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I'VE SPENT MY LAST JITNEY L BILL, I'M WITH YOU LIF ONE AINT ENOUGH LET ME KNOW WHEN GO TO IT M'LAD (BUT YOU'LL HAVE A CLEAR HAVANA? THANKS SO MUCH OLD DEAH- IP ITS ALL THE SAME TO YOU I'LL SMOKE HOW THOUGHTFUL OF MMP. EVEN WITH THAT EFFICIENCY YOU MISTER BILL! TO FOINISH YER A BOK- I'M PRETTY SORE ON THAT PEST MYSELF! IT AFTER LUNCH SHARE THE OWN MATCH! 5 INVESTMENT! C 0 CERTAINLY SIR-THANK YOU SIR I SHALL BE DELIGHTED TO SMOKF ONE OF YOUR FAVOR - PERCY, I'M CRAVING A) CIGAR, RUM OUT AND GET ME TWO CERTAINLY SIR-BUT ALRIGHT, I'LL TAKE IT-BUT GET ME TWO ANYWAY-SAND YOU SAY OH MAN - WHEN THAT I HAVE ONE YOU'RE THING GOES OFF, HE'LL ENTIRELY WELCOME REAL GUN POWDER? YOU KEEP ONE - A FAIR THINK A TWELVE INCH PERFECTOS! TO SIR -WELL, THERE'S ONE GUN A CHINEE FIRECRACKER EXCHANGE IS NO TREAT! THING, IT CANT BLOW HIS BRAINS OUT TEE-HEE!

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THE LAST GRIZZLY IN TEXAS

By HUGH M. LINCECUM

fight. I saw the big fellow make se

slaps at the dogs, and the blows of .

The dogs would circle the bear, ni

ping at him on all sides, and then jun.

back out of reach when he struc with his paws. But finally the new de

ventured in too close. With one migh

sweep of his powerful front paw

paws seemed powerful enough to

open a full grown steer.

HAVE had the pleasure of hunting | traveled. bear in seven or eight of the Northwestern States, but no bear the last grizzly I saw killed in the Davis mountain range of West Texas.

While living in the State of Colorado, I formed the acquaintance of a man by the name of Proctor. He was considered to be one of the best big game hunters in that section of the country. Imagine my surprise, one morning, to receive a letter from him in which he said he had canines. Now, as decided to go to the Davis mountains, in to Teddy and Jane Texas, and try to capture a lone grizzly that had been troubling the cattlemen of bull terriers that for several years, and that he would like weighed about ten for me to accompany him, and would pounds each), and not object if I brought a couple of could make more friends along with me. To say I was delighted would be putting it mildly, and harm than anything as for the two friends, I had them on my mind in an instant-one was R. W. Dunn, of Ballinger, Texas, and the other was John A. Campbell, of Belton, Texas, known by his many friends as Si. I soon them, and the fuss got in touch with both of these men and they agreed to go along with Proctor and I and have a try at the big grizzly.

When the First Snow Flies.

After all details had been worked out, we decided to leave for the Davis mountains the first of December, which is much better huntabout time the first snow flies in that | ing dog than either part of the country; also, it is at this time that juniper berries begin to fall, and all the bear families move to the hills to feast on the berries.

Arriving at Valentine, a town on the Southern Pacific railway, we found that our friend, Proctor, had preceded us, and had left word at the Valentine Trading Company for us to come out "light," as he had already sent to camp about every-

At last, we came in sight of a thin column of smoke curling upward began to bark up the side of a hill. hunt had the thrill that went with | through the pines, and then we knew | They were seen climbing from one ledge we were near our camp. Proctor had to another, before making a dash for heard us coming and came out to meet a cave in the rocky wall, some half way us. He was a typical hunter-broad- up the side of the canyon. Following shouldered, eagle-eyed, cool and cour- as best we could, we finally reached

hunting family of (they were a couple you might imagine, but when it came to they kept up while trailing usually made the bear take to a tree. Proctor

informed me that the new canine was proving to be a Teddy or Jane, but had a bad disposition, and had never learned to give a

brought to bay.

Trailing the Big Grizzly.

miles, I believe, that I ever whimper, running around through the would not budge.

spruce and fern. Then Jane was turned loose, and, in a short while, both dogs

and one other dog, a stranger to our spruce boughs. At the same moment big as a cow, and coming this way!'

"I fell headlong just as the wounded bear was about to reach me."

bear distance when once he had been | the bear had routed the dogs from the | take their time, and soon they picked cave, but they met us coming to their assistance, and rallied to the fight. If we thought we had an easy bear, we We hunted for a week without even were mistaken, for once in our lives. The finding a bear track, but one morning, big bear snarlingly retreated into the thing we would need for the hunt. We finally succeeded in hiring a Mexican ho had a fairly good truck, to carry 'o the camp, but it was the longest the new dog loose. He soon began to the new dog loose. He soon began to the new dog loose. He soon began to him out and smoke him out, but he

By this time R. W. Dunn had joined us, and he suggested that perhaps the bear had gone out at the top of the cave, but caves nearly always go deeper into the ground. Dunn was persistent in thinking the bear had escaped upward, and proceeded to climb to the top of the ridge. He had hardly reached the ageous. Tugging on their chains near them just as they had routed old Mr. top when he came stumbling back, yellthe camp fire were Teddy and Jane Bear from a nice, warm bed in a pile of ing: "He's on top, he's right up there,

big bear caught the new dog and All of us got ready to shoot, but Dunn him spinning in the air, to drop tw feet below, on the rocky floor of shot first. Followring-cone, every bone in his ing the report of his crushed. That ended the fun. Proctor ste

rifle, there came rolling down the out in the open, raised his gun and f bluff a furry animal with black and The big brute rolled over, and when did so three of us hunters made for white stripes, and in a race to see which one would get an awful smell came with it. Dunn had him first. Proctor yelled at the top of voice for us to "stay clear of that bear shot and killed a but the barking of the do- kept skunk instead of a bear. After a good from hearing him. Just as the big fellow, he rolled over to laugh all around, we called to the dogs in a second was on his feet and and again took up at us like an express train. I the lead leaving there when some the trail of the bear. cle tripped me. I fell headlong In escaping from the cave - which the wounded bear was about to me. He passed on beyond me, he did have an opening but, as he slowed down to turn, at the top-the bear Proctor got another chance and 1 have the shot which finished hin 'had routed the skunk out ahead of him.

Brought to Bay. We let the dogs

up the trail, which led down into

another deep canyon, and up the side

of a hill into a spruce thicket. The chase continued for five hours be-

fore the bear was brought to bay in

He was a huge grizzly, we over a thousand pounds. Proct ceived \$250.00 and expenses for trip. He gave me the hide which. fully stretched, measured 7x9 This is generally believed to be t' grizzly bear killed in Texas was the last grizzly killed Davis mountains. There are good many black bear there; ; what is called the ring-cone country. He | last year, while I was on a deep was right in the middle of a half-acre these mountains, one of my opening and the dogs were dancing and companions came into camp one companions came into camp one yelping around him. We slipped up to with two black bear cubs, abou to the edge of the clearing to watch the grown, thrown across a burro.

> By R. E. McDONALD. Chief Entomologist, Department of Agri ture, State of Texas.



THE pink bollworm of cotton has natural eye, they burrow into the boll taining the developing worms fall to rying these articles wherever they farm. He grows everythin to now become well established on or square, as the case may be, and feed the hot ground and dry up. This is go. We, therefore, conceived the ton to cushaws and finds on the materials inside and grow to be not true with the pink bollworm. It idea of placing men on the roads leading everything he grows. O Rio Grande river adjacent to Mex- the size mentioned herewith. Several develops in the green boll which is out of the quarantined areas to examine barley, sorghums, five kinds are such worms are often found in one boll. juicy and it remains on the stalk until all persons coming out to see if they feterita, and hegari are only a reico have suffered a damage as high as | such worms are often found in one boll. forty or fifty per cent during the year of 1924. Only a few people in Texas have ever seen a pink bollworm. It is a new insect to Texas. It is not known exactly where it originated. It was found in Egypt in 1910 and was then doing considerable damage in that country. They thought it came there from India, but were not postive. From Egypt it made a long jump into the interior of Mexico in the shipment of cotton seed and was well established in that country in 1916. Since its appearance in Egypt it has aiso been carried in one way or another to most of the cotton growing countries of the world. Before the pest was known to exist in Mexico it had come to Texas and was found at Hearne and around Trinity Bay. Since that time it has been found in all counties west of the Pecos river which grow cotton. Also in 1921 a few specimens were found at Carlsbad, N. M. Following shipments of seed from that point, we found an infestation at Ennis, in Ellis county, and near a gin at Marilee station on the Collin-Grayson county line.

worm has finished its work and then have any cotton and, if they have, to even may partially open. It will be burn it. That is the reason why all doesn't rush to town to sell then seen, therefore, that the pink bollworm roads leading out of infested areas are guarded. Never a day passes but some loose cotton is transported which, had it not been stopped, would have made its way to some part of Texas and might, therefore, carry pink bollworms. When the lint cotton is ginned and baled it generally stands about the gins for a time. Worms might crawl into the bagging and take up a hiding place. Besides, some few seed may go into the lint, even in the best of gins. For these reasons all lint cotton produced in infested areas is not allowed to be sent here and there over the State, but is carried direct to the ports and sent to foreign countries. Burning Old Bolls. As stated previously, large numbers of pink bollworms remain over in the old bolls in the field. To destroy these bolls by burning is one means of com-batting the pest. This is done on the Rio Grande river in the hopes that it may keep the pest down in that section and also that it may not be so likely to float down the river and become established below Del Rio. So many worms, however, hibernate in the ground or are overlooked in the cleaning up that it is not, by this means, possible to completely eliminate the danger. Whether or not the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture will be permanently successful in the fight against the introduction of this pest remains to be seen. It is worth all it costs to keep it out one year, no doubt. However, it is hoping too much to think that we will be permanently successful. As the pest increases in numbers in the areas now infested somehow or some way it is likely to pass our lines. It is not meant that we should quit fighting. Our idea is to keep it out as long as we can, but we think that it is time the farmers of Texas and the South should begin to think about what other crop, beside cotton, that they can profitably grow.

the 160 products of his farm soon as they are harvested. some, but the most he home consumption. A he supplies the family with peaches, an apiary furnish a patch of ribbon cane dona. his table. A large garden y. varieties of vegetables too nun. mention. On his 250-acre farm Rob. raises some cotton, but he mostly on his Jersey cows fo income. From his herd of 1 whole milk to a near-by mil tor. He uses rotation in herd. When the grass becomes short, the cows ar to an oat field. From the are grazed on wheat, then cane and in due time are the pasture where the gr meantime, grown consid "My cows bring in the m Robertson said. "But I ha use for money!" Small wo wife sweeps the floor with made from broomcorn grown place. She makes biscuit fro raised wheat and cornbread fi grown corn. She cuts slabs from home-cured meat and in shake an egg to tell whethe or not. "Oh, I don't work much, tile farmer declared. works a lot, though." Mrs. believes with her husband in much as possible from the fa utilizes every garden product each in a variety of ways. she uses the mustang grap in the pasture for the ma. and grape juices. The gra, has discovered, may be dried in just as peaches are dried. when dry, in an air tight jar t grapes will retain their flavor ready for the making of fresh the winter. She also dries of seals it to await the making for cold days. Robertson advocates the sel the best seeds for the next year ing just as he does the raising bred stock. Big boned Poland hogs and White Leghorn chick his specialities. The most. he believes, is to be gaine large farm. 'The more acreage y more you can raise. And can raise, the less you hav said. That is the reaso gourds for dippers, cowp corn for ensilage, and h abundance of fodder. While his boys were i War, Robertson bought w (Continued on Next Page

Starving Out Worms.

The State and Federal Departments of old bolls in the field that are not worth Agriculture realizing that this new pest of cotton was a very severe enemy of that plant in other parts of the world thought it might be an unwelcome visitor in our fields, hence, steps were taken to eradicate it. Since the thing lives on no other common plants than cotton, it was thought that to abandon the growing of cotton in infested areas would soon starve it out. This was done about Trinity Bay, Hearne, Ennis and Marilee with success in each case. Where it had come across the border in Western Texas it is not considered advisable to undertake eradication because cotton is grown in the Republic of Mexico only a few yards from the boundary of Texas. Hence, we might eradicate it any number of times on our side and it would come back immediately on the resumption of cotton growing. But in this section of West Texas, work has been under way to keep it down in numbers as much as possible, also to take such measures as would tend to prevent it getting out of that country into the main cotton belt.

The pink bollworm, as its name im-plies, is usually pink in color and not much over half an inch in length and about as big in diameter as an ordinary match. The adult insect is a little imilar to many other candle round the light at

ler lays eggs on she can find bolls she When

Injury to Cotton Not Uniform.

Many bolls are completely destroyed, some others only partially destroyed, some damaged very little more than the staining and cutting of the lint, while some few may mature without any damage at all. The injury to the cotton that this insect does is like all others in that it is not uniform. Sometimes it practically destroys the crop, but there are instances in which it will not destroy over 20 per cent and might even in rare cases take less than that. When the fall of the year comes many worms go into cotton seed. It seems that the hull of the cotton seed, when the contents are devoured, is exactly the right size for the worm to hide in. They pass through the gin in these seed and then may be carried to any point in the world where the seed are carried. Of course, it remains dormant throughout the winter season. A remarkable thing about it is that it may remain in this dormant stage until the following season before it comes out and makes a moth. There is a certain portion of the worms that go into the ground and hibernate, and still another part stay in

picking. The little moths do not seem to fly very great distances; however, we do not know very much about how far they may fly. This fall I examined a small patch of cotton near the mouth of the Grand Canyon of the Rio Grande and failed to find any pink bollworms at all, while a field six miles "on a bee-line" from that point had pink bollworms in practically every boll. The insect seems to depend on man or other animals to carry it from place to place, and apparently, in order to get this done, secretes itself in some part of the cotton, notably the seed. During the past few years cotton seed

have become a rather valuable product and have been transported all over the world. People have imported cotton seed from all sections of the world, thinking to be able to get a better variety, or for some other reason. That is why the insect in the last few years has been so widely and so quickly scattered.

All farmers know that the boll weevil prefers squares to the bolls. All who have viewed the ravages of this new pest, the pink bollworm, are now of the opinion that if we add its damage to the bolls to the damage the weevil does to the squares there will not be enough cotton left to justify growing it in the Southern States. The damage of the pink bollworm will be more uniform than that of the boll weevil, although, it seems to fluctuate considerably also. The boll weevil fails during the dry straight. We found that the Mex-

is practically independent of weather conditions. At the same time, however, a total failure of a crop would so reduce the numbers that the following year might show less damage than usual.

Keeping Down the Pest With Heat.

In order to combat an insect or other pest one must know something about its habits. When we learned that the pink bollworm lived in cotton seed so nicely it naturally occurred to us to devise means of killing the worms in the seed. We tried fumigation without success. The gases did not penetrate into the interior of a mass of seed under ordinary conditions. Then we set about to find out whether or not they could be killed by heating the seed. We found out if the cotton seed were heated to about 140 degrees Fahr. and held for a sufficient length of time all pink bollworms in the seed would be found dead.



The four life stages of Pink Bollworm. (Natural Size.)

Then we investigated and found that cotton seed could stand about 166 degrees Fahr. without the germination being injured at all. Since making these discoveries we have required all ginners ginning infested cotton to heat the seed, as a continuous process of ginning, to a temperature of not less than 145 degrees. That is one method of keeping the pest down. We know, however, in ginning cotton, large numbers of the worms are disturbed as the cotton goes through the gin and begin to crawl about. Hence, we do not turn the seed loose from the gin and allow them to be shipped where they may. It might be that some of the worms would crawl back into the seed. Therefore, either we do not let the seed get out of the community in which it is grown or we let them to a designated oil mill where they are crushed by a double crushing process so as to be sure that all worms are destroyed.

We found that large numbers of persons, while traveling, pick up cotton bolls or cotton stalks for one reason or another. Also persons will come from one section to another for the purpose of picking cotton, and will take pickers' sacks along which usually contain some cotton inside. It is the custom of Mexican hair with it, other times it is used season because the little squares con- ican laborers are accustomed to car-

RAISES 160 PRODUCTS ON ONE FARM

By VIVIAN RICHARDSON.

If you grew your own flour, raised your own bacon, harvested your own spuds and 157 other farm products besides these, you wouldn't worry about the price of cotton or the market for corn. Joe Robertson, living four miles north of Austin, doesn't have to worry. laborers to pick seed cotton and make mattresses, pillows and quilts of it, seed and all. Sometimes they mix mo-which gained the blue ribbon at the Texas State Exposition at Austin, October 6 to 11.

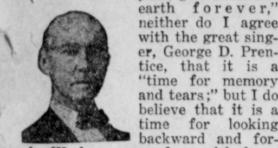
Robertson believes in living off the

Develops in the Green Boll.

CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

LOOKING BACKWARD AND FORWARD. dirge over the dead



backward and forward. We have many forward lookers, and they make the world go around; we also have many backward lookers, and they keep the world from going too fast. Both are needed, and both serve a good purpose; but the safe, well-balanced man looks both ways. Those who look forward all the time forget the lessons

the past and are liable to be ruined. y time from a rear attack; those who

backward all the time never get division of time and make a change of calendars, let us take a look both ways.

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If memory serves me well, just one year ago I gave a horoscope of 1924 to eaders of this Magazine Section, and I ake pleasure in calling your attention it this time to the correctness of the picture drawn then of the year which nas just taken its place in the history of the past. I told you we would have Spring, with its greeneries and its singing birds; Summer, with its scorching heat and melted collars; Autumn, with its humming gins and ruby-tinted foliage: Winter, with its dead leaves, prown limbs, flu and "bad colds." We have had all of them. While other rophets of prouder names and greatr reputations attempted to tell you more about the weather, the seasons and the doings of the people, I am the only meteorologist and the only political prognosticator so far to show up with a 100 per cent record for forecasting. Long and close observation has convinced me that weather forecasting is as exact a science as we have, and as reliable a business or profession as one a engage in, provided the forecaster

esn't talk too much and make too creat claims of professional knowledge. lembers of other great professions ave learned this, and weather forecasters should learn it. No doctor will assure a patient recovery without provisos. The learned physician will tell you that recovery seems probable, provided certain symptoms yield to treat-

I have no desire to | true to his great profession, will guarantee a decision of judge or jury. Good sing "a melancholy lawyers will tell you that if the opposition produces no damaging testimony year, gone from the against you, you have a good chance, neither do I agree but they are not supposed to know, and do not undertake to say, what the oppowith the great singsition can or cannot prove. Weather er, George D. Prenprophets should learn from other protice, that it is a fessions, and not talk too much or make "time for memory extravagant claims without guarding and tears;" but I do or scotching their predictions with probelieve that it is a visos. Any prophet can make good by being careful. Not only did I tell you time for looking a year ago that we would have considerable heat, cold, wind and rain during 1924, but I also told you there would be considerable ice in February, provided the temperature dropped as low as 20 degrees above zero. The mercury dropped to 20 and we had the ice, but if I had made bold to predict considerable ice in February, and the mercury had refused to drop below 40, my reputation as a forecaster would now be no better than that of the prophets who predicted an eight-months' drouth, and zero weather for the early days of December. Weather prophets are supposed to know there will be ice if the temperature is around 20 above; they are not supposed to know, and do not know, what the temperature will be.

My horoscope for 1924 dealt with other matters than the weather, and not a forecast went awry. I predicted a redhot governor's election in Texas, and you must admit that the campaign did not lack caloric. This forecast was based and worked out on scientific calculations, and was not a wild guess. Taking the history of Texas for my guide, I found that there had been a red-hot gubernatorial election in Texas every two years since the State was admitted. Then reading the political calendar for the year, I found that 1924 was the year to elect a governor in Texas, and putting these two facts together, I saw with prophetic vision that there would be a red-hot political campaign for governor in Texas in the year 1924. I predicted that James E. Ferguson would be a candidate for governor, provided he could get his name on the ticket; here the proviso saved me. Jim did his best, but he had no more control over the committee than ice has over temperature; just as the temperature permits ice to form, so the committee and courts permit candidates to function. I forecasted the election of a Democratic President, provided our candidate carried the solid South, New York, Indiana, Ohio and California. The Democrats didn't elect

and wade bravely into the affairs and problems of 1925.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-five is to be a very eventful and epochal year in Texas. The event of surpassing importance and interest will be the inauguration of the State's first woman governor; the next will be the inaugural ball. Those who are sure of appointment to good State positions will find greatest joy in the inauguration; those who have the best clothes will dance most at the ball following the inauguration. The resolution recently adopted protesting against the ball will not be read during the proceedings, and bobbed hair dancers will outnumber the unbobbed at about the same ratio as those who apply for appointments and fail to get them will outnumber those who receive appointments. A very large majority of the applicants who fail to get appointments will oppose the governor if the scenery three inches better, who she stands for re-election, and will be strong against permitting the name of the Governor's husband to be placed on the ticket for any office he may seek two years hence. The Legislature will the first quarter of our glorious centhen get down to business, employ a great many stenographers and indulge in a wealth of fervid oratory. Much time will be taken up in a discussion of whether the appropriation bill should be passed at the regular session or await action at a special session; it will go

over to a special session. Not one of the educational or eleemosynary institutions will get anything like the sum of money it says it will have to have in order to continue in operation. An effort will be made to change the salary of every person employed in the State institutions and departments; not one of the employes will ask that his or her salary be reduced. (I make this assertion without proviso.) There will be much talk of reducing taxes, and several plans will be offered to bring about such a reduction, but the tax rate will stay at the constitutional limit, and several statesmen will get ready to run for governor on a tax reduction platform next year. (This prediction is also made without proviso.) Other important events of the year will be the annual assaults on the boll weevils, the graduating exercises at the high schools, the annual Thanksgiving football game between Varsity and A. & M., and the campaign by the newspapers to induce people to do their Christmas shopping early and pay their poll taxes before the First of February. Then we will count the number killed by automobiles during the year, pay our and made it possible for singers in Eu-

But do not for a moment believe things will be just as they are now following this concatenation. True, we will go through our annual routine of sowing and reaping, of buying and selling, of bobbing and permanent waving, of Christmas shopping and tax paying, but things will be different, and better. There will be many more who can solve cross words puzzles then than there are now. The radios will speak plainer and overcome the static better. There is a possibility that the government will have decided what to do with Muscle Shoals, and there will be fully fifty thousand more Fords in Texas then than there are at present. Furthermore, the makers of the fashions assure us the skirts will be three inches shorter. With the air currents under better control, the Muscle Shoals question settled and out of the papers, enough Fords for all the people to ride simultaneously, and shall say the world will not be a finer place for residence when the diurnal journeys of the earth around the sun shall have brought us to 1926 and ended tury?

Nineteen hundred and twenty-four was not a bad year, as years are counted good or bad. It saw order restored in Europe, and a peaceful inauguration of a new President in Mexico. It saw wheat prices soar and the western farmers placed on the high road to prosperity through the grace of a shorter wheat crop. It saw more people ride in automobiles and eat ham and eggs for breakfast than any of its predecessors. It placed silk stockings on more feminine limbs, and diamonds on more feminine fingers than any year that came before it. It guided bold aviators around the globe, and showed the people that they may fly from continent to continent without danger, and with the swiftness of the eagle. It added to the average age of man, found a cure for many diseases, witnessed contributions to education and charity larger than were ever before made, and came so near abolishing lynching in the United States that the figures are insignificant when compared to the figures of a few years ago. It saw more children in the Sunday schools, more members on the church rolls, and more people teaching and believing that man is the brother of man than any year that come before it. It even taught man to send pictures on the sound waves across the mighty deep, ad valorem taxes and the final install- rope to blend their voices with the ment and there are no complications, their candidate for President, but they ment on our income taxes, cuss the gov- voices of singers in America-but 1925 determined and unafraid. He has looked but non-ethical, indeed, is the doctor who would have done so if they had not made ernment for its mismanagement and its is to be a year of greater things. Man with pity upon the sufferers, and he has greater contributions to the betterment | but in the fullness of time.

of the world and the happiness of the world's people. We shall ride with greater comfort, we shall toil with less drudgery, we shall eat with less danger, we shall recover from disease sooner, we shall make a mile in fewer minutes. we shall kick the football further, understand each other better and love each other more. All honor to the workers of 1924; grease to the elbows and sharpness to the vision of the toilers of 1925.

Truly, we have done well, but there is so much more to do. On every side there is lost motion that should be taken up, and many of the forces are yet unbridled that ought to be wearing harness, that they might lighten the burdens of man and work an increase in the production of things the world needs. There is sufficient force in the wagging of dogs' tails to turn ponderous machinery, cheapen power and do work man bends his back and strains his arms to perform now; yet the mighty force bound up in the wagging of the caudal appendages of the canines is all wasted, since man has not yet turned it to a useful purpose. The twisting winds wind through the land, destroying the accumulations of years of toil and taking a mighty toll of human life. These must be bridled and set to grinding corn and wheat and lifting stones, and performing other service for man, instead of destroying man and the fruits of man's toil. And disease, in some of its spiteful, despicable forms, still rides in triumph over suffering humanity and mocks the boasted skill and learning of man. Hundreds of dimpled darlings fall a victim to infantile paralysis every year, and even though the rosetints of health are on their cheeks and the light of heaven in their eyes, they walk no more forever. Thousands of flaxen-haired tots plod their weary way, hopeless cripples, be-cause the surgeons have not yet mastered hip dislocation. The common "bad cold" still holds the rod of terror over humanity and snickers at humanity's sneezes, coughs and reddened eyes. The great white plague, the awful cancer and the loathsome leprosy, which boast a mighty triumvirate of incurable disease, close the door of hope to teeming thousands every year, and before the monster mankind stands a chained Promethus and sees his vitals eaten away. In the rays of the sun, in the herbs of the field, in the minerals of the bowels of the earth there is a cure, but the healing balm has not yet been found. But man has only begun his search. He is in the laboratories, in the fields and in the mines. He is restless, hopeful dertakes to say that symptoms will the fatal error of failing to carry the extravagance, and go into 1926 with is busier and better and smarter than sworn against the destroyers. He will eld or complications not arise. No States named. And so, I face my horo- hopes of greater things and better he has ever been before, and will make slay the dragon; possibly not this year,

vyer who values his reputation, or is | scope of 1924 without shame or fear, | times.

POULTRY RAISING FOR PROFIT Housing Problems By MRS. MARGARET STUTE.

in the November Magazine Sec-on of this newspaper, Mr. Alli-n has received a great many letters iry from persons interested in

. For the benefit of those pervho may not have read the first se series, I will review some of the important features discussed in st series.

Allison of Fort Worth, Texas, has n the chicken business for a little fifty-five years, and has in that made extensive experiments with cally every breed of chicken in the

U. d States. He now devotes his time to raising the breed that he has found to be most profitable in Texas; that is, the Single Comb White English Leghorn. He has a large hatchery and flock of chickens at Arlington Heights, a suburb of Fort Worth.

In this second article on "Poultry Raising for Profit" Mr. Allison tells us about the proper housing of chickens.

"The success or failure of the chicken | on the north side of business," explained Mr. Allison, "is | due chiefly to housing. First of all, eliminate from your mind the idea that elaborate or expensive houses are necessary. The very opposite is true. This for many reasons. The fact that thousands of dollars in buildings are now standing idle all over the country, is proof that inexperienced and foolish people went into the chicken business on an elaborate scale and thus defeated their own ends. They soon found they had so much money invested in buildand equipment that the chickens, after being fed properly, could not pos-sibly pay for themselves.

Absolutely Draft Proof.

"In housing chickens there are several things to be taken into consideration. Most every farmer, or town and city home owner, has a shed or outhouse that can be made into a suitable chicken house with a little labor and expense. First, close all openings on "Another important matter is to have sents another problem," said Mr. Alli-all sides except the south. The object plenty of receptacles filled with ashes son. "Where hens are used to hatch and

the south. A house 12 by 12 by 12 feet will house twenty-five or thirty grown chickens. Cover all the cracks by boarding up or cover the entire outside with tar-roofing paper. The windows should be covered with a cheap screening so as to have the house available if the chickens are to be kept up

the roosts from the roof with wires about one foot above the dropping board. The roosts should not be slanting, but should be on a level with one another. They should be made of two by four lumber as long as the house and placed the building. The nests should be placed in the house where they will keep' dry and nailed to the wall about twelve to eighteen

of straw or hay in the nest. It is always a wise plan to put wood ashes or lime un- | ferred for your chicken house. This is der the litter to keep away mites. Chickens should be fed their grain feed on the floor of the house in a litter that can be sible, a tight board floor is the next floor of the house in a litter that can be made of straw, weeds, sawdust, corncobs, etc. The litter should be from twelve to eighteen inches deep. The object is to make the hen work for her | it is wise to cover the floor with gravel, feed, which is essential for the produc-tion of eggs. When possible, have the mash-feeders in the house and especially during rainy weather, otherwise on the protected side of the house.

Ashes Important.

all sides except the south. The object plenty of receptacles filled with ashes son. "Where hens are used to hatch and municate further with Mr. Allison may and when he gets in range kill address him as follows: "M. C. Allison, brutes with his trusty shotgun."

Since publication of the first se-ries of articles on "Poultry Rais- worst enemy of chickens. Give the Mites and lice cannot live where there is nests for each hen and chicks can be Send a self-addressed stamped envelope. ing for Profit," which appeared chickens plenty of fresh air and dust, as they breathe through their sunshine by plenty of openings on bodies, and cannot do this when covered with dust.

"The dropping board should be built wider than the roosts. It should be tightly built, so as to not let the droppings fall in the litter. The board should be cleaned once a week and kept covered with ashes when possible. Change the litter in the nests every three or four for any length of time. The roosts should weeks. The litter on the floor should be built over a tight dropping board be changed every three months. The preferable to buy some reliable brooder,

built on the floor. It is best to keep separated the big and little chickens, as their feeding is different, and grown chickens often will kill or injure little chicks; they crowd them away from their feed and retard their growth.

Incubator and Brooder.

"When hatched with an incubator the problem is a different one. Artificial heat must be supplied. It is usually eighteen inches from the floor. Suspend generous application of ashes on every- especially where a large number of

chickens are to be raised. When a brooder is bought, directions how to operate and regulate it accompany the machine. Keep the brooder at 95 degrees the first week and decrease five degrees a week until a very small amount of heat is usedonly enough to keep them from huddling together. Keep up heat until warm weather, or until fully feathered and ready to go on the

roost. The matter of the amount of heat and the length of time used must be regulated by the judgment of the raiser. There is on the market now an oil stove that can be used for brooding and the directions for building the brooder come with the stove. I have never used this kind of brooder, but know persons who have had success with it.

"To summarize, the main thing is to keep your chickens out of drafts, dampness and coldness while sleeping and feeding. Cleanliness is absolutely neces-sary. Build the chicken house as cheaply but as well as possible. The more simple the building the more efficient for service."

Any person who would like to com-

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope. EDITOR'S NOTE: In our February Magazine Section Mrs. Stute will take up the feeding of all chickens, from the time they are hatched until put on the market, as described by Mr. Allison.

RAISES 160 PRODUCTS ON ONE FARM.

(Continued from Preceding Page.)

"wood bonds." From the natural growth of cedar and oak on his 250-acre pasture, he sold \$500 worth of cordwood and purchased Liberty bonds with the entire amount. He has yet much reserve timber from which he occasionally sells cordwood. Sometimes the wood is converted into charcoal and then sold.

"I was just about to starve out when I quit railroading and went to farming." said Robertson, "but I am now on easy street and happy."

HOW TEXAS VOTED FOR PRESI-DENTIAL ELECTORS.

Votes cast in the November election for presidential electors was announced Dec. 23d by the State Election Board following the canvassing of the returns.

Democratic presidential electors (Davis) received 478,425, Republican (Coolidge) 128,240, Independent (La Follette) 42,541.

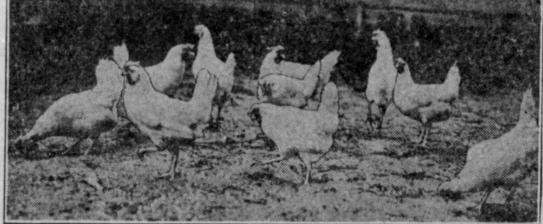
EASTERN FIRM BUYS TEXAS MICA MINE OUTPUT.

The Ford Mica Company of New York bought the first output of mica from the mine of J. L. Anderson, near Pontotoc, Mason county, Texas, according to a statement by Mr. Anderson.

The price paid was from 15c to \$4.50 per pound. Extensive deposits exist in the mine and the mica outcrops at the surface.

KILLS TEN COYOTES IN ONE DAY.

A dispatch from Colorado, Texas, states that C. W. Womack killed ten coyotes in one day. Mr. Womack hunt the animals in his jitney, without d



Pen of Single Comb White Leghorns.

inches from the floor. Make a litter | thing used by the chicken is advised. "A cement floor is always to be pre-

a protection against predatory animals best, but many a good chicken has been taken care of on dirt floor. When neither a cement nor board floor is available, as it will drain and dry out quicker than any kind of dirt floor.

"The roof can be built of several materials, including galvanized iron. A sloping shed-roof is desirable, as it must be rain-proof. "The housing of little chickens pre-

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE

REDUCTIONS IN KEY FIRE RATE.

The tenth annual report of the Texas State Fire Insurance Commission has just been published and shows an average fire insurance rate in effect in Texas at this time of \$1.07, compared to a forty-year average of \$1.47 and to \$1.23 in 1912, when the commission was created.

FEWER NUMBER OF BUSINESS FAILURES.

Business failures in Texas during the last six months fell off 120 in number as compared with the same period in 1923, states Wellborn Patteson, superintendent of the Bradstreet Company in Dallas. Total failures in the State from July through November numbered 275, as against 395 for the 1923 period.

\$1,000,000 GIFT TO S. M. U. Gift to Southern Methodist Univer-

sity of Dallas by Mr. and Mrs. R. Harper Kirby of Austin of property that will yield revenue on a million-dollar valuation was announced Dec. 20th by Dr. Charles C. Selecman, president of the university. The gift was made through Dr. W. D. Bradfield of the S. M. U. school of theology.

TWO TEXAS LEGISLATORS UNDER 23 YEARS.

The Thirty-ninth Texas Legislature will have two members under 23 years of age. Tom J. Renfro of Comanche county will be the youngest member of the new Legislature. He is 22 years old. Corry T. Sheats of Franklin county, another 22-year-old member, is four

MEXIA VOTES \$1,571,000 FOR GOOD ROADS.

months older than Renfro.

Mexia voted a bond issue of \$1,571,-000 for good roads. The roads are to be built for Consolidated Road District No. 4, comprised of Road Districts Nos. 4, 12 and 16. The total vote in the entire district was 659 for and 65 against, the issue carrying by over 10 to 1.

BELL COUNTY HONORS SOLDIERS OF WORLD'S WAR.

A New York sculptor is at work on a diminutive model of the proposed war memorial for Bell county boys who served in the World's War. The movement is being sponsored by the Women's Parliamentary Club of Temple. The model is of a soldier standing at arms

LOWEST IN DEATHS FROM ACCI- OFFERS PRIZES FOR BOYS' FOR-DENTS.

Fort Worth had the lowest rate on fatalities from accidents of any city in the United States of over 100,000 population during 1923, according to statistics compiled by the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., and announced by the Texas Department of Health. Fort Worth's percentage was 47.3.

Houston leads other cities in Texas in number of fatalities, with Dallas second and San Antonio third.

\$75,000 BONDS FOR IRRIGATION CARRIED.

A special bond and improvement district election, held at Cotulla, was unanimously carried. It will create a \$75,000 fund for the preliminary survey of the Cotulla irrigation project that is being proposed on the Nueces River, eight miles west of Cotulla.

The project will take in an acreage of 150,000 acres as surveyed in the first estimate made by engineers last summer. The land is along the river bottom near Cotulla.

FORT WORTH VOTES CITY MAN-AGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Fort Worth voted Dec. 11th to discard the old form of city government and to adopt a new city charter, including the city manager form of government.

Election of Fort Worth's first City Council will be held April 7, 1925, after which this body of nine men will select a competent man as City Manager, who will be chief executive of the affairs of this city

The total vote cast, with returns complete, was fewer than 13,000 ballots. The vote for the new charter was 7,076, against 5,530.

MRS. M. C. BURNETT DEAD.

Mrs. Mary Couts Burnett, 68 years old, widow of the late Captain S. Burk Burnett, cattleman and oil man, whose fortune was estimated at several million dollars, died Dec. 16 at her residence, 1424 Summit avenue, Fort Worth.

Her entire property, amounting to over \$4,000,000, had been willed by Mrs. Burnett to a trust estate about a year ago to be used for the benefit of Texas Christian University of Fort Worth.

A new library named for her, for the

ESTRY CONTEST.

R. A. Gilliam of Dallas, president of the Texas Forestry Association, has offered to underwrite the total amount needed for prizes in the contest planned for boys' forestry clubs of the State, as confirmed by E. O. Siecke, State Forester. Between \$300 and \$400 a year is needed for the contest, which would be similar to those held by boys' pig and cotton clubs. Each boy would agree to take care of an acre of timberland on his father's farm, and prizes would be offered for the best plots of six different classes of stands of timber, after a year's care according to forestry methods. Boys between 10 and 19 years old would be eligible to enter. The contest is planned as a related project for developing farm forestry work among timber-owning farmers of Texas, for which the last Legislature made an appropriation.

WORTH MILLS OPENED.

Formal opening of Worth Mills, the new textile plant in Fort Worth, took place Dec. 15. Five hundred girls and women will be employed when the balance of the machinery has been installed and the mill is operating full force.

A considerable portion of the stock in the local mill is owned by Harding-Tilton Company, Boston, New York, Chi-cago and Philadelphia, who also act as a selling agency for the local plant, according to Rudy Copeland, vice president and general manager. The rest of the stock is held by citizens of Fort Worth.

TWO MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS NEXT SUMMER.

The North Texas citizens' military training camp and the annual encampment of the organized reserve infantry will be held next summer in Dallas; Maj. Gen. C. P. Summerall, commanding the Eighth Corps area, with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, has so notified Mayor Louis Blaylock.

Dallas has placed Fair Park at the disposal of the army. The two encampments are expected to have an attendance of between 2,000 and 3,000 men. The Infantry Reserve will mobilize July 21 and continue until Aug. 5. The training camp will open July 28 and continue until Aug. 27. About 800 students will be accommodated at the training camp.

4,574,551 BALES OF COTTON GIN-NED IN TEXAS PRIOR TO **DEC. 12.**

The U.S. Census Bureau has announced that the number of bales of for breeding purposes at a price of American cotton ginned prior to December 12 totaled 12,796,216 running bales, including 293,366 round bales counted as half bales, compared with 9,549,015 running bales, including 232,643 round bales, ginned prior to that date last year.

Ginnings by States: Texas 4.574,551, Alabama 960,542, Arizona 86,379, Arkansas 1,016,690, California 60,916, Florida 19,574, Georgia 1,012,802, Louisiana 482,397, Mississippi 1,101,-475, Missouri 141,623, New Mexico 45,-028, North Carolina 761,775; Oklahoma 1,369,791, South Carolina 799,735. Tennessee 318,580, Virginia 26,949 all other States 8,409.

SAVING OF HELIUM URGED.

A governmental policy for conservation of helium, the noninflammable gas employed in dirigible aviation, was urged in the House of Representatives by Representative Lanham of the Fort Worth district during consideration of the naval appropriation bill. The government will spend this year in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 in production of helium from gas fields in Texas, the amount being apportioned to the army, the navy and the Bureau of Mines.

In producing helium, Mr. Lanham showed that the Fort Worth plant had reduced the cost to nearly 5c a cubic foot, which is comparable with the cost of \$1,500 a cubic foot in 1917 when the first extraction of helium occurred. He said the government should obtain control of the helium gas supplies in this country and hold them for future public needs along the lines of legislation now pending before the Military Affairs Committee.

It cost \$216,000 to fill the Shenandoah with helium.

The only gas now being treated by the government for the extraction of helium comes from Petrolia, Texas.

POTASH BILL FAVORABLY CON-SIDERED BY HOUSE.

House members believe the House Committee on Mines will favorably report the Sheppard bill for an appropriation of \$550,000 each year for the next five years for the development of potash fields in Western Texas.

Dr. George Otis Smith, chief of the

BUYS FINE HEREFORD BULL. "Diamond," a Hereford bull at one time valued at \$10,000, has been bought by F. W. Alexander of Albany, Texas. \$2,000.

TEXAS IN LIST OF INFLUENTIAL. PASTORS.

A nation-wide vote recently taken by a religious magazine on twenty-five of the most influential preachers in the United States, included George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas.

NEW COUNTERFEIT \$10 NOTES. Two new \$10 counterfeit bank notes are afloat in Texas, according to notice received at the local postoffices from the Postmaster General's Department.

One of the spurious bills is on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The other is on the First National Bank Superior, Wis,

TEXAS GAINS 45,000 POPULATION IN 1924.

Figures compiled by State officers confirm a population gain of 45,000 for Texas during the year of 1924.

Reports for the month of November. not yet complete, show that the birth rate climbed almost to 9,000, or 2,000 more than the average month.

500 TWINS BORN IN TEXAS THI: YEAR.

Statistics made public by officia State records show that 500 sets of twins and over a dozen sets of triplets were born in Texas during 1924.

During the first six months of the year Dallas led with thirty sets of twinand El Paso was second with ninetee: twin births.

TEXAS PROJECTS TOTAL \$5,061,706

A total of \$5,061,700 is recommended to be used on Texas river and harbor projects for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, in the annual report of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, submitted to the United States Congress Dec. 1. The report of a year ago recommended a total of \$4,177,300 for these projects.

292 GRADE CROSSING CASUALTIL. IN NINE MONTHS.

Sixty-eight persons have been kille and 224 others injured, a total of 292 casualties, at railroad highway crossings in Texas during the nine months ending Sept. 30, is in accord with figures compiled by the State Railroad Commission. With few exceptions the accidents were result of collisions between motor vehicles and railroad trair Chief among causes of accidents i clude attempt to beat trains to crossin. stalling of automobiles on railrot tracks, driving into the side of a locomo tive and also into the side of trains.

with a wreath engraved above his head and room for an inscription at his feet.

CLAIMS TO BE WORLD'S LARGEST MAN.

J. G. Tarver of Alba, Texas, claims to be the world's biggest man. He bedame a member of the 1924 Fall Scottish Rive class at Dallas, in December, taking every degree from the fourth to the thirty-second, and becoming a Shriner. He is 29 years old, eight feet five inches in height, weighs 460 pounds and wears an 81/2-inch hatband.

W. T. SLEDGE WINS COURSE IN OXFORD.

W. Terrell Sledge of Kyle, Hays County, senior in the University of Texas, received the Rhodes scholarship from Texas in 1925, as announced by Dr. W. B. Bizzell, chairman of the Rhodes scholarship committee of Texas.

Mr. Sledge will receive his A. B. degree from the University of Texas in June of next year, and under the new appointment will be eligible to enter Oxford University in the fall of 1925.

WACO COTTON MILL WILL SHIP TO FOREIGN LANDS.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the C. R. Miller Manufacturing Company, operators of the Miller Cotton Mill, Waco, it was announced that contracts for the output of the mill were signed, which will result in shipments being made to Serbia, Greece and South Africa. The Miller mill at | and the plant aphis did inestimable dam-Waco is being operated at its full capacity, with day and night shifts.

BANKER PREDICTS PERIOD OF PROSPERITY FOR TEXAS.

Texas is on the threshold of a great period of prosperity, said Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York, in a speech before Dallas bankers at a luncheon given at the Adolphus Hotel in his honor. This new prosperity is not in the distant future, he said, but will come in 1925. and bankers were advised to plan for it along lines that will not encourage another period of overproduction and inflation.

TEXAS SECOND IN EXPORTS.

Texas ranks second in the handling of water-borne commerce during the fiscal year ending in June, 1924, according to figures gathered by the Bureau of Research of the United States Shipping Board, New York being first. The Texas exports increased about \$500,000, compared with the same period in 1923, but imports were about \$400,000 less. the period the Texas imports ed to 4,517,098 tons and the ex-1,794,847 tons.

construction of which she furnished the funds, is just being completed at the university campus.

The gift is one of the largest made to an educational institution in this State.

WORK BEGINS ON PECOS IRRIGA-TION PROJECT.

Work began the first week in December on the great Red Bluff irrigation project in Reeves County, which is the basis for the dam across the Pecos River to impound sufficient water to irrigate some 200,000 acres of land.

It is proposed to locate the dam site some distance below the New Mexico boundary, so as to avoid complications with that State, though the water may be backed into it for a short distance. Originally the dam site was in New Mexico, but trouble loomed and the move to Texas was made. The district is to be a consolidation of nearly all of the Pecos River irrigation districts in Texas. The project, which is to cost nearly \$3,000,000, probably will be aided by the United States government,

SAYS COLD SPELL WILL AID FARMERS.

Immense benefit to the farming interests of North Texas will result from the intense cold spell that hit Texas the week of Dec. 18, according to M. C. Counts, Tarrant County agricultural agent.

During the last growing season grasshoppers, boll weevils and boll worms, age to the crops of this and other counties, Mr. Counts says. A great per cent of these destructive insects, caught before complete hibernation, will be destroyed by the freeze and North Texas fields should be singularly free of the pests during the coming growing season, the agricultural expert believes.

MALARIA IN STATE REDUCED.

Malaria cases reported to the State Board of Health were reduced 13 per cent during the year 1924, according to the biennial report of this department, the appropriation of \$10,000 by the Legislature for mosquito control work.

propriated by seventy cities benefited, serving a total population of 900,000.

Texas was first started in 1920," affirms the State Board of Health, "with the International Health Service and the State Board of Health, co-operating in the formation of three units, aggregating twelve cities having a population of about 40,000. The work has increased until now it protects 900,000 people, or 60 per cent of the urban popu-lation of the State."

ENFORCING PRO. LAW IN TEXAS COST \$96,730.

It cost the Bureau of Internal Revenue \$382,642 to operate the two collection districts in Texas through which the Government received a total of \$36. 863,757 during the fiscal year of 1924, as outlined in the annual report of the bureau. The combined Texas collections for the fiscal year amounted to \$28,-295,285 income tax and \$8,568,472 miscellaneous taxes. The cost of operation of the first Texas district was \$187,319

and for the second district \$195,323. Enforcing the Federal prohibition law in Texas cost the government \$96,730, of which \$71,696 was spent for salaries of directors, agents, inspectors, etc., and \$2,309 was spent for the purchase of evidence and miscellaneous.

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATE \$338,000,000.

For the 10 years ending Aug. 31, the total bonded indebtedness of Texas is almost \$338,000,000.

Here is the ascending scale, by twoyear periods:

| 1914 | to | 1916 |
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| | | 1918\$31,890,076 |
| 1918 | to | 1920 |
| 1920 | to | 1922\$85,554,380 |
| | | 1924\$95,000,000 |

Nearly a third of these bonds have been voted by municipalities. Road districts stand second, and counties third. with common and independent school districts, levee districts, drainage districts, and drainage, navigation and conservation and reclamation districts all contributing their share.

Thirty and forty-year bonds still prevail, but serial maturities are also in demand.

BEST SONG IN STATE CONTEST.

Miss Gladys Yoakum Wright and W. . Marsh, both of Fort Worth, were selected as the writers of the most appropriate Texas State song.

The announcement was made by Governor Pat M. Neff on recommendation and which was made possible through of the committee he appointed to select the best song out of the 387 submitted by writers of many nations.

This song will be turned over to the Legislature and if that body adopts it. the writers will be awarded the \$1,000 prize offered by the Governor.

Five songs were submitted by residents of foreign lands and more than a score were from out of State authors. Governor Neff announced he would prepare the words of the winning selection, together with the music, and release it to all of the newspapers of the State at any early date, so the citizens of the State could familiarize themselves with the words and melody.

United States Geological Survey. and other experts of the survey, testified that tests which have already been made show conclusively that there is potash of commercial value underlying a vast area in West Texas twice larger than Pennsylvania.

The stratum begins just west of Fort Worth, extends far south of San Angelo, goes west to the Rio Grande river and north to above Amarillo.

Wells have been found in the Santa Rita oil field in which deposits were discovered in commercial quantities.

The Sheppard bill has already passed the Senate, and if favorable consideration can be had in the House, the approval of the President is considered certain. Under its terms the government will take a lease on private lands, drill and test wells, and if potash is found on the land, the owner must repay the government the cost of the tests.

STATE EXPENSE IS \$78,014,680.

The annual report of the State Treasurer for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31st, this year, shows that there was \$40,-410,806 in the treasury, \$10,212,565 being in cash and \$30,198,240 in bonds.

Of this latter amount \$28,604,142 belonged to the available school fund, \$847,874 to the permanent university fund, \$209,000 to the permanent A. & M. fund, \$145,700 to the permanent university fee fund, \$132,690 to the permanent deaf and dumb fund, \$133,350 to the permanent lunatic fund, and \$5,000 to the endowment fund medical branch of the university.

Of the cash on hand \$49,176 was to the credit of the general revenue, \$4,-701,605 was in the available school fund, \$3,501,743 was in the State highway department fund, \$390,800 in the university building fund and the balance in small amounts was to the credit of the various other funds.

According to the report there was expended during the last fiscal year from all sources \$78,014,680. The receipts making this total included \$34,-349,096 to the credit of general revenue. \$20,029,088 to the available school fund and \$15,206,251 to the credit of the State highway fund.

During the past fiscal year the State collected in interest and realized in profits from the sale of United States bonds \$355,399.

At the present time the general revenue shows a deficit of more than \$2,000,000, but it is predicted this will be wiped out before February 1. This deficit does not have any bearing on any of the special funds and means only that the money used to run the current State government business is behind that much. Strict economy by the Leg-islature is expected to return this fund to a cash balance basis before the end of the present fiscal year.

ONE-HALF OF TEXAS SPRING WOOL CLIP SOLD.

At least one-half of Texas' 1925 Spring production of long wool has been contracted at an average of 50 cents a pound, according to estimates that have reached T. A. Kincaid of Ozona, pre dent of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' A sociation of Texas. It is believed the next season's crop will be as heavy a that of last Spring, which was arour 18,000,000 pounds, and some es of the amount of wool so far cont reach 12,000,000 pounds, Mr. K said.

Contracting began late in the Su at around 45c a pound, even befo Fall wool was sheared, and sold 571/2 cents a pound. Since therprice on next spring's long fleece gone to 55c on the choicest clips. tracting is thought to be about end, at least until February or M. as the majority of sheepmen who have not yet contracted are reported to be holding.

LOSS OF LIFE DUE TO ACCIDENTS APPALLING.

Resolutions adopted by the Texas Council of Safety at the closing session of its first general meeting which was held in Austin, Dec. 5 to 6, declare that the loss of human life, due to accidents on streets and highways, has reached such appalling figures as to call for concerted action by the citizens of Texas to eliminate traffic hazards and greatly lessen the number of fatal accidents.

The council invites the fullest co-operation of all civic organizations. churches, commercial and industrial units, luncheon clubs, fraternal orders, police officers, Boy Scouts, transportation systems, manufacturing organizations, casualty companies, existing safety councils and others in Texas in th carrying out of comprehensive campaigns of education for general safety, and especially safety on public streets and grade crossings.

All school officials, teachers, the parent-teacher associations, schools, colleges and universities are called upon to assist in the great life-saving work.

Those towns and cities having no safety councils are invited to organize at once such councils, according to plans supplied by the State Council at Austin and in harmony with the National Safety Council.

To this sum was added \$55,000, ap-

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In the collection of books and manuscripts which the University of Texas purchased three years ago from the estate of the late Genaro Garcia, a noted scholar of the City of Mexico, there was recently discovered a dingy, scarred booklet, the written pages of which are made of the fiber of the maguey plant. This ancient manuscript gives an account of Hernandez Cortez's expedition to Mexico and was written by a member of his invading force more than four hundred years ago. It is declared by Dr. H. E. Bolton of the historical research department of the University of California and other bibliognosts that this manuscript alone has a value of more than one hundred thousand dolars, which is the sum that was paid by the University for the entire

library. Upon the pages of the handmade booklet are several crude drawings in crayon. The Spanish in which the account is written is of so, old a form that only an expert linguist will be able to decipher it.

The Genaro Garcia collection of books and manuscripts is said to be the most remarkable of its kind to be found in the United States. ONE FARM WILL SHIP Garcia spent most of his life gathering together every Although Smith county, bit of printed and document-Texas, is not broadcasting ary material to be found in the fact that it is a pecan pro- Europe and the Americas ducing center, yet more than which he found to have any 60,000 pounds of soft shelled bearing on the history or af-

Smith county pecans, bring- fairs of Mexico. This great ing around 50 cents a pound mass of literature, at his to the grower, are expected death, was left, practically to move to the markets this uncatalogued, in the hands fall and winter. The present of his wife. A few months crop is reported the best ever after his death a party of grown in this section, the Texas people were attending season apparently favoring the inauguration of Gen. the growth of pecans and Alvaro Obregon as president other nuts. Over 50,000 of Mexico. Among the visipounds of the county's yield tors were various members comes from the Combination of the faculty of the Univer-Orchard Company's planta- sity of Texas, including Dr. tion north of Winona, operat- C. W. Hackett, professor of ed by E. C. Butterfield, American history, and where 1,000 acres are plant- others. Dr. Hachett made a ed to the best variety of thin- hasty survey of the contents shelled pecans. of the library and obtained

an option for its purchase on 5.081 LBS. LINT COTTON behalf of the University. GROWN ON 5 ACRES. The transaction was later

John W. McFarlane, farm- completed, the consideration er of Palestine, Anderson being \$100,000.

A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

RELATIONSHIP



"Sure' he's a bird dog, can't you see his house is the same shape as our house.

TWO HALVES EQUAL-

"Pa," said little Robert, "a man's wife is his better half, isn't she?"

His Father-"We are told so, my son." Little Robert-"Then if a man marries twice there isn't anything left of him, is there?"

JUST LIKE 'EM.

Mother sent John and the baby into the garden to play, but it was not long before cries disturbed her.

"John, what is the matter with baby now?" she inquired from her washtub.

"I don't know what to do with him, mother," replied John. "He's dug a hole and he wants to bring it into the house."

WRONG ORDER.

"Miss Curlycue," murmured the office manager to the stenog, "I don't wanna be harsh. Nothing like that. I really don't!"

"Let's have the answer," said the damsel coldly. "What's gone wrong now?"

"I just wanna ask you not to write your young man during business hours. Letters are apt to get mixed. Herb & Blurb report we have sent 'em a shipment of love and kisses instead of the axle grease they ordered."

"Don't become discouraged," insisted Lem Frisby, while talking to Slim Slokum. "Remember the mighty oak-it was once a nut."

HE WOULD SCATTER THEM.

It was the young candidate's first political speech. He was much encouraged by the hearty welcome extended by the local committee and delighted preparations for the meeting. There was even a band to play on the stand before the speech.

At last the chairman came forward and addressed the crowd as follows: "Fellow citizens, we have with us today a young man that is destined to take high place in the ranks of our beloved party. He comes to tell us of the burning issues that confront us, and his fame as an orator has, of course, preceded him. He will now address you, and when he has finished the band will call you together again.'

OBSTINATE.

Mother: "Now, children, don't quar-rel. What's the matter?"

Harold: "We're playin' shipwreck, an' Susie won't go in the bathroom an' drown herself."

SCOTCH THRIFT.

First Nurse: "Whom are they operating on today?

Second Nurse: "A fellow who had a golf ball knocked down his throat at the links."

"And who's the man waiting so nervously in the hall? A relative?"

"No, that's a Scotchman. He's waiting for his ball."

LAUDABLE AMBITION.

"I wanna vote for me cousin Dinny." remarked the large Irish woman to the election judge in the Thirsty-first precinct on the occasion of casting her first ballot.

"What's he running for ?" queried the judge.

"Wot's he runnin' fer?" repeated "Why, ter beat the dirty lit-Norah. tle spalpeen that's running ag'in him, av coorse!"

TOMMY'S ANSWER.

The teacher was trying to give her pupils an illustration of the word "perseverance."

"What is it," she asked, "that carries us along rough roads and smooth roads, up hills and down hills, through jungles and swamps and raging torrents?"

There was silence, and then Tommy raised his hand.

"Please, Miss," he said, "there ain't no such car."

BORROWING THE LIMIT.

Little Girl-Mrs. Brown, ma wants to know if she can borrow a dozen eggs. She wants to put 'em under a hen.

Mrs. Brown-So you've got a hen sitting, have you? I didn't know you kept hens.

Little Girl-No, ma'am, we don't. But Mrs. Smith is going to lend us a hen that's going to sit, and ma thought if you'd lend us some eggs we'd find a nest ourselves.

SAMBO'S LOGIC.

One hot July afternoon a tired and very dusty little colored lad chanced to be passing a reservoir quite a distance from home. The water looked so cool and inviting that Sambo could not resist. and a few moments later found him splashing around to his heart's content.

The keeper, upon discovering him, rushed up and called out, "Hey, there!

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The Texas Sheep and Coat fected rats from escaping to Raisers' Association protest against their live stock being included in the bill is thought The boys of the manual to be based upon the fear training department of the that the three-year provision Bryan, Texas, High School would result in a vast amount had on sale for Christmas of Mexican sheep and goats presents home-made toys, being brought into the coun-made by members of the try to compete with the

Billy Newman and Julius used in purchasing tools for Jordan, two 16-year-old Dallas youths, fought a fuel with 12-gauge shotguns December 26th. They backed off sixty feet from each other and commenced firing. Physicians have said that young



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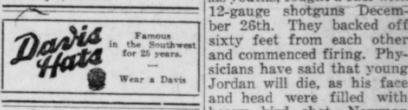
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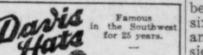
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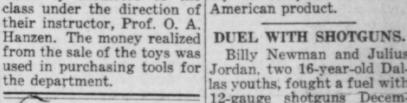
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SIX-OUNCE EGG.

weighing six ounces, laid by

M. A. Bowen, who lives

RIGID MOTOR TRAFFIC LAW.

All motor-drawn vehicles carrying passengers for profit are to be regulated by an ordinance passed recently by the City Commission of Fort Worth.

The new law is one of the most rigid involving motor traffic ever passed in Texas. it was stated by members of the commission.

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SOME KICK.

A draft of Missouri mules had just arrived at the corral, and one new buck private made the common but sad mistake of approaching too near to the business end of one of them. His comrades caught him on the rebound, placed him on a stretcher, and started for the hospital.

On the way the invalid regained consciousness, gazed at the blue sky overhead, experienced the swaving motion as he was being carried along, and, lowering his hands over the sides, exclaimed:

"My God! Ain't I hit the ground yet?"

Come out of that! Don't you know that people in town have to drink that water?"

Sambo dived under again, came up, and innocently replied: "Oh, dat's all right, suh; I ain't usin' no soap!"

COST OF LIVING IN CALIFORNIA.

The fancy prices charged for fruit in some of the Hollywood stores daze outof-town folks, despite the fact that California grows fruit in abundance.

vegetable stand on Hollywood boulevard caught the eve of a man from the applegrowing state of Washington and he thought he'd buy a couple.

clerk, holding out a \$5 bill. "How much are they ?'

The clerk thought he knew a rube when he saw one.

producing the dollar change.

"Just keep the dollar, son, and we'll be square," said the stranger. "I ate a

Some fine red apples displayed in a

"Gimme two of those," he said to the

"Two dollars apiece," he said, quickly

grape when you weren't looking." AUTO HINTS

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AUTO WORKS

Don't use emery cloth on the commutator of the generator or the motor, because, in addition to being a conductor of electricity, the emery also imbeds itself in the commutator, producing rapid wear.

If cotton waste is used to clean the engine, often the lint from it sticks to the parts, and when the hood is down is sucked into the carburetor. This causes the fuel to flow irregularly, and sometimes stops the flow altogether. Cotton cloth, therefore, is better for this purpose.

Don't press the foot button which connects the starting motor in a half-heartmanner; press it all the way down. Insufficient pressure not only damages the contacts of the starting switch by causing arcing, but sometimes injuries the starting motor by causing the Bendix drive to jam.

A little care in preparing the engine for operation may save a great deal of trouble and possibly repair bills at a later time.

About \$400,000 will be wasted this year by motorists due to ignorance and negligence in the care and use of their tires, is the conservative estimate of leading tire authorities, based on a country-wide service of over 50,000,000 tires.

When the windshield glass becomes loose in its frame it causes an annoying rattle. It is very difficult to close the frame so that it will grip the glass more securely without the possibility of breaking the latter. If the glass is not too loose the rattle can be eliminated by filling the space in the frame with shellac. This can be applied with a sharp-pointed stick or a brush and should be applied slowly so that it will pack tightly in the opening.

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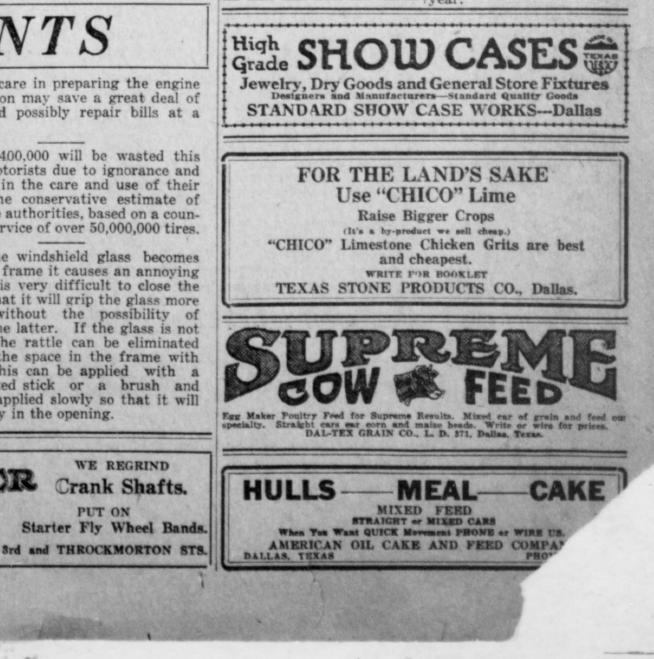
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Lake Worth, 10 miles west of Fort Worth, froze over Christmas night, for the first time in many years. Oldtimers recall only one other freezing of the lake since it was constructed, 12 years The Fort Worth ago.

QUAIL PLENTIFUL.

Blue quail are so gentle and so plentiful in some counties of West Texas that hunt-To Prevent and Treat Roup ers hesitate to shoot them. The unusual large number of quail in this part of the State is said to be due to the fact that there were two separate hatchings of the birds this vear.



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TEXAS FARM NEWS

-FARMS AND RANCHES REAL ESTATE FOR SALE TREES, PLANTS, SEEDS

About 150,000 turkeys! Good roads are always a| E. C. Lester, of Lewisville, have been sold through the good investment. Custer Ir- Denton county, won the \$150 Brownwood market this win, a farmer living eight award offered for the best miles west of Paris, on the fifteen birds exhibited in the year.

Over 60 carloads of tur- twelve bales of cotton in the Show, held at Fort Worth in WARGAIN SALE-Choice 652 acres land keys were shipped from Brady this season, estimated to be worth about \$400,-000.00.

county, farmers are paying county will use pure bred some of them from as far much attention to terracing. seed in planting their 1925 away as Minnesota, compet-Almost 50% of the land has crop. Three thousand pounds ed for the \$500 in cash prizes been ploughed for the 1925 of pedigreed planting seed and many silver loving cups crops.

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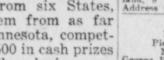
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homes. Other East Texas

Lonnie Stover, an enthu- for farmers in this vicinity. now bearing. The more resiastic little fellow, but six The beeves were canned on cent plantings are showing CKLAHOMA BARGAINS-600 acres. siastic little fellow, but six the halves, the cannery re-pounds of cotton this fall. He is the son of Mrs. D. L. Stov-is the son of Mrs. D. L. Stov-ing half. The better than many of the first ones as a result of ing half. (CKLAHOMA BARGAINS - bou acres. 4 pounds of cotton this fall. He is the son of Mrs. D. L. Stov-ing half. (CKLAHOMA BARGAINS - bou acres. 4 products and the cattle owners obtain-ing half. (CKLAHOMA BARGAINS - bou acres. 4 products and the cattle owners obtain-ing half. (CKLAHOMA BARGAINS - bou acres. 4 products and the cattle owners obtain-ing half. (CKLAHOMA BARGAINS - bou acres. 4 products and state Normal. 250 (CKLAHOMA BARGAINS - bou acres. 4 m. Alva Co. seat and State Normal. 250 (CKLAHOMA BARGAINS - bou acres. 4 m. Alva Co. seat and State Normal. 250 (CKLAHOMA BARGAINS - bou acres. 4 m. Alva Co. seat and State Normal. 250 (CKLAHOMA BARGAINS - bou acres. 4 m. Alva Co. seat and State Normal. 250 (Cuter Co. 4 mi. Butler, Washita bottom. 240 A. tillable. 400 grass. Ideal stock for they will make your chickens and cows give you more eggs and milk. (Cuter Co. 4 mi. Butler, Washita bottom. 240 A. tillable. 400 grass. Ideal stock for they will make your chickens and cows give you more eggs and milk. (Cuter Co. 4 mi. Butler, Washita bottom. 240 A. tillable. 400 grass. Ideal stock for they will make your chickens and cows give you more eggs and milk. (Cuter Co. 4 mi. Butler, Washita bottom. 240 A. tillable. 400 grass. Ideal stock for they will make your chickens and cows give you more eggs and milk. (Cuter Co. 4 mi. Butler, Washita bottom. 240 A. tillable. 400 grass. Ideal stock for they will make your chickens and cows give you more eggs and milk. (Cuter Co. 4 mi. Butler, Washita bottom. 240 A. tillable. 400 grass. Ideal stock for they will make your chickens and for they Brock, Parker county. At a recent meeting of the made in grain shipments in orchards of varying sizes, per acre.

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and turkey buyers.

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\$50 each.

HRISTMAS OFFERING.

SUCCESS. County Agent C. C. Morris has checked the cotton farmers of Grayson county who entered the five-acre cotton

production contest, inaugurated by the Sherman Chamber of Commerce this spring, in an effort to increase the per acre cotton production in this county.

Mr. Morris reports that while a number of contestants have not kept their records up and have dropped out of the contest so far as Bigelow & Broadhurst's a prize is concerned, every acre production has been in-

the contest cannot be doubtond and Third Readers. Term on the production will probably not be available before

er visited by Mr. Morris reports an increase in his acre Figlish Literature. Term production as a result of the

special care given his cotton after entering the contest. s Government. Term test in Grayson county have used fertilizer to secure their

started with a better grade of seed, prepared the land better, and gave closer attention to cultivation during the growing season. However, Van Zandt County, the contest has been a great Cotton Contest Asso- stimulus to better farming in composed of the every community in the er of Commerce of county in which some farmer ood, Wills Point and has taken part, even though have distributed the grower has dropped out.

CONDITION OF RANGE. Condition of the Texas the week ending De- reage varies from good in the 20th. Wisser's in plains district to fair or poor in the other sections of the State. Herds have generally been culled very closely, leav-\$300; C. A. Roberts, res, 1,941 pounds of otton, second prize, C. S. McBride, five counties the tendency is to third prize, \$100, with counties the tendency is to pounds of lint cotton: with sheep or goats. At this Slaughter received time last year, the range con-dition was 91 per cent of normal, but this year only 72 per

cent. Sheep and goats as well as The Elks Club of Fort their ranges, have fared bet-Texas, following its ter than cattle, the range becustom, joined with ing reported as 78 per cent, nion Gospel Mission in compared with 96 per cent



HAPPY NEW YEAR

ALL MY CHILDREN.

Once again the New Year is upon us, bringing with it many good resolutions for young and old. So my children, it is the time for you to begin to think about some of the naughty things you have done during the past year, and resolve that throughout the New Year you will be much better in every way than in the past. Each child may have some little fault that can be laid aside. Try to live that each and every day in the coming year may be a brighter and a better day for you. This will not be hard for you to do, so resolve it in your heart.

How much are you going to help me to make this page BIGGER and BETTER in every way this year? That is what we want it to be.

Let me whisper in your ear. Now, listen closely: "I have some very interesting surprises for you this year." What do you think about that? First of all, let me tell you, we are surely going to have some more stories about little Jo. Your letters fairly swamped me, and it was right at Christmas time, too. How I enjoyed every one of them. One little girl said, "I surely would love to know Jo. I just cried and cried over that story. I surely do want to hear some more about him. I hope he will grow up to be a famous man.'

Another one said, "Please write about Jo every month; we all love him already and want to hear more about him." A little boy away down in South Texas wrote me the sweetest letter and said, "Jo is a regular guy. I hope I can grow to be like him." So I know by the doz-ens of letter that I have received that Jo is going to be very popular. There are many more things, too, and I hope you will all take part in them and help me to CARRY ON our motto.

Love to all. (Signed) AUNT MARY.



Please acknowledge receipt of prizes. Aunt Mary, 1941 Dartmoor Ct., Fort Worth, Texas. A PUZZLE. ILL IN THE RIBBON



Here is the second puzzle, and I hope that you will like it as well as the first one. I think it is a dandy. In fact, all the puzzles that I am going to send you this year are very interesting. You will notice that the way to work the puzzle is printed right on it. Hurry up and work it and then next month see if you did it correctly.

Answer to last month's puzzle-BROOM.

LITTLE GIRL'S COOK LOOK.

This month I am going to give you a very good recipe sent in by Elice Mc-Gregor of Troup, Texas. Elice says she likes this recipe very much and hoped I would like it, too. Yes, Elice, I certainly do, and hope that the other little girls who like it will write you a letter and tell you so. This year we are all going to try to make each other happy, and I think this would be something very noble for all of us to do.

Raisin Pie.

Mix ½ cup sugar, 2 cups raisins, 1 table-spoon vinegar, 1½ cups of boiling water and 2 tablespoons flour. (I like to add a little butter.) Bake between crusts made in the folbutter.) Bake between crusts made in the fol-lowing manner: Work ½ cup lard, 1½ cups of flour and ½ teaspoon salt together thor-oughly. Add ¼ cup of ice water, mix quickly, toss on a floured board, roll, line crust, fill with above mixture, put on top crust and bake in a slow oven until well done and

TON-LITTER AWARDS.

At the midwinter sessions of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association, held Feb. 5-6, at the North Texas Junior Ag-ricultural College, Arlington, Texas, three residents of Mc-Lennan County received gold medals, as awards in the tonlitter contest. The first award went to Hardy Hay; John F. Wright and J. B. Davis will also receive medals.

APPLE TREE YIELDS 20 BUSHELS.

S. F. Jamar, a leading fruit grower of San Saba county, Texas, has an ap-ple orchard of 1,000 trees, and one tree bore this season over twenty bushels of apples. The Jamar orchard comprises twenty acres and contains apples, Elberta peaches, plums, nectarines and pears.

TRAPPING GOOD.

The trapping industry is good around Burnet, Texas, and hundreds of dollars have already been paid section. Trappers are catching such animals as fox, coon, opossum and skunk. Some of the school boys of Burnet, on Friday and Saturday nights, capture from \$3.00 to \$5.00 worth of fur-meat from becoming strong bearing animals.

MID-WINTER POULTRY SHOW.

Plans are being formulated for the Bell County Poultry Show to be held during January, and all indications are very encouraging for a bigger and better show than the one held in January of last year. This mid-winter show is now an annual event in Bell county. The first exhibit showed more than 500 birds of uncisual good quality. The committee is making preparations to show 800 birds in the coming show.

LEADS. This year Ellis county again leads any other county in Texas in cotton produc tion. A total of 115,398 bales

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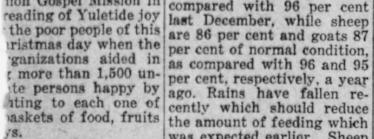
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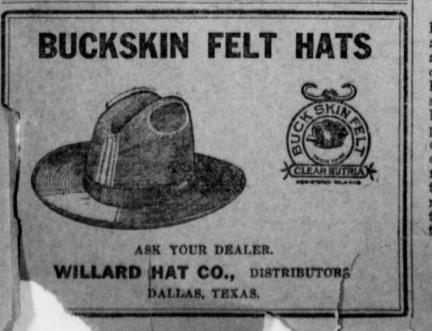
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This month I am going to give to the boy or girl a lovely color book and the paints to go with it, who will send me the neatest and the best reproduction of the above drawing. This is open to all children under fifteen years of age. Write your name, address and age in one corner of the drawing. No letter is necessary. Remember, the drawing will be judged by the best likeness, and for the one that is the neatest and cleanest. Get busy now and send in yours before the first of February when the contest closes.

Address: Aunt Mary, 1941 Dartmoor Ct., Fort Worth, Texas.

FLOWER CONTEST PRIZE AWARDS.

Here is something that most of you have been looking forward to for almost a year. There were so many contest-ants and so many perfectly 'ovely books of collections sent in that was a very hard matter for the judg s to make a selection. They finally decided on five lovely collections and the following points were the ones that won the final decision: First, the greatest number of specimens correctly pressed and mounted; second, the neatness, and third, the greatest number named cor-rectly. After many days of delibera-tion, the judges awarded the five prizes to the following boys and girls:

John Jackson, Galveston, Texas. Dave Hughs, Brownwood, Texas. Helen Ruth, Shreveport, La. Margaret Ray, Italy, Texas. Mary Tate, Weatherford, Texas.

brown

Aunt Mary would like to add that it will make the crusts browner if wiped with a clean rag dipped in milk and a light coating of sugar.

CURIOUS THINGS IN NATURE. One of the most interesting and said by some to be the most intelligent fish is the Japanese stickleback. It is chiefly remarkable because it builds a nest similar to a bird. It does this by bitig wit stems of plants that grow in the water and placing them in the form of a nest in some quiet spot. It then puts sand around the framework like a mason. When the nest is ready, the fish chooses a mate, but now the sad story begins. As soon as the eggs are laid the stickleback soon tires of his mate and drives her from the nest. One lady love after another is picked, the same fate always befalling her by the master of the house.

In Central America there is a continual fead going on between two species of ants. One kind of ant makes its home in certain kinds of plants and trees, and while they live on them they do not injure the plant. Another colony of stalk-feeding ants approach the plant and they are very destructive, as they cut the leaves, and the plant dies. The ants which live in the plants and trees, in order to save their homes, attack the invaders and, by squirting acid from their fortress, repel the attack and the plant is saved.

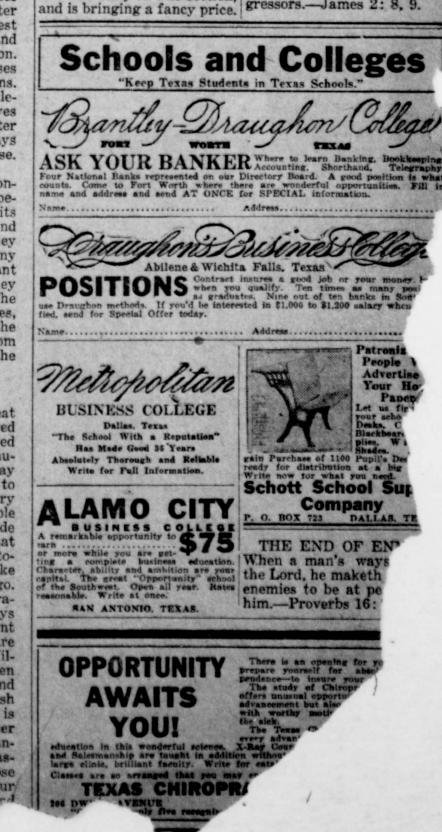
LITTLE JOURNEYS.

In far away Egypt there are great monuments built by kings who lived long, long ago, where they were buried by their followers. These great monu-ments are called the pyramids. Today travelers from all over the world go to see them. The natives have made a very profitable business by taking people around and upon them. There the mode of travel is very different from what it is here. They do not have any automobiles and rely on donkeys to take them around where they wish to go. The donkeys that take you to the pyramids are usually guided by small boys who have them decorated to represent different things. Some of them are called Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and many other Presidents. Then there is "Prohibition," "Wine" and "Beer." There are several English names, but the most amusing is the one called "Henry Ford." The owner has the donkey covered with an old blanket, and has trinkets of all kinds fastened from his ears to his tail. Those who have ridden it say if you close your eyes that the rattle of the trinkets and the jerky wobbling of the donkey r the illusion perfect.

county for the year of 1924, up to and including Dec. 1. Last year Ellis county ginned 110,917 bales.

of cotton were ginned in this

THE ROYAL LAW :--- If ye fulfil the royal law ac-C. B. Hindrick, of Odessa, Texas, has shipped quite a number of wolf and fox hides. This year the fur of these animals is unusually fine and silky in this section, and is bringing a fancy price.





SHIPS 776 CARS PEACHES

The Texas peach movement this year totaled 776 cars, the heaviest movement from this State's orchards since 1921, according to the summary of the peach season of 1924, just released by the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics through Texas Radio Market News Service. The production this year represents an increase from the earlot rollings of 1923 of 674 cars. 102 cars having rolled 1923. The average pro-ction for Texas for the last ve years is 386 cars and for e nation 32,537 cars.

ITY MANAGER FORM FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

Saving \$5,142 in the operernment at Waco, Texas, the 22: 29. first two months of the fiscal year, under the city manager form of government, is shown in the report presented to the City Commission by City Manager E. E. Mc-Adams.

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One woman wanted to know how you

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would be able to determine whether or not

a person has had a stroke of apoplexy, and

Another woman wanted to know what to

do for a child who had bruised its head and

caused a swelling. The answer is, do not let the swelling oc-cur. This can be prevented in many ways. First, apply a cold application. Repeat this

several times. I have had success by apply-ing alternate hot and cold applications.

Keep this up about fifteen minutes. Then

apply mentholatum, camphor, camphor oil or camphor spirit. Usually this is all that is necessary and in a few hours even the

red spot is gone. Sometimes, however, the

injury is more serious and more drastic

measures must be employed. / Ice crushed

very finely and put in a clean woollen rag

applied to the injury for thirty or forty

It will be a little painful, but the results will counterbalance this. The rubbing brings

fresh blood to the spot, which carries away

the clotted blood. Pressure with a cold sil-

There are far more questions than I can answer here. The others I will answer in-

I hope you have all been able to derive some benefit from these little articles, and

that I will hear from more of you in the

very near future. Address Mrs. Margaret Stute, 1941 Dart-

moor Ct., Fort Worth, Texas.

inutes is fine. A gentle massage is good.

One of the greatest cares and greatest worries for the average housekeeper are the floors. This is especially true where there is a large family and the floors receive a great deal of hard use. Hardwood floors are much to be preferred if one can afford them. They usually pay for the difference in the long service they give. However, soft pine floors can be made very serviceable if the selection of the wood is careful and they are properly treated after being laid. In selecting hardwood floors it is important to see that the carpenter uses only the best pieces of lumber obtainable. As to the finish for this floor a reliable corporator can expect the

this floor, a reliable carpenter can suggest the best method.

Pine flooring requires a great deal more care in the selection than the hardwoods. All pieces with knots should be discarded, as these dry up and come out. Any flooring should be perfectly dry when laid, because if not damp cracks will appear as it dries. Mildewed spots should be discarded. Also any pieces with soft, spongy spots. These boards will always be rough, no matter what care is given them. Boards with fat streaks in them should not be used, as they sliver up in a short time and cause the housekeeper no end of worry and trouble. Boards of similar color can be se-lected if care is exercised. I have my whole house floored in soft pine, and it looks almost like one board. The carpenter was careful to match the boards as to color and quality of the grain. Now that you have selected the flooring, the

next step is to see that it is laid correctly. The most important point was mentioned abovethat is, to see that the wood is perfectly dry. The next step is to use the longest lengths of board obtainable. Then see that the carpenter puts plenty of nails in them, since where there are not enough nails to hold them firmly in place, there will in a brief period appear "squeaky" places in the floor. This is very annoying and

can be avoided so easily. To finish properly is the next step to good and useful floors. There are many methods and many of them very good, indeed. For the woman who can afford to have her floors finished ever so often and has enough help to keep them, I would suggest that she has her floors finished with shellac or varnish and a high polish. This is, to my mind, the prettiest finish, but is far from the most satisfactory for the great middle class known a the "average." The finish, as above sugge ed, gives the floors the same ap-pearance at the furniture and will wear just about the same as though furniture was walked or the person who must get the most for Veir money, I am going to suggest a plan that is

gencies.

LATE FASHIONS.

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Any little girl will be proud of this pretty little petticoat. Size 3

inexpensive and yet if done properly will make, a very pretty finish. The emory wheel can be used freely if this is possible. But in order to have a good finish, hand-scraping must come immediately afterward, and sandpapering should be done with the sandpaper which will be recom-mended by some reliable paint store. After this s done comes the most important step of all. Heat linseed oil as hot as is possible, care beng taken not to get it too hot, especially when heated over an open fire, as it catches fire very easily when too hot. Then take a new small mop easily when too hot. Then take a new small mop and rub the hot oil into the floor. Be generous with your application, but see that all the oil goes into the wood and is rubbed down dry. No excess of oil should be left standing on the floor. Let the floor stand for two days. It is best not to walk over it during this time. On the third day give the floor another application of the hot oil as described above. Let stand two more days. Then rub off with a polishing brush and apply the best floor wax you can get. It is best to apply it by tying a portion of the wax in a cheese cloth rag folded twice and rub over the floor by hand, being sure to get on perfectly even. Let stand about twenty minutes and then polish with a weighted mop under which is an polish with a weighted mop under which is an polish with a weighted mop under which is an old piece of carpet. It is best to repeat the pro-cess three times, allowing about a day between each application of wax. Do not be disappointed if your floor does not have the high polished fin-ish of the hardwood or shellaced soft wood floor. The advantage is that your floor will increase in beauty with wear, while the shellac floor will have to be refinished time and time again. In doorways in front of beds and other other wear. doorways, in front of beds and other often used spots it is best to wax whenever the wear is beginning to show. This will not make the floor look patched.

Another coat of wax should be applied in about twenty to twenty-five days. After this, unless the floor receives uncommonly hard wear, every three or four months is often enough to wax. It

three or four months is often enough to wax. It is wise to use your weighted mop two or three times a week. This is easily done and will im-prove the appearance of your floor. Whenever possible, it is best to have linoleum in the kitchen and bath room. They are much easier cared for in this way. When this is not possible the floors can be sanded as described above and the floors. The call will prevent the wood from splintering and water or grease will not harm them if taken up immediately. I hope my readers will try this method, feel-ing confident that you will be delighted with the results, if the directions are carefully followed.

results, if the directions are carefully followed.

LATE FASHIONS.



TWO MODERN

RT SWEET POTATO CROP.

Production of sweet potabes in Texas this year is estimated at 4.450,000 bushels. compared with 6,808,000 a year ago, according to reports of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, released through the co-operative State-Federal market news service. The crop this year for the entire United States is one of the shortest on record, according to the service, which advises that total production this year is estimated to be but 75,620,000 bushor 21,809,000 bushels less n in 1923.

ADE DAYS PROFIT. ABLE.

rades day, Dec. 19, drew ne of the largest crowds latonia, Texas, has had in any years. The Commeral Club, assisted by the ic Club and merchants, rtained the visitors with atiractions. The third inesday in each month een designated as trades for Flatonia. More towns should adopt ays. They bring town intry folks together ate good will and a understanding.

> RICHEST FRUIT-The fruit of the is love, joy, peace, fering, gentleness, ss. faith, meekness, ance: against such s no law.—Gal. 5: 22,

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requires 1% yards of longcloth 36 inches wide. 31% yards of in-sertion and 31% yards edging. If some one in the family is handy with the tatting shuttle, it will make it much BOG COMMERCE ST DALL'AS TEXAS prettier, and if ironed carefully the tatting will wear out several skirts. Otherwise serv-iceable lace will look equally as well.

> Metal laces and beading on evening dresses hold the center of the stage for formal affairs.

The ensemble costumes are the prevailing style for the midwinter. They are both attractive and serviceable.

Teach the children to sew; they will thank you in later life.

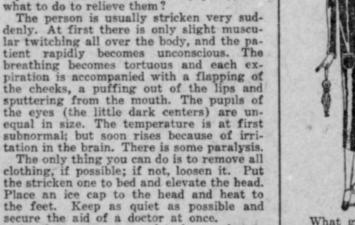
Newest topcoats are double-breasted.

TESTED RECIPES.

dividually.

Spareribs Spanish Style. Boil a pound and a half of spare ribs until tender. Then add tomato sauce made in the following manner. Cook one can or three ripe tomatoes ing through a strainer. Put three tablespoons of butter or bacon grease in a frying pan, heat, and add one small onion finely chopped and brown, being careful not to burn. Add to the tomato juice with a tablespoon of finely grated celery, 2-3ds teaspoon salt (or to taste), and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper. We like to cook a few pods of okra with our meat before adding the tomato juice. Cook the tomato juice and ribs until there is only a small amount of juice left. Serve hot.

Sausage Making. This is an art as old as the first civilization, I believe, and for my part I will say it is one of the most delicious ways of preparing meat I know of. Cut the lean meat from the parts of the hog not suitable for hams, bacon, etc. Also some fat -just how much is a matter of taste. Grind the meat in a mill designed for the purpose. After you have it all ground you must then season it well. Add salt, pepper and sage to taste. Have



What girl would not delight to wear this dress for street or informal afternoon af-fairs? It can be made in a variety of mate-rials. Black, brown or blue satin or black velvet will show to a great advantage in this model.

Width at lower edge is 1% yards. Size 36 requires 3% yards 40inch material for trimming. The double cape collar which is the most important feature of this stunning model is ultra-fashionable. Long tight sleeves and patch pockets trimmed with buttons complete the desired effect. The design at the bottom of the dress can be finish-ed in colored embroidery or beading.

> The youthful styles still point to the tunic dress and other longwaisted effects.

clean as much of the large gut as is necessary to use. It is wise to let them stand in cold water a little while before they are to be used. When the meat is ready take a piece of the gut, push over the stuffer of the grinder enough to make the desired length of sausage and stuff. Tie the ends. When all of it is made up hang up in a small room and smoke with hickory sawdust if possible. If not oak can be used.

Round-Steak Glorified.

Cut round steak very, very thin. Then cut the large piece into strips the width of a piece of baarge piece into strips the which of a piece of ba-con. Salt and pepper each piece thoroughly. On each piece lay a strip of bacon, roll them to-gether as small as possible and pin with a tooth-pick. Drop in smoking hot bacon grease, brown. Turn the fire down and put finely chopped onion over the top of the pieces. Cover and cook slowly for forty minutes. This is delicious.

MAKING VINEGAR AT HOME.

The United States Department of Agricul-ture recently published Farmer's Bulletin 1424, in which they describe how to make vinegar. It will be well worth the time and effort of any one to send to Washington and secure it.



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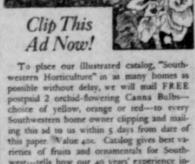
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ters of same, is very interesting next two year term.

gram along; hence when you at- best of their ability. in their splendid work.

Below is published a brief April 4. synopsis of the play, which will give one a fair outline of the scenes. This will be followed in next week's paper by a more detailed account of the play and the characters.

Synopsis.

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college whirl,

Sprink.

At the Cozy Theatre on Fri-day evening, April 3rd, the Ba-and A. J. Canon, both promi-race and Philathea classes of pont and which is the state of the second point and which is a supervised and the second point and which is a supervised to the second point and which is a supervised to the second point and which is a supervised to the second point and which is a supervised to the second point and which is a supervised to the second point and which is a supervised to the second point and which is a supervised to the second point and which is a supervised to the second point and the second point point point point and point po raca and Philathea classes of nent and substantial citizens of H. Itle, of Houston, Texas, mory were taken from Paul P. this paper to announce them in the Methodist Sunday School Merkel, authorized the Merkel has zepted the call of the local Foraine, of Fort Worth, Wedwill give a play entitled "Aaron Boggs, Freshman," in three acts which, according to those fa-miliar with scenes and charac-ters of same, is very interesting next two years torm

selves of the opportunity of at- for the past year or two, they Churc of Houston, and comes stated toward Abilene. tending will have the pleasure are both well and favorably to us ighly recommended as a favorabl of real fun, as can only be had the city, having resided for minist of the Gospel. Besides Mr Fontaine and passed him,

The two classes are very en- moved to Merkel. They are good, musicn playing well the piano neer thought any more about thusiastic and dilligent in their honorable, first class citizens, and or or two other instru- the matter until he was halted work of the church, and expect and if elected to the office their ments. He is also an efficient between Merkel and Abilene. to use the proceeds received friends are asking the people to choir rector. Rev. Little has T hi-jacker waved a flashfrom the patronage of the play elect them to, they will without also que a bit of experience as in fit in the middle of the road to give their candidacy fair and barty that he had noticed two a direct of athletics in the forhim to stop, stated Mr. Fon-

will also help the young could their qualifications for the young cople of the community mment Mr. Fontaine stopped ing election, Tuesday, April 4. will also help the young people their qualifications for this of- in which he lives. fice at the coming City Election.

> LUNCH IUESUAY long thee than ous.

held in this part of the country.

and again, the Luncheon Club is

an organization that has for its

purpose the fostering of means

and ways of helping our town to

grow and if possible benefit the

citizenship as a whole, and is

cerely trust that he will do this

As this paper has stated time

The old love seems a little thing, which the country had been church interests in general. Also ine. And heads are turned by the thrown last Tuesday over the one of the things that particu-

in a play such as will be staged many years in the Stith com-by this splendid local talent. munity, from which they both a goodpreacher, he is also a Mr Fontaine states that he hi car. He says that he had

It is credit to any commun- ben robbed twice before and ity whe they are able to keep dim't want to take any chances their mral and social develop- with being shot, as once before ment tosuch a high state that hi car was badly damaged when it will stract good people from a robber fired into it.

the larger places where the op-portunites for development a-long the lines are far greater car and place their valuables on the ground. "The robber told me

tragic death of two peace offi- larly attracted him and of which FUNERAL FOR SLAIN OF-

Re Little has for a number for im, ate supper in Sweet- known in Merkel to need comand thrilling from the begin-ning, and those who avail them-not been citizens of Merkel but Woodnd Heights Presbyterian to rand got gasoline and oil and having been citizens of the town sheriff of Howard county, W. W.

high stool and takes an active take, and then the hi-jacker impartial consideration when tend you will not only be well Their friends ask for a fair interes in the welfare of the sht a pistol into the air. At this casting their votes at the com-

MISS SPENCER

on the evening of March 81st. The great crowd of five hun-Miss Spencer is one of the dred or more who were in the

CONSTABLE GEO. REEVES AND SHERIFF W. W. SAT-TERWHITE OF BIG SPRING **KILLED BY MEXICAN.**

FROM RAILROAD CAR

The Mexican who murdered for many years, and for several Satterwhite, eleven miles south They are good, honest citi- in a box car on a siding along zens and if re-elected will con- the Sante Fe Railroad near tinue to serve the citizens of Lawn. Texas, by officers, at Merkel in the same honest and which place some two hundred efficient manner in the future Mexicans were said to be at as has been their policy in the work on the railroad. From re-

ports the section foreman had strange Mexicans about camp a short time before their arrival about two o'clock Thursday afternoon, and immediately Deputy sheriff Lige Jennings and another officer or citizen started to look through the string of boarding cars, and walked into the car where the murderer, Lopez Morales, was hidden with two other Mexicans. Immediately Lopez opened fire saying "me

Miss Elizabeth Spencer, the kill all the law," and a shot just Rev. Little expressed himself to work fast, because whatever eminent Soprano, assisted by grazed Jennings as he ran from Owing to the turmoil into church plant, the manse and a squine were going to do it Miss Lucille Collette, Planist the box car. Both men escaped at Similions College Auditorium for the

And the Freshman seeks la colleg girl.

Act II-A College boardinghouse.

Off with the old love, on with the new,

But often the newer love wont' \$50.

The sweetest rose is the old rose pressed-

out.

take part.

And I sometimes think that the old love's best.

Act III-Same as Act II. For a college life is a thing apart And a college love is a whim o' the heart.

But the heart beats true, though the world seems slow,

When you love the girl that you used to know.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEM OMITTED-APOLOGIZE open to one and all to attend and

It is often said, and truly so, If you have not a ticket, call that every one is subject to mis- at Ed's Cafe not later than takes and oversights, and no Monday noon and make arrangeone knows this better than the ments for one, and come to help average newspaper man. Infact lay plans for a fine Community a newspaper is seldom ever pub- Fair in Merkel this fall. lished that there is not some im-

portant news item left out. And where he will conduct the busi now to our subject: In some ness until the building now occumanner in our rush of week be- pied by the Woolworth Company fore last, we overlooked to is vacated by them, when he will mention the fact that Mr. A. C. move into that building for a Rose, one of our popular and permanent home.

most progressive merchants, had Mr. Rose also stated that he purchased the Campbell's fine had not decided fully about his stock of dry goods, in the city store in Merkel, but at this time of Abilene. This oversight, we rather thought that he would regret very much and here and maintain and operate both places now extend to this progressive of business. We, with his numgentleman our sincere regrets erous friends in this city, sinand apologies.

In conversation with Mr. Rose as we would regret very much Thursday morning he stated to lose him from among the busthat he would on that day begin iness interest of our city. the removal of the Campbell

stock from the former site to Mr. E. D. Coats has just had the building recently vacated by completed a new garage at his the Over Hardware Company, home in the south part of town.

cers, one of which was our good he expressed special delight was citizen and capable officer, the the cleanliness of our town, meeting of the Luncheon Club which only goes to prove that on last Tuesday was postponed our efforts in this direction have until next Tuesday night, when not been in vain.

for last Tuesday will be carried and his family to this city and hope that his stay in our midst Mayor H. C. West is to be the may be long and of mutual good.

RURAL CORRESPOND-ENTS WANTED BY THE MERKEL MAIL

"A correspondent in each community"-that is the goal set by the Merkel Mail in a campaign for more rural correspondents. Your community should be represented in the Mail. YOU be the one to act as editor of a column of news from your community and send in the items beginning next week. Your name will be placed at the heading of the article as writer, or if you desire your name will be withheld, but you must sign your name whether you wish it published or. not. We furnish paper, envelopes and postage and send the Merkel Mail Free We want a correspondent in Blair, Nubia, Dora, Mt. Pleasant, Salt Branch, Stith, Compere, Noodle, Shiloh and any others, who will correspond regular. It is not necessary to send in every week unless you wish We will be glad to give any information about how and what to write, etc. Write today.

THE MERKEL MAIL.

The funeral services of Conkilled Tuesday morning, March the same program as planned We welcome this good man 24, 1925, while doing his duty Constable went to arrest him, were held here at the family in Concert field.

by the Rev. Sam Morris, of Ab- concert will undoubtedly prove Lawn where enraged citizens ilene, a close friend of the de- one of the outstanding features riddled the body with bullets. ceased, who was assisted by Rev. of the musical season in Abilene. And the dead Mexican's body W. H. Albertson, local pastor of the Baptist church.

peace officer for a number of G. W. Waldrop & Co. years in this community and had

been faithful and fearless in the performance of his duties as little daughter, Molly Frank, haps the greatest and wildest such. In fact George Reeves, as have been here for the past ten man hunt ever staged in West his friends often remarked, did days on a visit to the former's Texas. not know the meaning of the mother, Mrs. Frank Sears. Mr.

word fear, and, while he was Touchstone came in Sunday and faithful and diligent in the per- spent a few days. Mrs. Touch- the citizenship of this communformance of his official duties, stone and daughter accompani- ity ever knew was received by he was a man of the kindest dis- ed him on his return,

position, always courteous and Messrs. Thos. Durham, L. W. generous toward all good citizens, he was always willing to Cox, T. G. Bragg, T. J. Rea, and anxious to give aid and help Dewey Sanduskey, and Denzil to any one who was willing to Cox spent the day Tuesday on Canyon, some eleven miles south take up and follow the straight Deadman Creek fishing. and narrow path.

Deceased was born May 7th, L. Reeves, the family has lost W. W. Satterwhite, of Big 1877, in Grimes county, Texas, a kind and affectionate husband Spring, had been killed in that was married to Miss Sarah and father, and the community community by a Mexican whom Francis Davis November 8, 1897 a faithful and efficient peace of- they were seeking to arrest for at Rosebud, Texas. They came to ficer, as well as honorable and the murder of another Mexican most exrellent citizen. Merkel in 1902.

He was the father of 13 child- Immediately following the previous to the affair. ren, all living, four married and funeral at the family home, burnine at home. And besides the jal took place in Rose Hill cemfaithful wife and children, de- etery in the presence of one of ceased is mourned by an aged the largest ever before assemblfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. ed there.

J. M. Reeves of this community. This paper joins hundreds of and four brothers and six sis- friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved famiters.

In the tragic death of George ily and loved ones.

FICER HELD WEDNESDAY best known Sopranos on the vicinity of Ovalo were not ned concert stage. Her voice is rich and dynamite was brought into

and colorful, of genuine Soprano action and after some three or stable Geo, L. Reeves, who was quality with this unusually four efforts the end of the car beautiful voice is linked a per- was blown open and it is said sonality rarely met with and that the Mexican who had so as an officer of the state and these qualities combined with fiendishly killed the officers county, by a Mexican when the splendid musicianship make near here fell our of the car Miss Spencer a decided favorite with a part of his head blown off.

Reports are that his body was the city, Wednesday afternoon considerable reputation and the then carried into the streets of Admittance will be by card of was taken to Abilene and, tied admission only which may be on the side of a car, was shown Constable Reeves had been a secured by writing or phoning on the streets. The body was

then brought here and shown on the streets to many people. Thus Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and ended the tragic chapter of per-

THE STORY

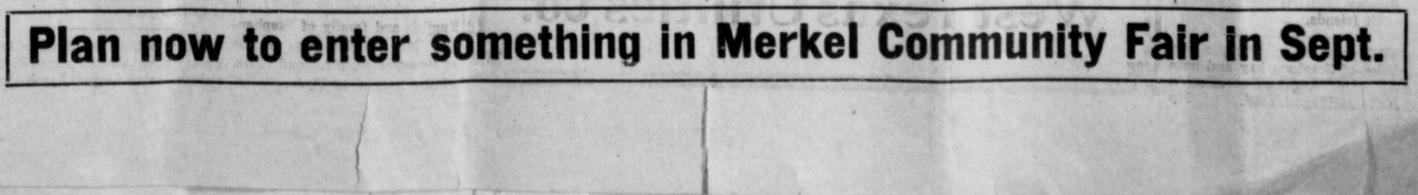
Perhaps the greatest shock them when at half past eleven o'clock last Tuesday morning the news was phoned to this city by parties in the neighborhood known as Nubia and Mulberry

of here, that Constable George Reeves, of Merkel, and Sheriff.

at Big Spring on Saturday night

The Howard county sheriff, we understand, had information to the effect that the Mexican wanted for the crime had made his way to Merkel, and that on Tuesday morning he and Constable Reeves drove out to the

(Continued on back page)



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2. The modern mixed bapg, she was married to Mr. I 3. The side-of-the-road p parties.

4. The modern dance. 5. The sin of immoralitynd adultery that is so prevale day.

6. Gambling.

7. Profanity and vulgarit 8. Sabbath desecration-unday picnics, outings, hurng, absenting from public wonip, etc. The Sabbath is the L'ds' day and should be used to prify Him and bring in His ngdom, and not for selfish en. We, further go on recor as ing to town, where they ave giving our whole-hearted agiance to God's Word, its docines, its practices, and its andard of Christian living. Adopted by the church in helped to organize the Cuberconference March 25th, 192:

were faithful members unl the union of the two churche. Womans Missionary Note: Both Mr. and Mrs. Hutneson are pioneer and well know peo-There was a splendid progum ple of this place. Mrs. Inchefrom the Voice on last Monay son's life was one of serice to afternoon. Every number on he mankind and to her churc. And program was met with herty when it was thought by close response. A few items of bsi- friends and relatives tht the ness were transacted at the ose end was approaching, thy tenof the program. As next Mon- derly lifted the aged anchelovday is the fifth Monday a 10- ed husband, who for may days tion was made and carried to previous had also been citically have a social meeting on that ill, to the bedside of the comafternoon. Mrs. Vaughn .nd panion who for more tha sixty Mrs. Burgess together with he years had stood by him sufferpresident are to arrange for this ing with him during th trying meeting. This month closes he times and rejoicing with him in first quarter of this year and success and prosperity where

our finances are in nice shape in clear and distinct toes she

Plans are being made to raise assured him and those aout her

more local funds in the near that all was well with ler, and

Supt. Publicity. begged that they so lie and

Hutcheson and went with to the Cumberland Presbytion church at Georgetown, Ter In the year of 1872 Mrand Mrs. Hutcheson moved to Tas and first settled at West orl School House, near what isow known as Arlington, Texas In 1878 they moved with lein family to Elizabethtown in Denton county. Seven yearlat. er they moved to Taylor cont and lived on a farm near len kel for many years, later 10v resided at the Hutcheson mestead for 21 years.

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the Methodist Sunday school with Mrs. W. S. J. Brown as Superintendent, gathered at the home of Mrs. Brown to go on a wennie roast.

ventie Road Eng.

Tuesday afternoon at four-

thirty o'clock the members of

the Intermediate Department of

After driving about four miles to a pretty place on Mulberry creek, wennies were toasted over a camp fire, and together with pickles, bread, cakes and frozen suckers a delightful supper was had.

Those enjoying the trip were: Mesdames W.F. Golliday, W.S.J. Brown, Misses Rennie Burns, Inice Brown, Tommie Durham, Ruby Fae Golliday, Elizabeth Harkrider, Rubijo Higgins, Bernice Lassater, Orpah Patterson, Gladys Watts, Nadine Tippett, Elsie Lassater, Irene Perry, Dahlia Watkins, Dorothy Daniels, Lois Suber, Marza Chaney, Margaret Turner, Addie Fae Patterson. Boys going were: E. L. ITurner, T. J. Rea, Victor Smith, Sterling Sheppard.

Highest market price for your 20t2 eggs. G. M. Sharp.

Don't miss "Aaron Boggs, Freshman" at the Cozy, Friday April 3rd at 8:00 oclock.

Mrs. J. R. Baze returned last week from a visit of a week or more with relatives at Fort Worth. 12 ma 2:1-1

Mr. Ed. Leslie is improving his place by having concrete curbs and side walks laid.

Mrs. John Sears returned Sunday from Cisco where she had been visiting some time.

Mr. Dick Coleman, formerly with the Merkel Mail, was here Sunday from Winters visiting with friends.

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also mentioned as a parting Farm Bureau Cotton Associword that she was leaving be- ation in every county of the hind her beloved companion, who state should subscribe for his was old and feeble, and admon- home newspaper. We have said ished those near and dear to be this so often that it would hardpatient, kind and good to him ly seem necessary so say it through his few remaining days again, but the Association members owe a debt of gratitude to sojourn here.

Thus does the aged husband the rural press that can best be lose a devoted wife, the sons and paid by subscribing and paying daughters a kind and loving for the home newspaper.

Church of Abilene conducted the have done for us by subscribing funeral services, which were and paying for their newspapers held at the Methodist church on and we can, at the same time, Monday morning at ten o'clock. keep up with the local news of Rev. Landreth was assisted in our counties, which, of course, the services by the local pastor, we ought to do.

The deceased is survived by and tell him you appreciate ren who were all here to attend sociation. the funeral. The children are: Mrs. Will Warren, of Greenville, Chas, Hutcheson of Trent, Mrs. Sharp's. John Campbell of Merkel, Mrs. John Skillern and Mr. W. D. Hutcheson of Merkel.

Vada, of Greenville, Mr. L. J. pects at this time for another English and family of Stephen English and family of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Lee Come to the Cozy Theatre on

Pierce Bonner of Olyde.

mother, and other friends and Thousands of dollars worth of loved ones a dear friend, and space were given freely by these last the community loses from papers to the movement during among it's citizenship one who the early stags of organization has pioneered, yes helped to and since then these same rublaze the way and make pos- ral newspapers and the city felsible from a bleak and unde- lows, too, for that matter, have veloped, unsettled cattle country given space and prominence to what is now considered one of Cotton Co-operative news. These the best and most prosperous editors are our friends and have sections of our state and nation. shown their friendship in a sub-Rev. Elmer D. Landreth, pas- stantial way. We can manifest tor of the Oak Street Methodist our appreciation of what they

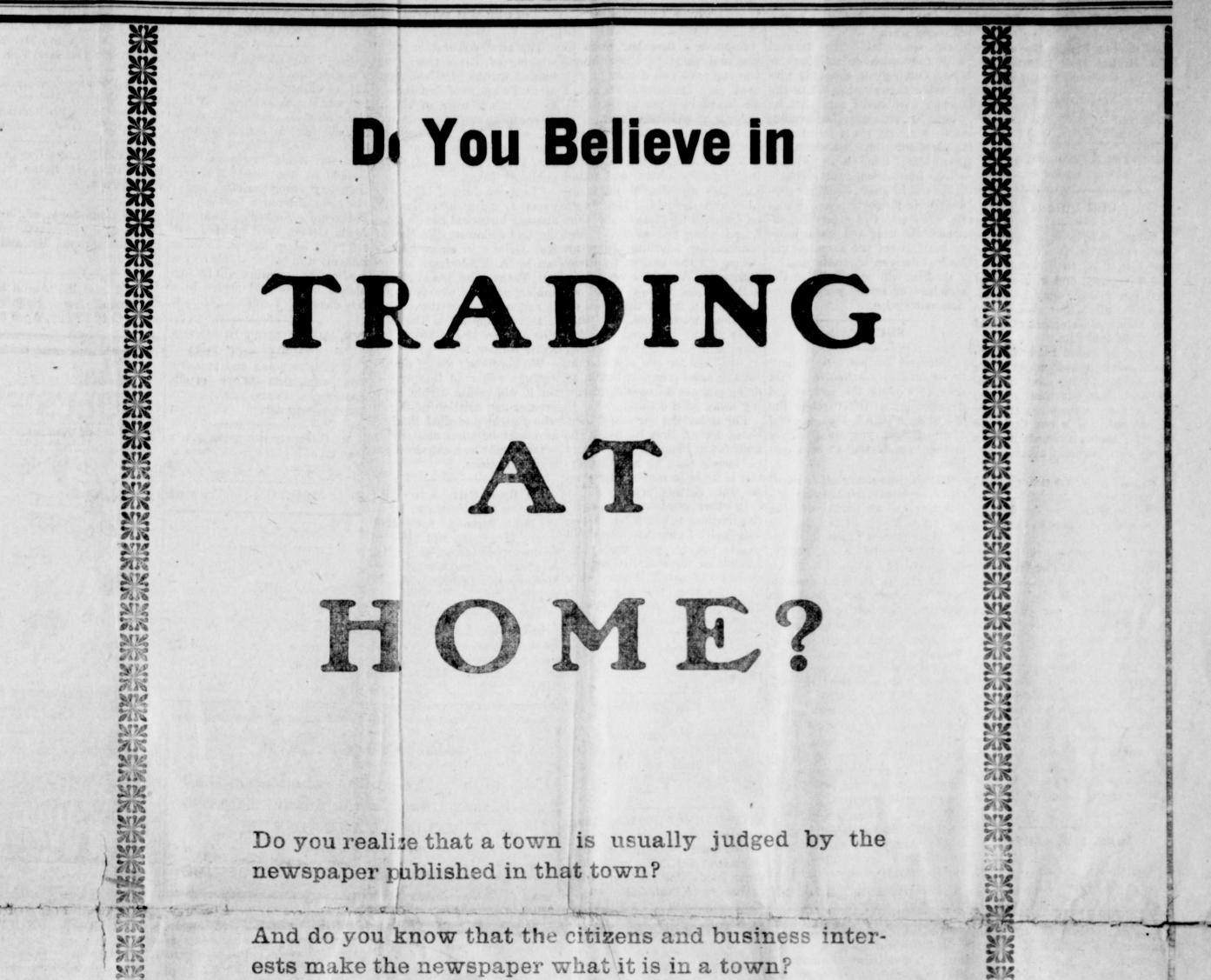
Rev. T. J. Rea. The active Pall | The next time you go to town bearers were: Messrs. A. J. if you are not already a sub-Canon, J. T. Dennis, Dr. S. W. scriber for your local paper, go Johnson, L. W. Cox, Herbert in and pay the editor for a Patterson and C. E. Conner. year's subscription in advance

her aged husband and five child- what it has done for your As-

Fresh car of feed at G. M. 20t2

C. L. Eoff and family who have been for the past year or Out of town relatives and more residing at Yuma, Arizona, close friends attending the fun- came in this week for a month eral were: Miss Minnie Dean of or two visit with home folks Dallas, Mrs. John Willingham of and friends. Mr. Eoff, who is in Strawn, Mrs. Walter Cox of the ginning business in Arizona Stephenville, Mr. W. H. Warren reports a fine business there the and son, Ray, and daughter, last season and good crop pros-

of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Friday Night April 8 tefore 200 o'clock. Aaron Boggs, Freshman THE MERKEL MAIL



And do you know that the citizens and business interests make the newspaper what it is in a town?

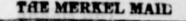
When a visitor or prospect looks over "the home paper" and finds only a few advertisements of home concerns and a small paper because of that fact, do you suppose he thinks that a live town?

If you merchants believe in "Trading at Home" try a series of ads in the Merkel Mail and see if you don't get the desired results.

We can also do most any kind of printint, and if it can't be done here we will get it done for you.

The Merkel Mail "PRINTING THAT PLEASES"

×1%



The Merkel Mail should be expended to secure

Published on Friday Morning by The Merkel Mail Printing Co. Thos. Durham, Editor-Mgr. SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 YEAR. In Advance

TELEPHONE No. 61

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

OUR POLICY

that our answer may be of in- standard of farming as a busi- But do you always regard ad- subject well and who is a goh- nished. See should arrive in a terest to all of our readers, we ness enterprise. are giving a statement of about what we told him.

First we stand ready to support every movement that we ities. zens of Merkel.

to express what we believe, and cities, is faced with keen compe- fit from cutting prices. at the same time we stand ready tition from all parts of the In other words advertising is by his mother, Mrs. W. EPet-

open forum for the discussion a factory somewhere. of problems and issues that in- And only the city that is alove terest our citizens.

In the presentation of news Chamber of Commerce, is going we aim to be impartial. We feel to survive and develop amid this that news is for the presenta- competition. Only the communtion of facts, that editorials are ity composed of active, public for the presentation of fact and spirited citizens can win out in apinion both. And we aim to be this struggle for survival. fair both to those with whom we In other words, only the city agree and those with whom we whose people support a Chamdistgree. ber of Commerce can grow, de-

In this way we feel, we are velop and move forward with serving the citizens of Merkel the tramp of progress. best.

MORE PER ACRE

"All the food needed in this job to attract new capital into army goods. Joe Garland, Prop country could be produced on our community. It is one of the Across from Post Office. about one-half the land now un- important organizations that rcultivation," an agricultural sells our city to prost

climated seed. Oat seed should be treated Suppose a neighbor came to The first celebration of re with formaldehyde solution for you and said: "I know where winning of Texas freedom as smut. Other grain should be giv- you can save two dollars on the held April 21, 1837-one ar periment Station in Bulletin No. en some thought too. Then the next pair of shoes you get. I after the battle of San Jacin- 321 recently published on cotfarmer who takes care that he also know how you can save \$7 in the infant town of Houn. ton variety experiments at the Murry College, Abilene, spent plants or sows none but acclim-ated seed, and plans in advance twelve dollars on the next coat the celebration and ball ok to rank first in a six year test, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders. to plant none but seed which will you buy.

solved his agricultural problem. that friend's advice, and found public of Texas.

He will be sure of greater pro- that his confidential informa- "Lest we forget," this ms- than any other variety. duction in proportion to the land tion were valuable. You would paper is going to review ne I have ordered a few bags of he wrks and the effort he ex- be inclined to listen to that stirring historical events pred- Pedigreed Watson's Improved "Just what is the policy of pends. He need not work quite friend when you were in the ing and following the Batt of Acala Cotton Seed which I will College spent the past week end your paper," a subscriber asked so hard to get the same income market for anything from an San Jacinto, in an article it- sell at \$2.75 per bushel. To those with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. the Editor of the Merkel Mail he has derived in years past. article for the kitchen to a new ten by A. T. Jackson of his- interested in better staple cotton A. M. Jones. the other day, and in the belief And he will be upbuilding the automobile. Wouldn't you?

YOUR FRIEND

this and much more, in that ticle will appear in the Mga-

may be in the habit of passing April 10th. Whether or not you believe up the ads for the stories that We hope each one of ourubfeel will make this a better com- in evolutionary theories that fill the news columns, but in so scribers will read this articmunity. It is our wish to wipe seek to explain the source and doing you are deliberately throw for it will create within the a out personal animosities and fac. development of life through the ing away good dollars. tional lines. It is our desire to operation of the law of survival For today the successful mer- who fought and died that excreate a common set of interests of the fittest, you must believe chant knows that he must be as might be what she is thay aims, and purposes among citi- in their application to commun- truthful in his advertising. And -the bright lone star in thgahe knows that he must adver- laxy of nations.

SURVIVAL

In politics we assert our right Merkel, like many other small tise if he is to derive any bene-

to open our columns to the other country. Every little city is the medium through which you ty, left Tuesday for Das, side and to tolerate all reason- working hard to build itself up may get information which will where Mr. Petty will atted to able and sincere convictions. industrially and commercially, enable you to get the most business matters. From Allas * We believe that the truth can Many are the attractive offers amount of merchandise for the Mr. Petty and mother will o to * be presented to the public only that every big business man re- dollars you spend. And in view McKinney for a brief visitwith by making the Merkel Mail an ceives when he plans to locate of this fact it will pay you to relatives.

glance through the advertising columns of the Merkel Mail on its toes, with a good healthy every week.

Do this for one week and you will find that it pays to read the ads.

THE MEANEST MAN

We've heard about the meanest man for many years, but the editor is inclined to award the distinction to the "I told you so" fellow.

Think what an aggressive CITY FURNITURE Co. buys, commercial organization means sells and exchanges new and in the lives of all our citizens. second-hand furniture. Large Its officers are constantly on the shipment of dishes, rugs and

"LEST WE FORGET"

ACALA COTTON MAKES RECORD

place-headed by Sam Hs- 1917 to 1722 inclusive. In this germinate, has in a measure And suppose you followed ton, then President of thee- test the Acala produced more pounds of lint cotton per acre last Sunday in Rotan 'visiting

ton, Texas, who has studients descriptive literature will be fur-

vertising, a friend that does all ic and accurate writer. Thar- few days. C. L. TUCKER. 1t Freshman," from Splinterville,

same light? Perhaps not. You zine Section of the Merkelfail WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS

If it is cleaning and pressing you want, that is one of our specialities. Phone 218. Ligon,

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.

-FOR PLUMBING-That is as good as the BEST JONES See Des

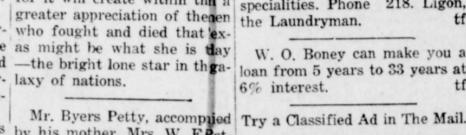
And DAVIS * Ira Davis

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Carson & Son

YOU'LL HAVE TO HURRY

"It Fays to Pay Cash"



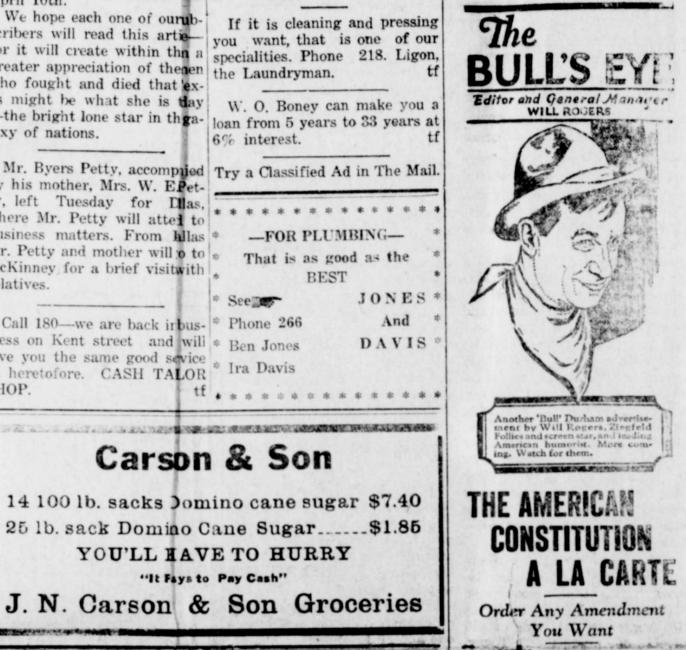
Mr. Shirley King and wife of East Vaughan, New Mexico, are here for a visit to Mr. King's The Texas Agricultural Ex- parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. King

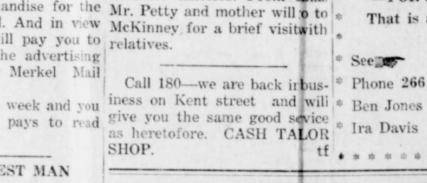
Miss Dorothy Sanders of Mc-

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm spent with friends.

Miss Edna Jones of Simmons

Don't miss it. "Aaron Boggs, at the Cozy Friday, April 3. 27t2





Intermadiata D. extension specialist told the izens editor of the Merkel Mail not And this bringing in of new long ago.

business and industry increases

"Of course we are looking for the assessed valuation of all farm relief through cooperative property locally. That means a and orderly marketing, through reduction in your taxes, for the legislation favorable to agricul- richer the community, the more ture, and through the further industries it has, the lower its development of labor saving me- tax rate. chinery."

And more than that it creates "But while we are waiting for a demand for more labor, and as these slow moving, evolutionary everyone realizes, wages are deforces to improve conditions," termined by the law of supply this man added, "the individual and demand. The greater the defarmer must develop scientific mand the higher the pay.

TEXAS QUALIFIED DRUGGISTS' LEAGUE

and careful methods of improving things for himself."

We believe this is a message of great importance to the farmers of Merkel country right at this time. Time for spring planting is not far off. And right now the farmer should be busy looking into the seed situation with a view to getting greater production per acre and cultivating fewer acres during the coming season

The importance of tested seed corn was never so great as this year. Seed even in the corn belt is not up to standard, agricul- Merkel Drug tural workers report. Every ear should be tested before planting. And the utmost effort

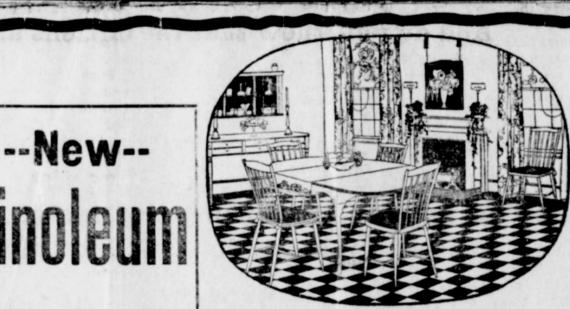
Legally Registered Pharmacist

COMPANY S. D. Gamble, Mgr.

Just Received--

A Car of Baled Sorgham Extra good feed for Hay. Milk Cows. At--

Hellums Wagon Yard



JUST RECEIVED! Big shipment of Linoleum and Linoleum Rugs. Some very pretty patterns in 12 foot, 71/2 foot, and 6 foot widths.

Refrigerators

The Automatic Refrigerator --- Saves Icc and keeps food dry and cold. See them before you buy.

Porch Furniture

-Porch Swings, Settees, Rockers. Make your porch attractive, as well as comfortable.

-Paints and Wall Paper-

We are headquarters for paint and paper. Why pay more for wall paper, when you can buy it at home for less? It will not cost you any more to paint your house with Sherwin Williams Paint than it will with any other paint; and you are assured of having the best, let us figure your paint bill.



HEY are trying to pass an amendment to keep children from working. Now children didn't want to work, but they got tired waiting for somebody else to do it. If they would just put through an amendment to MAKE grown people all work, there would be no need to have this children one. Grown people stopped working without an Amendment or even a reason, so it will take more than an Amendment to start them. It will take a Miracle.

They are going to pass another Prohibition Amendment, somebody mislayed the rules of the other one. The 19th amendment made Women vote, some amendments make us do something and some keep us from it. No. 21 will give men with Knee Breeches the vote. About the 25th Amendment will prohibit smoking and when they do, 'Bull' Durham will bootleg for a dollar a sack. (I knew I would get that Ad worked in there somewhere.)

The Kogers

P. S. I'm going to write some more pieces that will appear in this paper. Keep look-ing for them.

MORE OF EVERYTHING

for a lot less money. That's the net of this Bull' Durham proposition. More flavor -more enjoyment and a lot more money left in the bankroll at the end of a week's smoking.

TWO BAGS for 15 cents 100 cigarettes for 15 cents





For Your Milk Cow

Try a few bales of Sorghum Hay and note the increase in the flow of milk.

Hellums Wagon Yard

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE

Modern machinery, electric power, gas for heat, automatic controls and a hundred other things make the small news paper and job shop something at the friendly church. Rev. R. quite different from what it was W. Dowell will preach for us at include sale of water and ice to thirty years ago, says the Tex- that hour. Interest continues municialities. as Public Service Information good in Sunday School. Our Bureau.

the weekly newspaper knows their instruction in Christian ed- and muth disease outbreak. vestment as seperate items- appreciated. which the old-timer didn't do.

Thirty years ago weekly news papers were printed on the old Washington hand press. ninety per cent of these weeklies were just able to live, and changed come.

much harder than most men way into Heaven."

two pages on one side of 240 he extends a cordial welcome to makers" who have ever assembled

THE MERKEL MAIL

BY THE GOVERNOR SEVENL MEASURES HAVE BEEN GIVEN EXECUTIVE APPROVAL.

Aust .-- Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson 8 signed the following bills during the pit week.

RECAT BILLS SIGNED

Hou bill 27, providing that highway dicers wear uniforms. Hous bill 32, appropriation

\$3,000 for presidential electors. How bill, 57, creating District court o. 101 for Dallas County.

Hou bill 58, providing one as sistandistrict attorney and a special investator in districts of more than ce county with a city of over 70,000

Hou, bill 107, fixing a maximum 88 amoun to be used for textbooks of thelf-cent ad valorem tax. Hous bill 126, providing for audit 88 of the pooks and records of district. county and precinct officers. Hous bill 142, fixing the interest 89 rate (arged by agricultural credit

corportions. Hous bill 180, providing increased

tax fc Confederate pensions. Hous bill 394, permitting asses-8 sors ad collectors of taxes in cities of mos than 20,000 to maintain a branct office.

Sense bill 104, permitting corpora-8 89

Senae bill 82, extending the 689 mission of appeals to 1931.

Senas bill 5, appropriation to pay And now-a-days the editor of you older folks to take care of for calle slaughtered in the foot

Senae bill 88, providing special deputy district clerks in counties over 20,000 containing a city over

Sonap bill 31, preventing horses running at large in Willacy, Bailey and Core counties.

Senae bill 115, providing that no evidence obtained in violation of law shall e admitted against the accused at a trial. Senae bill 51, providing that rail-

bsor ompanies granted charters since Mn. 1. 1892, which have not built their roads, may have two n which to pay franchise and keep their corporation

Tribute Paid to State Lawmakers. Austiz,-Congratulations were ex-Thirty-ninth legislature by Congresswork today, an hour to print To each and all these services man Claude Hudspeth of El Paso, as the most "efficient body of law-

Jones Dry Goods

SOME EXTRA SPECIALS **For Saturday**

One lot of 23 Silk Dresses---all bran new. A beautiful range of colors. Your choice of the lot Saturday for

\$9.75

LOT NUMBER 2

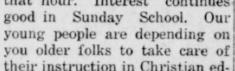
A big assortment of better Dresses. Values up to \$19.95, our price for Saturday.

\$14.75

All \$25.00 dresses selling Saturday at \$19.75

Jones Dry Goods

13 STORES IN TEXAS



WITH THE CHURCHES

Presbyterian Notes

There will be preaching on

next Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

what it costs him to run his ucation. Show your interest in shop. He figures overhead and them and your church pride by depreciation, freight and pos- your presence and enthusiasm. 160.00 tage, and a lot of things that he Let every member be present used to forget. He figures wages next Sunday. Visitors always for himself and return on his in- welcome and your attendance is

H. C. West, S. S. Supt.

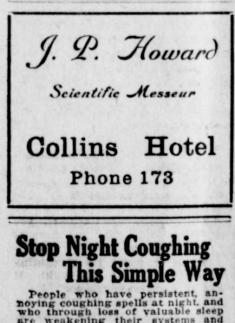
METHODIST CHURCH

At the Methodist church next years ownership frequently because Sunday morning at the eleven taxes expenses were larger than in- o'clock hour the pastor will alive. preach on "The Holy Ghost Wit-

Half a century ago it would nessing." For the evening hour take two men working steadily, his subject will be "The Gate- tended to the membership of the

sheets of newspaper. Today, one and all to attend. even on the small city daily, two and folded, in an hour.

With the old Washington hand press it would require 666 hours of hard work to do that job. On an eight hour basis it would take 83 days to print one edition of 20,000 copies of a 16page paper. It would take the lifetime of two men to print one three additions to the church. In Washington it is the survival of have a program arranged for Sunday edition of some of the Next Sunday there will be a the fittest, while here, there is a the occasion and will be glad to city papers. The progress made has been staggering. Utility of Home and Foreign Missions News.



People who have persistent, an-noying coughing spells at night, and who through loss of valuable sleep are weakening their systems and laying themselves open to dangerous infections, can stop their distressing trouble promptly by a very simple treatment. Hundreds who have hardly been able to rest at all for coughing, have gotten their full night's sleep the very first time they tried it.

coughing, have gotten their their night's sleep the very first time they tried it. The treatment is based on a re-markable prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You simply take a teaspoonful at night before retiring and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds be-fore swallowing it, without follow-ing with water. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irri-tation, but it quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the coughing. The result is that you usually sleep as soundly as a babe the very first night, and the entire cough condition goes in a very short time.

The prescription is highly recom-mended for coughs, chest colds, hoarseness and bronchitis, and is wonderful for children's coughs and omical, too, as the dose is only easpoonful. It is on sale at all teaspoonful. It is on



During the week preceding cor men could turn out 20,000 copies Easter a series of meetings will dress to the house. He asserted that of a sixteen page paper, printed be conducted, preaching twice

BAPTIST CHURCH

morning and evening were well said Hudspeth, "but I am one of attended, and the interest was those state rights Democrats and exceptionally good. There were resent at every opportunity the special program in the interest bond of human sympathy."

given by the different depart- RURAL SCHOOL AID FUND ments of the Sunday School. Mrs. R. J. Miller is in charge. Each individual is asked to bring an offering for these two caus- MARRS ISSUES STATEMENT CON. es of Christianity.

Wednesday night of this week the church was well represented in a called conference. At this in this paper.

things that are wholesome and uplifting in which people can engage that we feel if any one will 7.673 common school districts in the that we are to have an Easter stop and reflect seriously for a state, and of these 4,109 applied for few minutes he will be convinc- state aid and were visited, of which ed that a professing Christian cannot afford to give his sanction, his influence, or his time ber of children receiving benefit of to some things.

We are planning for some age traveling expense, visiting and special music next Sunday night You are cordially invited to worship with us. W. H. Albertson.

STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of new skin diseases such as Itch. Eczema, Fields, who moved to reject the Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, report, said that the bill agreed on Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guar-antee. It will not stain your clothing and has a plansant odor. For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO

at Austin. By invitation the El Paso sman delivered a brief ad a Texas lawmaker, first in the each day during the entire week. house and then as a senator, he does not recall of the appropriation also congratulated the membership on the recent defeat by the legislature of the federal child labor amend-

tendency for federal encroachment. for our fifth Monday social. We phone 198.

CERNING STATUS OF AP.

PROPRIATION

Austin, Texas.-There was a meeting the church unanimously ance of \$65,445 to the credit of the adopted the Standard of Christ- rural school aid fund at the end of B. McRee. Solo, Dagmah Rawian Living published elsewhere 1924. out of the total of \$1,500,000 Mrs. M. G. Scott. Martha, Mrs. appropriated for that purpose, accord-Since the beginning of the ing to a statement issued by Prof. S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent World War a little over ten of public instruction. Of the appro- Noomi, Mrs. E. L. Mangum. years ago we have found our- priation of \$1,500,000 the state de Mary Magdolene, Mrs. C. R.

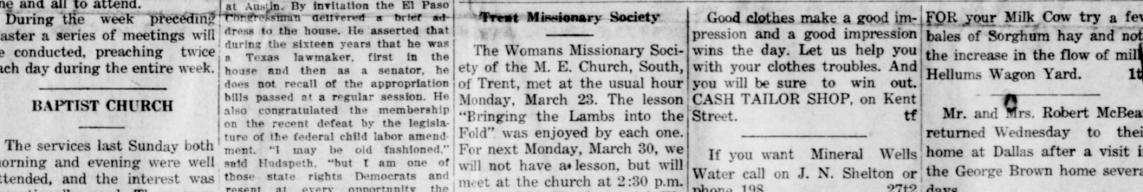
from our standards of social and 626 for teachers salaries, \$39,060 for industrial equipment of 180 schools. counteract and overcome these \$19.132 for consolidation and trans ments. tendencies. There are so many portation in eighteen districts, while the administration of the law cost

\$30.967.

3.433 were granted aid. This does not include aid granted to 300 independent school districts. The numstate aid was 342,680, while the ave

inspection, per school was \$1.11.

Rejects Report on New Game Law Bill. Austin, Texas .- The House rejected the report of the free conference committee on the new game law bill and ordered the appointment of s Representative committee. report, said that the bill agreed on by the committee was a measure advocated by the Game, Fish and Oyster Department, and that the had ignored the indement of the House on its provisions.



have as many of our Methodist

ladies with us as can come. We will try to show you a pleasant HAS \$55,445 CREDIT time, so take a day aff, come out and help us enjoy the afternoon. Each member of the Society will represent a character of the Bible.

The Program

ofourhe s.o vyh1st- GL T,T Song No. 84. Prayer, Mrs. R. J. S. Reed. Lois, Mrs. R. B. Mc-Ree. Ester, Mrs. D. J. Rawlings. selves drifting rapidly away partment of education granted \$1,321. Hutchison. Rebecca, Mrs. J. K. Winn. Dorcas, Mrs. O. A. Smith. moral ideals and practices. We \$23.857 for high school tuition for Deborah, Mrs. Will Steen. Raare anxious to do our best to 438 pupils. There was also paid out cheal, Mrs. G. F. Boyd. Refresh-

> Don't forget the missionary play soon to be staged, "The The state also shows there are Old Fashioned Mother," also market.

> > Alluminum tea-kettle \$1.25 at West Company.

BLAIR'S No. 7 HERB TONIC FOR Stomach, Liver Kidney and Blood Sold For Over 20 Years

All Good Druggists BLAIR & SON MEDICINE CO. Sheiman. Texas MERKEL DRUG CO. Sells it.

Good clothes make a good im- FOR your Milk Cow try a few pression and a good impression bales of Sorghum hay and note Hellums Wagon Yard.

> Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBean returned Wednesday to their

If you want Mineral Wells home at Dallas after a visit in Water call on J. N. Shelton or the George Brown home several 27t2 days.

MAKE THEM HAPPY

Do they have a recent portrait of you, Dad? Mother? Sister? Brother?

Cive them one-that you may always be with them. They need one! They want one!

Let RODDEN build that portrait for you today. We produce again and again that type of portrait they want. The past achievements prove it.

Call and see these displays. Arrange then for an appointment.

RODDEN STUDIO

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

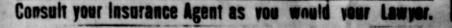
TOMORROW is on the way-

If you knew today that tomorrow fire would destroy your home-you'd prepare today.

You can't know what will happen tomorrow. But you can protect yourself against financial loss through property loss.

Fire insurance is only one of the many forms of dependable property protection we offer to those who would be prepared for tomorrow's eventualities.

> W.O. BONEY MERKEL, TEXAS



"SENIOR SATIRE"

have three or four dates each week for the movies.

Mr. Jackson suddenly left

has been learned that he went

Miss Weedon Shoots Loyer

"April 1st serves only to remind us of what we are the other 364 days of the year."- town last Sunday, leaving no Mark Twain. reason or trace as to where he was going. Since that time it

Amazing Discovery

The students and faculty of to Fort Worth to the meeting "DEAR Captain," read the let-Merkel Hi, and the rest of the of the Texas Association of world, were surprised and shock- Bootleggers and Distillers, of ed to learn of the amazing scien- which he is Grand Exalted tific discovery in the M.H.S. Ruler. laboratory recently. Our honor- Mr. Jackson has arranged wait until you come home from this blankets and rugs of "spotted volen" ed Prof. Williamson, L.L.D.D.D. that the students in his Trig. trip. Dorinda Dodd will take my Y.W.C.A. (M.R.S.) has, of her class may get booze cheap. He own accord, unaided, discovered was able to arrange this on the please the other. Yours respectfully, that COWS DON'T LIKE BUT- ground that the students had to Ellen Smith." have some kind of stimulant to TERMILK.

this discovery hard and seems thing. The class agrees to this against the fail of his fine schooner to think only of enlightening and is well pleased. the educated. For this purpose she has given up all boys, dates. and friends for the remainder On last Monday evening at the only woman without a job in of her life, and intends to be a 8:37 p.m. Miss Susie Belle Fairport?" martyr to the cause.

incurred.

English Teacher elopes with after much difficulty she made river. Janitor

Some people are always de- was released. In the statement lazily. sirous of rushing the season. to the police Miss Weedon said "Until I can turn around and find goblets and tumblers of glass wee con-The first symptoms of such de- "..... has been madly in someone else," said the captain, a The first symptoms of such de-lirium among teachers in the love with me for some time and "rown on his handsome bronzed face. Clocks and "looking glasses" embel-listed the houses of the wealth, and High School faculty were dis- has repeatedly asked me to elope matter with Dorinda Dodd?" Jabez covered when Miss Martha Bird with him. I told him Sunday to fairly squeaked his surprise. "She responded with the degree of is ownstarted the historic April first come back tonight for my final makes the best apple pies in Fairport." celebration at the somewhat answer. I had let him in thru be, and apple pie is my favorite, but early date of March 20, when the window as usual and told I couldn't stand being talked to death she eloped with the High School him that I could not go as I by Dorinda Janitor. had last all of my clothes that

At about 3:10-The happy very evening in a poker game conspirators rushed across the with Miss Tracy. This made street to the Nazarene church. Oscar very nervous and be be- the capital where the climax of the proceed- gan to walk about with a by the ings were staged. Blissfully un- strange expression in his eyes. conscious of the storm of con- This was too much. I adored gratulations which they were him and I just couldn't stand soon to bring down upon them- to see him with a strange exselves, they slowly wended their pression in his eyes so I shot way through the aisle of the him between the piano stool and church until the Columbia had the hat rack. completed the marvelous ren- It is understood that Miss

dition of Mentholatum wedding Weedon will make application march. After the ceremony, the for a medal for straight shoottwo culprits jumped into a wait- ing soon.

ing automobile which was draped in choice bits of stove pipe W. L. Barbee and family re- ashore at once and took a short out Mohamsted. Conducius. Buddha and "Mammal" he cried without regard and tin cans. When they had turned this week from El Paso been duly seen hey proceeded where they have been for sev-1 a Grimes-Smith Drug Store eral yars, and will again make live on in the house that was so elowhere they quickly drowned all this city their home. Their many sorrows at seeing business pro- friends welcome them back to ceeding as usual, in gallons of Merkel. red soda pop.

Miss Dorinda

Dodd By CLARISSA MACKIE

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ter, "I now take my pen in hand to tell you that I am going to er, so that I cannot work for you any longer. He needs me, so I cannot

place as your housekeeper, and you at either corner of the bed wer garcan change if neither one of you nished with snowy curtains of mity.

"Dorinda Dodd! Sufferin' fish !" groaned young Captain Clark, as he Miss Williamson has taken stay in his class and learn any- put the letter away and leaned Breeze, a large three-masted vessel that raced through deep seas. "Think of going home and not seeing Ellen Smith at the helm. Is Dorinda Dodd

Weedon shot and temporarily He asked himself this question many times as the Breeze neared New Mise Williamson modestly dis- wounded her lover (whose name York. They touched at the big city claims the great glory she has is withheld from publication) and took a Fairport man home with Miss Weedon was arrested and them. Jabez Case offended the captaken to the police station where tain before the ship had left the East

"I hear Dorinda Dodd's going to bond in the sum of \$2.50 and keep house for you," gossiped Jabez

"Talked to death?" repeated the stupified Jahez

"I said it." Jabez became silent. in's gloomy face as he stood he sound and the navigation through

ittention. Once Jabez slapped his knee just as though he had made a dightful discovery

"Follys are gossining already, Elfon know old Dorinda Dodd always wanted to get married-"

"Don't be a fool, Jabez," snapped apt, Bill Clark,

"The Breeze is in port !" flew around the village of Fairport, but no one had an opportunity to have

home on the hill. He had been born more and to lead His for and raised there, and it pleased hingto vent of his mother and father, dead hase five veers nest. There were any houses whose doors opened gladto receive the handsome young aster of the Brand and many a fair meet set har can for him, but he was i Harold Boney, son of Mr. and shy sailorraan whose only love was is ship. Thus far he had escaped. am wrong ant home for him. The very noo of that disferentie Dovinda del with her mornse face and heav inds always around, depressed blm. teen int and florid "y "Oh, confound the women," he roaned as he enfered the little front vard, gay with summer flowers all "The o'd lady likes posies" he rudgingly admitted He entered the front door and stood in the familiar entry, with bared head. It was a litto tribute that he always paid to his our ones. Then he hung his hat on deer's antiers, and looked into the arlor. Everything was in its accusand place, and immaculately clean. | Yogy, medical director of the National front windows were open nd the scent of einnamon reask affed the room. His throat Might hedenter second so insistent. It at it sensed the presence of his He left hastly, passed through rise kitchon-and Dorinda Dodd. F. There was a delicious fragrance of obing reket on a side table were "Oh, Miss Dorinda !" he sang lustily, raily more graceful and her co-ordina- that such dead spots can also be overcheered for the moment by the comfort of his home, and with the words scarcely uttered out of the pantry ceptionally severe shock to cause her such spots in the different oceans, and stepped a woman "It must be Captain Clark," she ex- stutter. tended a plump capable hand. "Welcome home."

Comfort and Elegance in Revolutionary Jays

Those who are under the impession that our Revolutionary ancestor spent their daily lives without the unfort which helps to make life moreworth while are in error. The arties household ware, for instance, ted by them were abundant, various an servlceable.

THE MERAEL MAN

The bed and all that appertated to it were the pride of the mistras of California to keep house for my broth- the house. It was almost invriably of sweet, soft and downy feathes; its sheets were of fine "homespu," the and flannel; and the towering posts For table use they had napins of linen and tablecloths of diape: "diaper-wove huckaback," kerse and "damask plain and flowered."

The household goods and figiture of those simple times were instrong contrast with those now in use. China was as rare as gold and as highly prized, most commonly three china cups and saucers comprising he entire outfit of a respectable amily, though the numbers rose sometnes to six, but seldom to a dozen.

Pewter and copper were the ornamental, and iron, then as noy, the serviceable metal. Of the two ormer were made basins, ewers, mus porringers, ladles and tea and coffe kettles.

There was little glassware use, and the few "jelly glasses, hat pint and gill giasses," salt cellars, punch sidered unusual elegancies.

the size of the "looking glass " corer's social standing

Stoves were not in general us, and coal was unknown except fo blacksmithing purposes; wood, char al and urf were the only fuel. Woel was just beginning to be burned in frankins," but generally was used in firelaces, which were provided with dogs and and rons, and in kitches were uge saverns garnished with a forest chains, potbooks and tranmels, nging on iron cranes, or moke Hell Gate required the captain's close Jacks" over fires that were led by

Civilizations Compared

"Nations and individuals are judged pguished novelist and playwright roan the Orient, comparing the East nd West, in Hearst's International.

live up more to the altruistic teach- living room where we were entertainword with the captain, who welt ings of Jesus then we to those of

SAILORS HAVE FIRM **BELIEF IN OMENS**

Deep Sea Seems to Breed Quaint Superstitions.

There is no place in the world where superstition is so powerful as on the sea, R. Barry O'Brien, writing

in the Washington Post, asserts. Let an absent-minded sailor whistle on board ship and his mates will curse him for bringing on a stiff breeze when it is not wanted. But for a sailor to whistle when

the ship is enveloped in dense fog is permissible, since the occult wind may disperse the very material fog. Until comparatively recently, under

no circumstances, was a young steamship-trained helmsman allowed to mount the "weather side of the bridge."

This privilege was reserved for old shellbacks who had been seven times round Cape Horn. But as few seamen can claim such distinction in these days of "iron ships and wooden men" the "leeside" is now universally used.

Parsons are never popular afloat. They are supposed to bring bad luck, and are therefore blamed by the crew for any misfortune that occurs. Seamen no longer believe that rats

leave an ill-fated ship before she sails. But they still regard the arrival of a corpse for shipment as a very bad omen, and I have known them to desert sooner than sail with it.

Strangely enough, the extent of their apprehension on this account varies with the social standing of the deceased, the remains of a celebrity being more unlucky than those of a humble citizen.

So strong was this superstition in bygone days that the packing case containing the casket had to be labeled and stowed as ordinary cargo. The luck of black cats is proverbial. But what is not so well known is the reason why seamen are so over-indulg-

ent in them. This is to prevent their bringing ill-luck to the ship by running away. . During the war black cats were at

premium. With so much extra tonange afloat there was not enough to

Sometimes a young midshipman would be sent ashore in search of one. And a certain youth, sooner than reby two factors-their virtues and their turn empty-handed, dyed the white es," writes Achmed Abdulah, dis- putches of a black and white "stray" with ink.

Those Smart Children

"My three-year-old nephew Anaxl-"I asked myself: Did the Europeans | mander, hurried breathlessly into the ing the minister and his wife.

ross the bluffs to his little wate Moses? Were the teachings of Jesus for consequences, "Bruvver's gone and

Anne and Her Ancestors By DOROTHY DOUGLAS (Copyright.)

IF ANNE had not skimped with all her might during the winter she could not have had her trip to England and the Wembly exhibition. And if she hadn't got to Wembly, she never would have met Tom Everett, who got her a sweepstake ticket.

And little Anne Severn, without family or ties of any kind, won some forty thousand pounds, or in the coinage of her own land, about two hundred thousand dollars.

It took Anne about ten days to settle down and realize that she was no longer a skimping, hard-worked stenographer. She was a wealthy young lady, whose future, with clear-headed investment, was most decidedly assured.

Anne was an orphan, and didn't even know who her parents had been, and she decided at once that she would acquire some ancestors before returning home. She would seek in the antique shops for paintings, old family furniture and a romantic history, and return to New York well-equipped to enter society.

Anne was more than successful mong the junk dealers. She found a fine old gentleman smiling down at her from a musty canvas. That was to be father. In another room behind some old bedsteads she discovered mother, a jolly looking soul who, if Anne had but known it, wore the jewiry of a decade before father's time. That was a small matter to Anne. She found Uncle Henry, Aunt Susle and many consins of brave deeds. And astly, she found brother. Anne loved brother. He was a fine young soldier n a queer wee cap, with checked edge and streamers, a tiny ribbon across is breast. Anne swept away a swiftis arrived tear as she looked at the annie face. She believed the dealer's ale that the young man had fallen in he great war.

Anne was lucky in her return voyce to the States in becoming fast iends with Mrs. Vandercup, who induced her later to her social set New York. Anne herself was as sinly as a bit of the old Chelsea him she had picked up to help adorn the old mansion she purchased in the East Seventies. Anne's ancestors arrived in short time and were hung on the walls in her "portrait room.

Vandercup kindly managed the dinner that Anne gave, and It marked success. Anne, living ming romance, sparkled and ed with this new-found coterie. ell bied friends and enjoyed herhuge y.

ments have been made whereby with sling shots so everyone visitor to the plains country the may enjoy shooting paper balls first of this week. to the utmost. The pencil sharpeners on the teachers' desks will Miss Iva Bragg visited her

be good targets. In view of the fact that spring last week end.

is now here, I want to urge all students to stop such hard Mr. C. L. McNeese of Abilene. way.

I want to urge all you people cultured and refined and I re- to R. L. Grimes at Lamesa. gret that more of you people

to offer in the way of amuse- graduated. ments, except a few windows which haven't been broken yet, and then there is always the bell to ring. Everyone enjoys hearing it and it is good for the

We are having a new leafing hall equipped. We want the pupils who have to cut study hall returned to their home Monday to have some place to go. Pool after a visit with Mrs. Ferguand billard tables will be install- son's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S ed and special smoking chairs will be supplied.

bell.

Announcements (as unusual) Mrs. W. O. Boney was sick a few Mr. Burgess-Special arrange days last weekk, but is up now. Ellen Smith had always made a all students will be provided Mr. L. B. Scott was a business

brother in Chillicothe, Texas, blowing in the wind,

studying. Don't worry about a former Merkel citizen, was your grades. You will pass any- here Monday looking after business interests.

to try to cultivate the art of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes re chewing gum. It's really very turned Wednesday from a visit

seem to take to the idea. Let's Miss Lillian Watts has acceptmake a special effort to do this. ed a position as bookkeeper- the quaint dialage room, and sought Each student should have a stenographer with the Shelton place to go every night. If you Motor Company of Abilene thru cannot arrange for entertain- the help of the Employment De- all the evidences of melasses cookles ment elsewhere come to the partment of Draughon's Busi- to come, but no Dorinda Dodd. school house. We haven't much ness College there, where she

> "Aaron Boggs, Freshman" will be in town Friday night April 3. 27t2

> Mrs. R. L. Ferguson and little daughter, Mary Francis of Waco F. Haynes. Mrs. Ferguson was formerly Miss Gladys Haynes.

Miss Maurins Tipton return-

New Course offered next Term ed the first part of the week to Miss Madge Pierce offers an school at C. I. A., Denton, after extensive course in "attending being at home several weeks on the Movies" for next term. Her account of having the flu. lectures will be taken from such

standard pictures as Harold FOR your Milk Cow try a few Lloyd's "Why Worry," Pola bales of Sorghum hay and note Negri's "The Cheat" and Coleen the increase in the flow of milk. Moore's "Flaming Youth." Since Hellums Wagon Yard. only a few can take this course

Miss Pierce will enroll the first Are you dated yet to see, ones to see her about same. She "Aaron Boggs, Freshman" at will arrange for ach student to the Cozy, Friday April 3.

"Thank you, ma'am. I was expecting to see Miss Dorinda Dodd here, so I just sang out," he explained.

"Oh-why, I am Dorinda Dodd !" He stared at her doubtfully, "I was expecting an elderly lady-I went to school to her once upon a time,"

"That was father's sister-and Aunt Dorinda died last winter, poor dear. am sorry that you are disappointed-"

"Disappointed?" he roared. "Why should I be disappointed?" He admired the pretty light blue dress she wore and the way the hair curled in the nape of her pretty neck. Send her away? He hoped nothing would happen to tempt her to leave his abode, She was a little more than thirty, and he was a sober thirty-six. And he was home for the summer!

When he was ready to sail on his next long voyage, he met Jabez Case 1tp on the street. "How is Miss Dorinda, Billy?" asked Jabez,

Capt. Billy Clark grinned happily, "There isn't any Miss Dorinda Dorid now, Jabez dt's Dorinda Clark, and we're off on our honeymoon."

great Prophets? Did the Europeans Little Willie, my eighteen-month-old mave firer loyalty than the Arabs, finer filial plety than the Chinese, finer faindy cobesion than the Jews, finer sor

morality than the Jews, finer charity than the Parsees? "My answer was-still is-'No?' and

asinine bigetry to show me where I shirt. "Looking at the other side of the

littier than those of Liverpool? Were ran a car these days!" the perverts of Bokhara more degen-

murderers of Canton more blood thirs- with her. y than those of Paris? Were the At the dinner table the other night

"Again my answer was-still is- Mother smiled wearly and said ex-

Days Chief Statterers

For every girl who stutters there J. Powers in Judge. re five or six stuttering hoys.

Dr. James Sonnett Greene of New hospital for speech disorders, explains this curious fact in writing for Hygela, health magazine, published by of "dead spot" to be found right in the American Medical association. boys and, therefore, get more practice tion has yet been given, according to in speech production, Doctor Greene A, Dinsdale, member of the Radio Sostates. Although it is generally con- clefy of Great Britain. Some scienceded that girls are more nervous than tists maintain that they are caused by boys, yet the girl is more capable of large mineral deposits on the ocean maintaining her co-ordination under floor, but this explanation hardly emotional strain because she is natu- seems satisfactory, though it is true

tion more complete.

Sure to Succeed

Original men are not content to he governed by tradition; they think for themselves, and the result is that they succeed where others fail. Now, a certain photographer never says to a woman customer, "Look pleasant, madam, if you please." He knows a formula infinitely better than that.

In the most natural manner in the world he remarks: "It is unnecessary to ask you to look pleasant ; I am sure you could not look otherwise."

Then click goes the camera and the result is never in doubt .-- Philadelphia Ledger.

vufcanize the ousin, was carnestly watching his father (my uncle) repair his automo-

"What scems to be the matter?" he finally asked his dad.

"I'm afraid the differential's gone I challenge enybody above the level of wrong," said his daddy, wiping the prease off his forehead with his \$8 silk

"Heck !" ejaculated Willie, "A felalt were the unwashed of Calcutta low's got to understand calculus to

Ermyntrude is a trifle precocious and erate than those of Naples? Were the for that reason her parents temporize

saher-ratilers of Constantinople more she bresquely asked her mother to arrouant than those of Berlin? pass the mustard.

pertantly, "If you-?" Imagine our embarrassment when

the little darling retorted, "If you know what's good for you !"-Roswell

Dead Spots at Sea

While we have come to accept "dead spots" on land, there is another form; mid-ocean hundreds of miles from Giris, as a rule, talk more than land, for which no adequate explanacome by increasing the wavelength for

For that reason it requires an ex- communication. There are several to lose her standard, hesitate and they cause quite an amount of inconvenience to ships at times, although the study of them is interesting .- Scientific American.

Something New in History She was proud of her kindergarten

class and was anxious to show off the little ones to a number of visiting mothers.

"Who discovered America?" the teacher asked, "Columbia," shouted a little girl,

easily beating her classmates to the answer.

Overlooking the error, the teacher went on:

"And what was his first name?" "Hall," was the quick reply that sent teacher and mother into spasms of laughter.

Stars in Pairs

There are many stars that are star twenty years ago, and an All- double, says Nature Magazine-that American center at the time, but now is, they are made up of stars revolvtotally blind, has been elected tax ing ground one another. Most of collector of Portland. Conn., getting these pairs are of contrasting color, the support of all marins and factions one blue and the other gold, or one red and the other green. Albireo is nsidered to be the of the finest of the pairs that are visible in small I telescopen

the said in the second second A stress of hen most of the guests were stally dancing, "that young Mr. Waren, the artist, would love to see your ortrait gallery; he has asked me to all rou

Anne blushed swiftly. She had aken an immediate liking to the redaired Briton, with his artistic Van Dyke beard, that was so apparently corn to conceal a great scar that lay eross his cheek.

Warden followed her into the porrait gallery and listened to her tales carefully thought out about each dd painting. His eyes more often linwed on dainty Anne than on the anestors. He was realizing that Anne as the most lovely bit of womanhood a had met during his life in New der.

It was while she was telling him bout her dear brother who fell in the var that Warden came to his senses. His eyes opened wide as he looked at he portrait.

"He was in the Artist's Rifles," Anne was saying of the young officer of the portrait, who was wearing the Royal Scot's uniform, "and he won the Victoria cross," she added, and Warden bit his lips viciously. The bar was the Military cross, but to Anne it was all the same. She finished her recital, and was not exactly conscious of Warden's peculiar silence.

"Miss Severn," he said finally, "can I come and have a cup of tea with you tomorrow? I have lots to tell you -and-1 want to show you some of ny own ancestors."

Anne never forgot his thoughtfulness in not speaking that night. It night have spolled her dinner party.

Warden arrived punctually the next day, and Anne's heart fluttered as she felt the close grip of his hand.

"Miss Severn," he began softly when they were seated, "you are not to think me a conceited idiot if I show you my own photograph first." He drew from his pocket a small picture and held it laughingly out.

Anne looked at it, blushed furlously, then burst out laughing.

The photograph was the small one from which Anne's portrait of her brother had been painted.

"I'm glad, so very glad you did not fall-in battle," she said with a sincerity so great as to cause Warden's leart to jump a heat,

"You are just an adorable fraud." he said. "We lost every penny we had, sold our possessions, and I came here to earn my way. It is all very simple, isn't it? Meantime let me put you quite straight about the Victoria cross and the Military cross."

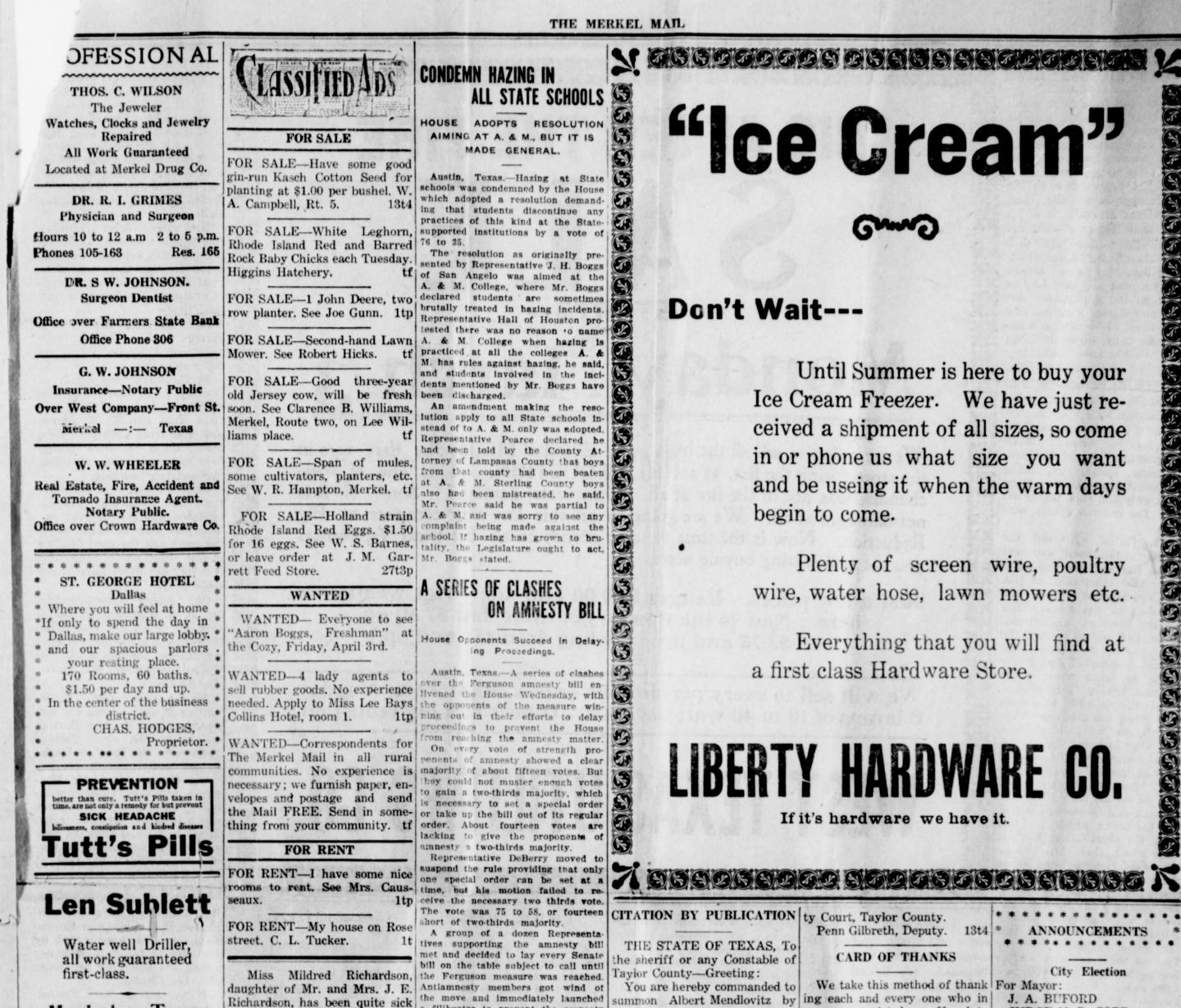
"I will let you do what you will." Anne told him, her eyes big pools of trust, "hecause my family are all on canvas. It is not so satisfactory."

"Brother will have to come to lifeas somebody else then," Warden told ber, and Anne agreed with a shy glonce.

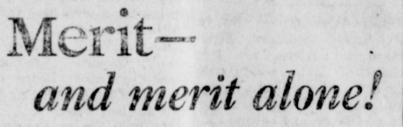
Blind Ex-Athlete Elected Perry T. W. Hale, a Yale football

rea case the south in an practically.

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Texas the past few days. Merkel,





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the move and immediately launched a filibuster to prevent the amnesty bill being reached. It is far down on the calendar, with about twenty bills ahead of it.

University Royalties \$47,272. Austin, Texas .- University oil roy alties for February went to \$47,272, which breaks all previous records. The highest mark before that was January, when the total reached \$41,000. The royalties are climbing monthly, all of which means more funds for the University. In connection with the increase in royalties there 's pending a bill which would permit the University to use the whole royalty income for the erection of buildings. Under present conditions it goes to the University permanent fund and then invested in bonds. In that way the University can use only the interest from the bonds to erect new buildings. The bill would also have the grass rentals go to the available fund instead of to the permanent account.

Pension Warrants Mailed. Austin .- Approximately 12,900 Confederate pension warrants have just been mailed by the pension division of the comptroller's department to that number of pensioners on the rolls for the present quarter, announced Sam Houston Terrell, State comptroller. For this quarter each veteran was paid \$35 for the quarter. which is the largest amount yet paid to these old soldiers.

Nonpar Bill Sent to Governor. Austin .- Report of the free confer ence committee on the Holbrook Senate "nonpar" bill was adopted by both branches of the legislature and the bill, when enrolled, will be sent to the Governor for approval. This is the bill which permits the formation in Texas of nonpar value capital stock corporations.

Austin.—influenza still continues to lead other communicable diseases in the State in the number of cases, there being 1,408 cases reported to the surgeon general of the Public Health service by Dr. H. O. Sap-pington, State Health Officer, for the week ending Feb. 28. Other

of, in Abilene, on the 3rd Mon- with all of you. D. C. Hutcheson day in April, A.D. 1925, the and children. same being the 20th day of April

on the docket of said Court No. Patterson. 5569, wherein Max Mellinger is

one note is due December 1, 1923 but plaintiff says it should be December 1, 1922, the three notes first maturing are for \$25.00 each and the note due August 1, 1923, is for \$81.00 and remaining notes are for \$50.00 each, plaintiff sues for principal, interest, attorney's fees and costs. HEREIN FAIL, NOT, but

making publication of this Cita- any way assisted or offered to tion once in each week for four assist us in the recent sickness For Aldermen: successive weeks previous to the and loss of our beloved Chrisreturn day hereof, in some news- tian mother. Also for the beaupaper published in your County, tiful floral offerings. Our words if there be a newspaper publish- | are inadequate to express to ed therein, but if not, then in you our feeling toward you in nearest county where a newspa- this sad hour, but our Father per is published, to appear at the in heaven who gives all the Sharp's. next regular term of the County great rewards will remember Court of Taylor County, to be you for these courtesies shown Half and half Cotton Seed. Pure, holden at the Court House there- to us. May His blessings rest

A.D. 1925, then and there to an- Miss Alma Patterson of Mc. pound bale. Address ED TAYswer a petition filed in said Murry College, Abilene, spent LOR, Queen City, Texas. 1Apr Court on the 11th day of March, the past week end at home with A. D. 1925, in a suit, numbered her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B.

Plaintiff, and Albert Mendlovitz

executed by defendant to order of plaintiff, dated February 1, 1922, bearing 10% interest from date and providing for 10% at-

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is Defendant, said suit being a suit to recover on eighteen notes SEVERE CRAMPING SPELLS, PAINS IN BACK AND SIDES

torney's fees, payable March 1. "My trouble has been periodic cramping spells at all, and my 1922, and on 1st day of each cramping spells," says Mrs. C. C. health was as good as anybody's. month thereafter except Decem- Draper, of Atlanta, Texas. "For I am feeling fine now and I give ber, 1922, in lieu of which month several years these have come on all the credit to Cardui, for I one note is due December 1, 1923 me so bad that I had to quit my had been suffering for years be-but plaintiff says it should be work and go to bed. Every fore I took it."

MEXICAN SLAYER OF OF-FICERS KILLED AT LAWN

(Continued from front page farm of G. W. Richie, 12 miles southwest of Merkel, where a bunch of Mexicans were engag-※※※※ ed in clearing land, and while there were no eye witnesses to just what happened when the officers approached the band of mexicans at work, it is believed that Reeves started out toward them and was shot down. Then Sheriff Satterwhite, 淡 seeing that his fellow officer had been shot and that he had had been shot and that he had better go for a physician and help, immediately made his way to the home of Mr. Richie, near-ly a mile away, where he found Mrs. Richie at home, and, after telling her what had happened, borrowed the Richie car anu borrowed the Richie car and none at the Richie home. He only went a short distance from there, however, when the Mexican, who had followed him near the house, opened fire, killing 淡 the sheriff after shooting three times, only one shot taking effect. The car ran over a wire fence.

Mrs. Richie witnessed the shooting of the sheriff and went you are anticipating buying soon, for her husband who was working on the other side of the XX SX community. field, and he, with a hired hand, Just a few prices. Ranges \$60.00 and up. Hot weather is returned to the home. They here. Now is the time to get that fan \$7.50 up. saw the Mexican, accompanied XX by another, coming toward the Iron \$2.75 and up. Curling Iron 45c and up. house, and not having any arms of any consequence Mr. Richie decided he would walk out in 淡 ЯK the yard toward them without lege that day. We will sell to every person who enters our store on Monday arms and, if possible, keep them arms and, if possible, keep them from going into the house while 6 lamps of 10 to 40 watt for \$1.00. Others at a big reduction. he left the wife and children and other man in the house. Upon meeting the Mexicans one of them asked "where is your car?" and Mr. Richie replied that he did not know. Then the Mexican said he guessed that it was his car in which he had killed the sheriff. The Mexican then asked that Mr. Richie he left the wife and children ズジン es and family. WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO. Our County Agent, Mr. Masthen asked that Mr. Richie take the car and get him out of the country, but he said the car would not run after the wreck. demonstration. The Mexican said he must get Mr. Wm. Snow left this killed two officers and at this was received from Ovalo in the Mexicans were really surround-CARD OF THANKS Senior B. Y. P. U. Mr. Richie suggested that he south part of the county to the ed by a posse and that capture take to the mountains. After effect that on the afternoon of seemed certain. Sunday, March 29th. We desire to express our sin-The bodies of the two slain cere thanks and deepest grati- Leader: Flossie Campbell. forcing Mr. Richie to get him a Wednesday two Mexicans suit- officers were brought to Merkel tude to each and every one for Intraduction by leader. drink at the point of his gun the ing the descriptions of those be- and cared for in the Barrow their acts of kindness and words Part one, Miss Hearn. Mrs. Lee Clanton. two left the place. But instead ing searched for had gone to a Furniture Company undertaking of sympathy in the tragic death Part two, Floyd Dowell. of going into the mountains farm house in the country be- parlor. Funeral services were of our loving husband and Part three, Stella Wilson. they returned to the clearing tween Ovalo and Old Guion and held for Constable Geo, Reeves father. Mrs. Geo. L. Reeves Part four, Ola Sharp. asked for something to eat. Wednesday afternoon. The re- and children. where they had shot Constable Paducah one day last week. 1t Part five, Carlton Dennis. Reeves and shot him twice more A lady at the house gave them mains of Sheriff Satterwhite Part six, Miss Harrison. in the head to make sure of something to eat, the Mexicans were carried to Big Spring for killing him. They took his gun, paying for same, and were just burial. See "Aaron Boggs Freshman" Messers Wade Darsey, Buddy we are told, and left through the about to leave when the man of at the Cozy Theatre, Friday, brother, Homer. Cobb, Stanley Stanford, Zedic April 3. 27t2 mountains. the house came up. It is said Johnson and Alvin Curb left Don't forget the place to sell Two traveling men happened the Mexicans ran off into an oralong the road immediately fol- chard near by, but later return- your eggs. G. M. Sharp. first part of the week for Devils 20t2 LAUNDRY SERVICE river and other South Texas lowing the shooting of Satter- ed to the house and offered to fishing places for a week or Have special order for 25 caswhite and they were held up pay the farmer to take them to Send to the Laundry and be ita Falls last week. more of fishing and outing. es Eggs. Market price paid. W. convinced. Regular family wash and asked if they were officers. either Tuscola or Sweetwater, The traveling men, after telling which the man refused to do. F. HAMBLET. 1t ing. Everything included except them they were not officers, The two are claimed to suit the stiff collars, silk and woolen Get an aluminum tea kettle goods at ten pounds for one dol- exhibit of some kind in Merkel's one day last week. were told to beat it and say description perfectly of those 1t | lar. Phone 218. Alfred H. Lig- Community Fair in September? nothing of seeing them. Officers wanted. They left and no further for \$1.25. West Company. + Plan now to win a prize on some * * and physicians rushed to the news came in until about nine on. ******* particular exhibit. scene, followed by hundreds of o'clock Thursday when another Miss Grace Lee Cranston re-SALT BRANCH ITEMS citizens, and then more hun- report came from Ovalo to the turned to school at McMurry! W. O. Boney represents the dreds as the news spread, and effect that the blood hounds had College Monday after spending San Antonio Joint Stock and Mrs. L. L. Estes left first of by night fall there were possib- struck trail of the men and in- the week end with her parents, Land Bank. See him for 6% the week for a visit with relaly a thousand men and boys en- fact the rumor stated that the Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cranston. money. tf tives and friends. is very good at this writing. gaged in a wild and frantic hunt for the assassins. And on thruout the entire night and all day pleted. Wednesday the officers of some dozen counties surrounding, aug-**Week-End Specials** mented by the thousand or more Mrs. I. N. Northcutt Sunday. citizens, searched the entire country miles around without any actual trace of the murder-Henry Sunday. er. Trained blood hounds from Paint Rock and Lubbock were "Beautiful Tissue Ginghams" in colors of pink, blue, gold, lavender, brought to the scene but failed Lois Jaynes Sunday. to pick up any trail that proved brown and red. Very serviceable for spring dresses. An opportunity you can of any value. Upon receipt of the sad news her daughter for a few days. of the death of the Sheriff of Howard county, hundreds of "Childrens Good Durable Ribbed School Hose" all sizes. citizens from that county as well Friday and Saturday only of this week. .49c pr as other adjoining counties rushed to the scene of the trage-We have many customers report to us they are saving dy, and joined in the effort to capture the fugitives. And all 25 to 30%-by watching this space for our "Specials" day Wednesday and Wednesday night the hundreds of citizens continued their search, but aside Shop, Kent street. Brown Dry Goods Company from the fact that many wild and exagerated stories were circulated and all proved to be unfounded, there was no evidence WE SELL FOR LESS-BECAUSE WE SELL FOR CASH week. as to the whereabouts of the murderers. On Thursday morning" word

BIG AFTER THE FIRE --STARTS--

Monday March 3

We are going to sell all the high grade Electrical Merchandise that was in the store during the fire, at a BIG REDUCTION. This line of merchandise was not in the fire at all. Only water damaged. Some of it is not damaged at all. We are going to sell this line out complete at Big Reduction. Now is the time to save money on all Electrical Appliances



Rev. John Reynolds, wh teaches at Moro was over Sunday to fill his regular appointment here. Services were well attended both morning and evening. Brother Frank Wilson conducted the services on Sunday night.

The rabbit drive Saturday was quite a success. Not as many rabbits were killed as was hoped for, but there was plenty of dinner and all who attended expressed it as having a very good time.

Lois McIvers, the Weaver Springs teacher visited home folks near Colorado City one day last week.

M. D. Burrus and family of Munday, L. H. Burrus and wife and Frank Irvin and family all from Rule, also W. R. Burrus and wife from Cuthbert were among those who were visiting here last week and attending the cemetery working.

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Quite a lot of work was done there last Wednesday. The at-X tendance was the largest we have had since we began meeting there and the yard was left in fine shape which means this is a very creditable place in our

> Our county Superintendent Mr. M. A. Williams, was out to visit our school last Wednesday but owing to our school not having had any holidays so far, the trustees permitted that privi-

Among those from Merkel visiting in this community last Sunday were: Mr. Mac Perkins and family. Mr. Carl Thomas and family, also Mr. J. S. Hugh-

terson was over Tuesday making off some land for Mm. Snow which is to be terraced right away. In a short time, as soon as earlier arrangements will permit, he will be at the farm of Mr. Dennis to give a terraceing

ing, Wednesday for a visit with his son, D. E. Snow, near Brownfield. He was accompanied by his wife as far as Justiceburg where she will visit her neice, Homer and Leonard Tye attended the funeral of their uncle, Jim Tye, who was buried at Leonard Tye returned to his home at Burleson on day this week after a visit here with his Messers W. E. Malone and Frank Demere were among those from Blair Lodge to attend the Grand Lodge at Wich-Mr. R. B. Stockton and family from Weinert visited Mrs. Stock Are you planning to have an ton's sister, Mrs. Dillard Snow, The health of this community Mr. Hobson Robertson has a new bungalow home almost com-Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price and family took dinner with Mr. and Miss Ruby Patton and Gladys Petty were visitors of Miss Celia Miss Helen McCormick and Vera Jones were visitors of Miss Mrs. W. E. Petty has gone to McKinley where she will visit Miss Toombs was a visitor at Salt Branch School on Monday Good clothes are the bootstraps by which a man pulls himself up in life. Come in and look over our spring sample line and get that suit. CASH Tailor Mr. H. M. Rose of Sweetwater was in Merkel on Business this Windmill with 20-ft. steel ower \$55.00. West Company. 1t

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THE

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1925

MERKEL

the affairs of the institution. The outgoing directors and of- zier's work. "icials whose interest the above To Editor The Mail: Gaither, Assistant Cashier: and cessor, Mr. P. A. Diltz. H. H. Toombs, Jas. A. Patterson Jan 1 '24, Bal on hand .. \$212.00 Terrell, the Comptroller-elect, to ed Tuesday. and H. L. Propst, all of whom Receipts from Taxes. with same.

MANAGEMENT HERE

It is understood that at the meeting of the stockholders of For labor\$2,957.81 the bank which is being held Machinery, material and following officers will be named. Balance on hand on Diltz, Jr., Cashier, and Herbert 'atterson Assis't Cashier. The them for publication in our next cett, to Mr. Frazier.

sue. The Farmers State Bank is

ned above, has enjoyed a wide to be proud of.

OFFICIAL REPORT

FRAZIER

Total.... \$15,209.10 bers. Disbursements

Respectfully,

W. H. FRAZER.

did not learn, but hope to secure the county auditor, R. L. Fau- It also supervises the expendi-Dear Mr. Frazier:

As requested, I am sending for the school children. of Merkel's two splendid you a statement of your account Under the textbook act the king institutions, and under to Jan. 1, 1924, also a condensed Governor is a member of the e able and accommodating statement for the year. As soon State Textbook Commission and inagement of Messrs. Sears, as I get the complete statement its ex officio chairman. Mrs. imes, Armstrong, Gaither and for the year out I will send you Ferguson, therefore, will be ers whose names are men- a copy, as I think it is something chairman of the Textbook Com-

cle of patronage and prosper-, and by the liberal and cour- well as the other Commissioners es that of the seven to be apous treatment accorded the are in the best shape of any re-pointed by the Governor "at ablic in this vicinity, it has tiring commissioners shown on least two shall be women." This en a helpful and useful insti- the Treasurer's books as far assures the next State Textbook ion. The outgoing officers and back as I have ever had occasion Commission of three women ectors, who are among our to look, all leaving a balance for members. The present board, y best and most useful citi- their successor, and no unpaid which expires with the Neff adis, have a large host of friends accounts, which hasn't always ministration, has four women eir relations with the bank. Your method of handling your Governor. One more woman he incoming gentlemen are by accounts has made my work would have given them a mameans strangers to the citi- easier to handle and I thank you jority. It remains to be seen how ns or the banking business of for it. Mr. Fitts joins me in con- many women Mrs. Ferguson will same, as the new president, gratulating you on the way you place on the commission and PARENT-TEACHERS CLUB president of this same bank, With best wishes for the New majority there as on the Board wise Mr. Anderson was the Year, I am, Yours very truly, R. L. FAUCETT

Just as this paper is going to Below will be found a report Austin, Texas, Jan. 7 .- For Anderson, W. L. Diltz, Jr., and for the past four years, showing cation will have a woman memassociates have purchased the the condition and finances of the ber and have a majority of woected with the Farmers State 1, 1925. There is also published occur when Mrs. Miriam A. Fer-Auditor concerning Mr. Fra- and Mrs. S. W. Meharg of Plain-

APPOINTS WOMEN

MRS. FERGUSON

view qualifies as Secretary of State. They, with the Comptrollnamed gentlemen and their as- As I am retiring from office er, constitute the State Board of sociates have purchased are: of County Commissioner, the Education, the State Superin-Messrs. John Sears, President; people may like to know the fi- tendent of Public Instruction be-

be the third member of the State have severed their connection for the year\$14,997.10 board, with two women mem-

This woman majority board will have the destiny of 1,300,-000 school children within their this (Thursday) afternoon, the land for roads\$7,751.84 keeping, likewise the investing of \$1,500,000 annual income for the J. S. Swann, President; R. O. January 1, 1925 \$4,499.45 permanent school fund besides Anderson, Vice-president; W. L. Total \$15,209.10 generally supervising the permanent fund of nearly \$100,000,000 consisting of bonds, land notes names of the new directors we The following is a letter from and 500,000 acres of unsold land. ture of large sums annually in the purchase of free textbooks

mission as well as appoint seven

JAMES J. GRIMES

Temple, Texas, Jan. 6.-Gov-

M. Armstrong. Vice President; nancial condition in which I am ing ex officio secretary, but not designations. Fourteen appoint- attending are assured of a very lows: R. L. Grimes, Cashier; F. Y. leaving the office for my suc- a member with a vote. It will ments to various other state po- elaborate and interesting pro-

PLAINVIEW WOMAN DR.

of appreciation for the vote and cordially invited and urged to be E. Lyon.

This paper is informed that made to grow and prosper, and

Ferguson, to be Secretary of work. State, is a first cousin of Mes-

At the next regular meeting Presiding Elder W. E. Lyon, press, we are reliably informed from Mr. W. H. Frazier, county the first time in the history of ernor-Elect Miriam A. Ferguson of the Merkel Luncheon Club, of the Abilene District, has that Messrs. J. S. Swann, R. O. commissioner in this precinct Texas the State Board of Eduharg of Plainview as Secretary on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 pastors and laymen of the Abiof State, among three additional o'clock, Dr. M. Armstrong has lene District of the Methe nterest of all the directors con- office as left by him on January men in its membership. This will appointments to her official fam-been named by the Chairman of Church, to be held in Merice ily which James E. Ferguson an- the Club, Mr. L. R. Thompson, next Monday and Tuesday, be Bank, and have taken charge of herewith a report of the County guson is inducted as Governor nounced in her behalf. Charles as Toastmaster, and as the Doc- ginning with a sermon at the O. Austin of Dallas, vice presi- tor is one of the city's best Methodist church Monday evendent of the Mercantile Bank and boosters, having at all times ing at 7:30, by Rev. W. E. Ham-Trust Company, as Banking stood in the forefront of the ilton, pastor of theAnson church Commissioner, and Colonel Mark valuable work that has been done which will be followed by Holy McGee of Brownwood, as Adju- by the Club in the advancement Communion.

ARMSTRONG IS PASTORS

SECRETARY STATE NEXT TOASTMASTER ARE TO

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tant General, are the other two of the city's best interest, those The program will be as fol-

Monday Jan. 12th. fall to the lot of Sam Houston sitions were previously announc- pram. Especially has the Doctor 7:30 Sermon, W. E. Hamilton. been interested in the building Followed by Holy Communion. "Mrs. Meharg is the wife of of good roads leading into Mer-**Tuesday Morning**

Sam Meharg, City Tax Assessor kel, and has been a member of 9:00 Devotional, O. B. Herrin. and Collector of Plainview," Mr. the Road committee that has 9:15 Organizations-

Ferguson explained, "and she done so much to secure these 9:25 Sunday School Conference. made one of the best speeches roads. While he will likely give (1) Our Rural Sunday School, at a Ferguson rally in Plainview us some more good roads news problems and the solution, W. H. that I ever heard a woman make. and plans, we look forward to Terry.

She is a woman of middle age his bringing forth many new (2) Forward steps in Elemenand the mother of several child- topics for discussion. tary work, Mrs. W. J. Matthews, ren. Mrs. Meharg was selected by These meetings are open to District Elementary Supt.

Mrs. Ferguson for this high of- one and all who live either in or (3) Echoes from the general fice at my suggestion as a token near Merkel and, everybody is Sunday School Council, Mrs. W.

support of the women of Texas, present. It is just at the begin- (4) Evangelism in Sunday school especially the wives, mothers ning of the New Year, and it is by W. J. Mayhew, E. D. Lanand daughters of those who toil hoped that there will be a large dreth.

and make up the great mass of crowd present to help start off (5) Teacher Training, T. W. our citizenship. Although not a the work for a larger and better Brabham.

club woman, Mrs. Meharg was a Merkel. Especially should the (6) Pre-Easter Revival, R. E. L. school teacher for ten years. She business men be present at these Stutts.

is well qualified for the position meetings, for it is to their mu- 10:30 Short Reports of pastors. and is highly recommended." tual interest that this town be 11:00 Sermon, L. N. Stuckey. Tuesday Afternoon

the lady above named by the they should feel it their duty to 1:30 Devotional, J. B. Baker. Governor-Elect, Mrs. Miriam A. attend and take part in the Club 1:45 Life of St. Paul, Jefferson, W. M. Pearce.

ho regret the severance of been the case.

Swann, was several years handled a hard job. nmodating and capable cash or many years. Mr. Diltz,

new cashier, has been with SMALL NEWSPAPERS e bank continuously for many ars, and they each have a rge circle of friends who are e city.

We join their many friends d the entire community in the Postoffice Subcommittee of the be and belief that under their anagement the Farmers State ank will continue its needed id valuable place in the town nd community.

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We are informed that Mr. Bob IcDonald, who for the past sev-Sanitary Barber Shop, ownby Chas. West, has this week iness, and in the future will me of the proprietors.

nd this shop will no doubt te to enjoy its splendid patronage in the future

een accorded in the past. I. T. Warren, of this city ding the week in Abilene as J. T. Warren a member tend these services. grand jury in any county.

AGAINST RATE RAISE

James Jesse Grimes, aged 72. Washington, Dec. 31 .- Addi- died at 7 a.m. Tuesday at the yal and bid them welcome tional witnesses were on hand home of his daughter, Mrs. T. T. Methodist church Abilene, Rev.

> increase bill before the joint of several days. Senate and House.

statement declared, "will saddle 1904 and had since made his were present to witness the last door. a burden on the country pub- home at Bronte and Winters. sad rites and ceremony of this lisher. Higher rates would, in His wife died at the home of her beloved and departed good citieffect, penalize those living in son at Merkel October 15, 1924. zen. Deceased had visited his rural communities by increasing A large number of relatives son, Mr. R. L. Grimes, several the cost on newspaper delivery. were at the bedside when the times and had won the friend-

papers and periodicals could ters; and Frank Grimes of Sha- Toombs and C. L. McLeod. McDonald is a first class It is obvious that a plan of this Martha, Okla., Mrs. Bessie man whom the entire citizenship Major Petsch said. , has been reared in Mer- kind is entirely out of the reach Knight of Comanche and Mr. of the town and surrounding "And make a minumum of of the weekly newspapers."

Services at Church of Christ

ig on the Grand Jury. Ac- Church of Christ Sunday. Elder Cora Swain of Moffat and Mrs. in his case makes true the old sunrise. I also will provide that tecting all country cle g to reports this body has W. G. Cypert will preach at the Lizzie Armstrong of Beaumont saying that "Sorrows never one-half of all fines imposed ticks and he favors un ly returned a large list of eleven o'clock hour and also at are also his sisters. Mr. Grimes seem to come singly"; hence shall go to the person making tments, and all of which are the evening service. Every one was a son of Alex Grimes, one this paper joins his host of sor- the complaint or filing the in-

J. T. Warren a member grand jury in any county, izenship can rest assured erything possible will be ward the enforcement of of the land. The body was brought to Mer-him and all other bereaved rel-the body was brought to Mer-him and all other bereaved rel-atives, deepest and most heart-felt sympathy. Deceased was in wearing short skirts makes it necessary for our cities to of the land. The body was brought to Mer-him and all other bereaved rel-the wholesale violations of our same laws and the decimation of the land. The body was brought to Mer-him and all other bereaved rel-the wholesale violations of our funeral services were held Wed-ist church, at y oclock, with Rev. W. M. of First cploudid citizen of Merkel.

dames R. A. Martin, C. K. Russell, and F. H. Latham of Merkel, is a former school teacher for many years, a very prominent church and society leader throughout West Texas, and while she will be the first woman members by appointment of the

to serve as Secretary of State in Texas, will no doubt serve with credit and distinction as such.

whether the women will have a of Education.

DIES IN ABILENE

MEETS WEDNESDAY, 14TH Devotional, Rev. Albertson. Solo, Miss Christene Collins.

Work of P.T.A., Mrs. Fred Rogers. Reading, Tommie Durham. "Group of Poems" by boys from the Expression Department.

reveals her unusual talents and Piano Solo, Hazel Lee Rainbolt are voice.

The last number of the Lyick into the banking circle of Tuesday for continued hearings Duncan, Poplar and Eleventh T.J. Rea, First Methodist church ceum course will be a four-act

School auditorium.

County, Texas, February 24, 18- services. A large crowd of sor- or 50 cents for adults and 35 "Any increase in rates," the 53. He came to West Texas in rowing friends and relatives cents for school children at the

HERE TO-NIGH

PREPARES BILL TO PROTECT WILD GAME

Fifth District.

system which could successfully Mrs. Vida Howard of Mangum, year cashier of the Farmers pose a minimum fine of \$200 on lations. compete with the postal service. Okla., Mrs. Minnie Hartsfield of State Bank of Merkel, and a any person killing a doe deer."

Annie Hicks of Moody. The community has learned to love \$100 for any person killing a or turkey hen during the pre-brothers were Robert A. Geimes and esteem, and since the death turkey hen or killing any kind ceding twelve months and that of Miles, John Grimes of Brate of his mother some few months of game during the night hours, this affidavit be filed both with Sunday, Eld. Cypert to Preach and T. L. Grimes of Merkel. Mrs. ago is now followed by that of the inhibitation commencing 30 the County Clerk and the Secret Nan Armstrong, a sister, was his father. His sorrows and be- minutes after sunset and continu- tary of State. Services will be held at the also here from Merkel. Mrs. reavements have doubled, which ing until thirty minutes before

felony charges. With such has a cordial invitation to at- of the first settlers of Bell co. rowing friends in extending to formation. That should prove an tion and stop

2:15 Education, our c schools, the indispensable esse tials, J. W. Hunt, J. B. Mc-Carley.

2:45 Woman's work, Mrs. Baker, District Secretary.

3:00 Lay Activities, J. I. Walker, District Lay leader, and others. 3:30 Subjects for special Dis-The fourth number of the Ly- cussions. (1) Epworth League, ceum course will be given Fri- Ulmer Bird, J. B. Hibbert, J. M. day night, January 9, at the Moody.

(2) Early Collections, H. A. This will be given by Annie Nichols, R. S. Watkins.

Therese Davault, an imperson- (3) Ever ymember canvass, J. ator, reader and artist of rare E. Short, T.H. Davis.

ability. In such great plays as (4) Missior iry Specials, Ray-"The Melting Pot" or "The Mu- mond Van ; andt, C. H. Ledger. sic Maker" she handles the many Rev. T. J. Rea, local pastor, roles in a wonderful way which who will be host to the visiting pastors and delegates, states

that some fifty or sixty pastors and laymen are expected to be present, and he urges all Methon the administration postal rate streets, Abilene, after an illness Merkel and Rev. Fred S. Rogers, play "The Ghost Between." It odists who can to help in careing for them.

MR. SIDNEY COATS WEDS ALVARADO GIRL DEC. 24

We are informed that Mr. Sidney B. Coats of this city and Miss Lena Swann, of Alvarado,

Austin, Texas, Dec. 31.-Ma- were happily united in marriage "The bill under consideration end came. They included sons, ship and esteem of all with terial strengthening of the Tex- on December 24th, at 11:45 a.m. would increase the rates on news daughters, brothers, sisters, and whom he had become acquaint- as game laws is to be one of the at the home of the brides parcDonald, who for the past sev-al years has been holding has been established during these Bobert Grimes, a banker of Mer-Jas. A. Patterson, F. Y. Gaither, Petsch of Fredericksburg, elect-fine young people, and are now n the front chair position in hearings that the larger news- kel; Raymond Grimes, of Win- Herbert Patterson, H. H. ed to the House from the Eighty happily domiciled on the farm of the groom's father two miles leave the mails. They propose to wnee, Okla. The daughters were Deceased was the father of "I shall introduce a bill to a- north of town. We join many chased a half interest in the develop a private distribution Mrs. Alice Duncan of Abilene, Mr. R. L. Grimes, for the past mend the game laws so as to im- friends in extending congratu-

> quire an affidavit that the applicant killed no doe, spotted fawn

Major Petsch will favor proassessment with ity. Likewise he t bline tax is the

pastor of Grace Presbyterian will appear on January 20th. Mr. Grimes was born in Bell church Merkel conducting the Admission by season tickets,

| in france. | THE MERKEL MAIL | |
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| *************************************** | Missionary Society Notes ************************************ | |
| STATEMENT | The Missionary Society of the ************ | |
| | Methodist church met last Mon- day afternoon at 2:30. The new BAPTIST CHURCH | STATEMENT OF CONDITION |
| FARMERS STATE BANK | officials took up the duties of their respective offices. The pre Sunday School at 10 a.m. | THE OLD RELIABLE |
| I ANMENO OTATE DANN | sident then called for the report Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. | FARMERS & MERCHANTS |
| Merkel, Texas | of the different officers. After B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 p.m. these reports other items of Prayermeeting each Wednesday | |
| December 31, 1924 | business were transacted, among evening at seven o'clock. We be- | NATIONAL BANK |
| | these was the acceptance of the gan this week a study of the resignation of Mrs. Sanders as Minor Prophets, beginning with | Merkel, Texas |
| | connectional treasurer and the Hosea. The lesson for next Wed- | Close of Business December 31, 1924 |
| RESOURCES | election of Mrs. V. N. Ellis to nesday evening will be Hosea 4 fill that vacancy. It was also de- to 14. This study will be very | cross of Busilies Betchilder of, 1024 |
| | cided to serve the Baraca and interesting. Read your Bible and Philathea banquet on the 23rd attend the meetings. | and the second |
| Loans & Discounts\$185,248.22 | of January. Because the study On account of a severe cold. | RESOURCES Loans, Time and Demand\$158,305.10 |
| Overdrafts 521.40 | books have not come, we will the pastor was unable to preach have a program from the Voice last Sunday night, so the fifth | Loans, Commercial Paper 169,000.00 |
| Banking House & Fixtures 13,902.50 | on next Monday afternoon. The Commandment will be the sub- | Loans, Cotton |
| Stocks & Bonds 4,430.40 | meeting opens promptly at 2:30. ject for discussion next Sunday Following is the program for night. The home is the basis of | U. S. Bonds and Treasure Certificates |
| Warrants | the afternoon. all law, government, and char- | Other Bonds and Warrants. 9,490.62 |
| Liberty Bonds Held in Trust 8,950.00 | Leader, Mrs. Butman. 1. Song, What a Friend we have lowing Sunday night we will dis- | Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank. 1,950.00 Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co 900.00 |
| Other Resources 12,108.27 | in Jesus. 2. Bible lesson, David and his as the violation of this command- | Furniture and Fixtures 3,735.00 Five per cent Red. Fund 312.50 |
| Other Real Estate | mighty men, 2nd Samuel 23:13- ment is a means of wrecking so | Cash and Sight Exchange |
| Due from State Gty. Fund | 17, Mrs. R. A. Burgess.many homes. The pastor will3. Prayer, Mrs. Rea.deal with these subjects in | Total\$707,016.79 |
| CASH, EXCHANGE & COTTON | 4. From Female cent societies to straight forward way. "Ye shall | LIABILITIES |
| Total\$620,418.86 | a world Sisterhood, Mrs. Rain- know the truth, and the truth bolt. shall make you free." As go the | Capital Stock |
| | Pledge service. 5. Southern Methodist womans W. H. Albertson. | Surplus Fund 15,000.00 |
| LIABILITIES | urge, Mrs. R. I. Grimes. | Undivided Profits |
| Capital Stock\$ 50,000.00 | 6. Answered prayer, Mrs. Ellis. METHODIST CHURCH 7. My pledge, by Society. | BORROWED MONEY NONE |
| Surplus & Profits 12,166.43 | In another column of this pa- | Deposite |
| Liberty Bonds held for customers 8,950.00 | B. Y. P. U. Program per you will find the program of the preachers and laymens | Total\$707,016.79 |
| Bills Payable NONE | For Sunday, January 11, 1925. conference to be held at the Subject: The Bible; Its Inspira- church on Monday night and | |
| Rediscounts NONE | tion. Tuesday of next week. I am sure | J. T. Warren, Pres. L. R. Thompson, Cash. |
| Borrowed Money NONE | Leader, Lewis Giles. Introduction by Leader. this will be a helpful program and want our people to give the | Booth Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass'l Cashjer |
| DEPOSITS 549,302.43 | 1. What the Scriptures say, Miss best attendance possible. | DIRECTORS |
| Total\$620,418.86 | Weedon.Next Sunday at eleven o'clock2. Man's Desire to read the Bi- the service will be devoted to | Henry James G. F. West J. T. Warren |
| | ble, D. Polly. 3. The Bible not like other books. subject being "Spiritual Athlet- | L. R. Thompson Sam Butman Never Missed a Dividend |
| | by F. Giles. ics". This will be a service that | Never Assessed a Shareholder |
| The above statement is correct to the best of my | 4. How the Bible was written, by will be helpful to all, but we es- E. Yates Brown. pecially urge the young people | |
| knowledge and belief. | 5. Objections raised and remov- of the church and community to ed, Valerie Dye. be present. | \sim |
| W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier. | 6. Obey the Book, Lola Dennis. Sunday night at seven fifteen | TEDERAL PESERVE |
| | will be the second subject of the | |

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Many people exemplify Sunday as a day of rest, by sleeping throughout the minister's sermon.

Old fashioned people come down the streets with a splendid dignity, but that does not prevent automobile drivers from running over them.

The income taxpayers are now kicking because they have to make out returns again, and non-taxpayers are kicking because they don't have to.

President Coolidge shook hands with thousands New Year's day, and now he knows how the town pump used to feel on cattleshow day.

The school teachers have been trying for 100 years to get the people to study the dictionary, which was accomplished in six weeks when the newspapers began to print cross word puzzles. Who gets the credit?

Many of the school pupils are getting ready for the mid-year examinations by going to all the dances and other late parties anywhere around.

People in Merkel who can't get away for winter vacations can obtain benefit by sawing wood in the back yard and doing the housework in the kitchen.

The president does not expect to make any change in his cabinet, but the politicians can continue to mention themselves,

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the earnest desire of the pastor to be of some help to you. Will Mrs. Roy Largent was the you come and study with us charmnig hostess to several these problems.

friends at an all day affair, Sunday School at nine forty- which included a pretty twelve five and preaching at eleven in o'clock luncheon, at her home in the morning and seven-fifteen in the suburbs of the city, Saturthe evening. T. J. Rea, Pastor. day of last week.

Methodist S. S. Notes

encouraging fact in regard to by our officers and teachers, and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Misses we are looking forward to a Alice Bigham of Trent, Evelyn greater increase in 1925 than we Hamm and Loyce Dry. have had in any other year. We are having some specially arranged programs for our wor-

Mrs. Largent's guests were school friends of recent days. Besides enjoying the luncheon, a Our Sunday School is again very interesting time is reportfacing the responsibilities of an- ed to have been had talking of other new year, but the most the past times spent together Those enjoying this happy o our Sunday School work is the casion were: Mrs. John W. Cox interest and enthusiasm shown of Abilene, Mrs. Warren Smith.

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Junior League Program

Our Juniors are doing fine work. They have a splendid program each Sunday at four p.m. We wish all the juniors would Over West Company-Front come and have good times with us. On last Monday after school we met at the parsonage with our lunches and had a "real picnic", played games until late, and left with the promise that we might come again. Be on time next Sunday at the Methodist Church. Reporter.

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Last of The Year Party

Miss Dorris Durham enterned last Wednesday evening, cember 31, with a last of the ed to represent different holi- Ona Fae Rose, and Messrs. Wesdays of the year. Very colorful and gay were the costumes of those attending, which added much to the usual spirit of gaiety that goes with a New Year's party.

All of the games during the back on the old year. As this street, entertaining with a six from this fact.

who stayed until 1925 made his appearance.

On being asked into the dinface of a clock. Place cards were found and also resolutions for each one to make for the new being served, in came little Neal Durham dressed as 1925, who passed around little envelopes which held good New Year wishes for all.

party was had, ending with the car of hulls. J. M. Garrett.

ringing of bells and shooting of SIXTEEN PERSONS fire works.

Those enjoying this occasion were Misses Melba West, Mary Burkes Blair, Mildred Matthews, Johnnie Sears, Gladys Mayfield, ton West, Ray Garrett, Clesby tistics compiled by the Depart-Patterson, Marvin Mayfield, and Clyde Matthews.

Miss Johnnie Sears Hostess

Monday evening Miss Johnny institute has been keeping recevening were in keeping with the Sears was hostess to a few ords of lynchings, and is seven-New Year's season, reflecting friends at her home on Oak teen fewre than in 1923. There was the last night of leap year, o'clock dinner. A most pleasant 1923 and fifty-seven in 1922, the much amusement was afforded time was had before the dinner records of the institute show. hour enjoying victrola music and

About eleven o'clock a knock piano selections. A lovely three ing 1924 nine were taken from was enjoyed.

Miss Sears invited her guests to attend the picture show as ces in which officers of the law ing room, the guests beheld the the main diversion of the even- prevented lynchings. Two wodining table made into a real ing, after the dinner had been men, one white and one colored, served.

Those enjoying this occasion Eight of the preventions of were: Misses Melba West, Dor- lynchings were in Northern Many of them are failing to keep They saw instead, one of the year. While punch and cake were ris Durham, Mildred Matthews, States and thirty-seven in South-Gladys Mayfield, Ona Fae Rose, ern states. In the thirty-six of and the hostess.

Will have a car of Cannel coal and car Domino Coal on the From eleven thirty a watch track Saturday. Will also have 1

LYNCHED IN 1924

Should Married Women Earn?

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec. 31.—Only sixteen persons were lynched in the United States during 1924, it is shown by stament of Records and Research by Tuskegee Institute and given out by Robert R. Moton, principal. This is the smallest number lynched in any years since the days

were thirty-three lynchings in Of the persons lynched dur-

was heard at the door, and in course dinner was served. Be- the hands of the law, six from came old Father Time himself, twoon courses a clever contest jails and three from officers of the law outside of jails.

There were forty-five instanwere among those thus saved.

the cases the prisoners were re-

moved or the guards augmented for proper bringing up. or other precautions taken. In

ing mobs were indicted. Of the nineteen persons thus before the courts only five were convicted. These were given jail sentences. Of the sixteen persons lynched all were negroes, seven, or less than one-half of those put to death, were charged with criminal assault or attempted criminal assault. The offenses charged were murder, one; criminal assault, five; attempted criminal assault, two; killing officer of the law, two; insulting woman, three; atin altercation, one; wounding man. one. The states in which lynchings occured and the number in each State are as follows: Florida, 5: Georgia, 2; Illinois, 1; Kentucky, 1; Lousiana, 1; Mississippi, 2; Mrs. J. B. Woods has return-Missouri, 1; South Carolina, 1; ed from her mother's where she Tennessee, 1; Texas, 1. spent Christmas.

LLOYD PERFORMED CLIMB An increasing number of women continue to earn money Wherever "Safety Last," Harafter entering matrimony, and old Lloyd's latest feature commany of them feel that in these edy for Pathe is shown, it undays of high prices, that is the questionably will win the aponly way their little families plause of the entire audience. can meet their expenses. Their But even the most enthusiastic husbands are not fully able to applause can't compare with the earn amounts they feel neces- cheering of the crowd that wit-

CROWD THRILLED WHEN

sary to support a family accord- nessed the filming of the climb ing to the standards of these in "Safety Last." Somehow the news got about

Opposition is expressed to the that the famous comedian was idea of warried women taking to use the Bank of Italy buildsuch positions, on the ground ing at the corner of First and that it takes jobs away from Spring Streets in Los Angeles many unmarried women and to film a scene for one of his girls who need this work. It forthcoming productions. Three would be argued that these mar- hours before the comedian arried earners should restrict their rived, the streets around the expenses, and get along on what tall building were crowded with their husbands can make, and admirers of the star. When Harleave the industrial field clear old appeared on the scene, he for those who have no husbands was noisily welcomed, and as to support them.

Of course many married wo- made their preparations, the men who are earning money, are crowd settled down, expecting to doing it by neglecting their see the filming of a comic street home duties to a large extent. scene.

their husbands comfortable, and most daring stunts ever performare not giving their children the ed for the camera. As Harold attention these youngsters need continued his climb, the huge audience showed its appreciation

with being connected with lynch- training or homes are poorly admiration.

Yet there are many of these completed the crowd relaxed in- Theatre next Monday and Tueswomen who have no children or to a veritable ovation, and the day. whose offspring has grown old gratifying demonstration when "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew" enough to take care of them- Harold Lloyd stepped into his was adapted by Percy Heath selves to a large extent. If such car to leave, surely must have from a novel by David Lisle. It a one goes to work outside the been some compensation for the tells of what happens when an home, and throws some unmar- long hours of tedious training innocent wife's reputation is ried business girl out of employ- necessary to perform the clever purposely blackened by an unment, she puts another one to feats in "Safety Last", which scrupuous lawyer in order to work somewhere else through will be shown at the Cozy The- save her worthless husband the money that she earns and atre here. spends. She should not therefore be discouraged from working, if she can do it without neglecting Mr. S. O. Patton has just re-turned from the Plains with Mr. Bellew," Miss Swanson flees tacking woman, one; killing man the home. Her added production I. N. and J. H. Bennett of Abi- from America to Europe, where will add just that much to the lene. Found everything fine and the story runs through a gamut total production and prosperity saw cotton that made a bale to of interesting sequences to a roof the community. was in Martin county near the been deprived. MT. PLEASANT NEWS center of the county.

Party At Cranston Home Enjoyed Saturday Eve

Last Saturday evening a very merry crowd of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews to go out to the A. B. Cranston home, some twelve miles out of town, to attend a party, with Miss Grace Lee Cranston as hostess.

A very happy time was had and Miss Cranston proved a very entertaining hostess. Games of various kinds had been prepared for the past time. The following were winners in contests and received prizes, Miss Melba West. and Mr. James Swann.

A delicious refreshment plate, consisting of sandwiches, olives, cakes, and hot chocolate was served to Misses Melba West, Gladys Mayfield, Mildred Matthews, Alma Patterson, Dorothy, the directors and cameramen Fae Rose, and Messrs Garrett, Sanders, Dorris Durham and Ona Swann and Mayfield.

NEW SWANSON FILM PACKED WITH THRILLS

Beautiful views of Europe's most fashionable water resort; an absorbing murder trial; color-Money earned at the expense by breathless interest, applaud- ful action at a fine country esnine other instances armed force of such neglect is usually not ing now and then at some es- tate, and Gloria Swanson in an was used to repel the would-be worth having. It can not offset pecially reckless performance by interesting array of brand new lynchers. In four instances dur- the great loss involved where the star, but, on the whole, Paris gowns, are announced as ing the year persons charged children fail to have proper watching the comedian in tense high lights of "The Impossible Mrs. Ballew." a new Paramount When the climb was finally picture which comes to the Cozy from conviction of a charge of murder. Becoming a social parthe acre and was sure it had mance that promises to give her made that. The section he visited the happiness of which she has Director Sam Wood assembled a capable cast for the support of Mrs. Fannie Lawton, of Lou- Miss Swanson. Robert Cain is siana is here for a visit with her the husband who causes all the brother, Mr. J. M. Johnson, trouble, while Conrad Nagel Hulls on track-buy off car spent Sunday with Mr. Roy whom she had not seen for many plays opposite the star in the role of a novelist. Mickey and Pat Moore are seen in sympa-Coal in transit-expecting an- thetic kiddie roles, while other other car Dawson Egg-also car well-known players include Rich-Alabama Fancy Lump, lower ard Wayne, June Elvidge, Herash than McAlester-Try it. bert Standing, Helen Dunbar, 1t Arthur Hull and Clarence Bur-It is pointed out that "The Impossible Mrs. Bellew" will have an especial appeal to women, as Miss Swanson wears several choice gowns brought direct from Paris by the star.

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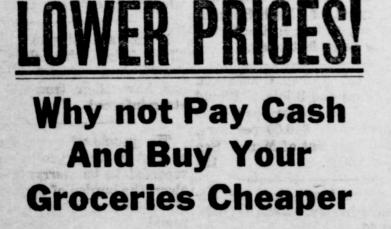
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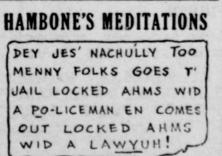
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academy Tuesday morning. Mrs. L. D. Gaither, who has been during the holidays on a visit with her parents, Dr. and family spent Sunday with Mr Mrs. W. V. Cranford, left this T. K. Frazier and family. week for her home in San Antonio, Texas. Bagley and family.



derson and family.

There will be a singing at the

Mt. Pleasant church Sunday

Mr. F. T. Sedberry and daugh-

Ruick Pali

ters, Odie Mae and Rebecca,

afternoon. Everybody come.

visited at Hawley Sunday.

much damage.



Mr. F. F. Hogan and family years.

brother, Toney, entered A. C. C. Mr. Charlie Whisenhunt and Swafford, phone 44.

Weakening Night make a crop for another year. Mr. D. J. Anderson and fam-

ily spent Sunday with J. S. An-It is really astonishing how a persistent, exasperating cough that has kept you awake night after night, and Mr. Elsie Roland's house caught fire Monday afternoon but was put out before it did

kept you awake night after night, and is rapidly wearing you down is usually stopped short by a very simple method. Hundreds have found that they can sleep the whole night through undisturbed often the first time they try it. The method is based on a remarkable pre-scription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You simply take a teaspoonful at night before retiring and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 deconds before swallowing, with-out following with water. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals corenees and irritation, but it quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and conges-tion which are the direct canse of the coughing. tion which are the d Getting at the cau

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Mr. J. H. Stephenson and family spent Sunday with Mr. L. B. Mr. T. F. Morton has moved to this community where he will



Pulling a rowboat against the stub-| cuits were restored and by six o'clock born current of a stream upon which all lines were open. The wreck octhere floated a sheet of blazing gaso- curred at eight in the morning.

Rider's feat was all the more re-

markable because of the fact that he

was suffering from a chronic malady

of such nature that he had been

warned not to risk exposure to wind,

Telephone employees who perform

noteworthy acts of public service are

honored with bronze medals by their

local companies. Early in 1924, Rider

was so decorated by the Southwestern

Through the summer, a committee

of officials of the American Telephone

and Telegraph Company reviewed the

awards of the associated companies

with a view to selecting cases for

higher awards, in accordance with the

terms under which the Theodore N

Vail Memorial Fund was established.

ployee in the United States to whom

Six other Bell System employees

will receive the Vail Silver Medal.

They are Mrs. Myrtle Ethel Hadley, a substitute operator of Snyder, Okla-

homa ; Charles Nepeir Wolever, Senfor

Central Office Man, Pittston, Pennsyl-

vania: Louis Leon Gauthier, Cable

Splicer's Helper, Shreveport, Louisi-

ana; George Herbert Mann, Cable-

man, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Alice C.

Muriel Annetta Cruikshank,

Operator, Wyoming, Pennsyl-

With it went a cash award of \$500.

Rider was the only telephone em-

Gold Vail Medal was awarded.

dust, cold or fatigue.

Bell Telephone Company.

line to restore the telephone and telegraph circuits, Charles Erwin Rider, a telephone installer of Guthrie, Oklahoma, earned the award of a Theodore N. Vail Gold Medal, the highest honor en to the 340,000 employees of the Bell System, according to an announcement recently made.

When a freight train made up of tank cars and flat cars loaded with lumber was derailed on a bridge crossing the Cimarron River, three miles north of Guthrie, June 5th, 1923, a car of gasoline exploded, destroying train and bridge and twenty-three important telephone circuits from Chicago, Kansas Gity and other northern points through Oklahoma to Texas.

Rider was unable to get a boat at the scene of the accident but returned to a city lake in Guthrie and secured Returning to the river, he tool one. a coll of wire in the boat and crossed the river alone, paying out as he went.

The Cimarron is a treacherous stream and was bank full at the time. To combat the current, it was necessary to work upstream to a point within twenty-five feet of the burning bridge. On the bridge was a partially flemolished tank car which was expected to explode at any time.

After some effort, one circuit, that from Chicago to Galveston, was restored. Then Rider took over the ends of two steel wires which were used to support cables.

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problem is how they are to be obtained. The cutting, shipping and selling of Christmas trees has developed into an established business, extending over the entire country. One large shipper of New England has been in the business forty years and in that time has sold many thousand carloads of trees. Some of these have been shipped as far south as Texas and as far west as Chicago. This ploneer in the industry is now eightytwo years of age, but he is still active, and curiously enough he is a real Santa Claus in appearance .-- Frank Herbert Sweet. (@. 1924. Western Newspaper Union.)

- the Parties

Perhaps Little Stars

Knew About Christmas

HE stars shone brightly over-Thead. Below, the snow was cov-

ering up the hard ground, which did not seem to understand Christmas. It was much too hard for that. It was better that Old King Snow should come along and cover it up, giving the people a white Christmas.

The stars shone down upon a little farm house. It was not a palace. It was not even a beautiful house. But the stars shone very brightly.

Perhaps they knew, bright little stars that they were, that in that house, as in many another house which is neither a palace nor a beautiful residence, there was great happiness and glorious celebrating of the beautiful Obristmastide.—Mary Graham Bonber. (0. 1914, Western Howspaper Fuisa.)

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to return to school.

work.

homes have enough home-grown Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor

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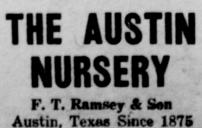
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The people who spend money as fast as they get it, are not reported to be worrying so far about the burden of carrying the big cartwheel silver dollars around.

Fault is found that President of the Finst Baptist Church, on Coolidge keeps his mouth shut January 3rd pronounced the so much, but anyway he has to words that bound in marriage open it at breakfast, dinner and

Some of these loud hollerers We have new sure-bearing people and this paper joins their at the football games could get friends in extending to them a job during the political camcongratulations and good wishes. paigns shouting for the candidates.

> Mr. Claud Riney, a University Teachers College, at Canyon, after spending the holidays with of Texas gyaduate, has returned her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben to his post of duty in the engi-Campbell, left first of the week neering department of Anderson county, at Palestine, after spending the holidays here with his Mr. Hugh McRee left Satur- mother.

> day night for Georgetown to accept a position as assistant coun-Miss Ester McCoy has entered ty engineer of that county. Mr. Draughon's Business College at McRee is a graduate of the En- Abilene for a course in Book gineering Department of the keeping and Typewriting. Mi University of Texas, Austin, and Urbane Childress who live this togethed with his excellent north of Merkel is now working character will no doubt bring in the Central State Bank o success to him in his chosen Abilene as result of his cours in the same college.

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GLEANERS CLASS IN MONTHLY MEETING

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Sixteen members were present. The house was called to order by Madam President, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn. Mrs. Thompson led in a short prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Dues were paid and cook book money turned in.

Much fun was had discussing capsules. Each member was requested to tell if they had been remembered and if they knew who their capsules were. Some had been remembered; some had not; some knew who had their names, and some did not want to know. But life has been made so much brighter by the capsules in the past year that new capsules were drawn again, to be kept only four months, this drawing. - . . it. .

The Gleaners are getting to be good artists; we next drew the names of the months of the year to see who entertained. Any Gleaners not present wishing to draw a capsule or a month to help entertain see Mrs. Fred Latham.

Balloons were turned loose and each member was asked to try to get a balloon with a umber. Some were numbered and some were not, the numbers drawing prizes. Much commotion and explosion was caused because balloons don't stand rough treatment and are easily punctured. The prizes were awarded and a mistake had been made. Mrs. Dr. Gambill, Mrs. A. Morton and Mrs. V. B. Sublett all had No. 13. Balloons were then given the three ladies, the one blowing her balloon up until it bursted received the leading prize of the day, Mrs. Morton being the lucky lady. Every one enjoyed the contest very much.

Mrs. L. R. Thompson next served the class with cheese and crackers in the new dish given her Christmas by the class.



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Mrs. Beidleman Hostess To Kings Daughte

The King's Daughters Class the Methodist Sunday Sche met with Mrs. Beidleman Tue day afternoon. During the bus. ness session, the class discussed some definite work for the New Year. This was decided upon and with our next meeting will star our work. Mrs. Harkrider gave a select reading which was very much enjoyed. The hostess served grape juice and cakes. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames Watts, Graham, Ellis, Patterson, Beene, Miller, Berryman, Patton, Smith, Harkrider. Campbell, Middleton, Golliday, Russel! and Mary Joe Russe"

New Year's Party

On last New Year's eve, Miss Lola Dennis entertained a group of friends with a forty-two luncheon and watch party. At seven-thirty the guests began to arrive and were told to buy their tickets for a trip of progressive forty-two, which proved to be dainty tally cards. The train departed from Abilene and stops were made enroute on the tour at Tye, Merkel and Trent. A delicious plate lunch consisting of wild turkey, dressing, salad, pickles, olives, cranberry sauce and coffee was served. At the next stop, which was Eskota, another course consisting of delicious fruited jello, whipped cream and angel food squares was served, carrying out the color scheme of pink and blue.

Several other interesting contests were had, especially the Eskota grammar school contest, where, after passing examination in spelling and Physiology, all were sent to Abilene to complete their education.

In forty-two, Mr. Wilbur Thomas and Miss Opal Patterson won high score and were awarded silver pencils.

Miss Eva Mae Johnson and Fred Giles won the consolation which was popcorn in miniature traveling bags.

Refreshments consisting of marshmallow pudding with whip WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS ped cream and cherries were served by Mrs. Fred Latham, ladies: Mesdames J. E. Richard- the Laundryman. son, Eli Case, Dr. Gambill, Herbert Patterson, Robert Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggan Baccus, Duncan Briggs, Clyde community. Sears, Rush Buford, A. Morton, and V. B. Sublett.

DELPHIAN CLUB

The Delphian Club met at the home of Mrs. S. D. Gamble on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Mrs. O. R. Dye was the leader for the afternoon, and the subject for discussion was one of Shakespere's comedy dramas. The five acts of the play were made very interesting by the discussions, with Mesdames F. C. McFarland, L. A. Arrington. Fred Groene, R. O. Anderson and S. D. Gamble taking part.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January the twentyfirst, at the home of Mrs. R. O. Anderson. This will be a social meeting, and every member is urged to come.

Miss Johnnie Sears left Sunday morning, returning to Sullins College, Bristol, Va., after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sears.

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The guest list included: Misses Eva Mae Johnson, Opal Patterson, Emma Toombs, Stella We have opened a Restaurant Pipe, pump and windmill re- Mr. J. O. Barbee, we are inin the old "Fatty" Campbell pair work. All work guaranteed. formed, has purchased a home in Wilson, Edith Baker, Gladys Mil-If it is cleaning and pressing stand. Also have my jewelry Headquarters at West Co. Phone the south part of the city, and liken, Lucille Guitar. Messrs. Mrs. L. R. Thompson and Mrs. you want, that is one of our shop in connection. We appreci- 59. Appreciate your work. has moved with his family to Fred Giles, Lewis Giles, Wilbur 9t4pd same from the farm where he Thomas, Delbert Polly, Comer L. C. Sublett to the following specialities. Phone 218. Ligon, ate your patronage. Come to see Cox Brothers. has resided near here for sev- Patterson, Kenneth Watkins, tf us. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tarbut-Mr. Lee Acuff and son, Ira, eral years. We welcome him to Jack Anderson, Carleton Denton. 1tp and Mr. Tom Allday are expected our city. Tom Largent, D. H. Vaughn, have moved to the Salt Branch FOR SEWER Connections-See Wednesday from a trip to San Sid Criswell. tf. Angelo, Texas. Try a Classified Ad in the Mail. ANNOUNCING

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> When you see these "SPECIALS" you may know we are giving you something really worth while and far below their market value.

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Miss Dennis was assisted in entertaining by her mother and Miss Mabel Toombs. **Miss Mildred Matthews Hostess** Miss Mildred Matthews was hostess to a gay crowd of young

friends at her home last Friday evening, honoring Mr. Maben Rogers, who left that night to make his home at De Leon, Tex.

A very happy evening was spent in playing games of all sort, in fact any thing that any one suggested. Many wishes and new resolutions were made for Rogers, and hopes expressed for his return to this city again some time.

A refreshment plate of peaches with whipped cream was pass-ed to Misses Melba West, Ona Fae Rose, Gladys Mayfield, Johnny Sears, Mildred Matthews and Dorris Durham, and Messrs. Garrett, Matthews, Tucker, Curb Rogers, Rea, and Mayfield.

New Filling Station

I have my filling station open now adjoining my blacksmith shop, and am prepared to serve you with Oil, Gas, Air and Water, and on Saturdays will give free a quart of oil with every five-gallons of gas purchased from me. The best of service to one and all. C. P. STEVENS. 1tp

Coal in transit-expecting another car Dawson Egg-also car Alabama Fancy Lump, lower ash than McAlester-Try it. Swafford, phone 44.

Mr. William Brown and son, Leon, of Burkburnett, are here this week for a visit with the former's brother, Mr. Geo.