised at Merkel. He has a host of friends and all of them are invited to hear him preach.

The Synod of Texas will be in session all this week at Mexia. The Presbytery of Abilene of which Merkel is part, will have a splendid report to make.
Fred S. Rogers.

Baptist Church
Sunday school 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30.
We will observe the Lord's Supper Sunday morning.
The B.Y.P.U. training school in progress this week is going fine. The attendance is good.
If you have not made plans otherwise worship with us Sunday.
W. H. Albertson.

At The Methodist Church
Sunday School at ten a.m.
Preaching at eleven and 7:30.
Subject for the morning hour, "Christ's Four Fold Program of Christianity". For the evening hour: "Ye are not your own."
At the morning service we will have the Communion Service and it is hoped and expected that all Methodists will be present. Come, let us make it a great day in our church. T. J. Rea, pastor.

Mrs. J. L. Winter and two boys, returned first of the week from a very pleasant visit to the former's parents at Greenville, Texas.

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 inane 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 men made promises when marrying never to let their wives be without coffee.

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Mrs. L. A. Arrington and little son, Frank Wade, returned Tuesday from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives at Midland.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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We now have plenty of Linoleum, both in twelve and six foot widths.

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A Story of the real West, chucked full of thrills, Actions, romance and Adventure.

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Two Reels of Hilarious Laughter

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EXTRA— "KITCHEN LADY"
2reel Mack Sennett Comedy



What is a Lie?

Dictionaries say a lie is an intention to deceive. But there are lies, white lies, and loving lies. See this picture story and then

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With the Comedy "FELIX FINDS A WAY"

Saturday, October 18th.
FRED THOMPSON IN
"THE SILENT STRANGER"
With the Comedy "THE BILL COLLECTOR"

HIGH TOP'S WITCH

By JANE GORDON

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"DEED it is a witch, Mr. King, sir; I done seer with my own eyes. Last night when we's in the cabin playing cards 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, diggin' 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 n' long," said Monna.

"MEN"

Buy Your New Fall Suits and Overcoats HERE

In this store you will find the very latest models, newest patterns, and the largest assortment to select from.

New Fall Suits with one or two pair of pants as desired.

We are Featuring this Fall a Guaranteed Garment

"Silverstripe"

In blue and black with a Silverstripe.

\$37.50

Young fellows of Foot Ball age, here is the suit you have been waiting for. A high grade line of young men's clothing. Good snappy patterns and with two pair pants.

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A wonderful assortment worsteds and cashmeres for men and young men.

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With 2 pair pants.

Big Showing of Boys Knickerbocker Suits.

Two pair pants.

\$10.00 \$12.50 \$15.00

OVERCOATS

Brand new fall models and Materials.

\$15.00 \$17.50 \$20.00

A. C. ROSE Dry Goods

Messrs. H. L. Propst, P. C. Jones, A. B. Patterson and B. M. Williams, returned Wednesday from a very pleasant outing and fishing trip to the Concho river. They report plenty of fish and a general good time.

Try feeding Barley Chops. If not satisfied bring the sacks and get your money back. Swafford, south side, phone 44.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller are the happy parents of a baby daughter, born on the 8th.

Miss Pink Milligan of Roby spent several days here last week the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. G. Leach.

Misses Lucille Russell and Gene Wade came up from Abilene and spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

CONGOLEUM WEEK

This week, Oct. 6 to 11, has been designated by the Congoleum Co. as National Congoleum Week. We are well stocked in Gold Seal Congoleum both rugs and yard goods, and would appreciate a chance to show you our stock this week.

9x12 Gold Seal Congoleum Rugs This Week \$12.95

Nationally advertised sale price 15.95 You save 3.00

Also Furniture, Oil Stoves, and Linoleum. Lowest prices. Try us.

J. T. Darsey & Co.

If you want a good used Ford car cheap, see us. Merkel Motor Co., authorized Ford Dealers.

Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene was here last week end visiting in the R. A. Ellis home.

Miss Myrtle Wills of Stith is employed at the A. C. Rose Dry Goods Store as bookkeeper.

Mr. J. C. Moore left last week for a visit with relatives at Odessa, Texas.

Herbert Dennis and Tom Wilson were Abilene visitors Sunday afternoon.

Firestone is the original Balloon Tire. Why buy an imitation?—West Company.

Messrs J. L. Banner and S. L. Owens made a business trip to Knox City first of the week.

Driving out a new Ford this fall? Then get our exchange price on a Balloon Tire cheaper while your equipment is new. We have fender braces and other accessories, as well.—WEST COMPANY.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

"If you are sick with Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation, Appendicitis, Ulcers, or a Catarrhal condition; Gas, Heart pains, Headache, pain in the side, dread full stupid feeling, our advice is, take Gordon's Antiseptic. Keep it in your home, take it with you when traveling and on outing trips. Merkel Drug Co. 3t4

NOTICE OF CHANGE

I HAVE BOUGHT THE MERKEL CONFECTIONARY AND SANDWICH SHOP

AND WILL CARRY A COMPLETE LINE OF FRUITS AND CANDIES

It will be my aim to supply the housewives of Merkel with the very best FRUITS the market affords. Drop in and tell us your fruit wants. Your visit will be appreciated.

We will also carry a stock of good CIGARS and CIGARETTES for the men. We serve the kind of COFFEE that is good to the last drop. Our Peanuts are roasted right and taste right.

COME AROUND AND LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Donald Marr



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The Merkel Mail

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

A newspaper can boost and
laud some people to the sky, yes
do it for years, and then happen
to overlook or fail to mention
them at a future day, and then
and there lose their good will
and friendship. Even make an
everlasting enemy.

Some men are mighty glad
to count you among their list
of friends so long as you prove
useful to their own best inter-
est. They will even favor you,
provided you pay their price for
the favors asked. With such
people one should be careful that
the interest of both do not con-
flict.

Being told that it is healthful
to sleep 45 minutes in the mid-
dle of the day, many people re-
main asleep all through work-
ing hours.

Motorists are asked to have
their brakes tested, but none of
them should think that the prop-
er place to do it is a crowded
street crossing.

The politicians are urged to
come down to brass tacks, but
they don't seem to like them
any better than carpet tacks in
housecleaning time.

Inspirational talks are a fine
thing, but if the country's work
is to be done efficiently, there
must be some perspirational
ones too.

Our bold shieks need not feel
that they must demonstrate
their automobile speeding pow-

ers at the same time they court
their best girls, as the same will
be conceded by the community.

Clamed that some rooms in
modern houses are so small that
you can't swing a cat in 'em,
but fortunately the humane soci-
eties are now opposed to cat
swinging so it doesn't have to
be done.

Our ancient ancestors were
forced to run the gauntlet by
the cruel Injuns who hacked at
them with their tomahawks, but
they might not think it was
much worse than crossing crowd-
ed streets filled with automo-
biles now.

A funny thing indeed is poli-
tics. Down here in old Democrat-
ic Texas, Dr. Geo. C. Butte, per-
haps the best qualified and most
learned gentleman that has an-
nounced for the office of Govern-
or of Texas for fifteen years or
longer, is endeavoring to show
the voters how easy it is to bolt
the party and support the Rep-
ublican candidate. And up
north both the Democratic candi-
date for President and Vice-
president, are on the stump en-
deavoring to show the voters
in some of the rock-ribbed rep-
ublican states just how easy
it should be for them to bolt
their party and vote the Demo-
cratic ticket in November. And
it may work. However, we will
know more about it after No-
vember 4th.

TEACHER'S SPECIAL

Teachers need a great amount
of stationery for letter writing.
Just what you want in this line
can be found at the Merkel Mail
office. Any color, prices right,
name and address or monogram
printed free on paper and envel-
opes. Come in soon and look at
samples. Blanche Durham, agent
for Exline Note Paper Co. If

Miss Murphy Thomas has
been on the sick list this week.

**SIX MERKEL GIRLS AT-
TENDING C. I. A., DENTON**

Denton, Texas, Oct. 9.—Six
Merkel girls are attending the
College of Industrial Arts this
year which opened its twenty-
second regular term of school,
September 22. They are Misses
Gladys Middleton, Maurine Tip-
ton, and Mae Wikins, freshmen;
Miss Hattie Proctor, sophomore;
and Misses Lorena and Loyce
Dry, seniors. Miss Proctor was
chosen as sophomore represen-
tative on the Students' Council
this year.

A record attendance marked
the opening of the fall term at
C. I. A. Sixteen hundred and
eighteen students have already
matriculated and authorities of
the College expect nineteen hun-
dred before the end of the cur-
rent year. There are two hun-
dred and six seniors, the largest
class in the history of the insti-
tution, according to administra-
tors of the College. One hundred
and twelve persons compose the
faculty.

The announcement that Dr.
Lindsay Blayney, professor of
Germanic languages at Rice In-
stitute, Houston, recently ac-
cepted the presidency of C.I.A.
to succeed the late Dr. F. M.
Bralley, has been enthusiastically
received by students, fac-
ulty and townspeople. The choice
of the board of regents has been
heralded as a wise one by those
interested in the growth and de-
velopment of the institution and
the cause of education.

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Send to the Laundry and be
convinced. Regular family wash-
ing. Everything included except
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goods at ten pounds for one dol-
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Let us do your plain and fancy
sewing. For particulars call on
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Is Now Selling at**

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Don't "cuss" your car when it wont start
these cold mornings.

Drive around and fill up with that Good Gulf Gas,
which is better. The gas which has a kick to it.
Every drop is sold with a guarantee. And remem-
ber we sell that Good Gulf Supreme auto oils, and
Goodrich tires and tubes. Before you buy tires it
will pay you to get our prices on them. They are
like gasoline, they have dropped too.

And remember this is the place where you get
Free Air, Free Water, Free battery Water
also Free Storage while in town. Think these points
over and give us your trade. All goods guaranteed.
Service that you like.

If you run out of gas or need a tire we have free
Road Service and never sleep.

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One of the greatest comforts in the modern home
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The convenience, and the saveing in time in the laundry
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doing with out it.

The ELECTRIC WATER HEATER has thorough-
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It is all ways ready, no smoke, no fumes or
DANGEROUS pilot lights and does not require special
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West Texas Utilities Company

**"LOVING LIES" A BIG
PICTURE IS COMING**

Thompson Buchanan, who
made the screen adaptation of
"Loving Lies" from the Peter
B. Kyne story, "The Harbor
Bar", now the current feature
at the Gem theatre, Tuesday and
Wednesday, October 14 and 15,
is one of America's most noted
playwrights. After leaving col-
lege he followed the trail of
journalism which eventually led
him to literary efforts. He is the
author of "A Woman's Way," in
which Grace George was featur-
ed, "The Club," written especial-
ly for Douglas Fairbanks, "Life"
which had a long and prosperous
run at the Manhattan Opera
House, New York, "Civilian
Clothes," one of the most not-
able stage successes of recent
years, "The Sporting Thing to
Do," and "Pride"—the latter in
collaboration with Henry Miller
—both of which were on Broad-
way last season.

Bring your cotton checks to
the Farmers & Merchants Na-
tional Bank. tf

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chantile firms, and the like, are
calling for many more Draugh-
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supply. \$85 to \$100 a month sal-
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of the Ford owner. Our stock
of Genuine Ford Parts is com-
plete; our service is unsurpass-
ed; and we appreciate your pat-
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Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Merkel Circuit

Saturday and Sunday, October
11 and 12, will be the dates set
for our fourth quarterly confer-
ence to be held at White Church.
This will practically end the
year's work for this charge. We
are at present almost fifty per
cent out on our expense account,
but fifty per cent is not one
hundred percent, and of course
we are very anxious to go com-
pletely out this year. Each mem-
ber of the board of Stewards for
each place connected with the
Merkel Circuit, together with
each lay member of the confer-
ence, Sunday school superintend-
ent, and all who are concerned
with the activities of the past
and future are urged to be pres-
ent. M. R. Pike.

Good farm, team and tools
for sale or rent. See Homer Pat-
terson. 10t2

Some used Fords, in good con-
dition, at a bargain. See W. E.
Lowe. tf

WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS

If it is cleaning and pressing
you want, that is one of our
specialities. Phone 218. Ligon,
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Count the number of Firestone
Balloon Tire equipped Fords in
Merkel; talk with the men who
are using them; then come in
and get our new low prices.—
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We will trade for your second-
hand Ford. Try us. Merkel Motor
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and Thursday, Oct. 15th & 16th

FREE—NOTICE—FREE

BEGINNING OCTOBER 4, 1924, WE WILL GIVE
FREE OF CHARGE ONE LARGE PROJECTED POR-
TRAIT TO EACH OF THE FIRST TWELVE PER-
SONS HAVING A DOZEN 4 by 6, OR LARGER POR-
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PERSONS THERE WILL BE NO MORE LARGE
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At the Collins Hotel from 12:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Phone No. 359

Abilene, Texas

STOVES-STOVES-HARNESSES

We are Now Showing a Complete Line of
New Perfection Cook Stoves.

Fill your contract with your wife; you know you put her off until you began getting out that cotton to get her that new Cook Stove. Come look them over. Our line of heating stoves in wood, coal and oil and Fire Place Grates are also on display. Come look them over and make your selections before that norther arrives.

Dress old Beck, Kit, Peat and Jack in a new set of Harness. We have the Price and Quality in Leather harness. Get our prices.

Our stock is complete on any thing in the hardware line.

Guns and Amunition we can sell you cheaper than the Mail Order Houses will charge you.

LIBERTY HARDWARE COMPANY

We Appreciate Your Trade

Mrs. Corneis, of Port Arthur, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns, left first of the week for her home.

C. C. Campbell and little daughter spent last Sunday in Sweetwater, with friends and relatives.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

Misses Edith Brown and Blanche Durham were in Abilene Tuesday.

Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe.

Mrs. L. A. Schmidt is spending the week with friends in Breckenridge.

LAND FOR SALE

No. 1—320 acres, 160 acres in farm; 2 houses, nearly all good land. Price \$40.00 per acre. Small cash payment, long time.

No. 2—120 acres, 6 room house, well and mill and cistern. All tillable land. Price \$50 per acre with one-fourth cotton, one half cash and long time.

No. 3—316 acres, 225 in farm, 30 acres more good land, two sets improvements. This is a dandy. \$4500 in Government loan with 34 years to pay at five and one-half percent.

No. 4—120 acres, 75 in farm, 3-room house, well, mill and cistern, 25 acres more good land, price \$37.50 per acre, \$2000 cash and long time.

No. 5—160 acres, 6-room house, 50 acres in farm, 2 wells, windmill, good garden, 80 acres more good land. Price \$25 per acre cash.

No. 6—78 acres, 4-room house, well and mill, nearly all good land. Price \$3500, \$2000 cash and long time.

Selling land is like selling shoes—you must have the land to fit the buyer, so if any of these do not suit you, don't get discouraged, I have plenty of it to offer and if you will only give me a chance I will fit you both in quality and price. Let me tell you what I have to offer.

E. D. COATS. 1t

POSITION CONTRACT FREE

If you want a good job in a bank wholesale house, or mercantile establishment, write for free copy of position Contract, insuring \$1,000 to \$1,200 salary to graduates of our Business Administration course, indorsed by more bankers than all others combined. Write today for special offer. Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas. 19t4

Messrs. Jinks Winter, W. W. Wheeler, Frank Woodrum, and Judge E. S. Cummings were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

P. T. A. HOLDS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Parent-Teachers Club held their regular monthly meeting on last Wednesday afternoon in the absence of the president the first vice-president, Mrs. Briggs, presided over the meeting. On account of the absence of a number of those on program the program was rather short. Those present enjoyed very much the piano solo by Miss Inice Brown and the reading by Miss Flora Francis Anderson. Mrs. A. R. Booth conducted the devotional part of the meeting. The membership attendance is not at all what it should be and we urge every member of the P.T.A. to attend these meetings.

The sole purpose of this organization is the advancement of every interest of our school and produce a more hearty co-operation between patron and Teacher, and every parent who has a child in school should feel an interest in this organization.

Come to the next Parent-Teachers meeting, become a member, pay your dues, feel like you are doing your bit toward helping the Merkel Public School to be just what it should be in this community. Reporter.

Sweetwater radio fans who will "listen in" on the Star Telegram radio station program Friday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock will hear Wayman Rose play bass solos in "Octopus" and "Mermaid" on the W-BAP program. Wayman is a son of Henry Rose of Sweetwater and a former star pupil of Harry LeMaire. He is playing in the band of the North Texas A. & M. College at Arlington, where he is making an enviable record, according to report from L. W. Caine, college bandmaster.—Sweetwater Reporter.

"Gordon's Antiseptic will relieve gas, indigestion, constipation, appendicitis, etc. Merkel Drug Co. 3t4

Intermediate B.Y.P.U.

Subject "India's Coral Strand" 1. Introduction, Mary Ellen Ashby. 2. A song we sing, Charlie Largent. 3. A general view of India, Clyde Mayfield. 4. Missionary Efforts, Lunell Lamar. 5. Buddah, Mildred Bird. 6. The Condition of Women in India, Bill Haynes. 7. Verses, Roy Giles. 8. Missionary Work in India Today, Avo Van Eaton. 9. Memory verse, Fannie Belle Boaz.

New Hay—Lots of it. Also good, clean Wheat Hay. Swafford, South Side, phone 44. 1t

Just received a large shipment of bumper type Ford fender braces, both front and rear. Get our prices before you buy. West Company. 1t

Miss Evelyn Scarborough of Simmons College was a week end guest last week of Miss Mary Ann Mayfield.

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist church, spent yesterday mixing with old friends in Baird.

PREVENTION
better than cure. Tutt's Pills taken in time, are not only a remedy for but prevent
SICK HEADACHE
biliousness, constipation and kindred diseases

Tutt's Pills

Senior B.Y.P.U.

Introduction, Bill Haynes. 1. Vision of the Prisoner on Patmos, Mrs. Warren Smith. 2. The Source, contents and importance of revelation, Ruth Boden. 3. Salutation to the seven churches, Rev. Albertson. 4. The first vision, Floyd Dowell. 5. The Golden Candlestick and the son of man, Alva Wheeler. 6. Falling at the feet of the glorified Christ, Stella Wilson.

We have a phone for the use of our customers as well as ourselves. Use it when you give checks to cotton pickers who are strangers. Use it if we can serve you during the busy season. Farmers & Merchants National Bank. 1t

Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe. 1t



COZY - Two Days, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 15th & 16th

Cash Sale

CUT PRICES

Saturday, October 11th.

AT DULIN'S STORE
BLAIR, TEXAS

- Tomatoes, No. 1 cans \$1.30 per doz.
- Woodford's Corn, Best Grade \$1.80 per doz.
- 10 No. 2 Campbell's Pork & Beans \$1.00
- Domino Ribbon Cane Syrup 95c per gal.
- Pickles, 2 gal kegs \$1.90
- 10-lb. Bucket of Lard \$1.40
- Breakfast Delight Coffee \$1.35
- Maxwell House Coffee \$1.30
- 25-lb. Sack Salt 40c
- Baker's Choice Peaches, Solid Pack 40c per gal.
- W. N. T. Tinsley's Tobacco 75c per lb.
- 1 Quart Pickles 40c

WE ALSO HAVE A FULL LINE OF MISSES, MENS AND CHILDRENS SWEATERS. ALSO A FULL LINE OF MENS WOOL SHIRTS. CUT PRICES ON ALL SHOES.

WHEN DID YOU EVER BEFORE BUY SPUDS FOR, PER PECK **35c**

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RODDEN STUDIO, SUCCESSOR TO THE COZY STUDIO, HEREAFTER WILL GIVE ONE DAY SERVICE ON—

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AT 9:00 A. M. OUT SAME DAY AT 5:00 P. M.
PARAMOUNT QUALITY KODAK FINISHING

**PLANS ALL MADE FOR
BIG COLLEGE EVENT AT
STATE FAIR, OCT. 18**

All-Collegiate Circus and Queen's Coronation at 8 P. M. in Stadium.

Mrs. John Priestly Hart, widely known throughout Texas and the southwest as a dancing instructor and producer, will direct the proglogue to be given in connection with the All-College Queen in the athletic stadium at the State Fair of Texas, at 8 o'clock on the night of Saturday, Oct. 18, according to announcement by Jordan E. Ownby, director of the coronation ceremonies.

Entries for the All-Collegiate circus have come from many colleges and universities outside of Texas, and most of the "stunts" and acts have been built along suggestions made by professional artists.

**MANY SPECIAL DAYS
AT STATE FAIR WITH
MAXIMUM OF INTEREST**

Special days thus far designated at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26, are many, and the maximum of interest for a great variety of people seems assured from the list.

The designations are as follows:
Saturday, Oct. 11—A. & M. College Day; Press Day.

Sunday, Oct. 12—"Houdini" Day; Texas Society of Magicians' Day.

Monday, Oct. 13—Manufacturers' and Wholesale Merchants.

Tuesday, Oct. 14—Dallas Day, Elks Day; Texas Druggists; Texas Bee Keepers; Epworth League.

Wednesday, Oct. 15—Cattlemen; Hunt County; Baby Chick Association; Swinebreeders; Fine Arts.

Thursday, Oct. 16—West Texas Chamber of Commerce; Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association; Texas Realtors; Collin County Pure Bred Live Stock Association; Texas Jersey Cattle Club; Oil Men; W. C. T. U.

Friday, Oct. 17—Children's Day; High School Day.

Saturday, Oct. 18—All College Day; University of Texas Day; Traveling Men; Poultrymen; Texas Commercial Executives.

Sunday, Oct. 19—Texas Congress of Mothers; Veterans Day; "Tell Me This" Club; International Day.

Monday, Oct. 20—Ginners; G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps.

Tuesday, Oct. 21—Confederate Day; Holstein Breeders; Mozart Choral Club.

Wednesday, Oct. 22—Texas League of Municipalities.

Thursday, Oct. 23—Clarendon Day; Parker County Day.

Friday, Oct. 24—R. O. T. C. Day; Texas Kennel Club Day.

Saturday, Oct. 25—S. M. U. Day; "Fun Fest" Night.

Sunday, Oct. 26—Closing Day.

**MANY COUNTIES TO SHOW
PRODUCTS AT STATE FAIR**

Counties which have been assigned exhibit space in the new Agricultural building at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26 inclusive:

Baylor, Brown, Childress, Crosby, Dallam, Eastland, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Haskell, Howard, Lubbock, Lynn, Midland, Mitchell, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Terry, Wilbarger, Dawson, Donley, Lamb, Lee (N. M.), Dickens, Hartley, Hemphill, Atascosa, Gillespie, San Saba, Zavalla, Collin, Ellis, Hill, Harrison, Smith, Henderson, Wood, Gregg, Colorado and Matagorda.

**LIVE STOCK IS THE
ONLY STATE FAIR DIVISION
AFFECTED BY QUARANTINE**

Full Racing Program, Poultry Show, Kennel Show and All Other Departments as Usual.

Both the poultry show and the Texas Kennel Club dog show will be given at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26, as formerly scheduled. It is announced by Secretary W. H. Stratton of the Fair Association.

J. I. Hoogsett, chairman of the state sanitary live stock commission has wired Fair officials modifying the former order as affecting the Fair.

"This is your authority to hold poultry show and dog show," Mr. Scott has telegraphed secretary Stratton.

Modification of the order means that no department of the State Fair except the live stock division, will in the least be affected, Mr. Stratton said.

The poultry show will be held Oct. 11 to Oct. 20 inclusive and more than 5,000 fine birds have been entered.

On Oct. 20 the poultry building will be vacated by poultrymen, and turned over to the Kennel Club for its show, Oct. 24, 25 and 26, the last three days of the Fair. One big feature of this year's kennel show, will be more than a hundred fine dogs.

As has been previously announced the full thirteen-day racing program will be carried out. Entries of more than 250 fine horses for the four stake events and the six daily races carded are already in hand.

"Toyo," the nightly fireworks spectacle; "The Passing Parade of 1924," the big musical production; twenty big hippodrom acts before the grand stand; night airplane flights, and various other specialties, form a part of the gigantic amusement program to be carried out at this year's Fair.

Work done by the destitute children of the Near East, whom the society is endeavoring to aid, will be shown in an exhibit at the State Fair of Texas by the Near East Relief Society. It is said the exhibit will contain some exquisite rugs and other handwork of that character.

**DRIVE TO FAIR; COPS
WILL AID VISITORS**

Visitors to the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26 this year, may come in their "rovers" or their Flats, as the case may be, secure in the knowledge that all will be accorded the same courtesy by local traffic policemen.

The testimony of a recent visitor from Charlotte, N. C., brought a statement from Police Chief Trammel.

James Hardwick is the Charlotte man. He drove into Dallas recently and ran up against the red and blue traffic lights.

"I've never seen a city where the officers were more courteous and friendly," he declared. "When I drove into town my first impression was of kindly treatment. A big traffic officer came to my rescue when he saw I was a stranger, and quickly put me to rights as to the signal system."

Police Chief Trammel says it's going to be that way during the State Fair, too, whether a fellow is riding in a flivver or a five thousand dollar limousine.

ALL READY!

THE OASIS

DRIVE-IN

FILLING STATION

Is now open and ready for business, and on

Saturday, October 11th

Will give with every five gallons of Gasoline purchased here

ONE HALF POUND BOX OF FANCY CHOCOLATE CANDY

The Oasis Filling Station

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REMEMBER-- I have the very best line of Pennsylvania Oils and the best Gasoline to be found. Also a good line of Tires, Tubes and Accessories.

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See Us Before Going Elsewhere	We are here to serve you with anything in the line of printed stationery for your business and personal use. □ □ □ □
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Of All Kinds	
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To tell the story of this picture would be unfair to our readers for here is one picture that every true American should see. Those who are fortunate enough to see it will not only thrill to its intensely dramatic moments but go home with a resolve to be not only better citizens but better Americans as well. We make the distinction advisedly.

The story of the picture is inspired by St. John the Divine's vision of the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse, symbolizing Righteousness, (from which it gets its title) and thereby giving it a religious background or motif. The story itself is strictly modern one of life in America today. In fact many of the episodes upon which it is built actually occurred.

Seldom has a better balanced

cast been seen in any picture that has come along. Those of us who have become somewhat sophisticated will at once recognize that here is a picture where the casting director chose his people, not for "names" but for fitness as to type and ability to act.

Cornelius Keefe, as John Franklin, the Young American in charge of the activities of an organization devoted to social betterment, interprets his role with admirable forcefulness.

Una Merkel, as Dorothy, a flower with its roots planted in muck, will give your heart strings some vigorous tugs. Dorothy and John provide romance enough to satisfy the most exacting movie fan.

Any Sonny! Who doesn't love a clean wholesome American boy? Joseph Depew as Sonny will make you want to go up and hug the next ragged, shining faced, newsboy you meet.

Alice May as Jane, Dorothy and Sonny's mother has one of those thankless roles but handles it with a skillfulness that not only exacts a full measure of sympathy but compels your admira-

tion. Charles Brooke in the role of Tom, Dorothy and Sonny's father is a finished actor of many years stage and picture experience. At first, you will be undecided as to whether to hate him or to look upon him with contempt—later, well, "all's well that ends well".

As for the others in the cast—well, as we said its a splendid picture from every angle; one every one, young or old should see. Will be shown at the Cozy, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 15th and 16th.

Mrs. O. J. Adcock has been quite ill this week but is improved at this time.

Mrs. J. D. McGoy left first of the week for a visit with her mother in Oklahoma.

Mr. W. T. Sherrill of Abilene was in Merkel on business Tuesday.

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FOR SALE—Cheap, Hamburger Cold Drink and Confectionary stand. For particulars see Latham. It

FOR SALE—Some full blood Poland China Pigs. Come and get them at once. T. G. Ferguson. 1tp

FOR SALE—\$23.50 buys a Ford demountable wheel set, consisting of four Hayes Wheels, five Hayes rims, tire carrier and all

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FOR SALE—Writing paper and envelopes to match. Name or monogram printed FREE. Call at Mail office to see samples. Blanche Durham. tf

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LOST—Bill folder with C. D. Thornton's name in it. Also had two checks made to Jacob E. Dicker & Son, and \$4.00 in cash. Please return same to Hamilton & Case Grocery. 1tp

LOST—An oval shaped onyx ring with old english C. with six small stones in the C. Reward for return to Vernon Coats. 1tp

LOST—An old fashioned Bar Pin near Methodist church. Please return to Mail office or Mrs. R. R. Buford. 1tp

LOST—33x4 1/2 mud chain, between Garret Feed store and J. M. Garrett residence in south Merkel. Tuesday morning. J. M. Garrett. 1t

LOST—A mans coat on last Saturday night on Shiloh and Merkel road. A dark coat with small red checks. Leave at Merkel Mail office. 1tp

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Three-minute Discussions: China's real revolution, Cyrus Pee. Adventures in Brotherhood, Lorena Frazier. Choice of a career, Loring Hamblett. Healing Ourselves, Murphy Thomas.

EXTRA SPECIAL!!—? Why I need to study missions, Miss Julia Martin. Is Mission Study essential to a well directed Christian life? Miss Williamson. Sentence prayers. Hymn. Benediction.

We are planning a great service at the League next Sunday at 5:30 p.m. We want all the Methodist young people to cooperate with us on that day so come out and help us. Lets' put the Merkel Epworth League on the map.

We will have something next Sunday in the program that is new—something different. You never saw anything like it in the history of Merkel Methodism.

COME help us to help YOU. You don't know how welcome you'll be until you find out. So come and see! If you are under thirty or over fifteen, this means you! So come at five-thirty. We are not snobbish and besides you ought to come the same as we should.

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Have You This Habit?

By Margaret Morison

TIMOTHY RUGGLES

IF A stranger wanted to know the pools where the trout were in the spring, or his wife the hidden slopes where the first arbutus grew under the leaves, they asked Tim Ruggles. To Tim at fifteen, every square foot of his grandfather's broken-down farm was familiar and dear. When his grandfather died and the farm was sold, it was to the boy as if the end of the world had come. He did not at all understand. Then he heard someone explaining the old man's bankruptcy by his never having been "able to look ahead."

From that moment, fifteen-year-old Tim began to take count of stock. Although he felt as if he could not live away from the farm, he suddenly realized that the village offered him no future. He contemplated the few dollars that were his inheritance, and took a temporary job at the country store. After six months he made up his budget: so much for railroad fare, so much for living while on the hunt for employment, so much for margin. Then he said good-by to his river and his woods for many years. In the big city wholesale house he deliberately set himself to work. For a year he ran errands. He was prompt and reliable in all his work, and through contacts and reading he studied up both fundamentals and fine points of the jobbing business.

When a vacancy occurred in the sales department, he applied for it and proved himself worthy of a trial. Then he made good in it. So, as he worked at the present, his eye was always on the future. He had acquired the habit of "looking ahead." And as he looked ahead, he went ahead.

Eventually he married. When his son was seven years old, he heard that his grandfather's old farm was again on the market. He and his wife and the boy made an excursion over one Sunday to go to see it. It was the first time he had been back since he himself had been a boy. They hunted in the gnarled orchard for the little red apple tree that bore such sweet fruit. They climbed the high hill from which a glimpse of the sea was to be caught. They even discovered up in the garret a dried bunch of herbs that through all vicissitudes had hung undisturbed upon the rafters. "How I wish we could afford to buy it!" sighed Tim Ruggles' wife, looking at their son.

"We have bought it," said Tim. "I knew you'd want it when you saw it. I've been saving up for this day ever since I was fifteen—ever since I began to 'look ahead.'"

HAVE YOU THIS HABIT? (© by Metropolitan Newspaper Service.)

Mother's Cook Book

"Smile, and while you smile another smiles. And by and by there's miles of smiles. And life's worth while because you smile."

MAIN DISHES

A GOOD, substantial dish which is not hard to get ready for a good-sized family is

Alaskan Dish.

Cut two pounds of round steak into eight pieces for serving. Dice one-half pound of salt pork. Cook the pork, one cupful of minced celery and one large onion in the pork fat. Fry the steak until brown on both sides, add to the rest of the ingredients, blend two tablespoonfuls of fat with the same of flour, pour over the meat and simmer all together for thirty minutes. Just before serving add one cupful of cooked spaghetti and one pint of stewed tomatoes. Serve on hot platter.

Panned Oysters.

Scald one cupful of oysters. When the edges curl, remove them from the liquor. Take one tablespoonful of butter creamed with two of flour, add one cupful of milk and cook until thick. Add one-half cupful each of broken nut meats and chopped celery. Season to taste and add the oysters. Remove the tops from rolls, scoop out the soft part, toast the tops and shells and fill with the oysters. The shells may be well buttered with soft butter before filling, adding to the daintiness of the dish.

Baked Lima Beans and Tomatoes.

Soak a pound of beans overnight, parboil for five minutes or longer to soften, rinse and cook until tender. Add one teaspoonful of salt to each quart of water used. Season a pint of tomatoes with salt and pepper and onion juice. Add it to the drained beans. Put into a beanpot with two thick slices of bacon or salt pork and bake until the bacon is crisp and brown.

Fricassee of Tongues.

Sheep's tongues or small calves' tongues may be used. Take four, cover with boiling water and simmer until tender, adding a few cloves and a small onion; season with salt when nearly done. Remove, cool, skin and cut lengthwise; season well. The next day, roll the tongues in flour and fry in butter and chopped onion until brown. Serve with a brown sauce seasoned with a dash of lemon juice. Serve with hot boiled rice.

Nellie Maxwell



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"SENIOR" NOTES

A very interesting game of football, which resulted in a score of 26 to 0 in Merkel's favor was played Friday on the Merkel field when the Merkel High School Badgers met the Sweetwater team.

A very large crowd saw the game, most of whom were loyal enough to their home town team to buy tickets.

Of the four touchdowns which were made, two were made by "Boots" Smith, one by Clesby Patterson and one by Delbert Polly.

Melba West, Dorris Durham, Ona Fae Rose, Gladys Mayfield and Mildred Matthews could not wait for the rest of the High School, so they have already moved to the new building.

Mr. Burgess, in order to stop gambling, wants a law passed to prevent changes in the weather.

Jarret's idea of Heaven is the privilege of passing out the "Literary Digest".

For some reason, probably the damp weather, the American History concerts are out of tune.

Isabel McAdams is one of the best and most frequent readers in the United States History class.

Advice to the Juniors.

1. Thou shalt not borrow thy neighbor's "Readings from American Literature" although thou needest it worse than he.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any false copies or any likeness of any persons on the Senior or any class beneath.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Seniors—thy better—in vain.

4. Remember the day of the Exams and prepare thyself for them.

5. Thou shalt not whisper, chew gum or write notes.

6. Thou shalt not laugh loud for it bespeaks the condition of thy mind.

7. Thou shalt not covet the reputation of the Senior.

8. Thou shalt not indulge in puppy or sick kitten love.

9. Thou shalt not throw mud balls for fear of soiling thy hands.

10. Eight more months shalt thou labor and do thy work well and Last but not least, break thy old habits and start studying.

"A Girl's Geography"

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One hundred ladies and misses hats came by express this week and are priced special for Saturday and all next week.

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shown here and prices are cheaper.



GOLAN NEWS

George Byrom Jr. was reported on the sick list this week but is improving nicely at present.

A large crowd attended Sunday School at Golan Sunday morning. Only a few were present at the prayer service Sunday night conducted by Mrs. A. S. Lawlis. Children bring your parents out. We are sure they will enjoy our testimony services.

Mr. Luther Davis, wife and son Lewin, C. C. Stribbling and family spent Sunday with Val P. Byrom and wife.

Linnie Garner, Mary Lou Brown and Wesley Northcutt took lunch with Gertrude Byrom Sunday.

Bettie Byrom and Vera Lawlis are talking of coming home to spend the week end Saturday night, the 11th.

Audra Dell Hudspeth, also Eula Cook, were the guests of Lena and Vera Jones Sunday.

Mary Northcutt took dinner with Elsie Hill Sunday.

Sarah Lawlis spent Sunday night with Merrel Dean.

A small crowd from Golan attended the singing at Newman Sunday afternoon. Dandelion.

Junior League Program

"Gideon, the boy who obeyed" Leader, Drayton Richardson.

Song, Scripture, prayer. Instrumental music by Dorothy Daniels.

Dividing the Army, by Victor Smith.

A Dream, by Glenna Rea.

What obedience to parents means, Nell Durham. The three companies, Nadine Tippet.

Our Junior League will meet at four. Be on time inside the door. E'er you leave we'll tell you why. You should OBEY as the days roll by.

OH SKINNIE! I'm going down to WEST'S to get a pair of Pennsylvania bicycle tires. They're giving a tube of Never Leak with every pair.

"If you are now on a milk diet, you should at least be willing to give Gordon's Antiseptic a trial and be convinced of its merits. Merkel Drug Co. 3t4

Mr. Max Mellinger, wife and three boys returned Wednesday from a brief visit with friends at Sweetwater, Texas.

Mr. C. N. Jacobs is having erected in the southwest part of Merkel a pretty bungalow home.

Lookout, 25. Cape Fear, 30. Cape Farwell, 40.

"Gordon's Antiseptic will keep your stomach well and your digestion perfect. Merkel Drug Company." 3t4

Mr. W. D. Swann left for his home at Tyler, Texas, after a visit of three weeks with his brother, Mr. J. S. Swann.

Mr. John W. Benton of Jayton, Texas, was here Wednesday calling on former friends. Mr. Benton having at one time been in the Blacksmith business here.

HALLOWEEN! HALLOWEEN!

For decorations to be used in entertainments for Halloween, we have paper in Halloween colors. Call and see when in need of such for the Halloween occasion. Merkel Mail Ptg. Co.

New Hay—Lots of it. Also good, clean Wheat Hay. Swafford, South Side, phone 44. It

Mrs. Robert Hicks and little son, Ben Robert, left Thursday morning for Wills Point, Texas, where they will visit relatives for some time.

—WANTED—

Some second-hand Ford cars. Drive yours around and get our prices. Merkel Motor Co., authorized Ford dealers.

Miss Dorothy Sanders, who attends McMurry College, Abilene, was here last week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders.

Mrs. Dewey Brown and children, of Tuscola, were up last week for a visit with the former's father, Mr. J. S. Thomas, and family.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth was at home for the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth. Miss Booth attends Simmons College.

Miss Nell Swann who attends Simmons College was here to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

We are glad to place on our subscription list the name of Mr. Geo. Lewis, of Big Spring, who is now located in Merkel, being engaged in the plumbing business.

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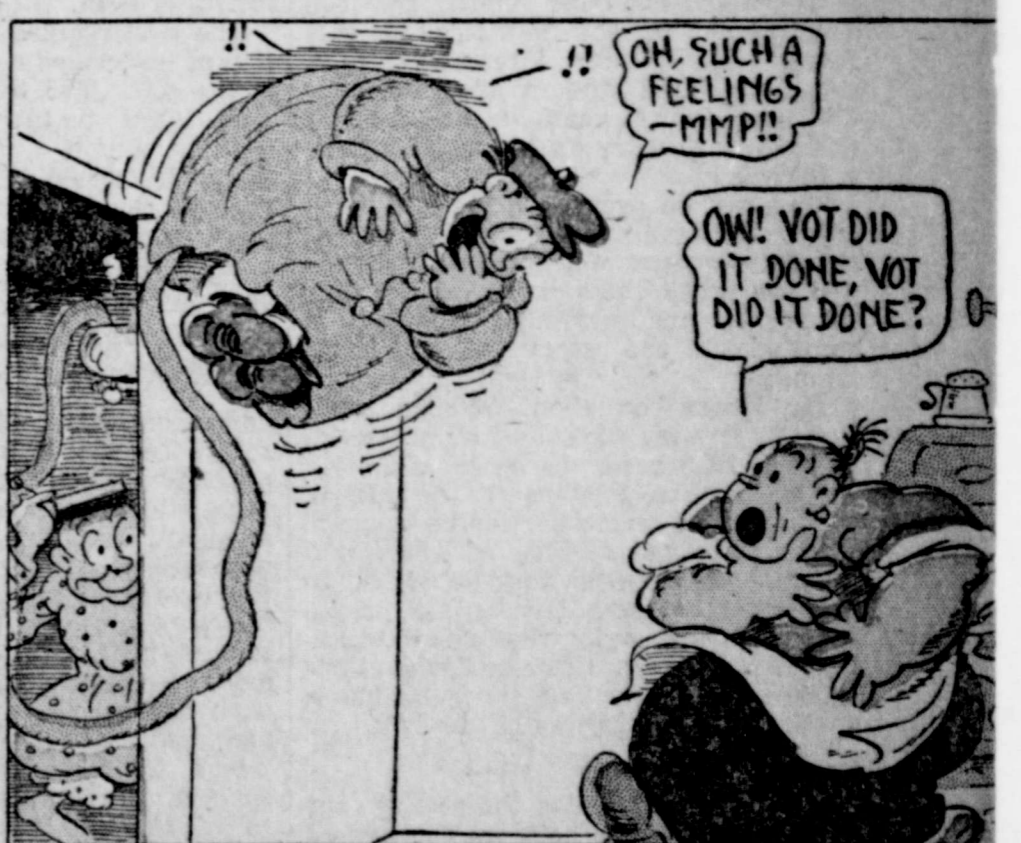
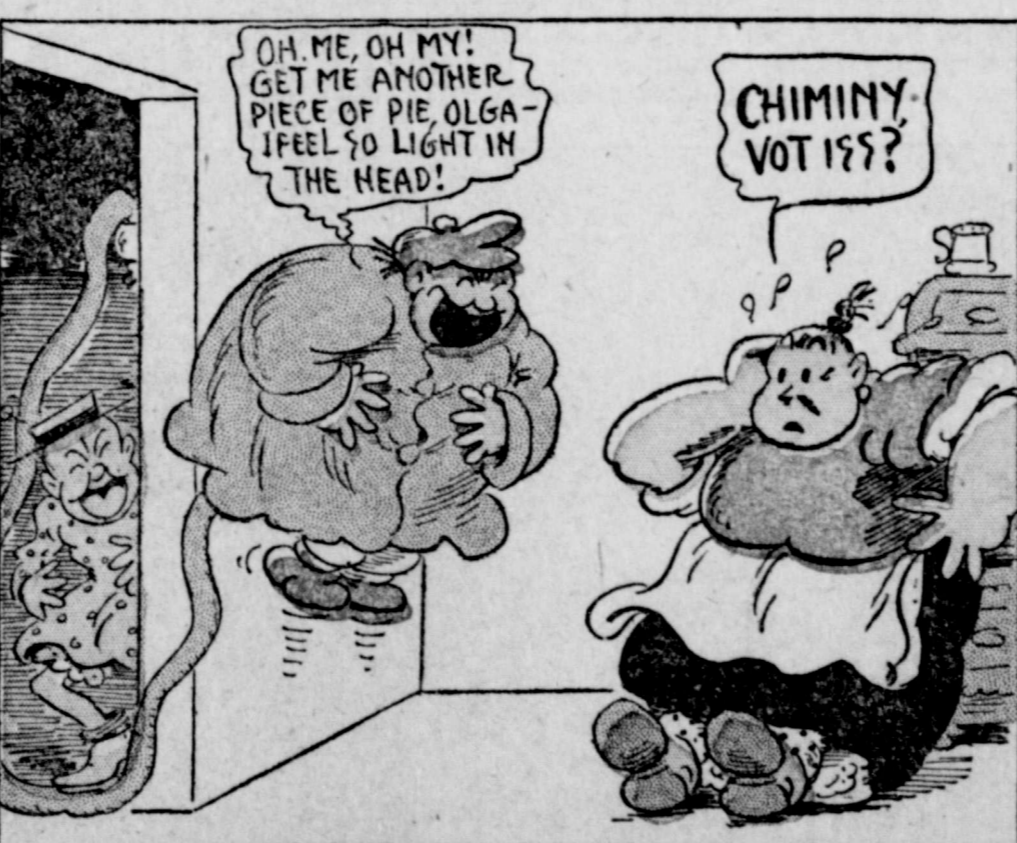
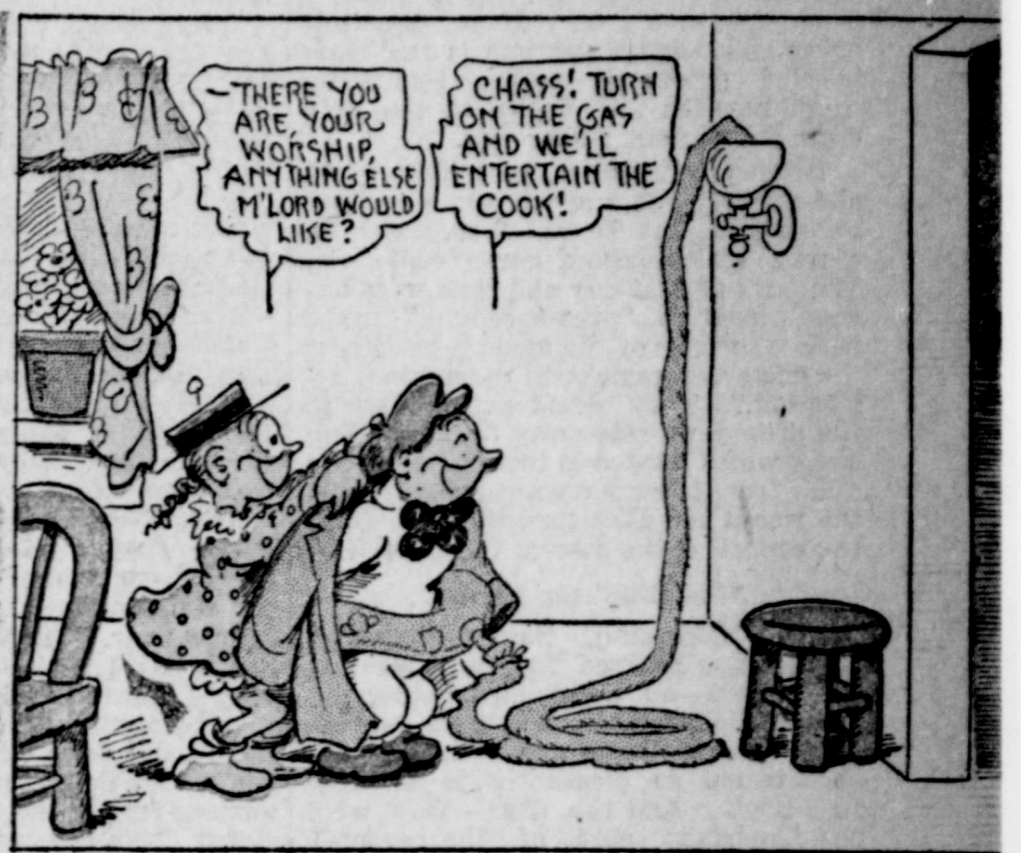
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Hunting the Wildcat in Texas

By AUSTIN CALLAN.

Maybe the automobile has shortened distances and brought communities closer together; maybe it has been the means of expediting business transactions between urban and rural folks; maybe it has stimulated travel and in a sense broadened the average human mind. But there is one thing to its discredit—it has stopped to a great extent the raising of saddle-horses and without saddle-horses it is impossible to engage in one of the best sports that a man ever enjoyed.

Did you ever hunt wild animals with dogs? Did you every ride through the moonlight night behind a pack of hounds which were chasing a panther, a wild cat, or a fox? If so, you will agree that such a pastime is real, red-blooded sport; it makes something tingle beneath the surface of the skin clear out to your finger tips.

I remember a clear, moonlight night about thirty years ago; there wasn't an automobile in Texas then, nor a moving picture show, nor a radio set. The boys of that day and time were unaccustomed to "pike speeding," booze parties, or any of the modern pastimes; the one great game with them was "cat-hunting." They would gather late in the afternoon, ride away to a winding creek which headed in the hills some ten miles from town, have a camp supper in the woods and then turn the dogs down the course of the stream for a chase.

"Old Blue" the Leader.

Bob McFarland, Sam Woodward, Emmet Spath, Fred Taylor and Gus Roquemore—all well-known young fellows of Coleman, Texas—were on the hunt this particular night which comes back to me so pleasantly in memory just now. And the dogs—they were the important part of the event—I recollect each dog's name and could have sworn to the bark of any one of them, as readily as you could swear

to the voice of your closest friend. There were six in the pack and Old Blue was the leader. We thought more of him than any man could possibly think of his dumb Cadillac or Packard. He knew each of us "personally" and there wasn't a bone in any butcher shop on earth that could have persuaded him to give out a wrong tip. When Old Blue opened up on a trail and gave two or three short barks, you could bet your life that there was something doing. Other members of the dog pack were Queen, Horace Greely, Boss, Flop Ear and General Hancock.

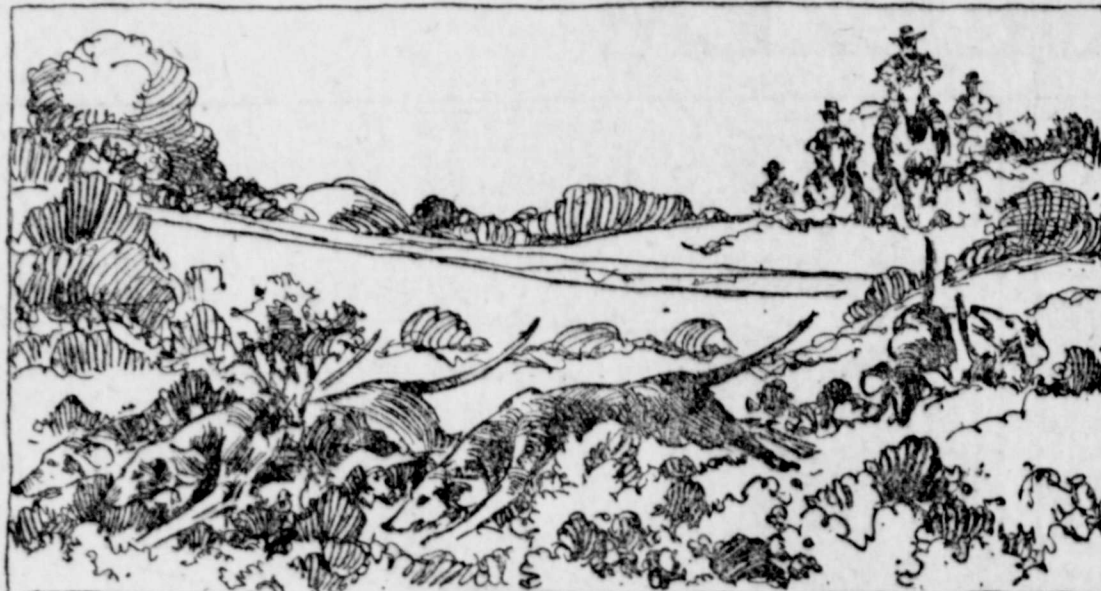
Queen could outrun any dog in the pack and she always gave the first information that the victim had been treed. You never heard a word from Old Blue after he opened up on a trail—that seemed to finish his work; he gave the other dogs a good start and merely went along to see that they didn't go wrong.

Well, after we had eaten supper and saddled our horses, which were staked out and permitted to graze during the supper hour, Fred Taylor blew the horn and brought all the hounds together. They indicated by their howling, which reverberated from hill to hill and echoed far up and down the waters of Home creek, that they were not only ready but anxious for the chase. Then we started slowly down the stream, permitting the pack to work a safe distance ahead. It was crisp and invigorating in the cool breezes of the night and each one of us,

young, enthusiastic and ready for a ride, awaited impatiently that first signal from our "leader."

Picking Up the Trail.

It eventually came; there were a few sniffs and whines, as if the picking up of the trail was a difficult task, and then Blue, with that deep, assuring voice of his, made the announcement that Mr. Wild Cat had passed that way. In an instant General Hancock and Horace Greely verified Blue's keen scent by



"The whole pack was stretched out on the side of a mesquite ridge."

taking up the cry, and now the whole pack was stretched out on the side of a mesquite ridge, with their noses to the ground, getting a little faster as they followed the trail which was very cold at first, but grew warmer and warmer each passing moment.

We had gone on a mile or more, crossed the creek and had climbed over a very rough hill, when the trail got so hot that the dogs were running full speed and making the valley resound with music sweeter than Paderewski

ever played. The person who has never experienced such a chase cannot possibly imagine the thrill and the joy which accompanies it. Standing straight up in our stirrups and yelping encouragement to Queen who led in the pursuit, we dashed through the moonlight night with hearts beating time to wild notes that filled the air and assured us not only of a lively chase, but of a stubborn fight when the cat "took to the wood."

At length the trail led over a bluff and along rocky crags where our horses could not follow. For the first time the dogs got out of sight and it was necessary to ride around the bluffs in order to follow them. Spurring on our horses, we made it to a high point in the direction from which the sound of barking came. Sometimes it seemed as if the pack were miles away and we could only catch a faint baying now and then. But from the summit of that high point the music was again heard, and Queen's exultant voice was easily recognized; the wildcat had been brought to bay.

"Treeing" the Wildcat.

This always is the most exciting time of any chase. It is sweet to hear the hounds yelping as they go in lightning pursuit of their prey, but the deep, short bark which means, "We've got him treed," is the best thrill of all. The owner of Queen called encouragingly to her that we were coming, and no time was lost in covering the distance be-

tween us and a big pecan tree in the creek bottom, a mile away, which had been chosen by the fleeing wildcat as a refuge.

By "skylighting" the wildcat, which had crouched on a limb about twenty feet above the ground, we could see that the animal was a very large one, and the way he snapped and growled when sticks were thrown at him, indicated that he was full of fight. But he wouldn't come down. His eyes glowed in the darkness like coals of fire as he kept up his "spitting" and low growling. As a last resort, Gus Roquemore volunteered to climb the tree and gouge the varmint out. His decision was one of the kind which a man never makes a second time in life. Gouging a wildcat out of a tree is no child's play; the wildcat takes the position that he got up there first and has just as good a right to the perch as you have. In fact, he'll generally fight for it and that is what this one did. Gus was chased down the tree, and he wasn't a bit slow in coming down, either.

Other plans to oust the cat were resorted to, but eventually he leaped from the limb. He landed on his feet and tried to get away, but General Hancock nabbed him; then the wild fray began. I never saw a gamer fight put up by a wildcat against dogs in my life. It was exciting, snappy and bloody. Several of the dogs had their ears badly chewed up, and probably would have yielded to the superior activity and sharper teeth of the varmint had it not been for the continual shouts of encouragement which we offered them.

In the end the odds won; there were too many mouths for the wildcat to watch. Horace Greely's grip on his throat finally decided the contest. But when Fred Taylor sounded the horn and we started home, there wasn't a dog in the pack that didn't carry a scar from the battle.

Possibilities of Pecan Growing

Ideal Conditions in Texas for Producing This Money Crop.

By MRS. MARGARET STUTE.

It was one of those "rare days in June," which the poets have immortalized, that I had the privilege as well as the pleasure to visit the pecan nursery of Mr. J. A. Evans, near Arlington, Texas, and see for myself the nucleus of one of the crops that is destined to make Texas more famous.

Mr. Evans is a dreamer that has made his dreams come true. He is a practical idealist. For twenty-five years he has fought the "can't be done" critic and all of his tribe. Today, he stands ready to give to the world the fruit of his years of experience and investigations. Mr. Evans is considered one of the foremost pecan specialists in Texas and has done much for the development of the industry in this State. He is an interesting man and a profound student of plant life. The past several years he has devoted entirely to developing his own nursery and orchards.

As I walked over his acres and acres of nursery land and he explained to me the development of the pecan in Texas and the possibilities now ahead in this interesting and profitable business, it sounded like the story of Aladdin's lamp.

Mr. Evans has about 350,000 seedlings in nursery rows and thousands of budded trees ready to be transplanted for prospective growers at the proper time. For the rare collection he has, Mr. Evans examined millions of trees and selected less than ten that he wished to propagate. These few he has propagated by transferring the buds to growing trees and from these he has developed new and better varieties. He has a special budding process of his own.

Selection of Varieties.

Mr. Evans advocates the setting out of new pecan trees between the last of November to the last of February. He urges that the prospective pecan grower should study the conditions outlined in this article and see if his land is suited for the purpose. He further says the selection of the varieties should be gone into thoroughly and only the improved varieties and those suited for the location should be chosen. He grows only types that shell over fifty per cent meat, that shell easily, coming out in perfect halves, and the trees are prolific bearers. The earlier the selection is made the better. This for several reasons. First, the nurseryman has a larger stock, the root system has a better chance to become established before the spring leafing and growing, and the grower has more time to spend caring for them.

The things outlined in this article are not theories but are the results of many years of research and experiment. The subject matter was given to me by Mr. Evans. I was also assisted by Dr. J. W. Irion of Fort Worth, an enthusiastic promoter of the pecan industry. Dr. Irion's farm is located a few miles east of Fort Worth.

"If you will take your map and follow the belt of the thirty-inch rainfall in Texas, that extends approximately from north to south with a curve to the west, you will find here the region that is producing over sixty per cent of the world's pecans today," said Mr. Evans. He added, "this is because in certain localities of our State ideal conditions prevail for pecan growth that are not found anywhere else in the United States. There is just enough moisture and yet not too much; the soil is rich and of a loose texture."

Mr. Evans believes that Texas was the mother State of the pecan because the conditions here are most favorable for its growth.

The first requirement for the production of pecans, as a commercial product, is the soil. The top soil must be of a rich, loose texture with a supply of lime. Rich, sandy, loam is the best of all. However, for home consumption, any soil will raise them if treated properly, if the soil is kept loose and mixed with well rotted stable manure, lime, plenty of water, and worked frequently. They will well repay for the effort when you realize their value. Pecans need a porous clay sub-soil, with natural drainage, but with the water table near enough the surface to tide the tree over a drought.

The next requirement is the amount of moisture. The region lying within the thirty-inch rain belt of Texas, as I have said before, has the required amount of moisture, as a general rule. Along the banks of streams is very favorable for pecan growth, because here is a natural drainage made by the water flow. The land is deep and rich because of the deposits of dirt washed down stream, and there is usually enough water stored in the ground to carry the trees through a drought. It is a mistaken idea, Mr. Evans insisted, that pecans like their roots to stand in water. This is not true, as it produces "wet feet" which is one of the worst things for the trees. Pecans are very much like cotton; they need a moderate amount of moisture and lots of sunshine.

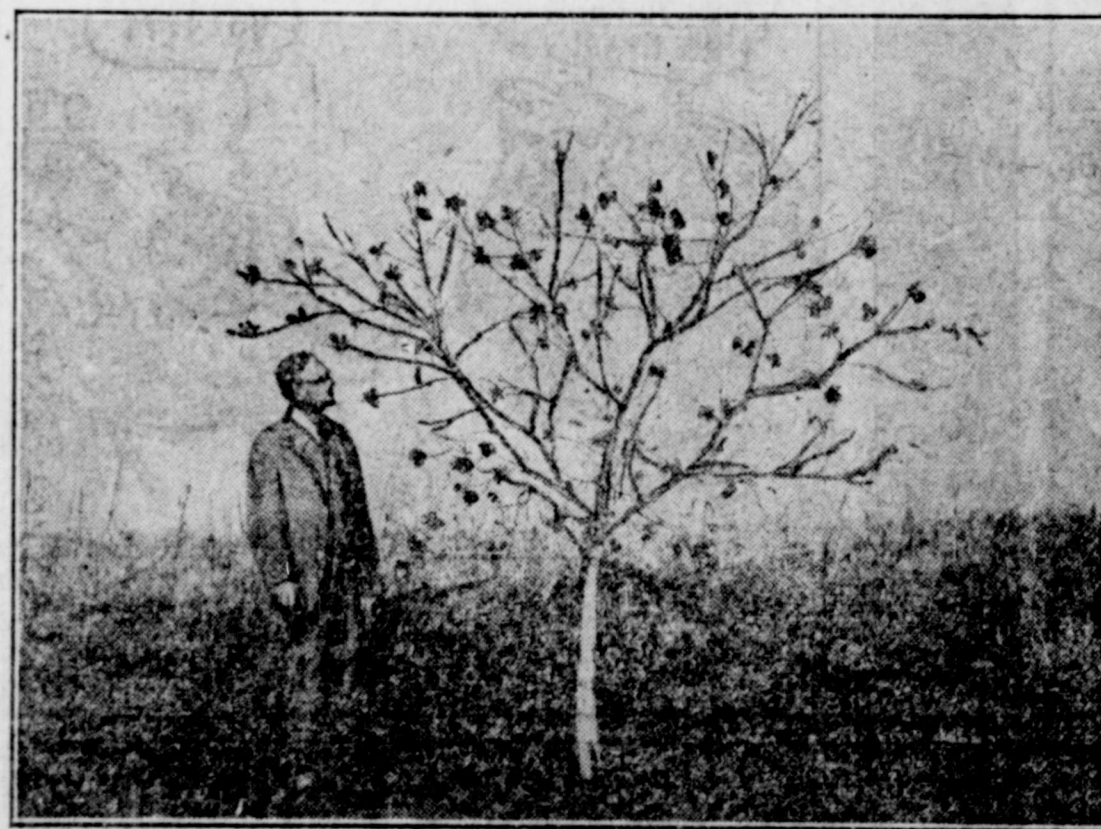
The third requirement is proper care. As a rule, Mr. Evans stated, it is the impression of a great many persons, that after a tree has started to grow

there is no need to give it further cultivation. This is a grave mistake. First, you must plant the tree correctly. The tree should be delivered to the purchaser in first class condition with as much of the tap root as possible. A hole should be prepared four and a half feet long by two feet wide by three feet deep (or deeper) if the tap root requires it. Set the trees out as soon as they arrive. Take one tree at a time and leave the roots of the others covered with a wet sack. Trim all broken or bruised parts of the roots with a sharp knife, cutting with an upward slant. It is best for one man to get in the hole with the tree and another shovel in the dirt. Use only good surface dirt next to the root.

Pile the dirt in a cone shape and press firmly around the roots. If fertilizer is used, put around the sides of the hole

was an investment not only for himself but for his family for generations to come. After the pecan tree is well developed and begins to bear heavily, do not relax in its cultivation. Culture is as necessary with the pecan as with any other crop.

I have now told you the things that Mr. Evans told me of how we may recognize the conditions under which pecans can be most favorably produced—how to plant and how to cultivate them. He then went on to tell me how there were two general types, or classes. These are called the eastern and the western. The eastern are those that originated east of the section that extends from Denison through Dallas to Houston, Texas, and the western are those that originated west of that line. The one point that he especially impressed on me was the necessity of planting the types suited for the raiser's locality. It is in the matter of "class" (to use Mr. Evans phrase) that the western variety is superior to the eastern. But there are more factors than that to consider. One of the draw-backs to the growth of pecans is the fungous diseases. They are especially present in damp climates. The eastern variety has, through a long process of evolution, developed types that are somewhat resistant to the fungous disease, and our western types will not do well in the eastern part of our State. While on the other



Mr. Evans and a four-year-old bearing pecan tree in his nursery, at Arlington, Texas.

hand we can grow either type. There is little trouble with the fungous disease in the western part of Texas that cannot be controlled with timely application of spray. The best western varieties are the Halbur, Burket, Evans, Sirock, Simons, Welty, and the E-D that shells 68% meat. They have a large per cent of meat (all the varieties that I mentioned shell over 50% meat), they are easier to crack, coming out invariably in perfect halves; they are heavier bearers (I will explain why later), the meat separates from the shell easier, the appearance is better, and the meat is cleaner. The flavor of the western variety and the richness is well pronounced, said Mr. Evans. All of the aforesaid advantages means a great deal to the grower, as he can demand a better price for his product. And there is an unlimited

Grew Cotton Between Trees.

One man in the Texas pecan area set his land in pecan trees, not even of the improved type, but while his trees were developing he grew cotton between the trees, leaving six feet on either side of the trees. In a few years he had paid for his place and had a comfortable living; when the trees began to bear heavily he had an income for life that

field before him. It has been estimated that there are not yet enough pecan nuts to give all the school children of the United States one meal. What does it all mean? Just think of the possibilities that are yet ahead in this industry, with Texas presenting the most ideal conditions for pecan growth and development. They are selling the improved varieties all the way from fifty to ninety cents per pound f. o. b. the orchard. There are thousands of persons that have never tasted pecans of the improved varieties.

Worth \$1,000 per Acre.

When Texans awake to the importance that land they are cultivating, under ordinary conditions, with only a small return for their labor and which is worth \$75 to \$100 an acre, will, if put in pecans and conditions are favorable, be worth at least \$1,000 per acre with a far greater income, there will be many thousand of pecan orchards throughout our State. The actual figures of \$1,000 per acre read like the story of some highly worded fiction. But results have been surely proven.

Mr. Evans has by the process of budding eliminated one of the most discouraging features for the prospective pecan grower. That is, the long period before the tree begins to bear. This writer saw in the nursery rows at the Evans' nursery budded trees in their second year bearing handfuls of nuts. The cut in the center of the page is a picture of a 4-year-old pecan tree that bore ten pounds of nuts last year, and from this year's prospects it will bear twenty-five pounds. In the pecan orchard of Dr. Irion, Mr. Evans counted eighteen nuts, in June, on a tree that had been set out in January.

The reason that the western are the heaviest bearers is because the growth of the trees are different. The terminal branch of one year's growth bears the crop of the following year. The western trees produce short, slender branches that send out many lateral branches, each bearing a cluster of nuts. While the eastern produces long, stocky branches with few lateral branches, this makes fewer clusters.

One of the most favorable features in the favor of the pecan is the market. First, the crop is not perishable and may be held off the market for some time; next they are easy to ship, and there is a vast market waiting to consume them. With only a comparatively small area in the United States where pecans can be grown with commercial success, Texas is indeed fortunate.

Every home should have at least two trees of the improved types, as the nut is very rich in food value and can be used, to a certain extent, as a substitute for meat.

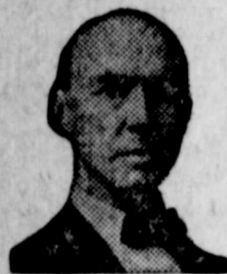
Any person having native trees on their land should protect them and, when it is possible, have them budded by an expert with the new improved

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CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

SULPHUR PRODUCTION IN TEXAS.



Democratic majority, and the same can be said of her in the production of many other commodities the world can't get along without. If Texas should be swallowed up in an earthquake, a third of the men of the world would have to go without shirts, or else all men would have to wear shirts with tails shortened. Should such a dire calamity come to the world as the destruction of Texas, a large per cent of the world's population would have to go without socks and eat higher-priced bread. Texas leads in so many ways and in the production of so many things that I cannot undertake enumeration here, but beg permission to address myself for a few minutes to one commodity I didn't know Texas led in the production of until a few weeks ago, and it's a pretty safe bet that not many of you know it, even now.

Most of us have grown chasty at times when speaking of Texas growing more than a third of the cotton produced in the United States, and have grown eloquent when talking of our cattle and hog production, but how many of you have boasted of the fact, or even knew, that Texas has a big lead in the production of sulphur? I am of the opinion that I heard something of sulphur production in Texas last year, when the Governor and Legislature were hunting something new to tax, but I never dreamed that the grand old State produced more than a few carloads of the commodity annually. But, to make a long story short, this grand old commonwealth of ours, this diamond-studded swastika that glitters and glows on the bosom of the world's greatest nation, this bride of the world, this queen of the South, actually produces nearly 75 per cent of the world's supply of sulphur.

Possibly you may be as ignorant, of sulphur, its production, its uses, and its commercial importance as I was a month ago. I hope not, for I am not sure I knew whether sulphur is dug from mines, made in laboratories or rained from heaven. True, I formed the acquaintance of sulphur early in

Texas is a State to brag on, and since all people like to brag, those who live in Texas are truly fortunate. In the matter of size, Texas towers above all her sister States like old Pike's Peak above a mole hill or a crawfish chimney. In cotton production, Texas' lead is as great as her

life. I didn't like it when first introduced to it, and it was not a case of acquaintance ripening into friendship, but of familiarity breeding contempt. It was indeed a nauseating dose, that mixture of sulphur and molasses, the old folks fed me in the morning of life, when I would have been happy but for the taste, dread and memory of the remedy of such incongruous ingredients. But the blood had to be purified, and that awful mess was the specific. Also there was another disease, or condition, which shall be nameless here, for which a mixture of sulphur and lard was the only known remedial agent; but thank heaven it was applied externally, and recollections of it do not build in memory quite so ugly a chamber of horrors. But let me say here, in spite of my preconceived ideas, and probably yours also, that sulphur is one of the world's most useful commodities, and furthermore that its production is by no means a peanut stand business. Not only is sulphur an important commodity in this world, but if the views of the fundamentalists are correct, it will be one of the most important commodities in the world to come, for sulphur's other name you know, is brimstone.

How much sulphur do you suppose was produced in the United States last year? The figures show 2,035,847 tons—and virtually all of it was produced in Texas and Louisiana; and the great bulk of it in Texas. How marvelous has been the growth of sulphur production in the United States will be seen when we note that in the year 1900 the production was only 4,600 tons. One is tempted to ask in the beginning what is done with so much sulphur? Surely nothing like that much of the yellow, bad-tasting stuff is needed to purify the blood of afflicted humanity. I might say, as a starter, that not long since one great ship load of the yellow stuff went from Freeport, Texas, to a match factory in Norway, and was used by that factory in making matches. But this is really too small an item to mention in telling of the uses of sulphur. I saw a great ship being loaded with the yellow flour at the Freeport docks less than a month ago. As I watched car after car pour its freight into the hold of the great ship, I thought there must be in the great pile of brimstone sulphur enough to run the world until it finally melts with fervent heat and rolls up as a scroll, and still leave quite a quantity for Satan to replenish his fires around the toasting frames of those whose deeds were evil in this life. But this was but a modest shipment of

sulphur, and it was consigned to a paper mill at Rotterdam, Holland.

Lest I forget it, and for fear you may conclude the sulphur business is a small affair, without possibility of great growth, let me say that the price of sulphur runs from \$18 to \$22 per ton, on board the ship, with Texas now producing in the neighborhood of two million tons annually on a very small strip of country—perhaps not land enough to grow 500 bales of cotton. And sulphur production in Texas is yet in its infancy.

THE USES OF SULPHUR.

The uses of sulphur are many, too many to permit extended mention here. More than half of the supply goes into sulphuric acid, which is used in a greater variety of ways in the chemical line than any other substance. In the manufacture of paper and pulp something like one-fifth of the world's sulphur supply is used annually. Much sulphur is used in the manufacture of rubber, and the substance has many other uses, the most important use of sulphur, and sulphur products, is in agriculture. Of the total production of sulphur and sulphur products somewhere in the neighborhood of 50 per cent goes into fertilizer, insecticides, and fungicides; and it is in this substance the most basic industry we have, the one which produces the necessities of our daily lives, finds its most helpful friend. The soil grows old, and with use and strained production, many of its properties are exhausted, and must be restored ere it can give to the world's grainaries and factories a harvest sufficient to feed and clothe a large and rapidly growing population. And as the world grows older more insects come to prey upon plant life, and rob our great fields of cotton, corn and wheat, and our great orchards of their fruit before maturity is reached. Extensive experiments conducted in western United States, particularly in Oregon, have demonstrated that the addition of sulphur to certain soils has increased the yield of alfalfa and other legumes from 50 to 200 per cent. The element has been found beneficial in increasing the yield of wheat, barley, corn, tobacco and potatoes, as well as in the case of the legumes. Experiments are being carried on now for the correction of alkalinity in soils by means of sulphur. Already it has been found that addition of a sulphur mixture in the soil acts as a preventative of scab on potatoes, evidently by rendering the soil of such a degree of acidity that the disease will not thrive. I am told that there is hope of destruction of what is commonly

called "alkali," or root rot, in the cotton fields of North and Central Texas by sulphur, or sulphur mixtures. So, through the restoration of exhausted properties of the soil, the correction of alkalinity in the soil, and the destruction of ravenous insects, sulphur has already established itself as a strong friend of agriculture, and to it we look for greater things.

SULPHUR MINING.

The process of removing sulphur from the earth, as it is done in Texas and Louisiana, is an interesting one, and shows another great triumph of the mind and hand of man. I was permitted to observe the process at the plant of the Freeport Sulphur Company, in Brazoria county, Texas, recently, since which time I have wondered how the mind of man worked out such a scheme for robbing the underworld of its treasure, and have marvelled over the wonderful success of the scheme. Outside of Texas and Louisiana sulphur ore is mined in the usual way, that is by going deep down into the earth with picks and shovels, digging out the ore and hoisting it to the earth's surface. In some countries the ore is piled in heaps and the sulphur extracted by burning; in others regenerative furnaces have been introduced. But a few years since a great genius found "a more excellent way," which is being employed with great success in Texas and Louisiana. In the States mentioned, which give to the world nearly 90 per cent of its sulphur supply, sulphur is obtained by what is known as the superheated water method.

In the gulf coast region of Texas and Louisiana are to be seen a number of slight elevations on the otherwise flat plains. Some years ago attention was drawn to these domes as favorable locations for drilling for oil. The oil shows were not rich, but in the drillings strong deposits of sulphur were recognized. Attempts to mine the sulphur in the old mining way were made in a few places, but were unsuccessful; then a genius named Herman Frasch conceived the idea of melting sulphur in situ by means of superheated water, and bringing it to the earth's surface in the liquid state, but much after the manner that salt is produced by pumping brine from wells. The sulphur beds being worked in Brazoria county, Texas, and also in Matagorda county, are about 800 to 1000 feet below the surface. The deposits vary in thickness from 180 to 200 feet. To reach the sulphur, holes from 8 to 10 inches in diameter are drilled, and are cased to the top of the

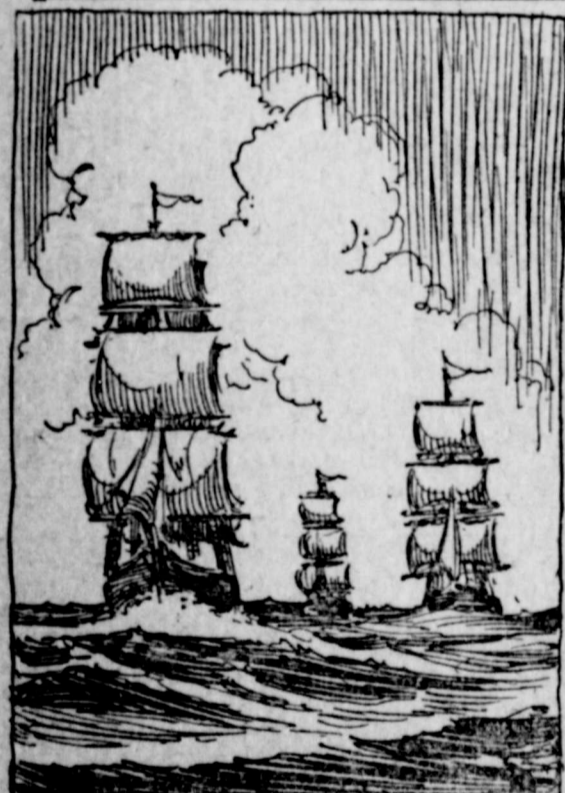
deposit. A six-inch pipe is inserted inside the casing has perforations extending for some distance from the end. Inside the six-inch pipe a three-inch pipe is inserted to within a short distance of the lower end. Inside the three-inch pipe a one-inch pipe is placed for compressed air, for pumping purposes.

The mineral is extracted by means of superheated water, at a temperature of 330 degrees Fahrenheit, under a pressure of from 150 to 200 pounds. The water is forced between the six-inch pipe and the three-inch pipe, perforating the sulphur bed through the perforations in the former. The sulphur is melted and runs to the bottom of the well, the molten sulphur rising in the three-inch pipe. The pressure of the pump, plus the head of water, raises the sulphur in the three-inch pipe several hundred feet, and the air jet forces it to the surface. It flows to a tank, from which it is pumped through heated pipes to central storage vats. These vats are from 600 to 1000 feet long, 50 feet wide and 40 feet high. The molten metal solidifies quickly, and eventually the sides are removed, leaving a solid block of sulphur. This is broken by blasting, the broken bulk sulphur being loaded into railways cars by traveling steam shovels.

This is a very brief story of sulphur production in Texas, with an attempt to tell, in a few words, something of the magnitude of an industry few Texans know much about, together with a short story of the ingenious manner in which the substance is removed from the ore a thousand feet below the earth's surface and brought to the surface. When you have time, run down to Freeport and get a close-up view. The first thing to greet your eyes will be a yellow mountain a thousand feet long, fifty feet wide and fifty feet high. This is sulphur awaiting shipment. You will see the sides of this mountain dynamited, shattering and crumbling great quantities of the substance with each blast. Then will come a train of open cars and self-propelling locomotive hoist. The hoist will reach out its shovels, grab two tons of sulphur at a bite, and load the waiting cars. When the cars are loaded the train pulls out for the docks on Freeport harbor, four miles distant. The cars are pulled to the loading track, which is fifty feet above mean low tide. There the load is discharged into great hoppers, with great chutes carrying the sulphur direct to the hold of the ship. Six cars are unloaded in twelve minutes. And the big ships carry the sulphur to the four quarters of the earth.

The Founding of New Braunfels

By HORACE C. WALKER.



"The immigrants came over in sailing vessels."

The county of Comal, so named from a Mexican earthenware dish for making tortillas, is located in the Southeastern part of Texas between Austin and San Antonio. Near the southeastern border of this county, on the banks of the beautiful Comal river, is situated the little German town of New Braunfels, county seat of Comal county. It nestles at the foot of a great range of hills that circle it on the north and west, enclosing here and there peaceful valleys tenanted by thrifty, contented German farmers, while to the southeast stretch rolling blackland prairies, dotted also by the comfortable homes of these same industrious Germans.

The town of New Braunfels has to a certain extent persistently preserved its Teutonic identity through all the advancing changes of American civilization, with which it has kept pace. Patriotically American in political sentiment, it is yet almost as thoroughly German in manners, customs and ideals as if it were located on the vine-clad banks of the Rhine.

The founding of New Braunfels dates

back to April 20, 1842, when fourteen German princes and noblemen met at Biebrich, Germany, on the Rhine, and formed an association for the purchase and colonization of lands in Texas. They bought from one Bourgeois d'Orvanne a grant that was already forfeited, then the Fisher & Miller grant, which comprised lands between the Llano and the San Saba rivers. These lands being too far from the coast and still occupied by Indians, they were found to be unsuitable for settlement, and the present site of New Braunfels was bought from a daughter of the former Mexican governor, Veramendi, of Coahuila, and Texas. The immigrants came over in sailing vessels, landed at Galveston, and from there were brought in small craft to Indian Point on Matagorda Bay. They had to remain here—that is, the first lot—for about two months, before the difficult march into the interior could be undertaken. In the course of a year, more than five thousand immigrants arrived at the little frontier settlement of New Braunfels. They had to endure all manner of hardships, and epidemics broke out among them, greatly reducing their numbers.

Founded in 1845.

New Braunfels was founded by Prince Solms-Braunfels early in the year 1845. The first immigrants crossed the Guadalupe river on Good Friday, March 21, of that year, pitching their tents on the high bluff overlooking the Comal river, where now stands the Catholic church of the town. Here was founded the first colony of this German association of noblemen. Fredericksburg, in Gillespie county, Texas, was established the next year, 1846, and remains today the only other exclusively German community in Texas.

The colonists erected on a high hill a log "castle" for Prince Carl, who named the settlement New Braunfels in memory of his estate in Germany. He soon returned to his native land, and the little colony began to grow.

Each of the colonists took a town lot and a ten-acre farm. On this property they built huts of logs, mud, brick, brush and prairie grass. Treaties were made with the Indians, who then held full sway over the region. Thus aus-

piciously, yet humbly, began the now thriving little city of New Braunfels.

First Texas Town to Levy Tax for Public Schools.

While the town is one of the quaintest, yet it is one of the most progressive, in the State. Public school bonds to the amount of \$90,000 were voted by the city in June of this year. It was the first town in Texas to levy a local tax on its citizens for public schools, according to G. F. Oheim, editor of the Zeitung, a local German newspaper, published at New Braunfels. The Legislature granted the township the special privilege of levying the tax, although the Texas constitution at that time did not authorize that form of taxation. This was in 1853. Later, a representative from New Braunfels is said to have been instrumental in having the local school tax provision incorporated into our present State constitution.

Now New Braunfels has a first class high school, affiliated with the State University, and four other ward schools, including one for Mexicans and another for negroes. Two additional school buildings are to be erected in the immediate future.

It is sometimes called the "town of tin roofs," because of a city ordinance passed requiring all buildings within the corporate limits of the town to be built with roofs of fire-proof substance to lessen fire danger. Only a very few of the older houses today have wooden roofs, a fact noticed by every stranger passing through the town.

New Braunfels justly claims the distinction of having the shortest river in Texas—the Comal river—which is but three miles long. The little stream averages about ten feet deep, is fifty feet wide, and so crystal clear that very small fish can be seen swimming near the bottom. Its waters, which flow into the Guadalupe river, just south of town, are supposed to be of artesian origin, as it is formed by a number of large springs which gush out of a rocky hillside, in and above Landa Park, one mile northwest of the city's limits. In 1922 the Federal government dug two ponds near the head of Comal river, where now are located fish hatcheries in which game fish and other fresh

water breeds are produced. These fish are used to stock the rivers and lakes of the Southwestern States.

While New Braunfels was originally a pioneer town, yet it has caught the spirit of Texas progress, which is proven by the fact that the first Federal aid highway in Texas passes through this little German town. The highway connects Austin and San Antonio, passing through Travis, Hays, Comal and Bexar counties. These counties voted bonds to equal an amount put up by the Federal government in the construction of the highway.

It is of passing interest also to note that only eighteen "dry" votes were cast in New Braunfels in the State election on prohibition some years ago. The remainder of the town's vote went overwhelmingly "wet." But now that prohibition is in force, most of the citizens abide by the law and sip their near-beer even as in the days of old when they would foregather in social groups and sip real beer.

A Texas Newspaper 73 Years Old.

One of the oldest institutions of this German community is the Zeitung, a German newspaper founded in 1852. It is the oldest paper of its language in Texas, and is believed to be the oldest of all foreign language publications in the South.

Ferdinand Lindheimer, a noted German botanist, and during the Texas

War of Independence, a volunteer in Sam Houston's army, was its first editor, when the Zeitung, or "Tidings," was started seventy-three years ago. It was at that time a community newspaper owned by the colonists, and has been published continuously since 1852, appearing every Thursday of the entire seventy-three years. The sheet was published as a community enterprise only a short time, when it was bought by a private citizen and since that time has been privately operated, according to Editor G. F. Oheim. Mr. Oheim and his partner, B. F. Nebergall, the business manager, are now owners.

"The Zeitung," said Mr. Oheim, "has been published continuously without missing an issue since 1852, although it was forced during the Civil War to come out on tissue, wrapping and even wallpaper for a time, as no news stock could be secured during the last years of the strife between the States. It is now in its seventy-third year. During the World War, a special permit was issued to the Zeitung by order of President Wilson, relieving it of the restrictions imposed by war legislation upon foreign language papers."

The last United States census gave to New Braunfels a population of 3,590, and the population is practically as purely German now as when the town was founded, over seventy years ago. The retaining of this Germanic ancestry

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Large springs, which gush out of a rocky hillside, form the source of Comal River.

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER
THE STATE

TEXAS GIRL TO FILM HER NOVEL.
Miss Ruth Cross, a former Texas girl and graduate of the University of Texas, now residing in the East, has signed a contract for the filming of her novel, "The Golden Cocoon," according to information received at the Texas State Library.

TWENTY VESSELS LEAVE GALVESTON WITH EXPORTS.
Twenty ships sailed from Galveston in one day in September, carrying 75,000 bales of cotton, approximately 1,000,000 bushels of wheat and other exports for England and European ports.

ENGLISH WALNUTS GROW NEAR TYLER.
John Richardson, negro farmer, living five miles west of Tyler, has a five-year-old English walnut tree on his farm, which will produce, this year, one-half gallon of nuts. Last year the tree yielded about half gallon of nuts.

WOLF AND FOX HUNTERS MEET OCTOBER 13.
The annual meeting of the Texas Wolf and Fox Hunters' Association will be held in Coleman county, October 13. L. E. Munsel of San Saba is president, and Graves Hillman of Cherokee, San Saba county, is secretary of the organization.

LARGEST AND SMALLEST BOY SCOUTS.
Troop 2, Denton Boy Scouts, claims the largest and also the smallest scout in the United States in the persons of Bradley Cain, 14 years old and who weighs 290 pounds, and W. C. Orr, Jr., 12 years old and who weighs sixty-five pounds. Cain is a first-class, and Orr a second-class scout.

PENISON WARRANTS \$459,292.
State Comptroller Lon A. Smith has announced that the 12,944 Confederate pensioners on the rolls will receive \$35 each for the current quarter and that the 363 in the homes will receive \$17.50 each. The total amount to take care of the pensions warrants for this quarter is \$459,292.

LET CONTRACT FOR STATE INSANE HOSPITAL.
The State Board of Control has awarded to E. B. Snelling of Austin, the general contract for construction of a hospital at the East Texas Hospital for the Insane at Rusk at a cost of \$31,242. The Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for construction and equipping of the new hospital building.

RAIL EARNINGS OF TEXAS ROADS LARGE.
Net revenue from operation of Texas railroads, according to officials figures compiled by the Railroad Commission, for the six months ending June 30 of this year was \$17,187,563, an increase over the same six months of the preceding year of \$6,686,323, or 63.67 per cent.

LOW RATES FOR SEED FOR PLANTING.
The State Railroad Commission fixed from October 1, 1924, to June 1, 1925, as the season within which special low rates shall apply on cotton seed shipped for planting purposes only, the present period having been from November 1, 1924 to May 15, 1925. Shippers asked for the change.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY TO INCREASE VEGETABLE CROP.
The Rio Grande Valley will plant 25 per cent more fall and spring vegetables this year than last year, according to estimates made by buyers of produce and railroad officials. The total acreage last year was close to 30,000, while nearly 40,000 will be planted in the valley this year. A total of 12,000 cars of vegetables were shipped out of the valley last year.

WOODEN LEG OFFERED STORK AT PARK ZOO.
Science is willing to come to the aid of the unfortunate stork, at Forest Park Zoo, Dallas, whose leg was amputated recently. A letter directed to the park manager from the Hedgecock Artificial Limb and Brace Co., stated that this company is willing to build the stork a wooden leg free of cost. The park manager said he would be glad to accept, in behalf of the stork, the aid offered by the artificial limb company, since the stork is not only the most popular bird in the zoo, but is well-behaved, modest and unassuming.

14 BRONZE MARKERS ARRIVE.
Fourteen bronze markers ordered by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Bothwell Kane Post of the American Legion to be placed at the graves of veterans of the World War, who died in Fort Worth and Tarrant county during the past year, have arrived and are being held at legion headquarters in the F. & M. building for distribution. The markers are designed to serve as permanent memorials and bear the seal of the American Legion and the name of the soldier.

PRINTERS GET REVISED CRIMINAL STATUTES.
All of the copy of the revised criminal statutes has gone to the printer and much of it for the civil revision has been placed in the hands of the printers. This represents the efforts of the State codifying board and is said to forecast the completion and printing of the statutes in time for examination and enactment by the ensuing session of the Texas Legislature.

DEDICATE TABLET TO MEN WHO DIED IN WORLD WAR.
The local post of the American Legion of Mineral Wells will unveil and dedicate a bronze tablet on November 11 to the memory of Palo Pinto county soldiers who died in France. General Jacob F. Woiters has been invited to make the dedication address. A banquet to the visiting officers will be given by local cavalry and reserve officers.

FORWARD TEXAS.
Smithville is not going to lag behind in the forward march movement to develop Texas industrially, for the citizens of this town have raised \$80,000 toward the building of a proposed cotton mill. The proposed mill is to have a capacity of 5,000 spindles and the total investment to represent \$500,000.

TEXAS SECURITIES SOLD AT PROFIT.
State Treasurer S. L. Staples announces that \$3,500,000 of securities held by special funds in the Texas treasury had been sold in New York, and that the profit in premium and interest is \$147,625 to the State of Texas. Sale of the securities was prompted by the demands for cash on the special funds.

U. OF T. ANTHROPOLOGIST TO EXPLORE CAVES.
Recent discoveries of Indian skeletons and relics in Bell county has aroused the interest of Dr. J. E. Pearce, professor of anthropology at State University, who will make thorough explorations of caves and other places where the bones and relics were found. The bones are believed to mark camping grounds of Indian tribes who lived in Central Texas 200 years ago.

RUTH'S RECORD SAFE.
Babe Ruth's record of fifty-nine home runs in a season is safe for another year at least. Clarence Kraft of the Fort Worth Cats Baseball Club, striving to beat Ruth's record, finished the Texas League season as the champion home run hitter of the minor leagues, but fell four short of Ruth's mark. Kraft slammed out his fifty-fifth homer in the finish game of the pennant race at Beaumont.

MOTOR REGISTRATION STILL BREAKING ALL RECORDS.
Motor vehicle registration continues to far exceed all previous records. Including the first week in September, the registrations through the State Highway Department were as follows: Passenger cars 652,836, commercial cars 52,952, busses 3,183, trailers 2,675, tractors 108, dealers 2,675, motorcycles 2,363, chauffeurs 10,515, transfers 130,329, duplicates 33,941 and visitors 295.

TEXAN TO UNVEIL MONUMENT.
The First Division memorial monument, erected in the park lying south of the War, State and Navy Building, at Washington, D. C., was unveiled October 4 by Dan R. Edwards of Bruceville, McLennan county, Texas, who served throughout the World War as a first-class private in Company C, Third Machine Gun Battalion, a unit of the division. Edwards has been residing in New York, and is the holder of a Distinguished Service Cross and a Congressional Medal of Honor, being one of two Texas soldiers to hold such decorations.

BACK TO SCHOOL MOVEMENT.
With the objective of keeping in school until graduation every boy and girl of high school age, the Dallas Rotary Club has inaugurated its annual "back to school" campaign. This year the special committee of the club headed by C. A. Bryant, Jr., will make an unusual effort to persuade former students who may not re-enter final grades this year to go back to school and to impress upon parents and guardians the value of a completed education, particularly one that carries the student through high school.

PYTHIANS OF TEXAS TO ENLARGE HOME.
The board of directors of the Pythian Home at Weatherford will meet early in October to consider the matter of employing architects for the girl's dormitory building to be constructed there. This dormitory when completed will be able to care for 250 residents and will cost approximately \$100,000. This announcement was made by Charles E. Baughman, Grand Chancellor. There will be ample school facilities for the boys and girls in this new dormitory, it was stated. Funds with which to pay for the building are being subscribed by members of the order throughout the State.

BIG GRAIN MOVEMENT.
For the first eight months of 1924, more than \$19,000,000 worth of wheat, corn and oats were handled on the Fort Worth grain market, according to figures compiled by the Government Inspection Bureau. The bulk of the wheat was produced in the Panhandle, Plains, North Texas and western Oklahoma. It was the heaviest wheat business ever done on the Fort Worth market.

EXPECT BRIEF SHORTAGE TEXT BOOKS.
Lee S. Thrift, manager of the textbook division of the State Department of Education, said recently that there will be a small but brief shortage in free textbooks at the beginning of the new term of the public schools; that the adoptions in June and the time for revisions, also the late final decision in the textbook litigation, all conspired to delay delivery. Over 4,000,000 books are to be supplied at the start of this term.

TEMPLE MAN COINVENTOR OF BIG FREIGHT PLANE.
The successful trial flight of the Remington-Buranelli airplane, at Mitchell Field, New York City, which is described as the "world's largest freight carrying plane," with a capacity of thirty-two passengers, or more than two tons of freight, has brought a former resident of Temple into nationwide prominence. Mr. Vincent Buranelli, a former Templeite, is a coinventor of the plane.

PRISON FARM OPERATES WITH PROFIT.
The State Prison system this year will make approximately 9,000 bales of cotton. This fact was disclosed by Governor Pat M. Neff, who made a business trip to the Penitentiary.

At the present market price the cotton crop will bring about \$1,000,000. The corn crop will probably net \$100,000, the same as it did last year. In addition to this the prison system has \$30,000 worth of wood cut and ready for the market. The income of the Penitentiary system this year, it is said, will exceed the operating expenses.

TEXAS CITRUS MOVEMENT.
Reports compiled by the State nursery inspectors show a total movement of 70,595 crates of citrus fruit this year. Of this amount 59,129 were grapefruit, 1,971 crates of lemons, 7,106 crates of oranges, 2,389 crates of mixed fruits, the equivalent of 208 cars of 320 crates each, a considerable share of which went to the market in express lots. The value of these shipments totaled approximately \$280,000. This represents an increase of 64.5 per cent over the previous season's record.

HONOR SYSTEM FOR TEXAS PRISON FARM.
Texas is to try out the honor system on one of its State prison farms. That decision was reached recently after a conference between Gov. Pat M. Neff and the three penitentiary commissioners, Capt. Herring, Walker Sayles and H. L. McKnight.

The first farm to be tried out will be the Imperial Farm at Sugarland. It will be confined to white male prisoners at the start. Seventy-five prisoners to come under the system will be selected from other State farm prisons by a committee. Under the honor system, the prisoners are worked without guards. They practically are made trustees.

WILD DUCKS APPEAR ON TEXAS COAST EARLY.
Wild ducks are appearing on the Texas coast earlier than in many years. The ducks are not only arriving earlier, but they are coming in large numbers, which old timers say indicate an early and severe winter. The hunting season for ducks in the Texas coast country, which is in the south zone, does not open until November 1, continuing until January 31. In the north zone the season opens October 16 and closes January 15. The two zones are divided by the tracks of the International-Great Northern and Texas & Pacific Railroads.

STATE SCHOOL FUND RICHER \$460,602.
Sale of 126 tracts of land of about 320 acres each out of the 57,000 acres recovered by the State in its suit against the Capitol Land Syndicate has netted the State school fund \$460,602, of which \$11,515 was paid in cash and balance payable one to 40 years after date at 5 per cent interest, according to J. T. Robison, land commissioner, who conducted the sale. The 57,000 acres, situated in Hartley and Dallam counties, was subdivided into 176 tracts, nearly all of which were of 320 acres each. The highest price paid for this land was \$27.15 an acre, while some sold as low as \$3 an acre. This land was in excess of the 3,000,000 acres given by Texas nearly 40 years ago to the Capitol Land Syndicate in payment for building the State Capitol.

URGES TEXAS COTTON BE STORED IN WAREHOUSES.

An appeal to cotton growers to store their cotton in bonded warehouses instead of leaving it in the open was issued recently by Charles E. Baughman, State Commissioner of Markets and Warehouses. "The State-bonded, State-licensed and State-examined warehouse is the most economical, the surest and the only sensible way to handle the cotton crop," said Mr. Baughman. "The open cotton yard is the wastebasket of the industry. The bonded warehouse eliminates an enormous loss through country damage."

REPORT OF TEXAS GRAND JURIES.
During the two last fiscal years in Texas ending August 31, 1924, out of all indictments returned by grand juries only a little more than one-third resulted in trials and less than one-third in convictions. These percentages became known when the advance sheets of the Attorney General's biennial report were made public. The total indictments returned in two years was 9,835, which resulted in 3,737 trials and 3,149 convictions. There were 662 acquittals, 11 deaths penalties, 28 life imprisonments; prison terms aggregating 9,823 years; there were 1,735 suspended sentences, and 5,080 cases dismissed.

CENSUS BUREAU ESTIMATES POPULATION OF TEXAS CITIES.
A population gain of 42,525 for Fort Worth in four years was made at the federal census bureau at Washington, in September, when the population of Fort Worth was placed at 148,107 persons. In addition to this gain over the 106,482 population shown by the official census of 1920, Fort Worth has approximately 15,000 persons living in suburbs immediately adjoining the city, it was declared, giving the city a population of 163,107. Estimates made by the Census Bureau for the larger Texas cities follow: San Antonio 191,398, Dallas 187,862, Fort Worth 148,107, El Paso 100,624, and Wichita Falls 54,763. No estimate has yet been made of Houston.

RAISE QUARANTINE AGAINST CALIFORNIA.
Quarantine against twenty-two counties of California governing the shipment of cattle, sheep and swine into Texas on account of foot and mouth disease was revoked in a proclamation issued by Governor Neff September 19. Proclamation was also issued revoking quarantine against horses and mules in shipments from all counties except Los Angeles and Toulomane. The twenty-two counties named in the proclamation are Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, Lake, Yolo, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, Shasta, Siskiyou, Placer, Sutter, Yuba, Butte, Nevada, Sierra, Plumas, Lassen and Modoc.

TAXES FROM WELLS IN RED RIVER SECTION \$120,000.
The State of Texas will collect \$120,000 in gross production of taxes from oil wells in the Red River section involved in the boundary dispute between Oklahoma and Texas, according to F. H. Pierson, chief of the gross receipts division of the Comptroller's Office.

There were about 242 wells in the Red River district placed in receivership when Oklahoma instituted suit, claiming this territory. By a decision of the United States Supreme Court Oklahoma lost the suit and about three-fourths of the wells were declared to be in the State of Texas. Texas then demanded the State tax on the gross production of the wells during the period they were in receivership, from April 1, 1920, to June 30, 1924. Attorney General W. A. Keeling won this point for Texas.

RECORD FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SEASON.
There has never been a year like the 1923-24 Texas fruit and vegetable season that closed with August this year, is the unanimous decision of most shippers and growers of perishables, and the statistics of the season bear the statement out in every detail. There was a remarkable movement—more than 27,000 cars to August 16, and the returns, calculated on the basis of the average car value of the five major commodities in the season amounted to \$25,730,750, more than \$17,000,000 of which was returned for the five major crops of onions, spinach, cantaloupes, watermelons and cabbage. These figures are derived from statistics recorded in the telegraph bureau of the markets and warehouse division of the State Department of Agriculture. The outstanding developments of the year were the remarkable shipments of cabbage, mixed vegetables and other crops from the lower Rio Grande Valley which well passed the 12,000 car mark and the uniformly successful spinach season, which because of its high price levels and the strength of the demand throughout the year was the absorbing crop in the list.

FORGET-ME-NOT DAY FOR WAR VETERANS.

November 8 has been designated as "National Forget-Me-Not Day" for wounded and disabled American veterans of the World War. The mayor in each Texas city is called upon to appoint a citizens committee to help make the day a success. Proceeds from the sale of forget-me-not flowers will go for relief work in local, State and National organizations of disabled veterans.

ROUTE OF SHENANDOAH.
The route of the dirigible Shenandoah, sailing from Lakehurst, N. J., October 3 for Texas and the Pacific Coast, has been announced by the bureau of aeronautics of the navy department. The first stop will be at Fort Worth on October 5. Pacific Coast cities which will be visited by the dirigible in its flight include San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. From Lakehurst to Fort Worth will require from 37 to 40 hours of flight, from Fort Worth to San Diego 35 to 40 hours, and from San Diego to Seattle 35 to 39 hours. The Shenandoah will stop at Fort Worth to take on a supply of helium gas, which is manufactured at the government helium plant, located five miles north of this city.

WAITS 25 YEARS FOR DECORATIONS.
After 25 years, Col. Milard F. Waltz, 411 Cleveland Court, San Antonio, has been cited in orders and awarded decorations for distinguished services as a captain of the 12th Infantry in the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. Colonel Waltz has been notified by the two citations. The award carries a decoration of silver stars, one for gallantry in the storming of El Caney fortress during the taking of Santiago. The other is for heroic conduct during the battle at Angeles, Luzon, P. I., where the insurgents were dealt their first severe blow by American arms. Colonel Waltz was a captain commanding a company in the 12th Infantry during both campaigns.

STATE OFFICES GIVE \$2,000,000 BACK TO STATE.
Unexpended balances of over \$2,000,000 in appropriations of State departments and institutions are to be returned to the treasury automatically, according to Comptroller Lon A. Smith. Mr. Smith's department has just completed a report on the amount which each department has spent in the last two years and the amount remaining unexpended on September 1. The various State departments have a total unexpended balance of \$306,194; the eleemosynary institutions, \$938,968; educational institutions, 754,468; judiciary, \$34,479; miscellaneous appropriations, \$727,648. Governor Neff has spent only about half of his office appropriation of \$15,286, according to the Comptroller's report. In addition \$5,000 was given for maintenance of the Governor's Mansion and grounds, of which \$3,927 has been expended. The largest unexpended appropriation is that of the Reclamation Department, which has used only \$26,559 of an appropriation of \$130,000. A number of the eleemosynary institutions show unexpended balances of over \$100,000 each. A large amount of this, however, is accounted for in building appropriations that had not been used when the report was made.

POSSIBILITIES OF PECAN GROWING.
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When setting out new trees use only the improved types and buy from some one whose stock is proven. Insist on a good root system and healthy trees. And last of all, do not let some person tell you "it can't be done," as it is being done every day and men are laying up fortunes for themselves and for their children's children by planting a small pecan orchard now, carefully attending to its growth and development.

THE FOUNDING OF NEW BRAUNFELS.
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is more remarkable because the neighboring county seat towns of New Braunfels are preponderantly Anglo-Saxon. New Braunfels has grown rapidly during the past few years, however, and the population a year ago, as ascertained by a carefully taken local census, was over 5,000. Situated in a picturesque section of Southwest Texas, on the banks of two beautiful rivers—Comal and Guadalupe—the people of New Braunfels pursue the even tenor of their way calmly and peacefully—indifferent to the maddest rush of modern living, seeking no racial alliances, asking no special privileges or favors, prosperous, independent, yet thoroughly alive to the enjoyment of the better things of life and to the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship.

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MODERN CONVENIENCES.



"I'll rent this place, Mr. Duck, I like this feature of running water in the house very much."

TOO VIOLENT.

A Scotchman was found dead in front of a one-cent punching machine. The coroner found that death had been caused by overexertion. Investigation disclosed a sign reading: "Your penny returned if you hit hard enough."

WELL WORTH IT.

Cohen, meeting Isaacs, bet him \$10 that Cohen could tell him where he was bound. Isaacs took the bet. "I'll bet you are looking for a cheap building to stock up with cheap clothes, insure, and set fire to." Isaacs handed over the \$10. "You lose der bet," he said, "but der idea is vort the money."

SUSPICIOUS.

A certain automobile manufacturer claimed to have put a car together in seven minutes.

A few weeks after this event was heralded in the newspapers a voice on the telephone asked:

"Is it true that your factory put a car together in seven minutes?"

"Yes. Why?"

"Oh, nothing. But I believe I have the car."

THE IRISH AGAIN.

An Irishman coming out of ether in the ward after an operation exclaimed: "Thank God! That's over!"

"Don't be too sure," said the man in the next bed. "They left a sponge in me and had to cut me open again." And the patient on the other side said, "Why, they had to open me, too, to find one of their instruments."

Just then the surgeon who had operated on the Irishman stuck his head in the door and yelled, "Has anybody seen my hat?"

Pat sat bolt upright in bed and then fell back in a dead faint.

THE DIFFERENCE.

This story is told on Joe Choate and Chauncey Depew. These two distinguished gentlemen were invited to dinner. Mr. Choate was to speak, and it fell to the lot of Mr. Depew to introduce him, which he did thus:

"Gentlemen, permit me to introduce Mr. Joseph Choate, America's most inveterate after-dinner speaker. All you need to do to get a speech out of Mr. Choate is to open his mouth, drop in a dinner and up comes your speech."

Mr. Choate thanked the Senator for his compliment, and then said:

"Mr. Depew says, if you open my mouth and drop in a dinner up will come a speech, but I warn you that if you open your mouths and drop in one of Senator Depew's speeches up will come your dinners!"

MASCULINE AND FEMININE FRAILTY.

"If you tell a man anything it goes in at one ear and out of the other," she remarked.

"And if you tell a woman anything," he countered, "it goes in at both ears and comes out of her mouth."

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

The tramp had appeared to a rather hard-faced woman for a hand-out.

"Yes," she said, "I'll give you a meal if you'll saw and split some wood, sweep off the walk, fix that hole in the fence, tidy up the back yard, and burn the trash by the cellar door."

The tramp started on.

"I'm only a hobo, not anybody's husband," he said, as he passed through the gate.

THE CHOICE.

The battle-scarred fire chief at the top of the fire ladder was having difficulty in persuading a bobbed-haired young woman in the blazing house to intrust herself to his arms. Finally he burst forth with:

"Say, young lady, you gotta come down this ladder with me unless you want to get burned up. You got no choice."

"Oh, but I have a choice!" she snapped. "Please send that handsome blond young fireman up to take me down."

USE FOR PUNCTUATION.

During an examination the inspector began to question the pupils on punctuation, when the Mayor, a pompous individual, interrupted with the remark, "It is foolish to bother about commas and suchlike."

The inspector flushed angrily and, turning to one of the boys, he made him write on the blackboard, "The Mayor of Cheesington says the inspector is a fool."

"Now," he continued, "put a comma after Cheesington and another after inspector."

The boy did so, and the Mayor kept quiet after that.

UNCLE SI.

A fine rain had been falling for hours—and many of the town and country folks had sought refuge in Uncle Si's grocery store. They were all happy and smiling, for the drought had been broken. Grievous were the complaints of the people as to the damage sustained to crops by the prolonged drouth. But the consensus of opinion was that the fine rain would now assure fair crops and abundant pasturage. Uncle Si hadn't spoken a word for sometime—was just listening—finally he said:

"What we Texas folks want to keep in our minds is that Texas is all right an' the Lord knows what he is doin'. I've never seed any one starve in this community what tended to his own business an' worked. Thar ain't a grander State in the union than Texas, thar ain't any State whar you can raise more things to eat than Texas, thar ain't nuthin' the matter with Texas, but thar is a heap the matter with them folks what's always complainin' of drought, floods an' insects. They got no faith an' no confidence. Didn't the Lord send ravens to feed Elisha when he was hungry. Well, you can bet your life He'll help us poor mortals right here whenever we deserve it. Courage an' faith is what we needs. Believe in Texas, in the Lord an' in yerself an' you'll come out on top evry time. We'll always have dry weather, wet weather an' plenty of pesky insects, but thar ain't none of us agoin' to starve if we work an' trust the Lord."

AUTO HINTS

A car that has been driven for 1,500 miles is considered thoroughly broken in and ready for a reasonable amount of hard driving.

Carburetor trouble may be due to trouble in the flow of the gasoline; to dirt or water in the gasoline; to a sticking or leaking carburetor float; to extra air leaking in between the carburetor and cylinder, or to failure of the gasoline to vaporize when the engine is cold.

Unlubricated parts can not work freely, and in every case of hard steering it will be found that lubrication has been neglected and dirt and water has worked into the bearings of the moving parts which really need oil or grease. Failure to lubricate the engine may mean a loss of money because of injury to parts, but failure to give the steering gear proper attention may result in the loss of life, which can not be replaced at any price.

Don't hang your arm out like a piece of wet macaroni in signaling for a stop or turn in the advice to motorists given by the public safety department of the California State Automobile association. Failure to signal properly and in compliance with the requirements of the vehicle act is the cause of many minor accidents and some that are serious.

Bent rims are a direct cause of rim cuts, of tires blowing from the wire cables at the base of the tire. Oftentimes motorists cannot understand why tires should "blow" when they are driving along slowly. The facts of the case are that the overstrained carcass has reached the limits of its endurance from previous abuse and has given away. Many motorists, were they to examine the wheels on their cars, would be surprised to notice that their rims are bent along the edges. These bent rim flanges are ordinarily little thought of, yet they cause a goodly percentage of tire trouble.

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PLANTING TREES ALONG HIGHWAYS.

Texas should plant trees alongside its highways as they are permanently improved was the suggestion advanced by Herbert Marcus, Dallas business man. Mr. Marcus said that with State and Federal aid now available in the building of highways the time was opportune for a study of the possibility of combining beauty with utility in road building.

"In France," Mr. Marcus continued, "contract is let for the planting of trees at the time the road is built and the contractor is required to maintain the trees for two years. This has been the custom in that country for more than 300 years and the result has been to give it the most beautiful highways in the world, with the finest landscapes. Other European countries plant trees along their highways.

Wolves have been causing farmers and ranchmen much trouble in Denton county, recently killing 75 turkeys and 5 sheep. Wolf hunters with dogs have succeeded in killing two of the wolves, and hope eventually to exterminate the entire pack.

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RADIO NEWS

By F. A. SNYDER.

RADIO SEEN AS REAL FACTOR IN INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS OF NATION.

Radio is the greatest quieting influence in the world today. It is actually doing more than the League of Nations, the disarmament conferences, the Dawes Plan or any other factor to allay the general discontent which followed upon the heels of the World War. The war threw out of balance the nervous systems of the people of the world. It was a great adventure, a great mystery, a great tragedy. It was filled with the thrills of heroism, of sacrifice, of titanic combat and of wholesale death. It thrummed the strings of the loftiest and the lowest of the human passions.

When the war ended these thrills ended. There was no great, thrilling mystery to take its place. The advent of radio formed a new diversion. It was not taken up generally at first because of its utilitarian advantages. It was the mystery that intrigued the major portion of the radio listeners.

Then came the installation of the big broadcasting stations. For months these stations endeavored to devise some program—some tangible plan of operation which would attract and hold radio listeners. This planing is still going on with the result that the present day programs are generally along the lines of the first vaudeville programmes.

The programmes are just about the same to-day as they were several years ago, but where we reached a few hundred or a couple of thousand, a station now reaches a million or more people. It is this music, news, weather and crop reports, speeches, etc., that is having a quiet-

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ing effect, especially here in America. When the average person finds home life irksome, it can be made interesting with the radio, especially on the farm. Radio has been a wonderful thing for the farmer, it keeps him in constant touch with the markets, it offers educational advantages to his children and breaks the monotony of daily life. Good receiving sets and loud speakers, constructed as much for their tone as for volume now make the home more attractive.

Europe, as yet, has not had the benefit of this quieting influence to the extent that we have enjoyed it in America. There the political leaders realize only too well that the free exchange of thought is the greatest known force in eliminating racial and political jealousies. And as most political leaders have to depend on deluding the public by their presentations of various forms of false patriotism—for purely political and commercial purposes—they have set up cunningly conceived legal devices to discourage the general use of radio. In Germany and France there are special taxes on radio receiving sets and to get a license requires the untangling of a discouraging amount of red tape.

But the time is not far distant when these politically conceived restrictions will have to be lifted and with this will come a clearer understanding among the peoples of the world. There will be a great friendliness; they will be drawn more closely together than ever before and the statesmen and politicians who devise war for their own purposes will not be able to blindly lead their people into war. In the meantime the United States, through the wide use of radio, is becoming better educated, is getting more entertainment than any other nation and is being more solidly cemented than at any time in its history.

The wonderful achievement of radio reception was clearly defined last Defense Day, when General John J. Pershing spoke over radio and long distance telephone to his various sub-ordinate officers located in Eastern and Western Cities. Millions of people heard this radio communication. It was the mobilization of sixteen broadcasting stations, which sent the spoken words of General Pershing simultaneously.

Without the wonder of radio transmissions and reception the epoch of aviation circumnavigation of the world would have been an impossibility. The remarkable airplane flight of Lieut. Lowell H. Smith and Lieut. Erik Nelson, the famous American Army fliers, over the bleak and barren ice fields of Iceland, Greenland and Labrador illustrates forcibly the wonders of radio. Lieutenants Smith and Nelson were in constant touch by radio with the government cruisers—they were given weather reports and information which made possible the greatest achievement of this age of wonders.

SCOURING PLANTS FOR WOOL.

Three or four large scouring plants so located as to serve the wool industry of Texas is advocated by Charles E. Baughman, Commissioner of the Markets and Warehouse Bureau of the Texas Agricultural Department, as a means of preventing a great economic loss to this industry in Texas. Such plants would permit the scouring of the wool before shipping to other markets. At the same time it would prevent the forwarding of this commodity in a dirty and greasy condition. The establishment of these scouring plants, Commissioner Baughman stated, would in all probability open the way to the operation of allied industries which would use the grease removed from the wool and turn it into useful commodities.

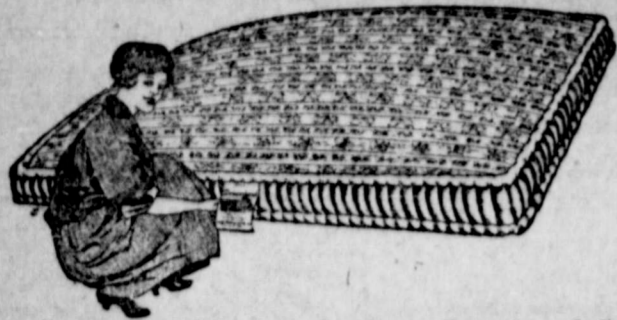
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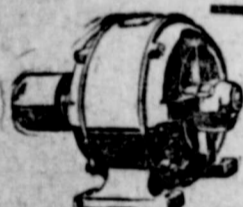
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The outlines of the above drawing, if followed, will make drawing easy for any one. Study the picture as it is illustrated. Draw the first figure, then the second, and so on until you have the figure complete. I find this is better than to draw the triangle and add to the first one you make, because the more you draw the better you can do it. With the magic triangle you can draw the picture of one of the best friends of man—the horse.

Next month, we will try something else in drawing. Then in January I am going to give some really worth while prizes. So get in good practice now that you may be one of the lucky ones to win a prize.

A WORD ABOUT CHRISTMAS.

Seems very funny to be thinking about Christmas so early, doesn't it? But you see it isn't very far away, and I want a little advice from my little readers. I WANT TO KNOW JUST WHAT YOU WANT ON THIS PAGE FOR THE BIG CHRISTMAS NUMBER THAT IS COMING TO YOU? Last year, you know, it was a dandy, but this year it is going to be better than ever before. But I want to know just what you would like. Do you want another story like last year? Or, have you some good idea of your own? Now, I want each little reader to sit down at once and write me a letter suggesting what they would like to have best to read in the big Christmas issue. For the best letter reaching me before October 20th, I will give a lovely prize and publish their letter, on this page, in the November issue.

Note the change in address: Aunt Mary, 1941 Dartmoor Court, Fort Worth, Texas.

LITTLE GIRL'S COOK BOOK.

My, how my little readers are sending in recipes. I never dreamed that there were so many interested in learning to cook. Isn't it fine to be able to do things? How I do admire a thrifty little housekeeper and every one else loves her, too. There are so many nice recipes that it will be very hard to choose which one is the best. In fact, they are all splendid. I am going to print some of the best, although they are not prize-winners, but I am sure that you will enjoy trying them.

This month, I am not going to give you a recipe, but next month I will print the prize-winner.

CONCLUSION OF FLOWER CONTEST.

This month you must send in your collection of flowers. It seems some of the contestants do not yet understand about the mounting of the flowers. For their benefit, I will repeat the rules here: After the flower has been gathered and a specimen of the stalk, roots, leaves, flower and seed have been pressed between layers of paper, under a heavy weight, until they are dry, mount in a book. This book can be an old scrap book, note book or anything like that, just so the pages are large enough to hold the specimens in perfect order. Fasten each flower on a separate page with narrow strips of paper pasted so as to hold the flower in place. On the page write the name of the flower, and the kind of soil it was found in. I think this description is quite clear and I hope you all understand it. Send the books in before the first of November. None of the books will be returned. Note the change in address: Aunt Mary, 1941 Dartmoor Court, Fort Worth, Texas.

LITTLE JOURNEYS.

This month, I am going to tell you about one of the peculiar customs of the early Egyptians. They believed that every man, king and God was born with a double self. The second "self" was called a "Ka" and they were taught that it represented them in the spirit world. When death came the Ka was liberated and could roam at will. However, it was supposed to need food and drink. So a life-sized statue was made and placed in the tomb of the deceased so that the Ka would recognize its home. The food was placed on a low table in front of the door of the tomb.

In the British Museum is a wooden Ka figure of Rameses II taken from his tomb at Thebes. He was one of the great Egyptian rulers of his day, and it is said of him that he was the father of one hundred and eleven sons and fifty-one daughters.

NOTICE TO PRIZE WINNERS.

Winners in flower contest will please acknowledge the receipt of the prize books.

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Geneive Carrell, Milburn, Oklahoma.
Evie Osburn, Milburn, Oklahoma.
Tennie M. Boring, Tyler, Texas.
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FAVORITE POEMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

There sat a crow on a lofty tree,
Watching the world go by;
He saw a throng that swept along
With laughter loud and high.
"In and out through the motley rout"
Pale faces passed unseen—
For one sweet word their hearts did long
Of the love that once had been,
But never a lip did speak their names
And never a tear was shed;
The crow looked down from his lofty tree,
"Tis is the way of the world," he said.

A singer stood in the market-place
Singing a tender lay,
But no one heeded his sorrowful-face,
And no one had time to stay.
He turned away; he sang no more;
How could he sing in vain?
And then the world came to his door,
Bidding him sing again.
But he recked not whether they came or went,
For he in his garret was dead.
The crow looked down from his lofty tree,
"Tis is the way of the world," he said.

A good Queen sat by a cottage bed,
And spoke to the widow there;
Did she not know the same hard blow
That the peasant had to bear?
But she kissed the peasant's fevered brow,
And bent her knee in prayer:
"Oh, God of the widow, help her now!
As thou hast helped poor me."
"Now God be thanked!" said the wise old
crow,
As he flew from his lofty bough;
"The times are ill, but there's much good still
In the way of the world, I trow."
—F. E. Weatherly.

PILOT-PLANT AND ROSIN-WEED.

These two plants are very closely related, and both belong to the Thistle Family.

The Pilot plant is so-called because the leaves generally point north and south. In the early days the settlers used this plant as a guide when traveling overland to their new homes. It is a very showy plant, growing sometimes as high as twelve feet and the large yellow flower is very pretty.

The white flowered Rosin-weed is very abundant in Texas. It generally grows on very rocky ground. It is called Rosin-weed, because when it is cut a substance like rosin flows out of it. The odor is something like turpentine and is sometimes called the turpentine weed.

The plant is low growing, never any higher than two and a half feet high. The stalk is exceedingly stiff and rigid. To press a plant of this kind it is necessary to submit it to a very great pressure. Botanists called the leaves "pedate," that is, they are so divided that they resemble the diversions of a bird's foot.

As the rays of this plant are pure white and a single stalk bears sometimes eight or ten flowers, coarse and rough, as the plant may be, we can not but regard it as both handsome and attractive.

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ASK THAT RANGERS BE INCREASED.

Adjutant General T. D. Barton has asked for the restoration of the Texas Ranger force to its former strength of seventy-five men under a budget of \$174,000 annually. Barton also asks an increase of nearly \$250,000 for the Texas National Guard in two years.

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WOMAN'S PAGE
MRS. MARGARET STUTE
HOME PROBLEMS.
THE FOOD VALUE OF MACARONI.

Very little is known by the average housewife of the real food value of macaroni. Too many of us regard it as just a "filler-in," or one of the ingredients of vegetable soup. When the food value of macaroni is properly understood it will become more and more a part of our regular diet. Real macaroni is made from durum wheat which is an especially hard wheat grown for this purpose. If it is not made from this wheat it is not real macaroni. This wheat was first grown in Russia, Algeria and Chili. In recent years it has been introduced into this country and is especially adapted to dry, hot climates. The wheat is made into a preparation called semolina, and it is in this form that the macaroni factories usually receive it. The food value of macaroni can be best understood if I quote you a few authorities on the subject. Arnold Lorand of Carlsbad says: "It is well tolerated and quickly taken up into the system. Nor does it contain any of the injurious substances so common in other protein food substances which make difficult work for the liver and blood vessels." Anna Barrows, Instructor in Domestic Science Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, mentions macaroni first among the farinaceous dinner substitutes for meats, also croquettes of macaroni, with or without cheese. Macaroni is an almost perfect building-up food, free from the unassimilable waste products which so much abound in many other articles of protein diet. It is absolutely free from the

purins which so abound in meat and are so detrimental to the kidneys. Gilman Thompson, perhaps the greatest authority of London, England says: "Macaroni, weight for weight, is as valuable for flesh-making as the most nutritious meats, beef or mutton, and is very considerably more digestible than meat and does not cause formation of uric acid, making it especially valuable as a food in cases of rheumatism, lumbago and gout." Macaroni is useful in the diet of both the sick and the well. For the man who must do hard manual labor and needs foods that will rapidly build up the broken down tissues, macaroni is invaluable. For the man who sits at his desk and needs nourishing foods to supply energy to the brain cells macaroni is a fine food. It is rapidly and easily digested. For women in all walks of life and occupations it is a superior food. For the growing child it has no equal in the same class of foods. As I have said before, it is very nutritious and is easily assimilated. Macaroni can be served in many attractive ways. Dr. Walls, who conducts the children's clinic at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, Ill., says macaroni is best cooked with cheese, tomatoes or cream sauce. Germany, Italy, France, Japan and China all claim to have originated macaroni. But the factories in this country are producing macaroni that is equal to any of the foreign brands. Under "Tested Recipes" I am giving you some excellent macaroni recipes. I would be delighted to print your favorite recipe on this page if you will only send it to me. Address Mrs. Margaret Stute, 1941 Dartmore Court, Fort Worth, Texas.

ARRANGING THE MEALS.

Every day in the paper I see some elaborate program of menus. From personal experience, I know that if the average housewife followed such an outline she would have to spend the whole day in the kitchen. In these days of so much activity, any woman is cheating herself and her family if she is merely a kitchen drudge. Do not mistake my statement by thinking I do not believe every woman should do her own cooking, or at least oversee that it is done properly. I heartily approve of every woman doing just that very thing. Every woman should, in my opinion, be an expert cook and should train her daughter to be one. It is one of the fine arts of living and being a wife and a mother. In planning my meals (we have our dinner at 6 o'clock in the evening) I always cook enough for lunch the next day. I try to arrange it differently, or by utilizing combinations, make it taste differently so the appetite isn't dulled. This can be done as well where the main meal is in the middle of the day and enough is cooked for the evening supper. Whenever boiled meat is served, there are a great many ways of cooking it over again. Bits of salads can be saved and used in making delicious sandwiches. Potatoes can be cooked over in many ways. It is the duty of every good wife to prepare well balanced meals, but she can do so and yet have time to improve her mind which is equally the privilege and duty of every woman. Only a little forethought is required and a little planning. Make the kitchen your slave and not you the slave of the kitchen. To be able to plan a well-balanced, nourishing meal and yet have time for yourself, require both forethought and skill.

TESTED RECIPES.

ITALIAN MACARONI OR SPAGHETTI.
Take a piece of lean of beef weighing half a pound, and cut it in dice. Brown them in butter with a slice of onion, and add a bunch of sweet herbs tied up in bay leaf, a carrot cut in pieces; spice, pepper and salt to taste; three quarters of a pint of beef stock and few finely chopped mushrooms. Stew gently for three hours, remove all superfluous fat and add the desired amount of macaroni or spaghetti that has been previously cooked in boiling salted water, drain and heat in a stew pan with a piece of butter and a goodly quantity of grated cheese. Serve hot.

MACARONI CHINESE STYLE.
Boil the desired amount of macaroni in boiling salted water until tender, drain and cover with grated cheese and a highly seasoned brown gravy.

DELICIOUS VEGETABLE SOUP.
Boil a soup bone (start in cold water) until tender then add carrots, okra, celery, cooked beans (a few), a few cooked peas, rice, pearly barley, macaroni or spaghetti, a small red pepper pod and large can of tomatoes; cook until the vegetables are tender. Keep adding enough water to make the desired amount of soup. Salt and pepper to suit taste. A good cook always tastes her food before serving on the table. This is especially important with soup.

HOW TO BLANCH ALMONDS.
Shell the nuts and pour boiling water over them. Let stand in the water a minute and then throw into cold water. Rub the skin off between the hands. Brown slightly in the oven, but be careful not to burn. Some people like them slightly salted.

LATE FASHIONS.



This afternoon or street dress reflects the prevailing modes of the winter. Fur will be used in every conceivable way on both afternoon and evening clothes. The tight bodiced waist and the rather full overskirt are very attractive for the slim girlish figure. Dresses are quite short this season. This dress is especially pretty made up in velvet and trimmed in one of the pretty furs that are so abundant on the market. This is the season of the wise housewife to replenish her stock of towels, linens and white wash goods. Attractive pillows can often be made from old dress linings decorated with bits of lace or odd flowers. To renovate velvet, heat an iron, place a wet rag over it and from the steam you can "raise" the nap and make it look as good as new.

FIRST AID TREATMENT and QUESTION BOX.

Last month, I told you that I would take up the subject of poisons. Whenever a person has taken poison, whether intentional or accidental, it is necessary to act quickly. A doctor should be sent for and then every possible effort put forward to give first aid treatment until the doctor arrives. Quick action is the necessary and essential thing if the life of the person is to be saved. Poisons are quickly assimilated and only quick action will forestall their deadly work. There are three classes, those that produce sleep and finally coma, death; irritates the intestines, bladder and kidneys; and corrosives that destroy all the tissues they come in contact with. There are four things to be done in the treatment; the first is to remove as much of the poison as possible, dilute with milk or water what cannot be removed and treat for the ill effects produced on the body. To remove the poison, give the person an emetic to produce vomiting. Common ones on hand are mustard—one or two teaspoonsful in a glass of luke warm water; or two teaspoonsful of salt in luke warm water. When these are not available tickle the back of the throat with the finger. Vomiting must be produced freely. Induce the person to drink warm water and then vomit again. The only exception to this rule is in strychnine poisoning, or poisoning with corrosives, as this treatment would do more than harm than good. To neutralize the poison in the system, give a substance that will change the character of the poison so it will be comparatively harmless. For mineral acids such as nitric acid, which imparts a yellow stain, or sulphuric acid, which produces a black stain, give the person an alkali such as lime-water, chalk or magnesia. Give olive oil, castor oil, and white of-eggs. Apply external heat. In carbolic acid poisoning, there are white eschars on the lips and the odor of the acid on the breath. Give sodium sulphate, magnesium sulphate, milk, white of egg and apply external heat. Get the person to urinate as frequently as possible. This same treatment is used for lye. It has been impossible for me to cover all of the poisons this month, so next month will be devoted to them, also.

LATE FASHIONS.



For the woman who is somewhat "stout" this dress will more than please. Every line is constructed so as to conceal the undesired lines and give the figure graceful proportions. The fur-trimmed panels are to be more desired than the full overskirts.

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