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MERKEL LOSES TITLE TO STEPHENVILLE

The Merkel High School Badgers lost all chances for championship last Friday when the Stephenville Yellowjackets handed them a 20 to 0 defeat at West Texas Fair Park, Abilene.

Merkel was outclassed in every way except her fighting spirit. Inability to tackle her speedy backs allowed Stephenville to gain consistently. A good interference swept around the ends on every play and as soon as the line of scrimmage had been passed the man with the ball cut back in such rapid fashion that the Badgers' secondary defense was puzzled and at a loss to know what to do. The play worked on the first two or three attempts and they adopted it as their main play, Merkel never being able to solve the puzzle to any great extent.

Merkel Holds Line.

Stephenville threatened to score in the first quarter, but Merkel's line stopped them. End runs had advanced the ball to the 10-yard line, and line plunges were attempted to put it over, but Merkel's guards and tackles held fast. A place kick was tried by Stephenville from the 23-yd. line but failed.

Then Merkel uncovered one of the real sensations of the game. Rogers tried left end and was smothered. Patterson ripped left guard for four yards. Toombs came out of the line for 17 yards around right end before he was downed. Merkel was forced to punt.

Stephenville Scores

Late in the second quarter Stephenville was allowed to score Three first downs in the first part of the period placed the ball on Merkel's 20-yard line. Hall gained one around left end. Hall fumbled and recovered for a six yard loss. A pass failed and also a place kick from the 38-yard line.

Two end runs gained three for Merkel. A fake play gained 14 yards for Merkel, but was fumbled and Stephenville recovered. V. Chaney tackled Stephenville for a 10-yard loss on a right end run. Stephenville punted, Merkel returning 11 yards. Merkel fumbled on the 12-yard line, Stephenville recovering it. Again the Merkel line held four attempts to gain. Patterson punted 48 yards. Poteet passed 15 yards to Marr who made 12 yards before he was downed. Poteet made three yards. Marr circled right end for 14 yards and a touchdown. A try at goal failed.

Merkel Almost Scores.

Merkel kicked off over the goal line. A series of plunges, punts and fumbles by both sides kept the ball in midfield most of the quarter. Merkel showed a sudden revival of strength and advanced the ball to within 10 yards of the goal. V. Chaney, whose offensive attacks and tackling kept defeat off as long as possible, was the star of this offensive. Patterson attempted a pass which was intercepted and returned to the 12-yard line. Stephenville started an offense that brought the second touchdown, and Merkel's defensive seemed shattered. The third touchdown came in the fourth quarter.

Stephenville made 24 first downs against seven for Merkel. The first downs were well scattered through the four periods.

D. J. Anderson, residing south of town some ten miles, was here last Saturday. He stated that at the beginning of the cotton season he did not think he would get more than about ten bales, but that he had already gathered 16 bales and expected to get four more.

MERKEL "BADGERS" DEFEAT ROSCOE RASCALS

The Merkel High School Badger eleven handed The Roscoe Rascals a 9 to 6 defeat in a very slow game here on Armistice day. The locals were off from the very start, fumbling the ball several times that caused severe losses, and succeeded in preventing a tie score in the last two minutes of play by putting across a place kick.

Merkel opened the game with practically all second string men playing. The ball was kept in midfield most of the first quarter and no scores were made by either side. Merkel seemed to have regained her former offensive power in the first part of the second quarter and put across a touchdown, but failed at goal. The first half ended 6 to 0 for Merkel.

Merkel never seemed to have much difficulty in stopping the Roscoe offensive, permitting a very few first downs, but costly fumbles and failure to return punts put the ball near Roscoe's goal. In the last quarter Roscoe punted over the goal line and covered the ball for a touchdown. They failed to kick goal. Only a few minutes were left to play, and Coach Jackson put in Patterson and Acuff, who helped in putting the ball in position on the 25-yard line for a place kick by Tittle that made the score 9 to 6.

H. H. TOOMBS BUYS THE COUNTY FARM

The farm of 320 acres belonging to Taylor county and located near the Pleasant Hill school about five miles southwest of Abilene was sold at public auction here Monday by the county commissioners court to H. H. Toombs of Merkel for a consideration of \$41 cash per acre.

The court had advertised for bids of not less than \$40 per acre. Mr. Toombs' bid was presented by J. L. McDavid of this city.

Several other minor business matters were disposed of by the court. No contract for the bridge for which advertisements had been made for bids, were received. The court recessed during Tuesday, and will meet again Wednesday morning at the county courthouse.—Abilene Reporter, Abilene, Texas.

Baptist Church

Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s at 6:15 p.m. Each Wednesday evening, prayermeeting at 7:15; Choir practice at 8:00 o'clock.

Word from Dr. Groner at Dallas is to the effect that the closing of the 75 million campaign last Sunday was a great day in all of our churches. We raised about \$1500.00 here. We are confidently expecting it to go as high as \$2,000.00 by next Sunday. If you have not made your offering, will you not see the pastor before Sunday night. Let's not be satisfied with anything less than our best. Texas Baptists will have the greatest report in Dallas at the Convention next week they have ever had. Every one doing his part in effort, cooperation, and right-living makes any cause go.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "The Church Putting on Its Strength". Sunday night on "Two Judgments." W. H. Albertson.

Mr. E. E. Brittain of Gatesville, formerly of this community, was here this week on business and mixing with old friends, of which he has many in this community.

10,000 BALES RECEIVED TO-DATE

A visit by the editor to the local cotton yard and Farm Bureau platform, where we interviewed public weigher C. L. Tucker and H. B. Robertson, managers in charge respectively, revealed the fact that up to Thursday morning about ten there had been weighed at the cotton yard exactly 7,350 bales of cotton and 2,502 bales at the Farm Bureau, making a total of 9,852 bales for the season up to this time.

Up to this date last year, there had been received at the yard and Bureau platform a total of 13,500 bales, or 3,668 bales more than had been received this year. A total of 16,000 bales was the crop weighed here last year. What will the total be this year? This paper will guess 11,500 bales.

MANY TEACHERS EXPECTED TO GO TO ASSOCIATION

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 10—Roger A. Burgess, superintendent of the Merkel schools, and M. A. Williams, superintendent of Taylor county schools, expect a large number of teachers from the city and county to attend the Texas State Teachers Association, which will be held in San Antonio Nov. 27, 28 and 29. San Antonio has made plans to entertain more than 5,000 visitors, and it is expected that the meeting will be the largest in the history of the association.

Dr. George A. Works and others who have been engaged in making the Texas school survey will make addresses. The needs and conditions of Texas schools will be the general theme of the convention, and school leaders of the state will engage in discussions of every phase of the work.

Hundreds of teachers are expected to go to San Antonio from Southwest Texas points by automobile.

Parent-Teachers Meeting

The Parent-Teachers Club met in regular session last Wednesday afternoon. The devotional was conducted by Rev. Rogers.

Readings by Orlean Moore and Duncan Briggs were very much enjoyed. The Choral Club also gave a very enjoyable number. Mrs. Burgess, who is chairman of the room mothers, gave the schedule by which we are to be guided. During the business session the treasurer reported our financial standing, which is very gratifying. The President stated that the next lyceum would come the 28th of this month. After appointing a few committees, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. D. M. Miller, was in the city one day recently and kindly handed us the wherewith to keep the Mail coming another year. Mr. Miller lives over in Jones county, and gets his mail out of Anson, motor route B, but does most of his trading in Merkel. And he is one of the many readers of this paper who make this city their trading point, and who do not like the change made some time ago which did away with the Noodle Post Office and the route out of that little town.

Messrs H. L. Propst, Jas. A. Patterson Jr. and R. L. Grimes Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, left first of the week for a business trip to the Plains.

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson and Dr. W. M. Gambill are in Dallas this week attending the meeting of the American Dentists Association.

MAY OWN LIQUOR BUT NOT TRANSPORT

Austin, Nov. 12.—Liquor can not be transported without violating the law, even though it is lawfully possessed, the Court of Criminal Appeals held Wednesday, in affirming the case of A. Gandy, from Milam County.

Gandy was arrested in Milam county, about seven miles from his home, in August, 1923. He had a half a pint of liquor on his person, while officers also found a gallon of liquor in a culvert near which the arrest was made.

Gandy testified the gallon was placed in the culvert for him by a bootlegger. The jury found that the half pint of whiskey was not for medical purposes and gave Gandy two years.

The majority opinion by Justice Lattimore concurred in by Justice Hawkins, held this was a case of transporting liquor, deciding that the law which authorizes possession of liquor, except for sale, does not give the right to transport it. Justice Morrow held that this was not a transportation in the meaning of the law, contending that if the law gives the right to possess except for sale, the right to carry it on the person is to be understood.

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF PRAYER, NOVEMBER 17

Following is the program for the week of prayer to be observed by the Methodist ladies on next Monday afternoon beginning at two o'clock. Every lady of the Methodist church is especially urged to come and help in this program, also to bring an offering to be used for specials as directed by the council.

1. Song No. 225.
2. Prayer.
3. Bible lesson, prayer in the life of Jesus:
 - (a) Jesus praying before important crises, Mrs. Armstrong.
 - (b) Jesus praying after trying experiences, Mrs. E. D. Coats.
 - (c) Jesus Praying in daily routine, Mrs. Allday.
4. Prayer for the needs in the foreign fields. 5. Song 221.
6. Prayer for the home work.
7. Christian evangelism and home missions among the west Virginia miners, Mrs. R. A. Burgess.
8. Work in the West Virginia coal fields, Mrs. Tom Largent.
9. Prayer for the miners, their wives and children.
10. A dialogue, Marjorie consults the missionary Oracle, Mrs. Martin and Erma Lee Rea.
11. Song No. 119.
12. Bible lesson—Some conditions Jesus placed on effective prayer: (a) Faith, forgiveness, Mrs. R. I. Grimes. (b) Abiding in Christ, asking in Christ's name, Mrs. Ross Ferrier.
13. Missionary special, Colegio Progreso, Parral Mexico, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.
14. Talk on foreign mission special, Mrs. Thos. Durham.
15. Prayer.
16. How Mina Pack's prayer was answered, Nadine Tippett.
17. Song; offering.

Miss Loyce Dry of Merkel, a senior at the College of Industrial Arts, has been elected monitor of Shadow Lawn, senior residence at the college. Miss Dry is specializing in the linotype course.

Mr. C. J. Whisenhunt of Merkel, route three, was here last Saturday and had us renew his subscription to the Mail for another year. He had gathered 16 bales of cotton up to date and found his cotton proving to be better than he had expected at the beginning of the season.

HARRY BARNETT TO MOVE TO LAMESA

Mr. Harry Barnett, for many years a valued and accommodating employe of the West Company, of this city, is making plans to leave Merkel last of the week for Lamesa, where he has accepted a position with the Higginbotham-Bartlett Company of that city.

Not only has Mr. Barnett been a faithful and efficient employe of this one of Merkel's largest mercantile establishments, but has been a citizen of this community almost all his life, and is considered one among our best and most progressive young men.

This paper joins his many friends in wishing for him and his splendid family much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

LARGENT'S HERD WINNERS AGAIN

The Hereford breeding establishment of C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel was the whole show at the San Angelo Hereford Exhibition, held around the middle of last month. Competing against seven Hereford breeders the Largent herd won all championships and all firsts in every class save one.

The Largent herd has been some thirty years in the making, and has been developed with rare skill and intelligence by the elder Largent assisted by his sons, whom he trained in the breeding profession; for it amounts to a profession in this case.

Presbyterians Will Begin School of Missions Sun.

Sunday, Nov. 16 will open the week for our annual school of Missions. This year we want to make it the best yet, and we need the help of every member to do this. Sunday morning the Sermon subject will be "Measuring the Church." And at night a stereopticon lecture will be given on some phase of mission work.

Monday night the school of Missions will begin. There will be three classes, one for Adults, young people and Juniors. The young people will also learn a mission pageant, and give this at the close of the mission school. These services will be open to everybody, and a glad welcome given to all who attend.

Fred S. Rogers.

Mr. S. G. Alexander of the Mt. Pleasant community, was in the city first of the week and reported that parties residing with him killed a nice, fat, 250 pound four-point buck deer last Sunday. Mr. Alexander resides on the Guthrie Richie place, near the mountain range, and the deer was feeding near the field when killed, and is the first to be killed near here in many years, we are told.

Mrs. A. F. Morgan of Greenville, Texas, has our thanks for the renewal of her subscription to the Merkel Mail. She formerly lived here and states that she does not want to miss a copy of the paper from "her old home town."

L. R. Thompson spent Thursday afternoon in Abilene attending the weekly meeting of the Lions Club, of which organization he is a member.

Mr. M. G. Scott of Trent returned Wednesday from a trip to the Plains country. He reports that part of the country in good condition.

REGULAR LUNCHEON NEXT TUESDAY NITE

On next Tuesday evening the Merkel Luncheon Club will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting at Ed's Cafe. The object of the Luncheon Club is the promotion of any enterprise that might prove to the upbuilding of the city and in the best interest of the citizenship as a whole. And every citizen in and about the city is always welcome. Infact every man who feels that he has the city's best interest at heart is welcome and urged to attend the meetings. So if you have not already bought a ticket for the next meeting see Mr. J. A. Buford, who has the matter in charge, and make reservations. Don't wait until the last day, or right up until the meeting and appear at the door. NOW. Then preparations made for you, and a seat will be in waiting.

Mr. Lytton B. Howard, one among our young and progressive business men, will be in charge as Toastmaster, and will no doubt bring forward an entertaining, interesting program. He is capable, has been a citizen of this town almost all his life, has the town's best interest at heart, and may be depended upon to arrange a real constructive program.

Make your arrangements to come. This is your town, and this is your organization. Come out and do your bit in helping your fellow citizen in his efforts to make of your town a better place in which to live.

Services at Trent M.E. Church

The usual services of the will be held at the Trent Methodist church Sunday, Nov. 16th. The new pastor, Rev. C. H. Ledger, will be there and will preach his first sermon to the members of the Trent Methodist Church Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. Sunday School begins at ten o'clock, and all members as well as visitors are asked to attend. It is the desire of the officials of the church that a large attendance be on hand to greet the new pastor, so be there.

BIG BARGAIN DAYS ON DAILIES NOW OPEN

We are again proud to announce to our subscribers and the public that the "Big Bargain Days" for subscriptions to such splendid dailies as the Abilene Reporter, Dallas News, Star-Telegram and Fort Worth Record, in connection with the Merkel Mail, are now on.

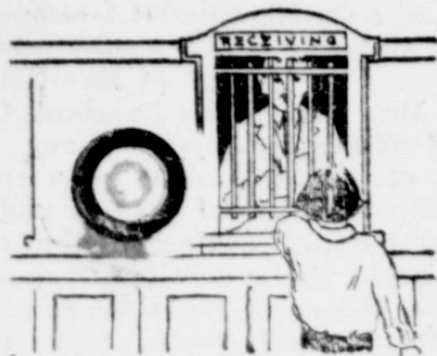
On all these daily papers you save the price of the Merkel Mail almost, when you take them through this office. Come around and get our prices.

The Merkel Mail will have no reduced rates this fall, when taken alone. Also, the Merkel Mail will be \$2.00 per year for any and all subscriptions outside of Taylor and adjoining counties, after January 1, 1925.

Mr. R. L. Adcock, capable and clever carrier on rural route number one, informs us that Mrs. Adcock, who for some weeks has been confined in a hospital in Waco, where she underwent an operation, is expected home in a few days. He states that the operation seems to have proven a decided success, and that Mrs. Adcock is getting along nicely.

Miss Madeline Hunt of Haskell was here last week for a visit with her grandfather, Mr. G. E. Comerys, who has been

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MR. BECKHAM WRITES BLANTON

Trent, Texas, Nov. 5, 1924.
To The Merkel Mail:

I have just read an article in the Reporter written by Thomas L. Blanton in answer to a private letter I wrote him some ten days ago, and am hesitating whether I am pursuing the right course or not for an ordinary Arkansas Farmer to get up against a man who has all the opportunities one man could use for twenty odd years practicing law in our Texas courts, some four or six years on the District Judge's bench, and for the last six or eight years has been rubbing up against the walls of the White House as our Congressman, and I think one of the best Representatives Texas ever had.

In answer to a part of his questions, will first say: Judge, it seems your conscience could not bear you going back on your pledge, not an oath, then going and voting for one whom you believe would defile the reputation of my boy or any young man of this country. Talk about conscience—SELAH.

You know, Judge, right down in your soul Ferguson is no Democrat. If the Democratic Party were to get so corrupt, and it's almost to that point, to nominate the Devil, would you stay with him? I have voted forty-seven Democratic tickets, but I switched from Jimmie. No need for me to say why Mr. Butte did not denounce the action of Secretary Falls and those negro secretaries you mention. And, by the way, what about Jim having five buck negroes on the platform with him at Temple, the night before the election, as he made his last plea. Selah, perhaps Dr. Butte is like me and thousands of other men in Texas—didn't know anything about it, clear out of his line of

business. He is not a politician. And sure he would disapprove of such actions.

When my only two boys and hundreds of my neighbors' boys were sweating blood, and thousands of them giving their lives trying to save our fair land from the German Kaiser, what was Jim Ferguson doing? Mixing and associating with the Germans in South Texas, going to Dallas to meet in conference with some of our leaders pertaining to the draft bill. Jim got a chance, and to the surprise of his friends, made a two hour speech against Wilson's draft bill, sent a message to every Congressman from Texas to vote against the bill.

And I notice, Judge, you are like every other man who is speaking for him or writing for him, Jim is your third choice. In his own language, if he had "the pride of a Jack-ass, or decency of a skunk," he would resign. No body wants him as first choice.

Personally I don't know Geo. C. Butte, but the presidents of every Christian College in Texas, and 90 per cent of all protestant preachers and school teachers say he is a Godly man, and a Woodrow Wilson type of man. Who ever heard of Wilson until he was nominated for President. He, like Mr. Butte, had his time all taken in Colleges and law schools.

Butte or Wilson neither ever asked for the first nomination, and you were a great admirer of Wilson, and you never denounced Wilson for not making prohibition speeches.

Let's be consistent, Judge. You know the Democratic party is split wide open, which side are you going with, Judge? I'll admit we are defeated, but I am proud of my bunch, and I am rejoicing in the thought, after twenty or thirty years from now, when all this dope goes down in Texas history, my children and grandchildren will say I am proud of my old granddaddy, who is now resting up vonder under the little mound. He stood for the right principle that did and will always win out.

Judge, how many preachers have you in your bunch? Did you ever stop to think?

Judge, in closing will say I will always have a warm feeling in my heart for you for the many excellent services you gave me some eight or ten months after the Armistice was signed, helping to get my two boys released from service. I commend you to my friends and others who need your services.

My last word is, when two men of the above character oppose each other for office, and the man who opposes God and Jesus Christ and their teaching wins by a handsome majority, you may say something is radically wrong with our folks.

P. S. King Herod was one of your type of died-in-the-wool Democrats. When that dancing girl came before him and danced, he promised with an oath to give her anything she asked for, she having been requested by her wicked mother to ask for the head of John the Baptist. Her request was granted. Old Herod was sorry, but carried out his "pledge". We true blue Democrats were in the same predicament from the last primary until the general election, and went back on the little pledge in order to do a great honor to our country. Our conscience is clear. "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people mourn."

Yours for the right,
C. T. BECKHAM,
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Alexander Brothers are subdividing the great Yellow Horse ranch 16 miles south of Littlefield on the Plains. Free trips to see this land, by actual prospectors, are made every Tuesday; bus leaving Merkel at six a.m. For particulars see—

W. O. BONEY

W. T. Sherrill and family of Abilene were in Merkel Sunday visiting with friends.

NOTICE—Will begin buying Cream Saturday, Nov. 15. J. H. McDONALD Cash Grocery. It

Ford Touring 1923 model for \$210.00. See it. Merkel Motor Co. authorized Ford dealers. It

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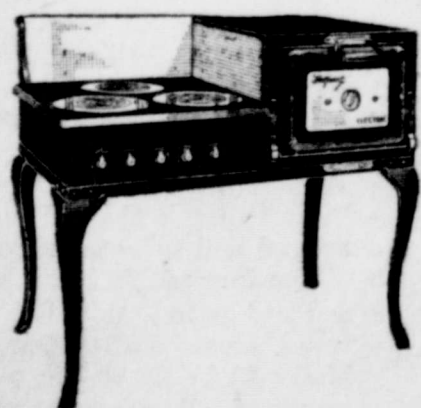
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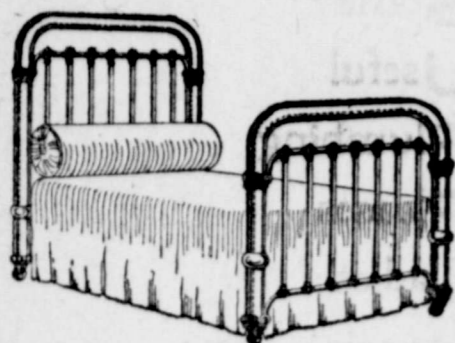
At Tuscola, Wednesday Nov. 19

Approximately: 10 sets of army harness. 10 sets extra breeching. 10 sets check lines. 10 sets traces. 5 saddles. 25 halters. 10 Riding Bridles. 500 straps for making lines, halters, etc. Work Bridles. Breast Straps. Pole straps. 25 wool army blankets. 25 pair army shoes. 50 pair army long pants. Army wool socks. Overcoats and Short Coats. Rain Coats.

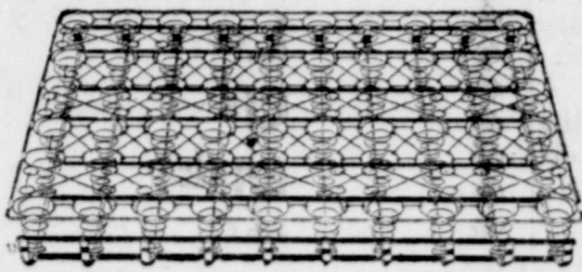
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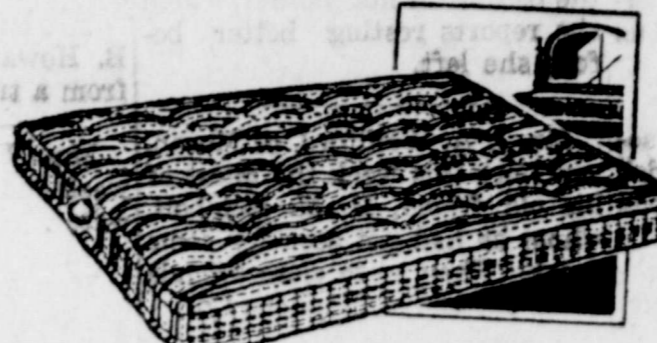
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Mrs. James West Entertains
Saturday evening Mrs. James West was hostess to a few friends honoring her sister, Mrs. J. O. Shaffer of El Paso, who left Sunday for her home. Tables were arranged for forty-two and several interesting games were enjoyed. Then Mrs. West served a two-course refreshment, consisting of chicken salad, potato chips, tomatoes, brown crackers, and jello with fruit and whipped cream, and hot coffee. Enjoying this pleasant evening with Mrs. West and the honoree, Mrs. Shaffer, were Mesdames Dee Grimes, Arthur Rose, Henry West, Robert Hicks, L. B. Scott, Chas. H. Jones, and Mrs. G. A. Rister of Anson.

Miss Mae Beidleman left Sunday for Haskell where she will begin teaching in a rural school near that place. We have five used Ford Coupes, all in good condition. See them—and get our prices. Merkel Motor Co. authorized Ford dealers. 1t

Another car Dawson Fancy Egg Coal on track. Swafford, south side. 1t

If you want White Leghorn Roosters of the Johnson strain and Mommth Bronze Turkeys, see J. M. Williamson, Merkel, route two. tf

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. tf

We have more Swastika, Domino, Fancy grate and Lump Coal One or both cars will be here this week. If you need COAL, it will pay you to see or call us before you buy. Our prices are like our Coal—it can't be beat. We will have this coal in store all the time, so when in need come to see us or call by phone. Will make prices delivered or at the bin. SOUTH SIDE GIN. By L. L. Murray, Mgr. tf

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The Weekly Prayermeeting
The prayermeeting will meet Wednesday, Nov. 19, at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Charlie West. Devotional, Mrs. M. L. Estes. Prayer, Mrs. Fannie King. All are requested to read the book of Ruth, Song 100. Prayer, Mrs. Meek. Questions ask on the book of Ruth, Mrs. Chas. West. Prayer, Mrs. Joe Harris. Song 175. Closing with sentence prayers.

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APPLES! APPLES!
R. H. Dean, of Springdale, Ark., "the Apple Man," is here visiting his son, Elbert Dean and family, and while here will sell a car of Arkansas Apples. He will be located in one of the buildings in the Crenshaw block on Kent street, and will be glad to meet all of his old friends and new ones as well. 1tp

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FARM FOR SALE
My 304 acre farm, 275 in cultivation, 3 sets of improvements, located one-half mile west of Shiloh church, 12 miles north-west of Merkel. A choice home for sale for next thirty days. For prices and terms see owner. J. H. GRAYSON, Trent, Texas. 14t3p

NOTICE—Will begin buying Cream Saturday, Nov. 15. J. H. McDONALD Cash Grocery. 1t

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130 acres adjoining the town on the east. A beautiful location for a home just out of the incorporation, and yet you would be handy to school and church and have one of the best little farms in the county. This place is going to sell and if you want it, you will have to hurry. Priced well worth the money, and on easy payments. See me. E. D. COATS. tf

Mrs. O. J. Shaffer and two children left for their home at El Paso after several weeks visit with Mrs. James West and other relatives.

Mr. Arthur Costephens and wife of Pioneer, Texas, visited in the J. E. Costephens home last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Campbell returned last week from a trip to Alabama.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

Since the election everything,
including cotton, has made ad-
vances. Will some one tell us
just why the delay?

Putting things over by the so-
called "high pressure methods"
route is mighty rotten methods
most of the time. It may work
for a time or two, but the pub-
lic generally gets wise and then
there is a set back.

To say that you "put it over"
is mighty nice, but the question
is, "did it help anyone but you".
If not, then there was but little
accomplished. And that's about
as far as some people get toward
making this a better world in
which to live—just help yourself
along.

This paper believes in patron-
izing home business concerns,
and we practice what we believe.
Most business men believe that
the farmers and other citizens
should buy their needs in Mer-
kel, but some of them do not
practice this doctrine when they
want something that they can
buy right here in Merkel, if they
can just save a few nickles by
sending off for same. Yet they
howl when some one sends away
for an item that they happen to
be selling.

The facts regarding the Pres-
idential election show without
doubt that the Hon. John W.
Davis, Democratic Nominee,
made the poorest showing that
has been made by a Democrat
in over a hundred years. He
was acknowledged to have been
intellectually capable. Declared
to be honest. Then why such an

overwhelming defeat? It has
been said that the wrong asso-
ciates for a young person will
eventually bring about their
ruin or undoing. But one could
hardly think that Mr. Davis had
been associating with the wrong
crowd, especially one raised in
the South and born a Democrat.

Mrs. Alpha Wood of the Mt.
Pleasant community, returned
first of the week from Brady,
where she had been to attend
the bedside of her mother, whom
she reports resting better be-
fore she left.

Mr. J. A. Wohlford, of Moran,
was here this week the guest of
his old friend, H. M. Rainbolt,
whom he had not seen for some
years. They were close friends
while citizens of Stephens Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Barnes of
Kansas City are here this week
guests of Mrs. Barnes' parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Meeks, of the
Noodle community, as well as
other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham
left first of the week for Dallas,
where they will spend some time
with friends and relatives and
while there Mr. Latham will look
after business matters.

Miss Nell Swann of Simmons
College was here the last week
end visiting with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, and
little daughter Bettie Lou, Mr.
and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and
Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Mr.
and Mrs. Holland Teaff spent
last week end at Westbrook,
where they visited relatives.

Mr. J. S. Hodge, manager of
the Cozy Theatre in this city,
returned first of the week from
a hunting and outing trip to
South Texas, accompanying a
party of hunters from Abilene.
Mr. Hodge reports splendid luck,
the party killing a couple of
deer and some four or five tur-
keys.

PERSONALS

Mr. H. M. Scott of Trent
Texas, was in Merkel Thursday
on business.

R. L. Bland of Abilene was in
Merkel attending to business
Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Dye were
Abilene visitors Monday of this
week.

Mr. H. A. Sanders and Mr. L.
B. Howard returned Tuesday
from a trip to Brownfield, Tex.

Mrs. Esker Curtis spent the
week end with friends in Sweet-
water.

Mrs. A. C. Rose and Mrs. J. P.
Sutphen were guests of friends
in San Angelo first of the week.

J. H. Grayson and son, Edgar,
returned this week from a trip
to Palmer county, where they
purchased land.

Mrs. Nunn and little daughter,
Elizabeth, of Brownwood, visit-
ed Mrs. Nunn's sister, Miss
Susie Belle Weeden last week.

Mr. Oscar M. Pate, wife and
baby daughter, of Sweetwater,
were in Merkel Wednesday call-
ing on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis and
daughter, Miss Lola, were in
Sweetwater Sunday visiting with
friends.

Mr. W. J. Sheppard of Brown-
field, Texas stopped off here for
a few days, while enroute to St.
Louis.

Mr. Roy Costephens of Sweet-
water visited his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. J. E. Costephens last
week end.

Safety and Service are assur-
ed to the customers of the
Farmers & Merchants National
Bank.

Mr. G. A. Johnson of Breck-
enridge spent the past week end
with his wife and daughter, who
reside with Mrs. Johnson's par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coste-
phens.

Mr. E. D. Edmiston of Abilene
was here Wednesday on business
and while here visited with re-
latives, Mr. J. S. Thomas and
family.

Mrs. E. E. Kimbrough of
Bunger came in this week for a
visit with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

We have plenty of secondhand
Fords to choose from. See us if
you are thinking of buying.
Merkel Motor Co., authorized
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Mrs. George Foster of Grim-
shaw, was here last week end
visiting her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Winters Cotton Seed Meal—
full line cow feed. Swafford,
South side.

W. E. Brittain and wife of
Fort Worth were here last week
for a brief visit with friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Brittain formerly
lived here.

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Jack Anderson, who is attend-
ing Grubbs Vocational College at
Arlington, was here for a brief
stay with his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. R. O. Anderson, last week.

Mrs. W. K. Brunson of Mid-
land, and Mrs. Jim Burns, of
Clyde, sisters of Mrs. H. M.
Rainbolt, are here this week,
guests of the latter.

Mr. E. O. Carson and family
arrived in Merkel last week, and
will make this city their future
home, Mr. Carson being connect-
ed with his father's Grocery
business in this city. They are
fine folks and we are glad to
have them as citizens.

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Also—"Wedding Bells Out of Tune" 2-reel Mack Sennet
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Entire change of Program SATURDAY, NOV. 15.

RICHARD DIX, LOIS WILSON and MARJORIE DAW
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Western pictures may come and go, but "The Call of
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ing western thriller. ALSO—
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MONDAY and TUESDAY, Nov. 17-18

LEWIS STONE and LEATRICE JOY in
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Extra—"Gall and Golf" A Larry Semon Comedy

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ALSO— Al St. John in "THE TAILOR"
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LEST YOU FORGET! FRIDAY, NOV. 21.

CHICAGO BLACKIE in Person
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Endorsed by Press and Pulpit

Miss Audry Porter who is at-
tending Simmons College, was at
home this past week end for a
visit with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. D. Porter.

We even have a good running
Ford with starter and every-
thing for \$65.00. See us if you
want a Ford. Merkel Motor Co.,
authorized Ford dealers. 1t

Mrs. G. B. Neal left first of
the week in response to a mes-
sage from Arkansas stating
that her brother was seriously
ill from the fever.

We are grateful to Mr. N. B.
Teaff, one of the good citizens
of Tye, route one, for the re-
newal of his subscription to the
Merkel Mail for the next year.

Mr. E. H. Thompson, Merkel
route one, has our thanks for
the renewal of his subscription
to the Mail as well as for a
copy of the paper which he sent
to his father at Wayne, Okla.

Another car Dawson Fancy
Egg Coal on track. Swafford,
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The following pupils of the Merkel Public Schools have for the first six-weeks grade period been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 or more in department, have not made less than 75 on any subject, and have made a general average of 90 or more.

First grade (Miss Russell): James Pilcher 93, Maldene Branch 92, Ona Fay Tittle 92, J. V. Patterson 91, Jesse Clay Jones 90.

First grade (Miss Dean): Billie Robbins 93, Dennis Walker 93, B. L. Carter 92.

Second grade (Harrison): Mabel Morton 92, Howard Stanley

92, Julia Proctor 91, Louise Rose 91, Valeria Parks 90, Mary O. Simpson 90, Iris Tipton 90, Lloyd Robertson 90.

Second grade (Miss Pogue): Frances Adcock 90, La Verne Holden 90.

Third grade (Miss Martin): Duncan Briggs 91, Lucille Campbell 91, Nell Hughes 91, Opal Huskey 90.

Third grade (Miss Coats): Ibah Mae Tipton 94, Imogene Middleton 93, Margaret Miller 91, Joyce Wheeler 91, Lonnie Waldrip 91, Jack Tucker 90.

Fourth grade (Miss Joiner): Lela Patterson 93, Lola Mae Tittle 93, Roy Robbins 92, Maurine White 92, Terrell Mashburn 91.

Fourth grade (Mrs. Teaff):

FOR SALE—3 burner Perfect-ion heater with tank, account of changing to electric heater. L. R. Thompson. 1t

FOR SALE or TRADE—A house close in. Would take good span of mules as first payment. S. F. HAYNES. 1t

LOST

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From Butman Ranch, October 10, blue horse mule about 14 1/2 hands high and 4 or 5 years old. Any information notify T. H. Ransom, Merkel, Texas, Route 5. Reward. 31t3pd

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WANTED—3 furnished light-housekeeping rooms at once. Apply to Mrs. Maud Rogers at Bettye Bonnet Box. 1t

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FOR SALE—Naraganza Turkeys, \$5.00 for hens, \$7.00 for toms. Mrs. J. B. Winn, Trent, Texas. 7t2p

OLD LUMBER—Have about 1,200 or 1,500 feet of old lumber at a bargain for the man who will buy it all at once. See C. P. Stevens. 1tp

FOR SALE—Good coal heater; would trade for a small wood cook stove. Phone No. 242. C. P. HENDRIX. 1tp

LOST or STRAYED—From our pen Saturday night, a red heifer calf. City Meat Market. 1t

FOR SALE—Two 30x3 1/2 Good-year Wingfoot straight side Cord Tires, in good shape. Will make dandy spare tires for Chevrolet or Overland cars.—West Company. 1t

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FOR SALE—At the Collins Hotel, 200 dining chairs at 50c each, for children from 6 mo. to 5 years of age. Phone 73. J. A. COLLINS, Merkel, Texas, Box 425. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Electric motor & pump outfit. See J. C. Childress. 1tp

Ida Mae Derstine 93, Dorothy Deutschman 93, Nell Durham 92, Wilson Bickley 91, Mary Elizabeth Grimes 91, Willie Evelyn Boaz 90.

Fifth grade (Miss Hearne): Leo Tucker 93, Mabel Pilcher 92, Kathleen Mashburn 91, Virgie Matlock 90.

Fifth grade (Miss Ellis): Alva Hayes 92, Mattilou Largent 92, Mary Ligon 92, Fred A. Baker 91, Louise Booth 91, Elsie Lassater 91, Joel Darsey 90, Beth Hamm 90.

Sixth grade (Miss Blair): Frances Frederickson 96, Florence Ligon 96, Mildred Bird 93, J. T. Darsey 93, Maybelle Ligon 93, J. D. Ashby 92, Missie Dye 91, Tracy Campbell 91.

Sixth grade (Miss Flannigan): Edith Smith 95, Earl Watts 94, Nadine Tippett 94, Clarence Sharp 94, Leora Parks 94, Barney Williams 93, E. L. Turner 92, B. P. Middleton 92, Clara Pilcher 91, Pauline Toombs 90, Lola Mae Riddle 90.

Seventh grade (Mrs. Sublett): Addie Faye Patterson 93, Norma Shannon 92, Alice Reed 91, Bernice Lassater 90.

Seventh grade (Mrs. Jackson): Raymond Earthman 92, Cecil Bickley 92, Irene Campbell 90.

Eighth grade (Miss Weedon): Sterling Sheppard 96, Gladys Deutschman 94, John D. Coats 94, Flora Frances Anderson 93, Iris Garrett 93, Tolbert Proctor 93, Rop Propst 92, Burnis Tucker 92, Fred Yandell 92, Paul Floyd 91, Eunice Bird 91, Sally Mary Campbell 91, Elizabeth Harkrider 91, Rubijo Higgins 91, W. P. Jones 90, Burdelle Adcock 90, Mildred Hamm 90, Vera Matlock 90, Irene Perry 90, Henry Biggs 90.

9th grade (Miss Bird): Orpah Patterson 95, Tommie Durham 94, Hazel Coates 94, Maben Rogers 93, Delbert Polly 92, Floy Ash 92, Pauline Chinn 92,

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Tenth grade (Miss Pierce): Eva Mae Johnson 94, Lila Bird 93, Mary Derstine 92, Mary Alice Johnson 92, Dean Murry 92, Edith Baker 91, Mary Hutcheson 91, Sybil Smith 91, Emma Toombs 90.

Eleventh grade: Clyde Mathews 95, Melba West 95, Lucille Guitar 94, Ona Faye Rose 94, Mary Butman 93, Effie Grayson

92, Leona Mullins 92, Adrian Rea 92, James Swann 92, Eula Deavers 91, W. L. Harkrider 91, Stella Wilson 91, Marvin Brookreson 90, Byron Curb 90, Nola Provine 90, Hazel L. Rainbolt 90, Erma Lee Rea 90, C. R. Williams 90.

The above list contains the names of one hundred and forty-six pupils, who have attained this high average, and have met the other very exacting requirements. This is a very high percentage, as it is a little better than one out of every four pupils. In other words more than 25 per cent of the entire high school were on the honor roll for the period just ended.

Roger A. Burgess, Supt.



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SENIOR NOTES

(By Ona Fay Rose)

Merkel was well represented at the foot ball game with Stephenville at Abilene last Friday. Although our boys were defeated, they showed that they had had good training and they made the Yellowjackets work for their score.

Every one is happy over the fact that our "Badgers" defeated the Roscoe "Rascals" 9 to 6 Tuesday afternoon.

Mildred Matthews, one of the promising young poets of the Senior class, has written a poem which is dedicated to the foot-ball boys.

Dear old Badgers,
Though fate has deemed it so,
Championship you could not know,

For Merkel you have won fame,
And we love you just the same

Your hearts are as pure
As the gold that shall fly
A symbol of Merkel High.
The name that you have made
Shall be remembered for many a decade.

As through the years we pass
We will think of you as members
of our class,

And those thoughts shall be
The sweetest of memories to me.

At each game we have stood
anxiously by,
Ready and waiting to give the cry—

A cry that has warmed many
a heart and soul,
"Merkel Badgers," Purple and Gold.
By Mildred Matthews.

Miss Williamson: "Can you tell me what destiny is?"

W. L. Harkrider: "I can't get it straightened out, but I have it in my head."

Miss Williamson: "You are right, be seated."

Mr. Burgess (in 8th grade English class): "Use the word 'notwithstanding' properly in a sentence."

James McAdams: "Father wore my pants out, but notwithstanding."

Mr. Burgess: "I didn't notice you at church last night."

Mr. Jackson: "Well, I guess not; I took up collection."

Mr. Burgess rushed into the study hall to see what was causing such a disturbance, and found that the tremendous roar came from the library. The history was repeating itself.

Vernon Chaney: "What is your favorite wild game?"

Clesby Patterson: "Football."

Miss Bird: "Jarrett, tell us how to define beauty."

Jarrett: "It's not in me."

Miss Bird: "Correct."

Doris: "Mother, tell me a story."

Mrs. Jackson: "Just wait a few minutes and father will be home and he will tell us both one."

Perry: "Do we have 'war in the South' today?"

Ona Fay: "Yes, but we'll have war in the Southeast if we don't know our lesson."

If any of the grade teachers want a joke interpreted, see Mr. Burgess.

This is about the time of year when trees begin to lose their verdant hue. The change in freshmen, however, comes several months later.

Another car Dawson Fancy Egg Coal on track. Swafford, south side. It

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Dr. W. V. Cranford made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Miss Dorothy Sanders returned to McMurry College Monday morning after a week end visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders.

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Here you will find the biggest and best assortment of Coats, Sweaters and blankets ever shown in Merkel, With Prices the Lowest.

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Womans Missionary Society

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church met last Monday afternoon in a lesson from the study book. Mrs. Thompson had charge of the lesson which was interesting. On next Monday afternoon we will observe the week of prayer with an appropriate program. We especially invite every lady member of the church to meet with us in this week of prayer program. A free-will offering will be taken, 60 per cent of which will go to help the work in the foreign fields and 40 per cent given to the home work.

The next lesson from the study book will be given on the following Monday afternoon and will be the fifth chapter, with Mrs. Rogers conducting the lesson.

Loring Hamblet went to Abilene on business Monday.

Junior League Program

The Obstacle Race. Leader, Elizabeth Grimes. Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers". Responsive reading, Psalm 15. Prayer. First obstacle, selfishness, Ethel Hamilton. 2nd, Untruthfulness, by Sterling Sheppard. 3rd, Disobedience, Victor Smith. 4th, Unfaithfulness, Dorothy Daniels. The flags that fell in love with each other, Thelma Leach. Story from "Vagabond Victor," by Mrs. Rea.

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Senior League Program

Subject: The Methodist Church its Doctrine and Discipline. Leader, Marie Williamson. Song; prayer; song. Scripture: Gal. 1:11-17; Heb. 13:7-18; 1 Cor. 16:1,2. The heart of Methodism, Madge Pierce. Experience, Tom Allday. The Methodist teaching concerning regeneration, Julia Martin. Sanctification, Adrian Rea. A universal atonement, Ethel Wilson. The discipline of the Methodist, by Cyrus Pee. Announcements; Benediction.

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1. Introduction, by Mary Ellen Ashby. 2. Map talks on Italy and Mexico, by Clyde Mayfield. 3. Religion in Italy and Mexico, by Max Swafford. 4. A few words about Italy, by Edna Wilson. 5. A few words about Mexico, by Ava McCandless. 6. Our Workers in Italy, by Fannie Belle Boaz. 7. Our workers in Mexico, by Lounell Lamar. 8. Italians and Mexicans in our country, by Eunice Bird.

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Clyde Sears and family of Abilene visited Mrs. Frank Sears and two daughters, Misses Mosis and Eula, Sunday.

PHOTOPLAY AT BE MOST

The age-old argument whether or not a right to demand of the same rigidity as he demands of the same as he does of the sensational theme of "Flaming Youth," a powerful story of modern unconventional life which comes next week to the Cozy Theatre, Wednesday and Thursday.

"Flaming Youth," vividly dramatic screen version of Warner Fabian's daring novel, is considered one of the outstanding photoplays of the year.

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Colleen Moore plays the leading part in this powerful First National picture. Other members of the brilliant all-star cast are Milton Sills, Elliott Dexter, Myrtle Stedman, Sylvia Breamer, Betty Francisco, Phillips Smalley, Walter McGrail, Ben Lyon and others.

Report of M.E. Sunday School

The Methodist Sunday School has just closed the greatest year that has been known in the history of the school. Yet we are looking forward to a greater year's work for the coming year. The average attendance for the past year was 308 but for the coming year let us make the average attendance 400 or even better.

"We can if we will". Let every one come, and every one boost for his or her own class, and watch our Sunday School grow, for in unity there is strength.

The Philathea Class will have the devotional program next Sunday, beginning at nine forty-five o'clock.

Don't forget the council meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the following program to be carried out:

Theme—Our School Policy as to reports and records.

1. Devotional period on Thanksgiving themes, Rev. T. J. Rea.
2. Sunday School records, their value and significance, Miss Ethel Wilson.
3. How officers and teachers may cooperate, Miss Murphy Thomas.
4. Our reports, how they may be improved, general discussion, led by Mrs. H. A. Sanders.
5. The best use of reports to the workers' council, Mrs. Thos. Durham.

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BATTLE OF DOVE CREEK

FOUGHT IN 1863 BETWEEN 3 TEXANS AND 900 KICKAPOO INDIAS
By AUSTIN CALLAN

In 1863 the Kickapoo Indians numbered about nine hundred. They had been less hostile, perhaps, than any other savages west of the Mississippi River. Unlike the treacherous Comanches and Kiowas, the promises they made were usually lived up to and no trail of murder and devastation was left along the way they traveled from one favorite hunting ground to another.

During the winter of 1863 permission was granted this tribe by the United States Army Department to peacefully pass southward through Texas into Mexico. At that time the frontier was not very well protected, as most of the able-bodied men had been sent to the front to fight on the side of the South in the great Civil War. The citizens had organized, however, for home defense and such units of soldiers were under Brigadier-General James W. Throckmorton. The forty-sixth Texas cavalry, commanded by Col. James E. McCord, was most active in the western section of the State, where the cattle industry was just beginning to develop, and troops of this regiment were stationed at Camp Colorado, Runnels county, to repulse depredating savages over a wide area. There were also other forces of citizen soldiery giving protection to the country east of Camp Colorado.

Peaceful Kickapoos.

When word reached different commanding officers of the Confederate troops and the other soldiers assigned to looking after the frontier, that a large body of Indians had passed the Brazos river, headed in towards the Colorado and the Concho rivers, it was not known that they were peaceful Kickapoos. No official information had been sent out regarding the intention of this band to journey through Texas and down into Mexico without molesting the white folks along the way. Consequently no blame is attached to the troops who fought the disastrous battle of Dove Creek.

It was a fight which might properly be termed a victory for the savages. They really won, although they did not realize it and retreated when they might easily have scored a repetition of the



The Kickapoos made ready to defend themselves.

Custer massacre on the Little Big Horn, if they had only followed up their military advantage.

The day previously to the fight Lieut. Pete Callan, of Camp Colorado, with a troop of scouts sighted the Kickapoos. His guide was a half-breed Cherokee named Jim Mulkey and Jim reported the Indians as being friendly. He claimed that any trained guide, could follow an Indian trail for a short distance and tell whether they were changing camp, on a hunt or going out for trouble. The scouts were not sure about Mulkey's theory being correct; some of them were persuaded that it was just an idea of his. But as there were only sixty of the white scouts and nine hundred of the Indians, they concluded it would be best not to attack the Indians.

Late one afternoon the tribe stopped near the G. W. Tankersley ranch. Mr. Tankersley was a pioneer of the west who seemed to get along with all Indians who passed his way and he swapped horses with one of the Kickapoo chiefs. This helped to precipitate the fight on the following day, as the Tankersley horse was recognized by Capt. Fossett who happened along with troops of Confederate soldiers, a part of the home reserve used for protecting the frontier. Fossett was joined by Capt. Totten, who commanded a force of three hundred men from several counties farther back east, and it was decided to give battle.

Indians Accept Challenge.

The Kickapoos, upon seeing that the whites meant to challenge their presence in that section of the country, made ready to defend themselves. There was a large, dense thicket lying between a deep ravine and a steep bank on Dove Creek, which was south of the Concho river. It offered splendid protection and the Indians took advantage of it. But few places were left open to attack.

Totten and Fossett held a consultation of war. It was agreed that Totten would charge the thicket with his three hundred men from the side on which the ravine was located, while Fossett would capture the horses and drive them back to the rear so that the Indians could not get to them when they commenced to retreat.

These plans were carried out so far as Fossett was concerned. He got several hundred head of the Kickapoos' ponies, but Totten overmatched his force. When his men crawled out of the ravine and into the open space between it and the edge of the thicket the Indians poured forth a deadly fire at short range. Most of the men who were in the lead were instantly killed and the balance were thrown into wild confusion. It was a desperate situation; there was a chance for the whole band to be wiped out; a number of bloody, hand-to-hand fights took place and the odds were overwhelmingly

against the pale faces.

Capt. Fossett, who was at some distance with the horses and saw what was taking place, immediately had his men turn the horses loose and charge the Indian camp. The men rode furiously among the wigwams and the women and children in order to draw the attention of the warriors from Totten's men. These wigwams were scattered for a quarter of a mile along the banks of Dove Creek and by the time the charge had extended from one end to the other of the Indian camp, all guns of the white men were empty and it was necessary to retreat. But the expected happened. The Indians rushed to the defense of their own and gave pursuit to the invaders. This gave Totten a chance to get away.

Fossett was pursued by the savages to the open prairie where the horses had been turned loose. A desperate encounter took place there and among the killed was Lieut. Giddeon, a popular young officer known to many frontiersmen. At one time the little band of only a hundred and ten whites was threatened with extermination. Capt. Totten had been unable to rally his men and could not bring them back to Fossett's aid. They retreated for at least ten miles before stopping. But when it looked as if the Kickapoos were going to get their enemy into a deadly noose, Capt. Fossett stampeded three hundred of the captured horses, drove them madly over the dismounted warriors and

made a safe getaway, holding on to the animals as a prize of war.

Kickapoos Retreat.

That night the whites all camped together and a more vigorous and better arranged attack was planned for the next day. But it never took place for two reasons; first of all the most severe blizzard ever experienced south of the staked Plains swept down on the camp before morning, and in the next place the Kickapoos, believing that they had been whipped, retreated as fast as they could towards Mexico.

Fifty brave frontiersmen lost their lives in the battle of Dove Creek and about the same number of Indians were killed. The attack was undoubtedly a mistake, but those who participated in it are not to be blamed. They had long suffered from Indian depredations; their cattle and horses had been stolen time and time again and their neighbors cruelly butchered. Each mind was fresh with the memory of some horrible deed the savages had perpetrated along the frontier and all red men looked alike to them.

The Kickapoos continued their journey into Mexico unmolested after this fight. They found a permanent home among the towering Santa Rosa mountains, a hundred miles beyond the Texas border, yet within sight of it, and down there in that hazy, lazy, dreamy land, they still dwell, much the same people that they were in that romantic past when they chased buffalo on the Clear Fork, the Concho and the Colorado rivers of Texas. The chief difference now being that they have thrown away their tomahawks and live in peace.

These Indians harbor no ill will toward the pale-face, so far as one may discern. Those Texans to-day who occasionally go down there to hunt the fleet-footed deer and the grizzly bear are accorded the very best of treatment at their hands. But you find withered old warriors among them who took part in the Dove Creek fight and whenever the subject of this fight is mentioned, one of these warriors he will take a deep puff at his pipe, blow rings of smoke up toward the sky and with a sad, far away look on his face, will say: "Heap big mistake of the Tehanas, (Texans)."

The Forestry Problem of Texas

By E. O. SIECKE,
State Forester.

Perhaps you will say that our forestry situation does not concern you. Very likely you are a farmer, a business man or a professional man. Perhaps you feel that the owner of forest land, the lumber manufacturer, the lumber retailer, together with a few alarmists who are always predicting dire consequences, can do all the worrying that needs to be done concerning our rapidly vanishing forest resources. If you hold this attitude of mind you will naturally question the soundness of the statement that from the cradle to the grave the help of the forest is vital to you and that no one can escape the penalty that must be paid when our timber level drops and the forest products essential to our every day existence either become unavailable or can be had only at exorbitant prices.

The Many Uses of Wood.

The farmer uses more lumber and other forest products than any other class of citizens. His farm home and farm buildings are made of wood; his fences are fastened to wooden posts; he grasps his implements by wooden handles and he hauls his produce to market in wooden wagons. The merchant usually arises from a wooden bed; treads on a wooden floor; eats breakfast at a wooden table while sitting in a wooden chair, and reads the morning paper made from wood pulp. In his place of business he uses a wooden chair and wooden desk. The goods that he sells come in wooden packing boxes, which incidentally consume one-fifth of the lumber produced in the United States. His goods are sold over wooden counters and wrapped in paper made from wood pulp. Furthermore, many articles that the merchant sells consist largely of wood fibre. Much so-called silk material is artificial silk made from wood; linoleum is 80 per cent wood flour; Victrola records are 60 per cent wood flour; much of the string and cord that he uses and sells is made of tough twisted paper derived from wood pulp. No matter what business or occupation a man follows, his activities bring him in contact with wood and wood products many times a day; in fact, he is hardly ever entirely free from contact with things that come from the forests. It appears, therefore, that all classes of citizens are about equally involved in our forestry problems.

States Now Importing Lumber.

From the time this continent was settled our forest history has been one of exploitation without replacement. The once important lumber producing

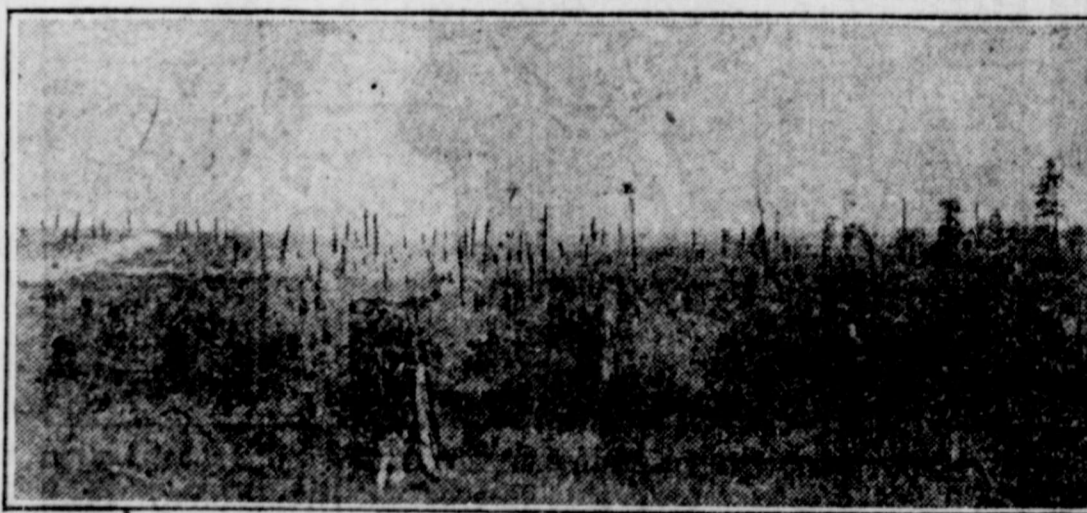
States of New England, New York and Pennsylvania have long since run through with their forest inheritance and have become lumber importing States. Pennsylvania today pays not less than \$25,000,000.00 a year in freight charges on the lumber it imports, notwithstanding the fact that this lumber could be grown at home on her huge devastated area of forest lands. The extensive pine forests of the Lake States region have also disappeared. The Southern pine region extending from Maryland to the Trinity river in Texas has for the last fifteen years furnished more than one-third of the lumber used in the United States. The virgin timber in this group of States is being exhausted with alarming rapidity, and this region will cease to be a considerable factor in the exporting lumber trade in from twelve to fifteen years.

In a few years Texas must begin to import larger and larger quantities of lumber from the Pacific Northwest, since northern California, Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho contain the bulk of our remaining forest resources. It should be borne in mind that even the timber resources of the Pacific Northwest region will be exhausted in about sixty years. Sixty or seventy years is a very short time in the life of our Nation and State. If we are to escape the dire consequences of a timber famine it is high time for the various timbered States and the Nation to evolve and put into operation a practical forest policy under which our forests will be treated as a crop and not as a mine.

Exploiting Our Forests.

Let me repeat, that the history of lumbering in the United States shows that we have progressively exploited our timber in each forest region without making adequate provisions to secure renewal of commercial forests on areas not valuable for agricultural purposes, but which are nevertheless admirably adapted for producing another crop of lumber trees. We have exploited our forest as a mine using up our forest capital without taking measures for the replacement of that capital.

What of the situation in Texas? Texas originally had about 12 million acres of magnificent longleaf, shortleaf and loblolly pine forests, of which less than 1,500,000 acres remain. A few of our big mills have sufficient timber to run them for fifteen years, but 80 per cent of the large mills will be cut out by 1930. At a conservative estimate, we have in East Texas six million acres of cut-over land not adapted to agriculture. Less than two million acres, or 30 per cent, of this cut-over area is supporting a second growth stand of pine. The aggregate annual production of these young forests converted to terms of board feet of lumber is less than one-third of the lumber used by Texas citizens today and, furthermore, the bulk of this young timber will not have reached "lumber" size by the time our remaining virgin is exhausted. About



Cut-over area has been burned repeatedly. Young pine is entirely absent and in a few years the remaining seed trees will disappear, thereby preventing natural and inexpensive reforestation.

four million acres of this non-agricultural cut-over land supports timber of very little value, or is entirely unproductive. Indeed, nothing else could be expected, for logging operations have not been conducted with an eye to keeping the land continually productive and fires have annually swept over these areas killing the baby trees that managed to make a start. Our big forestry problem in Texas is to make this area productive as speedily as possible, growing the lumber supplies we shall need in the future.

Vital and Economic.

Considered in the light of these facts, our forestry problems become one of the most vital and economic industrial questions pressing for solution at this time. In the final analysis, it is merely making productive those areas within our State splendidly adapted for grow-

ing timber crops and of little value for other purposes. From the standpoint of public welfare the time has come when it is just as important to grow timber on timber land as it is to grow cotton on cotton land.

The importance of making our idle timber growing lands productive is apparent when we appreciate that by 1930 Texas citizens will be compelled to import approximately one billion board feet of forest material annually from the distant Pacific Northwest. The additional freight rates on this material, over and above freight rates from East Texas points, will amount to \$10,000,000.00 per year. Furthermore, forestry neglect has created millions of idle acres in our East Texas cut-over land, thereby reducing taxable values as well as constricting the field for profitable employment of labor. The total cost to Texas citizens, therefore, of our continued indifference to forestry will in a few years time, easily amount to \$15,000,000 a year—an indirect tax equal to two-thirds of the cost of our State government today.

This being the situation, what has been done and what is being done to put our lumber growing land on a productive basis? Our Legislature in 1915 created the office of State Forester, placed it under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural & Mechanical College and appropriated \$10,000.00 per annum to develop the work. Appropriations gradually increased during subsequent legislative sessions so that now the forestry activities conducted by the State are supported by an appropriation of \$40,000.00 per annum. With the meagre funds at its disposal, the Forestry Department has attempted to develop all lines of forestry important in the State. However, for the purpose of this article, only those phases of the State work that deal with the renewal and proper management of our lumber forests will be discussed.

Forest and Grass Fire Menace.

Lumbermen and other citizens giving thought to forestry are especially unanimous in their conclusions that forest

and grass fires constitute the natural barrier to the renewal of lumber forests. The State Department has, therefore, paid particular attention to the forest work, and in this work the Government has matched State dollar for dollar. The field of forest protection has grown from thirty-two men and satisfactory progress has been made in controlling the fire nuisance. Approximately seven and one-half million acres, gross area have been under patrol for a number of years. During 1921, 11 1/4 per cent of this area was burned over, during 1922, 5 1/4 per cent, while during 1923 only 2 1/2 per cent was burned. It is conservatively estimated that such reduction due to the fire suppression work, has resulted in renewing a fair growth of young pine timber on 500,000 acres of cut-over land.

The last Texas Legislature provided funds to assist the timberland owner in the proper management of his woodlands. The farmers in the commercial timber belt of East Texas own more than 1,000,000 acres of timberland covered with second growth pine varying in size from seedling up to sawlog trees. Increasing the productivity of this forest acreage will be a factor in minimizing our timber shortage.

The State has also made funds available for the purchase of about 4,000 acres of cut-over land to be managed as a State Forest for the purpose of demonstrating the knowledge we all have concerning the growing of successive timber crops and for ascertaining through research the things we yet know. The first State Forest, of 1700 acres was recently purchased. It is located near Kirbyville, near boundary line between Jasper and Ton counties, and contains areas of reforestation has not yet taken and also areas covered with second growth timber from seedling to merchantable size. Opportunity is, therefore, presented to start research and demonstration work relative to the management of young timber of different ages as well as concerning the methods of securing renewal of growth.

Legislative Committee Investigates Forestry Problems.

Another favorable action taken was the Thirty-eighth Texas Legislature to request the Governor of Texas to appoint a committee, consisting of members of the Legislature, to investigate the forestry situation in this State. (Continued on Page 4)

CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

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fatalities attending the shooting of Dallas husbands by Dallas wives. The battle of which I speak is the one scheduled to be fought at the polling places on November 4th to determine who shall be Governor of Texas. As I try to write it is prognostication, extravagant claims, with an occasional bet to back up the judgment of the prognosticator; when you read it will be the realization or the crushing of hopes—the I-told-you-so or the admitted conviction that the people are crazy and incapable of self-government. Today dozens of men and women are rushing into print or standing on the street corners telling why you should or should not keep your pledge to support the nominees; when you read some will tell of the dirty lies and the crooked ways that were employed to win, while others will be preparing for a heavy assault upon the offices within the gift of the Governor of Texas. As I try to write we are all fluttering around in human blindness, trying to convince the world that we know something we know we don't know; when you read, the mists will have rolled away, the curtain will have been removed, and we will know who is going to draw the salary, hand out the offices, fuss with the Legislature and assist in levying the taxes that we will enjoy paying about as much as we enjoy having a job pulled.

Realizing now as I did in the old days community debates in the log school houses, that there are two sides to the question of whether pursuit or possession gives the greater measure of happiness, I do not undertake to say whether the ante or post election season fills the cup of pleasure to the higher notch, but rather I am consoling myself with the knowledge that no matter how the battle goes in Texas we will reap a result and a thrill we haven't had before in my day or yours. No matter what the result may be, we'll have something the present generation never saw before—a woman Governor, or a

Republican Governor, of Texas. Either result will give us much to talk about and write about, and possibly cuss about for many months to come. I rather like to look ahead and guess how things will be under conditions that may be thrust upon us, and so I will ask you to pardon me while I venture a guess at what we will say and do under the new condition grand old Texas is soon to experience.

It may be that the battle of the ballots will favor Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, now better known as "Ma," and that she will guide the destinies of the grand old commonwealth for the next two years. If so, what an important personage this woman will be for a time. Her photograph, made some years ago, of course, will be displayed everywhere, newspaper reporters will come from the four corners of the earth to interview her, and if she cares to she can earn far more than the salary of the Governor by writing a short story of her life and giving one of the metropolitan papers or big magazines the exclusive right to print it. People will look with great interest on the picture of the little shack in which she was born; they will study carefully the pictures of the back yard of her home, and if she has a favorite cow, rooster or dog, said favorite will be pictured in all prominent publications and the name thereof will become the name of countless cows, roosters or dogs throughout the land. Of course, every woman in the land will wear a "Ma Ferguson sun bonnet," and we tremble when we think of the financial loss milliners who have laid in heavy stocks of other headwear will sustain. If the good lady upon whom the burdens of state rest will favor us with a short story of how Jim proposed, and tell us what the first family quarrel was about, and how it ended, we'll read it with far greater interest than we read the late works of the popular fiction writers, or the lives of Babe Ruth and Al Johnson. Of course, the good lady would scorn such a suggestion, and chase one making the suggestion from the executive mansion with the gubernatorial broom or rolling pin, but if she cared to she could easily amass a great fortune by furnishing testimonials on the virtues of the cook stove or sewing machine in use in her home, and increase her bank account many fold by recommending the brand of face powder she prefers, or extolling the curative properties of the remedy with which she cures her colds. I do not have space here to speak of the inauguration, but I know the women reporters who write up the brilliant affair

will find some new adjectives with which to tell us about the inaugural costume. And let me add here that if Ma should take the oath of office arrayed in a plain calico dress it will be rank foolishness for any one to oppose her for re-election. And it will be interesting to note how many original women suffragists there are in Texas when the mad scramble for office begins. Fellows like myself, who never dislocated a hip in a mad scramble to get to the polls and cast a ballot for equal suffrage, will gladly confess their errors and declares politics is to be purified and the world uplifted by women ballots and women officials. With Lady Astor, Jane Adams, Frances Willard, Florence Nightingale and Charlotte Corday, and other women who have wrought, Miriam A. Ferguson will take her place in the galaxy of female immortals and the world will bow before her in lavish homage—for nothing succeeds like success.

But ballots are treacherous things. They may clothe one with immortality, and canopy one with halos, and they may send one to the dark corners of oblivion, where no reporters will seek a photo or life history, and no agent will invade to ascertain what kind of sewing machine or face powder is used, or what remedial agent is employed to cure common colds. If the ballots prove false to Miriam A. Ferguson, this good woman will remain in her home, look after the sewing on of buttons, the darning of hosiery, the setting of hens, the rearing of chickens, and the curing of colds. And she will be the center of affection to which children and husbands will turn for sympathy and aid, just as she has ever been, and the world will care little about where she was born, how she was courted and won, what sewing machine she prefers or what remedy she uses when she contracts the flu. The world crowds the halls and feels a supreme interest in the acts of those who succeed, but pays little attention to the batter who fans three times and goes to the benches. It will be triumph, of course, for the good woman if she heads the march to the mansion she so sorrowfully left six years, while the world looks on and applauds, but my opinion is that she will be happier if she remains in the home, of which she has long been the affectionate center. There she may forget the thrills and the disappointments of the cold, clammy, cruel game of politics, but even in the big executive mansion, sought by many and watched by all, she can never forget the quiet

joys of the old home, in which she lived and loved and was the reigning queen. Nor do I believe that high position or the pomp of power can ever satisfy the soul of a good woman as did the old home in which the children were born and played, and where the old family dog stands guard over the back yard and bays a deep-mouthed welcome when he hears the footsteps of a loved one approach. But as a rule, it isn't happiness people strive for—they want triumph.

The battle of ballots may result in victory for Dr. Eutte, nominee of the Republican candidate for Governor. There has been no such thing as the election of a Republican Governor of Texas in Texas since reconstruction days, and many of us who have voted the Democratic ticket since reaching the voting age have laid the flattering unction to our Democratic souls that never would the unholy hands of the wicked Republicans be laid upon this grand old commonwealth. We have even said that if such a dire calamity should overtake our beloved State, the lone star would put out its light for shame, and never again hold its radiant torch to guide a free and happy people into the ways of pleasantness and the paths of peace. We old-timers of the Jeffersonian league have long felt that water would run up hill, and evening blush to own the stars that gem night's radiant brow, long before the people of Texas would turn their backs on a Democratic nominee and enthroned a wicked Republican in the granite State house. But it is evident that a change has come over the spirit of some dreamers. They are not throwing as choice gems of profanity at the wicked enemy as they did in days gone by, and some are even admitting doubt whether the State would grow up in rag-weeds and become a habitation of owls and bats if a Republican should be chosen to guide the destinies of imperial Texas. And so it may be, when you read this, that all o'er these wide extended plains such a shout of joy will be going up as hasn't been heard since the eventful eve when the magazines of the skies burst upon Judean hills over the election of a Republican Governor of Texas.

And if Dr. Eutte is given the reins of government and ensconced in the State house, what are you going to say, and what are you going to do? Of course, the first thing will be to make sure of the pronunciation of his name, but after that, what? What can those of us who, when applying for Fish Commissioner,

Health Inspector, stenographer, Asylum Trustee or Penitentiary clerk, and who are prone to boast of our Democratic records and our great sacrifices for the party, say to the Republican mogul who sits on high and divides the spoils? I have my story prepared, and it runs like this: "Good morning, Governor Butte, But or Boot. I have long been convinced, Governor, that politics in our State was too one-sided. The best interests of the State demand that the political parties be of equal strength. This will force the parties to name as their nominees their best material, neither being willing to risk the chance of losing with an incompetent, or a person of questioned integrity as nominee. I congratulate you and the great State of Texas, dear Governor, over the selection of such a scholarly and polished gentleman to hold the lines of State. By the way, Governor, some of my people back in Tennessee were Republicans. I am sure you must have known them, since they were noted for cussing Democrats, and one of them served as constable two years in McNairy county. He made a fine record and would have been re-elected if he hadn't made himself unpopular by capturing too many moonshine stills. My great grandmother was one of Abraham Lincoln's sweethearts and named her oldest boy Abe. But what I called to say, Governor, is, if you haven't selected a Grass Commissioner for Brazos bottom, that I have hoed grass, pulled grass, mowed grass and slept on grass. For a long time we had ground grass as breakfast at our homes, and I used to hang meat with bear grass, and I believe I could render a service as Grass Commissioner that would be the talk of the State and popularize your administration with all classes. In the event you have some slated for Grass Commissioner, I would be glad to accept a position as pork inspector in any cafe you may name. I sincerely hope your administration will be a great success, and I assure you my hearty co-operation in making it so. I forgot to say that if all the grass commissions and food inspections have been filled I would be glad to have a place as notary public in my precinct, and if you will consider my application for such a high honorable position I will be glad to submit a petition signed by at least ten reputable citizens of my county."

But, suppose Dr. Eutte isn't elected; what will become of him? Don't worry. No Republican who makes a good race in Texas ever comes to grief or is forced to seek a place in the cotton fields.

POULTRY RAISING FOR PROFIT

By MRS. MARGARET STUTE.

In a recent survey of farming conditions in Texas it was discovered that thousands of Texas farmers were not raising chickens. At the same time I saw a report which stated that hundreds of carloads of eggs are monthly shipped into Texas, sold at a big profit, and the money used to build up neighboring States at the expense of our own State. I know some farmers have tried to raise chickens with little or no success, and I felt perhaps that they had not had the correct information as to the best breeds, correct feeding and housing. So, I am going to try to give the readers of the Magazine Section, in a series of three articles, some pointers and facts on chicken raising and marketing as related to me by one of the best chicken experts in Texas.

Mr. M. C. Allison, of 5628 Pershing avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, has been connected with the raising of chickens for over fifty-five years. He has made a success of his business and is well versed in it. He is a practical business man, and, having devoted the greater part of his life to this one line of business, I feel we are, indeed, fortunate in securing these facts from him as to his experience in raising and marketing chickens.

White Leghorn Superior.

The past eighteen years he has devoted to developing his own strains of different breeds, and for the past ten years he has been specializing on the breed that he has finally determined to be the most profitable and the most satisfactory for our Texas climate. He, at present, has a large plot of ground in a western suburb of Fort Worth and has several hundred of his own strain of the English single comb white leghorns. He has a large incubator which holds better than fifteen thousand eggs and he does a great deal of custom hatching (that is, hatching for other persons) along with hatching thousands of baby chicks from his own flock which he ships all over Texas.

Mr. Allison considers the white leghorn superior to other breeds, for several reasons. First, the only profit to be made in chickens, in his opinion, is the production of eggs. Leghorns excel in egg-production, he

said. Next, they eat less than other breeds, and they have more flesh and less bone than other breeds at the same weight. Mr. Allison has demonstrated that a person with only a small flock of leghorns should have enough eggs for his own use, raise all his own chicken meat and have enough eggs for sale to pay the greater part of his grocery bill. When the farmer can do this, in connection with his garden and hogs, he will have a more comfortable living; and he should, at least, all things being equal, give the chicken business a thorough trial.

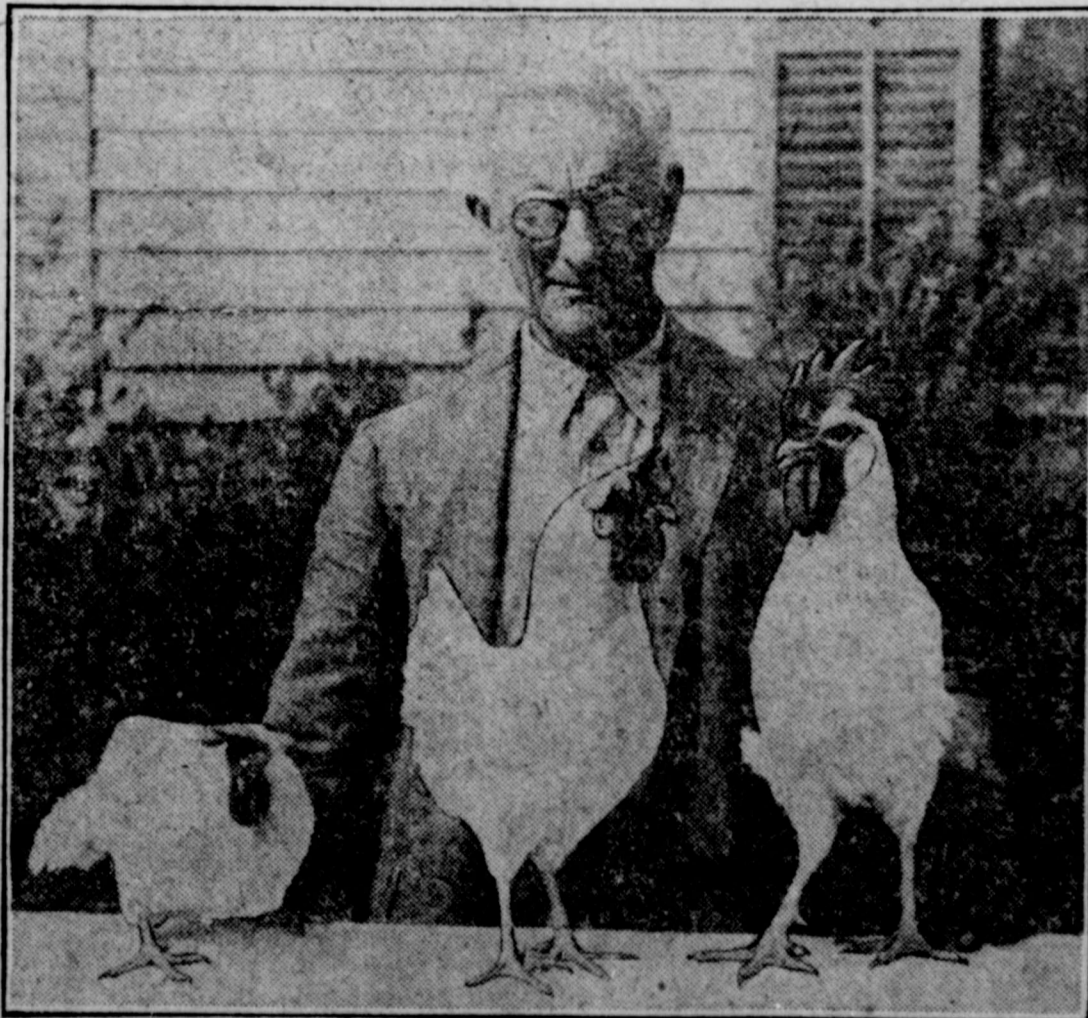
After the breed has been decided on, the next step is to select a strain of that same breed which has a good egg-laying record, that is healthy, vigorous and has never been contaminated with any disease. Mr. Allison urges prospective chicken growers to raise only one breed. They will invariably get mixed, even if segregated in different pens, by flying over the fence, gate left open, etc. The best result is obtained from pure-blooded chickens, just the same as with live-stock etc.

Baby Chicks Cheaper.

When establishing a start, it is usually cheaper to buy baby chicks, preferable an April hatch, and raise your hens from these. You can buy one hundred and fifty chicks for about the same price of a few hens. However, this should not be attempted, Mr. Allison said, unless one is equipped with good brooders so as to handle them properly.

Otherwise, there will be so much loss that it would have been better to have bought hens in the first place. As soon as the baby chicks are old enough to distinguish the sex, they should be separated. Pen the cockrels up and fatten to be eaten or sold as soon as possible; they annoy the pullets and retard their growth by chasing them away

that are illustrated in the accompanying photograph. Of course, this is not always the case, but, as the only accurate test is to trap-nest the hens, and the average farmer does not have time to do this, the suggestions herewith can be relied on to give a fair test. Fatten, eat or sell all of the undersized pullets.



Mr. Allison with Leghorn cockerel and pullet of April hatch, 1924.

The following spring, before hatching time, select the best hens in the flock and segregate in separate pens by themselves with roosters from some other flock, as inbreeding of the same flock deteriorates the stock. Be sure they have not been exposed to diseases and come of a good laying flock. Use ten hens to one rooster, and mate ten days before any of the eggs are set. Set eggs as soon as possible, after they are laid.

The Most Natural Way.

Mr. Allison, in discussing the various methods of hatching, pointed out the virtues and faults of each method to me. Hatching with hens is the most natural way, as the greater number of chicks are thus hatched and a greater number will be strong and vigorous. The difficulties are that hens rarely set in the months that are the best for maturing good chicks. Chickens running with hens are more exposed to disease and mites, and there is a limited possibility in numbers. Individual incubators are rarely satisfactory unless there is some one who can give them a great deal of attention so that the heat will

be kept of an even temperature. The investment in the machine must be kept in mind; also the danger from loss and fire risk. Of late years custom hatching has become more and more popular. Custom hatching is where one man has a large machine with a capacity of several thousand eggs and gives his whole time and attention to it. He is usually able to hatch them for a very small amount, and when the feed of the hen, and loss of production during hatching time is taken into consideration, it is the cheapest way of hatching, whenever it is possible. Chickens can be hatched from January to May. Mr. Allison has found that April hatched pullets are the best winter layers in the leghorn breed, because they will not molt if hatched after April 15th. This is a point to be watched, as winter eggs bring the best price on the market.

Selecting Eggs for Hatching.

In selecting the eggs for hatching, there are several things worth remembering. Select only the medium-sized, regular shaped ones. Discard long ones, round ones, those with rings around them, those with rough shell, those with shell having light spots, or any irregularity whatsoever.

The healthiest, most vigorous and best chickens are gotten from the eggs of hens in their second summer. As the chickens depend on the parent stock for their vigor and egg-laying capacity, it is then necessary to keep the flock of pure blood and build up by breeding with new stock each year. It is usually best to eat or sell hens after the third summer, as their egg-laying capacity is diminished beyond that time, as a rule. Cull the flock every year and keep your eyes open for any sign of weak stock; dispose of those without delay.

Keep the roosters penned up during the summer and fall, as they annoy the hens and infertile eggs bring the best price on the market since they are the best keepers.

Market your eggs while they are fresh and establish a reputation of laying A-1 eggs. Sort out the most uniform eggs in shape and color and market them.

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BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER
THE STATE

FOURTEEN SHIPS SAIL WITH TEXAS COTTON.

Fourteen ships carrying 130,000 bales of Texas cotton cleared from Galveston for foreign ports in one day during October, on semi-monthly schedule. The ships carried flags of the United States, Great Britain, Italy, France, Japan, Germany and Spain.

TEXAS MAY SOON HAVE AIR MAIL SERVICE.

At a meeting of the Texas Postmasters' Association, held in Austin, October 13th to 14th, an interesting address was delivered by Carl Egge, general superintendent of the air mail service, Washington, D. C., and some of his remarks were construed by the Texas postmasters as meaning that Texas would at an early day be given air mail service.

TEXAS BRED HORSE WINS \$2,000 PURSE.

Running a mile in one minute forty-eight and one-fifth seconds, My Daddy, a Texas-bred horse, ridden by C. McCorkle, won the fourth race at the Dallas State Fair Park track October 14th, capturing the Cotton Stakes purse of \$2,000, the largest of the meet, and establishing a new record for the course, at the same time defeating a Canadian horse which was the favorite.

TEXAS SECOND EXPORT STATE.

Texas exports for the first three months of this year amounted to \$147,255,543; for the second quarter \$85,507,358, according to figures announced by the Federal Department of Commerce. Cotton, to the value of \$169,204,813 was exported from Texas to foreign ports during the first six months of the current year. Petroleum and other exports from Texas brought the total value of articles exported from this State during this period to \$232,762,901.

HIGH SCHOOLS OF TEXAS SHOW PHENOMENAL GROWTH.

From the report of the Texas Educational Survey Commission, which is being made public in a number of installments, there were in 1910, 36,978 students enrolled in high schools in Texas; in 1920, 79,216. This increase, which more than doubles the high school population, was accomplished by an increase of only 20 per cent in the total population of the State for the same period.

SAYS HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE UNDER CONTROL.

In the fight against the hoof and mouth disease in Southeast Texas approximately 10,000 head of cattle have been killed and buried, according to Ranger Sergeant J. B. Wheatley. Killing of the cattle was done by Wheatley and other rangers.

According to Wheatley, the disease is now under control and confined to a small area which is closely guarded and every sanitary precaution taken.

REUNION OF TERRY'S TEXAS RANGERS.

The fifty-third reunion of Terry's Texas Rangers was held in Austin October 18th. Only eight members of the famous Confederate Corps were able to attend the reunion. Col. B. F. Terry, a sugar planter of Texas, organized and commanded the Terry Texas Rangers, which, when first organized in 1861 numbered 1500 men. The Rangers fought in the memorable battles of Chickamauga, Shiloh and Bentonville.

692-POUND MAN DIES.

Sam Harris, known all over the State as the "Texas Kid," died of pneumonia at his home, three miles south of Armersville, October 20th. He was 52 years old and his weight was 692 pounds. Last year he had a special casket made which measured 79 inches in length, 35 inches in depth, and 45 inches in width. The casket weighed 610 pounds. A motor truck, instead of a hearse, was used to transport the body to the cemetery.

TEXAS BANK INSTALLS TEAR GAS.

As a precaution against burglars, the Marshall National Bank of Marshall, Texas, has had vials of tear gas, smoke gas and ammonia placed in the bank building. It is claimed that these chemicals when mixed make a very powerful gas against which no mask is effective. The vials are ingeniously arranged so that they will explode and give forth deadly gases should any burglar attempt to break into the building or the bank vault.

TURKEY STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE.

Turkeys in cold storage in all parts of the United States, according to H. H. Schultz, Government statistician at Houston, amount to 5,635,000 pounds, as against 6,352,000 pounds at this time last year.

Texas last year shipped 991 cars of turkeys to eastern markets in November and December. The total in pounds was estimated at 7,206,000. This is compared with 835 cars in 1922 for a total of about 5,200,000 pounds.

BOY WINS STATE POULTRY PRIZE.

Venice Reames, a member of the Hunt County Poultry Club, won the first prize in poultry judging at the State Fair at Dallas, winning the gold medal for the poultry club member making the highest score in the State contest. The State Fair offered three medals, gold, silver and bronze, in the State poultry contest, and young Reames stood at the head of the competitors in the contest for the entire State.

MEXICANS FORM BETTER CITIZENSHIP SOCIETY.

A society known as Liga Nacionalista Mexicana has been granted a charter by the Secretary of State. It is to have its principal office in San Antonio, and its purpose is to instruct all its members in their duties and rights according to the laws of this country; establishment of a grammar school and information bureau for the benefit of its members and the public in general, and also the opening of a permanent exhibition of Mexican products.

DENTON STUDENTS ARE SERVED MILK.

Serving of milk to students in the grammar schools of Denton was inaugurated October 6th as one phase of the health project being carried on in the local schools under the supervision of the Red Cross Chapter.

All children are asked to drink one-half pint of milk, served with two graham crackers, at the morning recess hour. Free milk will be provided for all children whose parents are unable to pay for it.

STATE PRISON HONOR FARM TO BE CONTINUED.

Although surprised and disappointed by the escape of three convicts from Texas' first Honor Farm, which was established in Fort Bend county a few weeks ago, Governor Neff will not abolish the honor system.

The experiment is to be continued with belief that the other 119 men on the farm will not violate their pledge given the Governor when they were permitted to leave their prison cells and go about the farm unguarded.

CONVENTION OF AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE.

Preliminary plans for the annual membership meeting of the American Petroleum Institute to be held in Fort Worth December 11 to 13, have been carried out by local oil men and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce officials, headed by Chester Leffler, convention commissioner.

Between 6,000 and 7,500 oil men from all sections of the United States are expected to attend this convention. Several hundred hotel reservations have already been made.

96-YEAR-OLD PIONEER WOMAN DIES.

Mrs. J. B. Matthews, 96 years old, who occupied the first rock house in West Texas, on the Clear Fork of the Brazos river, sixteen miles north of the present town of Albany, Shackelford county, died October 7th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Conrad, 430 South Ballinger Street, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Matthews and her husband, who died in 1895, came to Texas from Alabama by wagon in 1854. For several years before moving into the rock house, the couple lived in stockade houses, as protection against the Indians, who were at that time raiding the Texas settlements.

RICE PRODUCTION IN TEXAS 5,565,000 BUSHELS.

The United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Division of Crop and Live Stock Estimates, issues the following rice report for Texas: The condition of rice has advanced 1 point since September 1st, and is now estimated at 87 per cent of normal, which forecasts a production of 5,565,000 bushels, an average yield of thirty-six bushels on the 156,000 acres devoted to the crop. Last year the Texas rice crop averaged forty bushels per acre on the 159,000 acres planted, which is 795,000 bushels more than is indicated at this time.

WEDDINGS IN TEXAS IN ONE YEAR 69,248; DIVORCES 14,641.

The United States Department of Commerce at Washington has furnished County Clerk R. E. Moore at Georgetown, and other county clerks of the State, with interesting statistics in the marriage and divorce line in this State. The report shows that last year, 1923, there were a total of 69,243 marriages and 14,641 divorces in Texas as compared with 61,730 marriages and 12,527 divorces in 1922, the increase in marriages for 1923 over the number reported for 1922 being 7,513, or 12.2 per cent. The divorces reported for 1923 show an increase of 2,114 or 16.9 per cent over the number reported for 1922. All counties having cities, or large towns, show much larger proportion of divorces than the smaller towns.

CAR REGISTRATIONS TO TOTAL 800,000.

The motor vehicle registrations for Texas for the eight months of 1924 total 709,752, according to the State Highway Department. Based on the registrations of previous years for the last four months of each year, registrations for 1924 for the full year will not be less than 800,000. For 1923 the registrations were 695,822, so the increase for this year will be approximately 105,000.

FALL WOOL BRINGS HIGHEST PRICE IN YEARS.

Sale of the entire accumulation of fall wool, about 800,000 pounds, to Studley & Emery of Boston at prices ranging from 47 to 51 cents per pound, has been announced by Schreiner Wool & Mohair Commission Company of Kerrville. It is the highest price Schreiners have ever received for fall wool in over forty years' business with the exception of 1918, when prices were fixed by the government and netted growers 55 to 60 cents.

SEEKS BANKHEAD HIGHWAY AS A FEDERAL PROJECT.

Efforts to have the Federal Government take over the Bankhead Highway as a commercial and military road are being made, according to J. A. Rountree, of Birmingham, Ala., director of the United States Good Roads Association and secretary of the Bankhead Highway, who was in Fort Worth recently conferring with officials of this highway.

The Bankhead Highway passes through Texas from Texarkana to El Paso, and extends from Washington, D. C., to San Diego, Cal.

CLEBURNE YOUTHS GET HERO AWARDS.

Advice that they may now draw on the Carnegie Hero Fund for money to be used in their education was received October 21st by Ralph and Robert Moreland, young sons of Sheriff and Mrs. Andy Moreland of Cleburne.

These boys were awarded Carnegie hero medals and \$1,600 for acts of heroism shown in rescuing a companion, Max Anderson, from drowning. The rescue took place nine years ago when the boys were en route home from school. Young Anderson fell into the swollen waters of East Buffalo Creek. The two Moreland boys dived in after him and saved his life.

WILL TRY LONG STAPLE COTTON.

Two Cherokee county, East Texas, farmers will try the growing of long staple cotton next season. The two farmers are Bloomer Florence and Walter Powers, who have purchased 400 bushels of cotton seed of three leading long staple varieties.

The seed were selected from cotton which this year averaged a bale to the acre in Van Zandt county. Florence and Powers say they intend to plant all three of the varieties upon the same kind of land, giving the crops the same cultivation and fertilization, in order to observe the results next summer and fall. The seed affording the best results will be of the variety they will continue to plant each year thereafter.

LIBERAL IN EDUCATION.

Texas ranks twenty-fifth among the forty-eight States and the District of Columbia in the support of higher education and thirty-seventh in the same group in the support of the elementary and secondary schools, according to Dr. George A. Works, director of the Texas School Survey. The averages are based on the total populations of the various States.

In per capita of State and local expenditures for higher education Texas spends \$1.06, while Nevada is first with \$5.10, and Arkansas is last with 38 cents. For public elementary and secondary schools Texas has an annual per capita expenditure of \$7.32, while Montana spends \$22.33 for first place, and Mississippi takes last place with \$3.54.

BIG SHIPMENT OF HELIUM.

From the United States Government helium plant, at Fort Worth, 2,000,000 feet of helium gas was shipped in 14,000 metal containers to the naval air station at Lakehurst, N. J., to inflate the sister ship of the Shenandoah, the ZR-3, after her arrival there on the completion of her trans-Atlantic voyage from Germany. The 14,000 metal containers filled 24 freight cars to full capacity.

Shortly after the arrival of the ZR-3, at Lakehurst, she was put in "drydock" in her hangar and emptied of the hydrogen inflation, which was replaced with non-inflammable helium from the Fort Worth plant, the only source of supply for helium in the world, according to Lieut. Wicks in charge of the plant.

The ZR-3 came over to the United States from Germany inflated with hydrogen gas, which is a dangerous explosive and has caused the wreck of several big Zeppelins.

PLANS BUFFALO RANCH IN NORTHEAST TEXAS.

Dr. B. H. Williams, a cattle raiser of Red River county, has received a shipment of two yearling buffalo, male and female, from the Park Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park. The animals weigh 1,400 and are from the National Park herds.

Dr. Williams owns and controls extensive farm and ranch interests about seven miles north of Avery, Red River county, where he expects to propagate the buffalo in the hope of eventually developing an extensive herd of these valuable animals.

CANYON TEACHERS GET HISTORICAL FLAG.

The Texas flag, promised to the West Texas State Teachers' College by Mrs. Loretto Lamar Calder of Houston, granddaughter of President Mirabeau B. Lamar of the Republic of Texas, has been received and handed over to the college authorities.

The flag is given as a memorial to President Lamar, whose administration was mainly responsible for the foundation of Texas education in the days when Texas was a Republic. It is of the best wool bunting and measures six feet by ten.

VOTE TO CONTROL FLOOD WATERS.

The water conservation election, held in Tarrant county October 7, carried unanimously, insuring the energetic forward movement of the great flood control, irrigation and recreational program which the Tarrant County Conservation Association has been sponsoring.

During the coming three years the necessary surveys will be completed and then the directors will come back to the people with a report and recommendations for voting a bond issue for building possibly nine large reservoirs in the county for flood control, irrigation and commercial water supply.

ROAD CHIEFS OF NINE STATES TO MEET.

Highway officials of five States of the United States and four States of the Republic of Mexico are being summoned to attend a road and bridge conference in Fort Worth on November 10. A conference highway association to cope with interstate highway problems and attempt a detailed plan of co-ordination and correlation probably will grow out of the meeting, it was said by A. R. Losh, district Federal highway engineer, who announced plans for the session after a conference with W. E. Lea of Orange, president of the Texas Highway Association, and W. T. Wheeler, secretary of the Texas organization.

STATE EXPENDITURES ON ROADS DURING SEPTEMBER.

During the month of September \$973,748 was spent under the direction of the State Highway Commission for road construction in this State and \$419,314 for road maintenance. Of the former amount \$424,113 was State aid and \$549,635 Federal funds. The entire disbursements of the Highway Department in September aggregated \$1,423,628, and it had a balance on September 30th of \$2,869,249.

During September it had net receipts of \$1,007,383. It came from the following sources: Auto licenses, \$133,099; 1c per gallon gasoline tax, \$270,538, and \$603,646 of Federal aid.

U. OF T. GETS \$14,834 IN OIL ROYALTIES.

During the month of September the Big Lake Oil Company paid \$14,834 to the University of Texas as royalty on oil produced on University land in Reagan county.

Under a ruling made by the Attorney General the royalty must go to the University permanent fund, and therefore cannot be used for the erection of buildings on the campus. H. A. Wroe of Austin, University regent, authorizes the statement that the regents will ask the next Legislature to amend the law so that oil royalties will go to the University available fund, instead of the permanent account, and in that way it can be used for new buildings to displace the many frame shacks on the campus.

INHERITANCE TAXES FIRST YEAR \$365,000.

During the first year of operation of the new inheritance tax law, in Texas, \$365,000 of inheritance taxes were collected, according to the report of the inheritance tax division of the State Comptroller's Department. Resident estates to the number of 420 and 218 nonresidents estates were reported. From the former class \$343,000 was collected and \$22,000 from the latter. Of the total \$119,000 was collected under the old inheritance tax law. Since the end of the fiscal year on August 31st, \$144,000 has been collected.

The largest single estate reported and tax paid was that of P. A. Chapman of Ellis county. The tax on this estate amounted to \$119,643.

OIL COMPANIES PAY GROSS RECEIPTS TAXES.

Gross receipts taxes, amounting \$192,500 were paid into the State Treasury October 27th by the Humble Oil Company and the Gulf Production Company, the former paying \$122,000 and the latter \$70,500. These taxes cover the last quarter.

DON'T SHOOT QUAIL OUT OF SEASON.

Investigation is being made by the State Game Department of reports that quail are being killed out of season, and it has been announced that rigid prosecution will follow in the event the violators of the law are apprehended. The open season for quail does not begin until December 1st.

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR DR. BRALLEY.

Memorial service for Dr. Frank M. Bralley, late president of the College of Industrial Arts, at Denton, was held in the auditorium of the college in that city October 16th. More than 2,000 persons from Denton and many points in the State, gathered to hear the impressive ceremonies.

Dr. Brooks, president of Baylor University, delivered the memorial address, paying tribute to the work and life of Dr. Bralley, who, up to the time of his death, had been for thirty years connected with educational work in Texas and for the last twenty years of his life was a dominant factor in the educational work of the State.

FORESTRY PROBLEM OF TEXAS.

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citizens of the State at large, to investigate our forestry problems and to submit to the next Legislature a report outlining a comprehensive State Forestry Policy. This committee has been appointed and is actively engaged in work assigned to it.

The Federal Government is, obviously, interested in seeing that depleted forest lands, wherever located, are again made productive. For the past thirteen years the Federal Government, through the United States Forest Service, has allotted funds to timbered States, having forest protection organization, for the purpose of increasing such work. The McNary-Clarke Forestry Bill enacted by the last Congress increased the Federal funds for cooperative forest fire protection work from \$400,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 per annum.

The Texas Forestry Department now receives \$18,000.00 per annum from Federal funds and when the McNary Clarke Bill becomes operative Texas can receive, at least \$45,000.00 per annum, providing such amount is matched by State funds.

The State Forestry Policy adopted by the State Forestry Department and the Texas Forestry Association may be summarized as follows:

State Forestry Policy.

1. Adequate State appropriations to permit the fullest co-operation with the Federal Government in forest protection and proper management of woodland owned by farmers and lumbermen.

2. The purchase by the State of from 50,000 to 100,000 acres of cut-over pine land in East Texas in order that the State may take the lead in demonstrating practical forestry.

3. The enactment of forest taxation laws providing that lands covered with second growth timber of unmerchantable size be taxed annually on a nominal soil valuation only, and that timber products be taxed only when they are cut and marketed. At the present time local taxing bodies have the power to tax both land and growing timber crops annually at constantly increasing valuations. This practice can be compared to the action of a county assessor visiting a farmer's cotton patch every third day during the growing season and on each visit placing a tax on that crop at a constantly increasing valuation.

Forestry is not a fad but a business proposition. The formerly timbered States that have exhausted their lumber forests without renewing forest growth and are now paying huge freight tax on lumber secured from distant sources have learned the lesson and are taking adequate steps to again make idle forest areas productive. The sooner Texas falls in line toward rebuilding its depleted forest area the shorter will be the period during which we will have to pay a supertax of millions of dollars annually on our lumber requirements from the distant Pacific Northwest.

POULTRY RAISING FOR PROFIT.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: In the January Magazine Section Mrs. State will take of housing poultry, as described by B.

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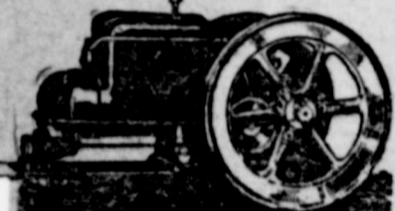
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GOOD ROADS MEET IN HOUSTON.

Decision to hold the joint convention of the United States Good Roads Association, the United States Good Roads Show and the Bankhead National Highway Association at Houston on April 20th to 25th, has been announced following a conference between J. A. Rountree, director general of the organizations, Mayor Holcombe of Houston and H. H. Haines of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

At a meeting of the Pecan Growers' Association of San Saba and Lampasas counties, the following petition was ordered sent to James Finally, representative from the Ninety-third District: "We, the undersigned Bend Pecan Growers' Association of San Saba and Lampasas counties, respectfully petition you to use your influence at the next session of the Legislature of Texas to have introduced and passed an amendment to the present game law, to have the present 'bag limit' of 10 squirrels per day removed, for the very good reason that the depredations of these animals is becoming alarming to the pecan growers, and if relief is not granted in the pecan belt of Texas it will become a menace to an important industry."

Pumping operations in Orange county have reversed the seaward flow of several streams, causing ruin to rice crops from salt water, according to reports by H. H. Schultz, Government statistician. This and other causes have reduced the total Texas rice crop more than three-quarters of a million bushels. The powerful pumps used to supply the rice fields lowered the water of the streams causing Gulf water to flow in. The production throughout the State is placed at 5,565,000 bushels as against 6,360,000 last year. The indicated average yield per acre is thirty-six bushels as compared with forty last year. Acreage this year is 156,000, last year it was 159,000.

William O'Brien of Amarillo has purchased the noted herd of Herefords, formerly owned by the Miltonvale Cattle Company of Miltonvale, Kansas, consisting of 526 head of registered animals. This is reported to be the largest cattle deal in the United States, in recent years, and involves a consideration of \$150,000. Mr. O'Brien now owns approximately 1,000 head of registered Hereford cows, and is one of the largest breeders of Hereford cattle in the United States.

A Hereford calf sold on the Fort Worth market at \$10.50 per 100 pounds, weighing 840 pounds. This calf was fed by Middleton of Spur, a calf club boy 15 years old. The feeding was done under the direction of R. B. Johnson, county farm agent of Dickens county. The animal was fed milo and sudan hay grown on the farm of Middleton, Sr. Young Middleton borrowed the money for the purchase and feed of the calf from the National Bank at Spur.

The largest crop of Satsuma oranges ever produced in Victoria county were gathered in October. The oranges are grown on a commercial scale in four large orchards owned by Truxton Davidson, H. A. Harnes and Harvey Sloan.

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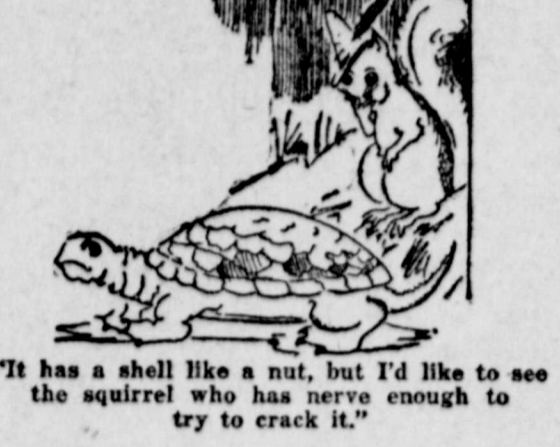
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"It has a shell like a nut, but I'd like to see the squirrel who has nerve enough to try to crack it."

ARITHMETIC CONFOUNDED.

"Mah friends," said the colored preacher, "de scriptural rule fo' givin' was one-tenth of what yo' had. If yo' alls feel yo' can't afford dat much, jes give a sixth, or a fo' th."

JOHNNY HAD TO WAIT.

"Johnny, didn't I tell you to come right home from the barber shop?"

"Yes, ma."

"Then why didn't you obey?"

"I had to wait while grandma got her hair bobbed and her neck shaved."

DISTANT RELATIONSHIP.

Two chance acquaintances from Ireland were talking together.

"An' so yere name is Riley?" said one. Are yez anny relation to Tim Riley?"

"Very disthantly," said the other. "Oi was me mother's first child, and Tim was the tenth."

THE LAST RESORT.

Jones had returned from the seashore with the tired expression he wore when he started his vacation.

"What's the matter?" asked a friend.

"I thought you went away for a change and a rest."

"I did, but the waiters got all the change and the landlord got the rest."

PRECAUTION.

The day before she was to be married the old negro servant went to her mistress and handed her a life insurance policy.

"Why do you want me to keep it? I thought you were going to get married," said the mistress.

"So I is, mam, but does yo reckon I wants dat strange nigger to know Ise got my life insured?"

A RUSE THAT DIDN'T WORK.

A lawyer was once defending a man accused of house-breaking, and in his address to the judge said, "Your lordship, I submit that my client did not break into the house at all. He found the parlor window open, and merely inserted his right arm and removed a few trifling articles. Now, my client's arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offense committed by one of his limbs."

"That argument," said the judge, "is very well put, and following it logically, I sentence the arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, as he chooses."

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

Mr. Ikenstein was discovered in the meeting of the Ku Klux Klan, and a committee was appointed to wait upon him and find out why he was there.

"What is your name?" asked the spokesman.

"Ikenstein."

"What are you doing in a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan?"

"I just wanted to see the man who buys the white goods."

MARRIED, NOT MARRIED.

Rastus was looking for work and the employer was asking him the usual questions.

"What's your name?"

"Erastus Jackson, suh."

"How old are you?"

"Ah is 28 years, suh."

"Are you married?"

"No suh. Dat scar on mah haid is where a mule done kicked me."

OLD HUMAN NATURE.

In many parts of Mexico, hot springs and cold springs are found side by side. One can see native woman boiling clothes in a hot spring, rubbing them on a flat rock and rinsing them in a clear cold spring.

A visitor watched this process for some time, and then said:

"I suppose the natives think old Mother Nature is pretty generous, eh?"

"No, senior," replied his host. "There is much grumbling because he supplies no soap."

THE POLITICAL LIFE.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon said on his eighty-eighth birthday in Danville, Ohio.

"With its oil scandals and bootleg scandals politics isn't perfect, but I am not one to discourage any young man from taking up a political life.

"I am not like poor Mark Twain, who said in introducing a certain General Hawley at a political meeting:

"Pure, honest, incorruptible—that is Joe Hawley. Such a man is like a bottle of cologne in a garbage incinerating plant—it may moderate the stench, but it can't eliminate it."

UNCLE SI.

The big oak tree that stood in front of Uncle Si Perkins' grocery store had begun to show tints of autumn. The leaves were turning to russet, gold and crimson. Uncle Si stood looking pensively at the old tree, and then, with just a trace of sadness in his voice, said:

"That old tree's been the best friend this here town ever had. I recollect, years ago, we old timers camped under it when we come out of the States in our ox team wagons. In them days, we had no houses round here, to speak of, an' the old tree sheltered us from the heat an' the storm. Whenever a call went out for us men to meet an' consider some solemn question affectin' the well bein' of the community, we'd gather at the old tree. I've seen many a feller an' his gal hitch up right thar, an' I've seen many a horse-thief dangle from that big limb. Once they hung four horse-thieves together, on the limb, all in a row. The first court ever held in this county was held under this tree, an' I've never heard any better sermons preached than was preached by our circuit riders standin' on a stump under the old tree. Last spring, when the street was widened, they tried to cut it down, but whosoever cuts that tree down has got your Uncle Si to fight."

AUTO HINTS

Starting switch connections must be kept tight to get the best efficiency from the starter.

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LAMAR COUNTY VOTES HOSPITAL BONDS.

Taxpayers of Lamar county voted by a large majority in favor of issuing \$125,000 worth of bonds to build a county hospital.

The Texas pecan crop will be about one-third normal this year, according to a condition report made by H. H. Schultz, Federal agricultural statistician. Late rains have improved the crop in some sections while in others drouth and insect damage have practically caused complete ruin. A good crop is reported in most sections of Mexico which is expected to reduce the high holiday price.

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THANKSGIVING DAY.
Over the river, and through the woods,
To granddaddy's house we go;
The horse knows the way
To carry the sleigh,
Through the white and drifted snow.
Over the river, and through the woods;
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes,
And bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.
Over the river, and through the wood;
And straight through the barn-yard gate;
We seem to go,
Extremely slow;
It is so hard to wait.

Over the river, through the wood,
Now granddaddy's cap I spy.
Hurrah, for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah, for the pumpkin pie!



LITTLE GIRL'S COOK BOOK.
Oh! I was fairly swamped with delicious recipes. It surely was a hard task for the judges to decide which was the best. I never dreamed that I had so many interested readers of this department. I know your parents are very proud of you all.
After much discussion and deliberation, the judges finally decided to award the prize to Arnetta Gipson of Henderson, Texas. The points of merit on which she won were: it is a delicious dish and yet inexpensive; also a very healthful dish, one that would be very good for any boy or girl, man or woman, to eat.
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APPLE MERINGUE—Prize Recipe.
Core 8 apples and bake until they are tender.
Make a custard of 3 egg yolks, 1/4 cup of sugar, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, 2 cups of sweet milk, and one teaspoon of vanilla. Pour over the baked apples, put back into oven until the custard has "set," remove and cover with the whites of the 3 eggs that have been beaten stiff and 3 tablespoons of sugar added. Brown in oven.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.
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petrified; this goes on for hundreds of years, sometimes. Their petrified bodies, massed, through generations, one upon another, form islands and reefs.
In its growing state coral is soft and velvet-like, but when exposed to air it hardens and sometimes changes color.
Coral ranges in color from pure white, flesh, and rose to deep red and purple, or violet, with here and there a specimen of yellow or black. Yellow coral is rare and black is very rare, indeed. There are many shapes and species, but the best known are fan coral, branch, brain, feather and plum coral.
The largest deposits are found for the most part in the Mediterranean sea. It is "fished" almost exclusively by Italians. That used for decoration is worked with knife or file, or turned on a lathe. There are over sixty shops in Italy that employ a force of 6,000 expert coral workers.
There is a Chinese legend of a maiden who mourned a poet lover, who was driven away by her brothers. One morning she found a rose blooming in her garden and she knew it was her reincarnated lover. Day by day the petals fell until there remained nothing but the core. The maiden picked it and found lying in her hand a pink coral bead. The rose bloomed again and again. Each time the sad maiden plucked the heart. She then strung the hearts of the roses on a golden chain and called it her "necklace of endless sighs."

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.
Christmas is coming. Doesn't that make your heart beat a little faster? It surely does mine, I know. Christmas is the best time of the year. Don't you think so? It should mean a great deal more to us than just giving and receiving presents. We must also think why we celebrate Christmas. We must think of the needy and poor and do all that we can to make life a little brighter for them.
What are we going to do?
I asked you to write me and tell me what you would like to have for Christmas. I received a great many letters and they gave me many lovely ideas. But I think the one sent by Ruth Mills, Athens, Texas, suggests the most useful things and the best ideas. Although, it was very hard to decide between hers and several other letters, yet I know that those who sent in letters and those who didn't will agree with me that her letter is very fine. The letter follows:

Prize Letter.
Athens, Texas,
October 8, 1924.

Dear Aunt Mary—
Yes, Christmas is a long ways off, but we will have to begin to think about it. I think a few stories and poems good to recite at a Christmas tree. Aunt Mary, give us some games to play at a little Christmas party and also a good puzzle. Oh! yes, please don't forget some good recipes to make some good home made candy. I hope to see my letter in the November issue and a prize.

Your reader,
(Signed) RUTH MILLS.

Don't miss the Christmas issue. It is going to be a dandy. I hope that I will be able to give you all of the things Ruth suggests, and more.

AUNT MARY.

FLOWER CONTEST.
My! My! How beautiful the collections of flowers are. I wish you all lived in Fort Worth so you could see them. There is such a large number that I will not be able to announce the winner this month. The Christmas issue will be too full of other things already planned, so it will be January before I can tell you the winner. I am very sorry, but it will take so much time to go over the books. The prizes are lovely. Watch for the January number for the names of the winners.

LIST OF CONTEST ENTRIES.
Last month I gave you the names of a few of those entering the contest for the Flower Books, I was unable to give them all to you, so I will finish the list this month.
Katherine Smith, Jayton, Texas.
Edna and Charlotte Vaughan, Henrietta, Texas.
Bessie Taylor, Kemp, Texas.
Frank Taylor, Grapeland, Texas.
Dave Hughes, Brownwood, Texas.
Dorothy M. Garrett, La Rue, Texas.
Helen Ruth, Shreveport, La.
Ruth Denning, Stockdale, Texas.
Vesta Armstrong, Overton, Texas.
Zelma Gay, Kemp, Texas.
Luevanie Weks, Poolville, Texas.
Marguerite Atwood, Weatherford, Texas.
Annie May Biels, Garner, Texas.
Ruth Till, El Paso, Texas.
Corinne Peters, Kerrville, Texas.
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LATE FASHIONS.



With all of the subtle lines of the boulevards, this Parisian model will attract the attention of the most fastidious woman. Pleated canton crepe edging on collar and cuffs together with the pleated straight line strips in front make a very attractive trimming—something unusual.

Embroidery is used quite extensively on the smart afternoon dresses.

TESTED RECIPES.

ROASTED TURKEY.
I gave you this recipe last year, but I have had several requests to repeat it this year, so here it is:
First, the turkey should always be killed the day before eating. This is one of the most important points. Scald and pick. Never skin, as this will cause the loss of the juices. Do not draw until thoroughly cooled, but be sure and remove the craw and the oil bag at the tail when picking. When killing the bird, cut its head off and hang up, neck down, and let bleed freely. Next morning, after it is chilled, wash thoroughly inside and out. Then salt well inside and out. Stuff with your favorite dressing and sew up. Tie the legs together at the ends. Flour slightly and brown in a moderate oven without any lid. When brown, add enough water to cook. Baste frequently. I sometimes lay strips of bacon over the breast. Cook slowly until tender, usually about three to four hours.

CORN FRITTERS.
1 can of corn 1-3 teaspoon salt
2 eggs 1 teaspoon sugar
2-3 cupful flour 1 tablespoon milk

Mix the ingredients well together. Put in a frying pan a tablespoon each of lard and butter. Drop in the batter by the spoonful when hot. Brown on both sides, being careful not to burn.

BACKYARD FALL WORK.

This is the time of the year when all thrifty home lovers are planning and working for the glory of the next year. Because, as "you plant now, so will you reap next year," is the motto known by every lover of the great-outdoors.

Fall planting of trees, roses and evergreens is urged by every nurseryman and experts along this line. This is the time of the year to prepare the soil for planting later.

You have noted from time to time in this page and from other writings of similar nature, the frequent reference to eating plenty of fruit. It is important for the health of us all. Next to this, is the important of watching the family pocketbook and get the most for our money that we can. This is the trust of every good wife. Nowhere do we get such excellent dividends as we do from improving our homes and surroundings wisely and beneficially. Fruit trees will more than pay for time and trouble that they cause us, and there are certain varieties of many kinds of fruit that will grow in any kind of soil if they are given the proper treatment and care.

Peaches are an easily grown fruit and will do well in almost any part of Texas. There are dozens of varieties and each of them have certain merits and certain demerits. It is wise to consult with a reliable nurseryman in your location, as to the kind that is adapted to your soil and climate. However, there is one that is almost universal in Texas and that is the Winter Cheek. This unusual peach ripens the first part of November, at a season when most fresh fruit is gone. It is also a late bloomer. I know a man who has grown this variety for thirteen years without a single crop failure. Every year his trees bear such heavy crops that he is forced to pick many peaches before they are ripe in order to keep the trees from breaking. Who wouldn't love to have such a tree in his back yard?

Plums are another fruit that do very good in Texas. There are many varieties and many uses to put them to. Plums are not so choice about their location as many other fruits. Peaches and plums are very pliable in their demands and I always call them the poor man's friend, as they will grow anywhere if given even just a little care and attention.

Grapes are another fruit that is well adapted to Texas soil. The thousand and one delicious things that can be made out of them speak for their merit. Grape butter is especially delicious when prepared properly. After the grapes are thoroughly cooked (I add only one or two table-
spoons of water to start them), press through a colander, discard the skins and seeds; put pulp and juice in a large smooth pan with plenty of sugar and spices to taste, cook very slowly on top of the stove, or better still, in the oven, for at least two and a half to three hours. Seal as any other fruit. Grapes are best grown on arbors or on wires, strung from cedar posts. The only care is pruning in the spring and harvesting the crop in the fall. Sometimes, in exceptionally dry years, it will pay to water them a little.

Now is the time to prepare the ground for planting. It is best to plow up the entire plot of land to be used. Then drag and harrow the ground. Spread a thin layer of manure, (only well rotted manure) on top of the ground. If just a small orchard is to be set out, it is best to then thoroughly spade after two or three weeks, removing all the stones, trash and weeds possible. When your trees arrive from the nurseryman set out at once. While you are setting out one tree keep the others covered with a wet sack. Do not put manure next to the roots, but around the outer sides of the holes, using only good surface dirt next to the roots. Fill the hole two-thirds with dirt, tamp down firmly, fill the hole with water and let settle, then fill the remainder of the hole, tamping the dirt firmly. Sprinkle loose dirt on top to prevent evaporation of moisture. The next spring and summer keep the surface dirt around the trees loose. Weeds and grass sap the strength from the soil and should be kept back from the tree. For backyard planting, the trees should be about twenty feet apart. In orchards, they should be farther apart.

With the high price of fruit on the market a few trees will more than repay anyone for the effort. Let's make our motto for the coming year, "more power to the land tiller, if he is independent of the city cannery for his own food." Let us all get busy and make this a banner year for the independence of farmers and landowners.

FIRST AID TREATMENT AND QUESTION BOX.

This month, I am going to finish with the articles of First Aid. Next month, will be devoted to the big Christmas issue. In January I will answer the questions I have received relative to First Aid. If there is something not clear to you please write me at the address given below, and I will try and answer you.

In poisoning with alkalies, there is swelling of the lips and mouth, intense pain in the throat and abdomen, vomiting, etc. Give diluted lemon juice, or vinegar, white of eggs, linseed oil, castor oil, or flour and water. Apply heat to the body.

For arsenic poisoning, make the person vomit repeatedly, giving them a large quantity of water between each vomit. Give castor oil after the stomach is cleaned out, then force them to take as much liquid as possible, such as milk with raw egg, olive oil, etc.

Corrosive sublimate poisoning symptoms usually come on gradually and sometimes will not be noticed until a great deal of harm is done. There is a metallic taste, salivation, ulcerations of the gums, loosening of the teeth, and prostration. Give a large quantity of milk and whites of eggs, after which, in about ten minutes, make the person vomit freely. Repeat this treatment. Then give a large dose of salts, followed in a short while with an emema. Wash the mouth out often with tea until the doctor arrives.

When opium has been taken in any form, wash the stomach out as described by giving large quantities of water and making the person vomit. Give strong tea or coffee to drink. KEEP THE PERSON AWAKE. Do this by slapping with wet towels and walking him or her until the doctor arrives.

Poisonous mushrooms are extremely dangerous. Give large doses of castor oil, stimulate, apply heat to the body, induce vomiting, give enemata.

For ptomaine poisoning, a person must act quickly. There is intense abdominal pain followed by purging and vomiting. Induce vomiting, giving large quantities of hot water to drink. After the stomach is clean, give a half teaspoon baking soda to one-half cup of hot water after the person is quiet in bed. Apply heat to the abdomen and let rest. Later give a large dose of castor oil.

When a person has been bitten by a rabid (mad) animal, apply a tight binding above the wound. Cauterize with crude carbolic acid, or a piece of hot metal. Do not leave the ligature (binding) on longer than three quarters of an hour. Take to a hospital for serum treatment at once.

For snake bite, bind above the wound, leave in place about two hours or until a doctor can be reached. At the end of the first half hour, loosen binding slightly, so as to let a little circulation go through the part so as to prevent gangreen. Open the wound with a knife that has been dipped in carbolic acid or lysol, if possible, and induce wound to bleed freely. Take patient to a surgeon as quickly as possible.

The suggestions I have given you for First Aid treatment are some things that you can do until the doctor arrives, or in case he cannot be reached. If you have been benefited by them, please drop me a card or letter and tell me. Also any questions you would like answered. Address Mrs. Margaret Stute, 1941 Dartmoor Court, Fort Worth, Texas.

MARKETING FARM PRODUCTS.

This is a vast and burning question of the day. One too vast to be gone into thoroughly here, but I am going to give you a few hints, given me by a very successful farmer's wife. Market everything while it is fresh, thus establishing an excellent reputation. Sort eggs according to size and color. When near a city, a sign well written and large enough to be read easily, posted on the front gate, will bring more trade than can be handled. Top prices can be secured. Don't be unreasonable about prices, but demand

what is fair, deducting what it would cost to deliver them. A thrifty housewife always has something to sell on the farm.
Butter made in a clean household always finds a ready market at a good price. Buttermilk from the churning is usually a good seller.
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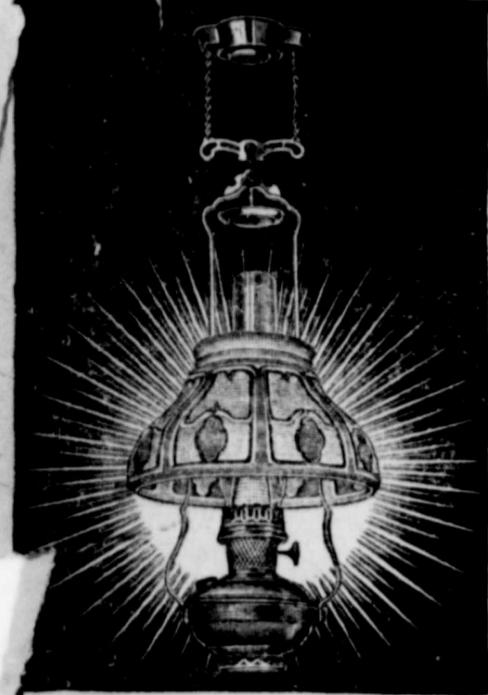
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The children were satisfied with the same locality, but as a rule the grandchildren have scattered far and wide. In many homes that once rocked with laughter and sport in old days, today there is only the quiet peace of the older people dreaming dreams of the past. Yet there is no room for melancholy. The young folks who have gone far away cherish the ties of sentiment and relationship more firmly than ever, and many of them are doing splendid work in the world of which the old folks can be proud.

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PERSONALS

We are thankful to Mrs. B. H. Riney of route three for the renewal of their subscription to the Mail and Abilene Morning Reporter. She stated that they could not get along without the Mail.

Mr. W. C. Talley of Trent, accompanied by Mr. I. D. Walton also of the community, were here last Saturday and made this office a pleasant visit; the former having us enroll him among our large list of readers in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black spent last Sunday in Sweetwater with their daughter, Mrs. Mack Martin, who has been in poor health for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Clay of Abilene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Parker of Stanton was here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Leonard Abernathy, also her uncle, Mr. R. A. Martin and family.

B. C. Gaither returned first of the week from a few days visit with his daughter at Tuscola.

Mr. C. W. Simpson has moved with his family from the farm to the Harry Barnett home in the west part of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Burns of Fort Worth came in last week and will make Merkel their home. He will be engaged in the plumbing business with his father, Mr. R. L. Burns.

Messrs. Lee D. Williams and Geo. Cook of the Noodle and Comere community respectively, left this week for a prospecting trip to the plains and to New Mexico.

Mr. E. D. Coats reports the sale of 160 acres land near Midland to Mr. Frank Whisenhunt. The land is out of the well known McKinney Ranch tract.

Mrs. J. J. Toombs and daughter left this week for an extended visit to relatives at Lubbock. They will spend about three weeks in that city.

Mr. S. G. Houston of Abilene, was up first of the week for a visit to his farm near here and to meet old friends.

We regret to learn that Mr. T. J. Howard has been quite sick at his home this week, but is thought to be improving some at this time.

Mr. R. L. Bland of Abilene was here on business Tuesday.

Mr. W. M. Snow left first of the week for a business visit to the Plains and New Mexico, where he has farm lands and a son living in Terry county.

Mr. H. P. Wilkins and family left this week for Tullia, Texas home in the future. They are where they will make their good folks and this paper regrets that they saw fit to move away, but we wish for them much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Rev. C. S. Cameron of Abilene, former pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, now superannated, was here this week in the interest of McMurry College.

Clesby Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson Jr. was taken to an Abilene sanitarium for an operation, but after an examination, it was decided not operate now, and he was brought back home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders were in Abilene last Tuesday visiting their daughter, Miss Dorothy, who is attending McMurry College.

Mrs. John Bond, and daughter, Miss Lena, are here from Abilene visiting with Mrs. J. R. Lamar and daughter, Miss Minnie Maud.

Miss Annie Mae Swann, accompanied by Miss Alice Bennett of Abilene spent last week end with Miss Swann's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Miss Nell Swann of Simmons College was here last week end for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mr. Jack Durham, and Miss Bettye Rogers, accompanied by Mrs. Bettie Mabin, who has been here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Maude Rogers, went to De Leon Sunday. Mrs. Mabin remained for a visit with her daughter there.

Mr. Bill Sheppard of Littlefield, Texas is here for a few days visit with relatives and to attend to business matters.

Mr. Seth Hamilton and little daughters, Elinor Mae and Ethel were in Abilene last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hancock of Ranger, formerly of Merkel, were here this week for a visit with friends.

Mrs. William Brown of Anson arrived here last Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. James West.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and daughters, Mrs. E. M. Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, had as guests last week end, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodrum and daughter, of Abilene, Mrs. J. H. Warnick, of Abilene, Mrs. Sims of Fortuna, Mo., and Mrs. Kline of Kansas City.

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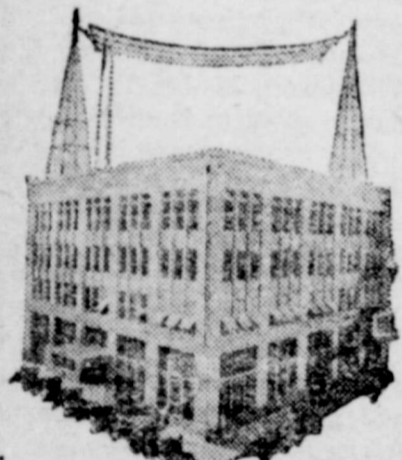
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Have You This Habit?

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?

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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 Macwell

SENIOR LEAGUE GIVES TRIP AROUND WORLD

Tuesday evening the members of the Senior Epworth League entertained with a "Trip Around the World" party. Steamships left every half hour, beginning at eight o'clock, Mr. Loring Hamblett, Mr. Adrian Rea, Miss Murphy Thomas and Miss Mossie Sears being captains of the ships.

America was where the travelers started from. A very clever ticket office was beheld on entering the side door of the Methodist church, where tickets were bought for 40c and 25c. The League room was very prettily decorated with red, white and blue U. S. flags. Also the statue of Liberty was there to remind them of America. Hot chocolate and cake were served to the travelers before their departure. Misses Ethel Wilson, Murphy Thomas and Mossie Sears were those in the house party here. Misses Elizabeth Harkrider and Ruby Fae Goliday served the refreshments.

The first stop was Mexico. A very unique and interesting sightseeing trip was enjoyed there. The R. I. Grimes home was the location. Miss Thelma Conder, Messrs. Ray Garrett, Buford Smith and W. L. Harkrider were dressed in Spanish costumes and gave some delightful music. "A Little Italian Dance" by Mrs. Grimes and Dorris Durham was very entertaining. Miss Eva Mae Hanson gave a Spanish dance also. Refreshments of chili were served by Misses Roberta Gay, Elinor Harrison, Martha Bird, Susie Belle Weeden, dressed as Spanish Senoritas.

Japan was the next country visited. The home of Mrs. Bob Martin was well camouflaged into a Japanese tea room. The national colors, red and orange, were artistically used in the decorations. Large white chrysanthemums were also very much in evidence. Gay colored pillows were placed here and there on the floor. Victrola music was enjoyed throughout the travelers' stay in this wonderful land. Misses Tommie Durham and Inice Brown, dressed as Japanese maids, served tea and wafers. Miss Lucy Tracy read a very interesting reading, "The Japanese Boy." Misses Marie Williamson, Madge Pierce, Julia Martin were in the house party.

The pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong was converted into a real Africa, and the next stop was there. Misses Anna Lou Russell, Mildred Matthews, Juanita Beene, Hazel Lee Rainbolt, and Mrs. Armstrong were dressed as real negroes, and greeted the travelers into Africa. Negro melodies and songs were the special features of entertainment here. Luscious watermelon was served.

A long ride was taken to the suburban home of Mrs. T. A. Beidleman, where the colors yellow and green were so artistically displayed that every one knew that this was Brazil. Coffee and cake were served here. Misses Gladys Milliken, Erma Lee Rea, Opal Patterson, were the house hostesses.

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LOCAL PATRONAGE

A movement to get rid of political patronage has been started by the National Civil Service Reform League, and submitted to all members of the Republican and Democratic campaign committees. Nearly all those who have replied to this proposal have spoken favorably of it.

A suggestion of this kind would be viewed with enthusiastic approval by the masses of the people. Politicians who oppose it will be regarded as behind the game.

It is a great fault in our system of government, that so many appointments are made for political reasons. Business

could not run on that basis. If a manufacturer would hire only employees who agreed with him politically, if he threw out a faithful man because he was a Republican, or if he hired an incompetent man because he belonged to that party, he would get nowhere. He would be beaten at every stage of the game by competitors who looked only at a man's efficiency, and did not care a particle what party an employe belonged to so long as he did his work.

If we are ever going to get the costs of government down, we must get rid of the old spoils idea, and put politics on a business basis. The people who demand jobs because they have

done political work, are not an advantage to any party. If political service can not be secured except as the result of promising jobs to people, the parties would better get along without service offered for such motives.

It would be a wonderful thing if the services of the federal, state, and municipal governments could be divorced from politics. Taxes would be cut down, thus reducing the charge on everyone's home and on the things that he buys. Also the government would be able then to take up certain lines of work which would be honey-combed with politics and inefficiency if they were attempted under present conditions.

YOUNG DRIVERS

The idea exists in some quarters that one reason for the great number of automobile accidents is that there are so many young drivers. Raise the age limit of those who are allowed licenses for driving, their argument goes, and there will not be so many accidents.

The registrar of motor vehicles in Massachusetts, in discussing this question, holds that boys and girls of 16 to 18 years of age are particularly capable drivers, and he has but very little trouble with them. He thinks that to require all drivers to be 18 years of age would be unjust to many small storekeepers and farmers who depend on their children to do a lot of running around for them.

It appears to be a wonderful advance to many of these young people where they are first given the right to operate a car. It seems like the first recognition of their maturity. They perhaps never feel so proud of any honor that comes to them later on, as they do on those first days

when they appear out on the streets behind a steering wheel. They are giving the job of running that car their very best attention, which is far more than can be said of many older drivers.

No doubt there are exceptions and some young people who are not good drivers at this early age. But good automobile driving depends on qualities other than age. It depends on the willingness to devote one's entire attention to the thing he is doing and an earnest desire to drive well. Most young folks are so anxious to make good as drivers that they do rather well until the habits of recklessness are acquired later.

But the young folks must constantly remember that they are lacking in experience, and the moment they become too sure of their ability, they are apt to make some bad mistake. Also they must reflect that if they do not show better courtesy than many of their elders do, they are likely to get into trouble.

Judge N. D. Cobb and wife, and son, Newton, are in Dallas this week for a visit with Mr. and Mr. Cobb's daughter.

Rev. W. H. Albertson left first of the week for Dallas, where he will attend the Baptist Convention for a few days.

Messrs. Jinks Winter and L. R. Thompson were in Abilene on business Monday of this week.

Mr. C. T. Beckham of Trent, was a business visitor in Merkel Monday.

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