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\* BROADCASTINGS FROM STATION W-W-C-E \*  
\*World's Worst Country Editor\*

## 3-DAY PRESBYTERIAN S. S. INSTITUTE HERE

Down in Texas, where the farms are made of gravel and they plow with dynamite, where the festive chattle mortgage sings its dirge day and night; where you needn't dig potatoes with a sabre or a dirk, where, when rain is badly needed, then the rain gets in its work; where the rivers moan and murmur on their journey to the sea, where the breezes tackle corn stalks as big as fence posts, on the lea where the savage once wandered in search of human hair, while his hoarse and howling war-cry floated o'er the summer air; where a hundred braves would answer to the chieftan's battle call, down in Texas, where there's plenty for you all.—Where the savage did wander, yearning for a crop of hair, now the farmer takes his porker to the nearest county fair, and the corn is gaily growing where the greasy wigwam stood; where he burned the wailing captive, now the poultry are scratching for food, and the folks who live in this pleasantest of climes, show a happy knack of keeping with the progress of the times.—Here you will find a country beaming, from the springtime to the fall, down in Texas where there is plenty for you all.

COME TO TEXAS

Governor's nite was what the membership of the "I will listen" club labeled Thursday evening of this week, due to the able addresses made over the radio by the Gov of Arkansas and the Governor of Missouri.—Abbie Trotter, listen in, that the speech was pretty good, but allowed he would never be satisfied until he again heard that well-known "conservation," alleged to have been made between the Governor of North Carolina and the Governor of South Carolina—Abe says it sure would be refreshing to hear this once more.

Jefferson Padlock, who is considered some what of a local wit, paid tribute to Arkansas when he allowed that he didn't know they growed 'em so smart in the back woods state. The thing that impressed Jeff so forcefully was the information given by the Governor of Arkansas, when he stated that his native state was the only sovereign collection of people mentioned in the Bible. Some where in Genesis the Bible says "Noah went down to the Ark-an-saw."

Missouri was heard from the same nite when the Governor of the state told about the Mayor of Mobile, one of the small towns in Alabama. Seems the folks down Mobile way got tired of having to walk the straight and narrow path and concluded they would send off the Mayor and his wife so they could all celebrate without being lawed. Just to insure plenty of time for the celebration they shipped the Mayor and the first lady of the city clear to Belgium. Of course, the King and Queen were the first folks to be visited, and after customary greetings, the Mobile Mayor started in to boost his home town. Just to be polite the Queen turned to the Mayor's wife and said, "Goodness gracious, you say you have 300,000 people in one city. Why! there are nearly one-third as many as the entire kingdom of Belgium. It must be a great responsibility to govern those folks crowded into one city."

The Mayor's wife said, "Queen said a mouthful."

McFentress came in Monday morning all up in the air. Often our medical advisor has cured the Radio bug was more than whiskey and opium,

Sunday, February 15, all the regular services will be held. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Dr. B. A. Hodges of Waxahachie State Sunday School Executive, will speak at the morning hour. Vesper services at four p.m. C. E. at 6:15.

Beginning Monday night and continuing through Wednesday night we are to have a Sunday School institute. Dr. Hodges will conduct these services. All the modern phases of S. S. work will be discussed. This will be a great opportunity for every member of Sunday School to learn real Sunday School methods so much needed.

On the closing night we will observe "church night" and hope to have one of the most inspiring meetings we have had. Every body attend these services and let us make it worth while.

Rred S. Rogers.

## CROSS ROADS CHURCH TO HAVE SERVICES

The Cross Roads Church is now finished and there will be singing on Sunday afternoon. There will also be Bible study on Sunday night and each Sunday night thereafter.

Read the advertisement in this paper of the McFarland Garage concerning special prices on tires. It means a big saving to automobile owners who need tires.

Those attending the Methodist Pastors and Laymens meeting at Abilene Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham, Rev. T. J. Rea, Mesdames Geo. Brown, H. A. Sanders, Tom Largent, and Messrs L. R. Thompson and L. W. Cox.

and although he is an adept himself, he has been experimenting for an inoculation vs the bug.

Sunday Doc read in one of Mr. Hearst's daily papers where the entire universe was to be run via Radio. Some radio nut has figured it all out where people would wear a receiving set in their hat, or if they didn't wear a hat, would pack a few high powered wires in their boyish hobs, and then connect up with roller skates, which would propel them along at any speed. Now can't you just imagine some of our gay flappers tuning into a fifty mile a minute wave, and skating down town to a tea dominant. This wise acre has got it all ribbed up to where the weather can be turned off and on just like your gas—only we hope when things are running good that the weather supply won't develop a shortage, like some of our Texas gas pipe lines.

Another thing, how in the world are we all gonna get satisfied with the weather? Take for instance maybe Farmer Brown will want an April shower for his turnip crop, just when Madam Brown wants to attend the social meeting of the Ladies Aid Society.

Or say Banker Kurtzinger has it all framed up and arranged with the radio weatherman for a pretty sunshiny day, for the annual outing and picnic of the Janitors and other bank employees. Then Kildee Atwood discovers his forty gallons of sweet milk is about to spoil and sends in an S.O.S. for snow and freezing weather.

Our guess is that this old earth is already full of sorrow and grief without starting this Radio control dope—Doc says the U. S. Government ought to confine these Radio Bugs in some of his eleemosynary institutions.

## NEW DRY GOODS FIRM TO OPEN SOON

While in conversation with Mr. W. J. Sheppard, who is to be the manager for the new dry goods store to be opened in this city by the Jones Dry Goods Company, we learn that carpenters and painters are busy building shelves, rearranging and otherwise putting the building in shape for this store, and it is expected that same will be ready and open for business within a short time, announcement of which will be made in this paper next week.

Mr. Sheppard states that their goods are beginning to arrive now, and that by the time the opening day arrives they expect to be able to present to the people of Merkel and surrounding country a complete stock of up-to-date dry goods. Watch for their announcement in next week's issue of the Mail.

## MAYFIELD PROBE COST \$65,000

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Senate investigation of the election of Senator Mayfield, Democrat of Texas, whose right to a seat was contested on the ground of Ku Klux intimidation of voters and other charges, cost the taxpayers more than the Senator's salary for eight years.

According to a tabulation made yesterday by the secretary of the Senate, the expenses of the inquiry totaled \$65,606.11. The Senator's salary for eight years, if he is re-elected at the end of his present term, will be only \$60,000.

The result of the inquiry was an exoneration for Mayfield.—Star Telegram.

## "SAFETY FIRST" AT TRENT NETS SCHOOL \$117.00

Superintendent R. H. McAdams, of the Trent Schools, reports the High School play in that city last Friday evening a big success, stating that the net proceeds were around \$117.00.

Mr. A. C. Rose, manager, and Miss Evorie Clark, Milliner, for the A. C. Rose Dry Goods Store, returned last week from the big Eastern markets where they purchased for this store one of the largest and most complete stocks of merchandise that this establishment has ever carried. Read this store's announcement in this paper.

Mr. Price Banner recently sold his cafe, known as the City Cafe, to Messrs Newberry and Thompson, and these two men will continue to conduct this business at the same location.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar and daughters, Minnie Maud and Nell Lou, will leave Friday for Slaton, where they will make their home.

Miss Jessie Sutphen who is teaching school at Electra, accompanied by Miss Wood Tabor of Chillicothe, Texas, visited here last week end.

The Woodrum Garage has a special announcement in this paper to which your attention is called. Read it and profit there-by.

Miss Ophelia Mason of Deport, Texas, came in last night to be at the bedside of her brother, Mr. J. C. Mason.

## LUNCHEON CLUB IN ROUSING MEET

Tuesday evening, February 9, Mr. Jas. A. Patterson, Jr., was the Toastmaster for the meeting of the Luncheon Club. Mr. Patterson brought to those present a very timely, entertaining and interesting program.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, president of the club was present, and presided over the meeting, introducing the toastmaster.

This meeting was one of the liveliest, most enthusiastic meetings ever held, and was highly enjoyed by over seventy business men and visitors. It was a program well worth any one's time.

The first part of the evening was devoted to entertainment. The orchestra furnished delightful music and gave some special numbers. A series of readings by six boys was something different and just fine for the occasion. The boys were: E. L. Turner, Ross Ferrier, A. C. Toombs, Jim Patterson, Harold Boney and Howard Albertson. A feature of entertainment that was greatly enjoyed were two numbers by the Boys Glee Club.

Following these numbers came inspiring talks by Rev. Fred S. Rogers, whose theme was "Development of City Life," Rev. T. J. Rea, who talked on the subject of "Opportunity and City Development—the Need of Rent Houses in Merkel." Mr. I. L. Jackson, principal of the High School and athletic director, spoke on "Higher education." And last was the splendid talk from the new county demonstrator, Mr. Masterson. Mr. Masterson was present, he said, to get acquainted. He gave a brief, but quite interesting outline of his work to be done in this county. He pledged his support and assistance in making the Merkel Community Fair in September the best. He said he hoped that there would be great improvement by that time in the livestock and poultry industry.

Others called on for talks were Rev. W. H. Albertson and Elder W. G. Cypert. The meeting was adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 24th, with Mr. Earl Lassiter as the Toastmaster.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunbeams meet at 4:15 p.m. Friday.

Sunday morning the pastor will discuss the 9th commandment "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Do you gossip? Do you deal in piddling evil reports?

Special plans are being made for the meeting to begin March the 1st. Our new song books have come. Make your plans now to come.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned Wednesday afternoon from their trip to St. Louis, where they made spring purchases for their store. They came back by Stephenville where they visited relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Owens and children will leave this week for Slaton where they will make their home.

Mr. Sie Hamm this week purchased from Mr. Sam Owen his home in the northern part of Merkel. Mr. Hamm intends to improve the place considerably before he occupies same.

Mr. W. F. Patterson left last week for a business trip to places on the plains.

## DIST. LEAGUE MEET HERE FEB. 20 AND 21

The Epworth Leagues of the Abilene District will hold a young people's conference and district League meet at Merkel Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21.

Preparations are being made to entertain a large crowd of young people from over the District, and an interesting and instructive program has been arranged. Programs will be distributed soon.

Several of the prominent speakers of this section will be on the program. The speakers include Dr. J. W. Hunt of McMurry College, Rev. W. E. Lyon, presiding Elder, and A. G. Waugh of Lamesa, and others.

Programs will be given by Leaguers, and special features and stunts will add spice to the two days session.

The McMurry College quartet will give several numbers, and local leagues will be represented on the program.

The district secretary, U. S. Bird, has asked all local chapters to give him information as soon as possible as to the number they expect to have present, so that the Merkel chapters may know just what arrangements to make for entertainment. This information should be sent to Box 1020, Abilene, Texas.

## MISS GRACE BYNUM DIED NEAR MERKEL SUNDAY

Pearl Gray Bynum, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bynum of Merkel and formerly a student at McMurry College, died at her home 3 1-2 miles northwest of Merkel at 6 o'clock Sunday morning and was buried at Potosi Monday at one p.m. with the Rev. Ledger of Trent and the Rev. Richard Bright of Potosi conducting the services.

Miss Bynum had been ill for several weeks. She was a student in McMurry until December and is well-known at the college. She was born at Potosi May 25, 1906, and lived there until a few years ago when her parents moved to Merkel where she had made her home since.

She is survived by her mother and father and two brothers, Paul and Paris.

## Trent Missionary Society Notes of M. E. Church

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, of Trent, met at 2 p.m. Monday, February 9, at the church. Their study is the book "The Negro from Africa to America." It is very interesting and the afternoon was a pleasant one. The lesson was the first four chapters by Mrs. Mangum, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. McRee. The next three chapters will be the lesson for next Monday, February 16, and will be given by Mesdames Mangum, Scott and McRee.

On February 23 we will have the next three and that will finish the book. They will be given by Mesdames Smith, Reed and Winn. We will have an Easter market just before Easter. The society meets every Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Visitors are always welcome. We have wonderful studies, which any one would enjoy, so come out and hear them.

Miss Alzada Pogue, teacher of the second grade in the Merkel grammar school, has been unable to teach this week on account of having the flu. Mrs. Earl Thornton has been filling the vacancy made by Miss Pogue's illness.

## REV. ROGERS WILL GO TO LAMESA

It is with the deepest regret that we announce to the people of Merkel and vicinity that Rev. Fred S. Rogers and his estimable family are to soon leave Merkel. However, it is a fact, as the Rev. Mr. Rogers has accepted a call from the Presbyterian church at Lamesa, and will leave about March first to become the pastor of the congregation there.

For some four years Rev. Rogers has held the pastorate of the Grace Presbyterian church in Merkel, and under his able leadership the church has made wonderful progress and growth, and Rev. Rogers and his excellent family have not only been able to count as their friends and admirers their entire church membership, but that of the entire citizenship of the city and surrounding country. Rev. and Mrs. Rogers have not only been leaders in church work, but likewise in the social circles of the city, always taking part in any and all moves that have for their purpose the upbuilding and development of the city and its people. And while the people of this city realize their going away will be a heavy loss to Merkel, they with one accord wish for them much happiness and success in their home and field of endeavor. We commend them to Lamesa's best citizenship as a fine people as ever became identified with any community.

This paper with the many friends of Mr. J. C. Mason is glad to learn that he is considerably improved at this time from a severe illness of several days. Mr. Mason's condition for a few days was very serious, greatly improved at this time.

LINCOLN SAID: "Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of the country and never to tolerate their violation by others. As the patriots of '76 died to support the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the Constitution and laws let every American pledge his life, his property and his sacred honor. Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his fathers and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty. Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in the schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be printed in primers, in spelling books, and in almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpits, proclaimed in legislative halls and enforced in court of justice. And, in short, let it be the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

Mr. Max Mellinger returned first of the week from the big wholesale markets in St. Louis where he had been to select and purchase for his store in this city one of the largest and most up-to-date stocks of Spring and Summer merchandise he has ever bought before. He states that he will soon make some announcements concerning same in this paper.

Rev. C. H. Ledger of Trent, Texas, preached at the Methodist church of Merkel last Sunday evening. Rev. Ledger is pastor at Trent.



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### Seventh Grade Picnic

On last Monday afternoon from four to six the pupils of the Seventh grade with their teachers, Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. I. L. Jackson, enjoyed a picnic and lunch out at Mulberry bridge. This picnic was the culmination of a dictionary contest in reading under the direction of Mrs. Jackson. The side that won in each room was entertained by the defeated sides.

The children were glad to have with them their room mothers, Mrs. J. W. Sheppard and Mrs. Earthman, also Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Chaney.

Many interesting games were played and victrola music was enjoyed. Then came the picnic lunch, after which Norma Shannon and Addie Fae Patterson passed fudge and cakes to the members of the winning sides. This proved to be a joke, however, as the fudge contained pepper and the inside of the cakes was cotton. Mrs. Chaney served home-made candy to the whole crowd. Those present were: Mary Ellen Ashby, Fannie Belle Boaz, Irene Campbell, Marza Chaney, Francis Collins, Helen Compton, Dorothy Daniels, Emma Lee Gilmore, Lola Haynes, Lillian Hughes, Ruth Daniels, Lunell Lamar, Bernice Lasater, Addie Fae Patterson, Elsie Richie, Norma Shannon, Fannie Mae Reeves, Fred Barnes, J. E. Boaz, Joe Daniels, Raymond Earthman, Paul Frederickson, R. E. Cole, Truitt Meeks, Lane Mullen, Lester Patterson, Jesse Pilcher, Orville Richie, William Sheppard, Ruskin Smith, Max Swafford, Orien Tittle, Lewis Tucker and Mesdames Sheppard, Earthman, Campbell, Chaney, Jackson and Sublett.

CITY FURNITURE Co. buys, sells and exchanges new and second-hand furniture. Large shipment of dishes, rugs and army goods. Joe Garland, Prop. Across from Post Office.

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### HIGH SCHOOL CIRCUS IS DECIDED SUCCESS

The High School Circus, sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association last Friday evening at the High School building, was a decided success. Clever and most attractive booths had been fixed by the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes. At each booth something unique and interesting was given as souvenirs. A prize of five dollars had been offered to the class having the best booth, and this prize was awarded to the Seniors. Their booth was a student's scene, with the senior colors of purple and white predominating. Miss Melba West, president of the Senior class, dressed in cap and gown, greeted the passers by and after registering gave each one a miniature diploma. All members of the Senior class wore paper caps made in the class colors.

In the large auditorium a free show was in progress most of the evening. The program included songs by the Glee Club and the Choral Club, readings from members of Miss Lucy Tracy's expression classes, a stunt by Miss Mamie Ellis and Mrs. Fred E. Rogers, picture slides and a radio program.

Besides these features other attractions such as "the Majestic," Animal shows, smallest couple in the world, and confectionary booths were had.

It was quite a joyous evening with a good attendance, including parents, school patrons, and school children. The proceeds go to the Parent-Teachers Association.

I will have a car of Maize in the next day or so, \$37.50 off the car. Get what you need; just have one car at that price. The next car may be higher—can't say now. L. L. Murray.

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### \* QUESTIONS and ANSWERS \*

Q. What is the comparative weight of lead and gold?

A. Gold is one and a half times heavier than lead.

Q. When and where was President Coolidge born?

A. At Plymouth, Vermont, on July 4, 1872.

Q. When was Webster's Dictionary first published?

A. In the year 1828.

Q. When, where and by whom was radium discovered?

A. In 1902, in Paris, France, by Prof. and Madame Curie.

Q. How old and how high are the pyramids of Egypt?

A. They were built about 3000 B. C. to 2300 B.C., there are 75 of them, the largest 451 feet in height.

Q. Where is the largest clock in the world and what is its size?

A. The clock on top of the Colgate factory in Jersey City. The diameter is 20 feet and the weight of the movement and hands is 8,000 pounds.

Q. Mr. E. H. Thompson was here last Saturday from the Salt Branch community and reported that he was about up with his farming and was ready for a good rain.

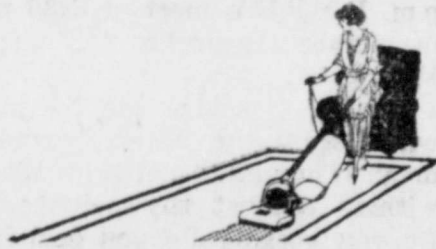
Q. Mr. S. L. Grayson who owns the Grayson Tourist Camp and Filling Station west of town, was in the city yesterday and dropped in to renew his subscription to the Mail as well as get some stationery he had us print for him.

Q. Harry Barnett was down last week from Lamesa. He reports liking the Plains and that hustling city very much. Harry is a fine fellow and has many friends here who wish for him all the success possible.

Q. Miss Lois Christopher, who is a student at McMurry College, spent the week-end with her sisters, Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. Earl Thornton.

# HOW TO HAVE CLEAN RUGS AFTER THESE SAND STORMS

The HOOVER  
It BEATS... as it Sweeps as it Cleans



There are three kinds of dirt in your rugs, viz.: surface dirt clinging litter and embedded grit—of these the latter, which is hidden from the eye, not only is the most difficult of removal but actually grinds off the soft nap under shoe pressure and the rocking of chairs.

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## West Texas Utilities Co.

### Farewell Party Given

Miss Ruby Fae Golladay entertained last Saturday evening at her home on Oak Street with a farewell party for Misses Nell Lou Lamar and Lucille Owens, and Mr. Durwood Owens, who are to soon leave for Slaton to make their home.

On arriving at the Golladay home, each guest was asked to register and write a remembrance in the three memory books for the honorees. Following this, gay and funny games of various and sundry kinds were played. Some were carried on in the house and others were played on the lawn.

Punch and cakes were served during the evening to the following: Misses Nell Lou Lamar, Lucille Owens, Elizabeth Harkrider, Mildred Hamm, Rubijo Higgins, Gladys Deutschman, Dorothy Higgins, Juanita Beene, Anna Lou Russell, Ruby Fae Golladay, Messrs. Clyde Mayfield, Charles Largent, Tolbert Proctor, Joe Ben Ashby and Durwood Owens.

Mr. W. J. Sheppard returned Monday from St. Louis where he had been to purchase a stock of merchandise for the Jones Dry Goods Co. who will soon be open for business here. Mr. Sheppard will be manager of the store.

Mrs. F. C. McFarland, who had been to St. Louis to help Mr. W. J. Sheppard buy stock for the Jones Dry Goods Co., returned Sunday afternoon. Mr. McFarland met her in Dallas and they made the trip from there home in their car.

### LAUNDRY SERVICE

Send to the Laundry and be convinced. Regular family washing. Everything included except stiff collars, silk and woolen goods at ten pounds for one dollar. Phone 218. Alfred H. Light.

### "A BOUQUET"

A special writer in a recent issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram made some very complimentary references to Thomas Durham, editor of the Merkel Mail, in connection with the progressiveness and push which the Taylor County city is showing. Durham is one of the finest men in Texas, and is a newspaper man of ability. He deserves all of the good things said about him—and more, and his friends all over the State are proud of the recognition which has come to him and which he so completely merits. —From The Van Alstyne Leader.

Misses Lillian Watts and May Collins were among those attending the district meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Big Spring last Thursday.

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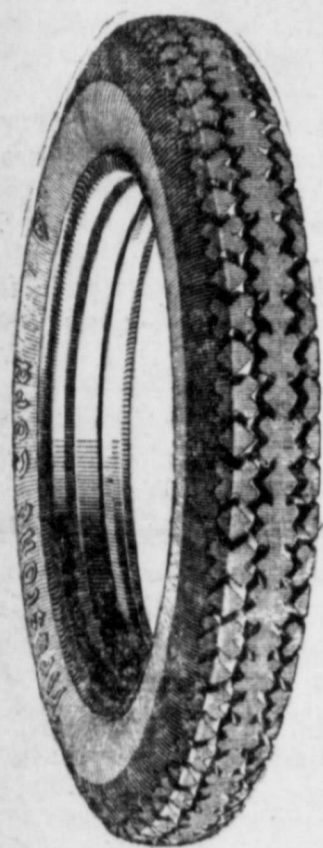
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Theme for the morning hour—"The Layman's Responsibility to the Program of his Church." At the evening hour Presiding Elder W. E. Lyon will preach for us.

Let us have a full attendance at all these services. A big welcome to all. T. J. Rea, pastor.

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**BOYS**—see our window for the Saturday Special we have arranged for you. Brown Dry Goods Company. It

Mrs. Nina Cox left Wednesday night for Las Vegas, Nevada, where she will join her husband Reed Cox, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Jack Durham has accepted a place at the Bragg Dry Goods Company as saleslady and milliner in the ladies ready-to-wear department.

**THE EDUCATIONAL FUND APPROVED BY SENATE**

Largest Single Cut Made in Item for State Board of Health.

Austin, Texas.—Board of Control estimates for vocational education totaling \$666,817.76 have been approved by the Senate Finance Committee on motion of Senator A. E. Wood of Granger, seconded by Senator Gus Russek of Schulenburg. It is the largest item in the departmental budget, calling for total appropriations of \$6,486,687.76.

The committee decided to cut the fund for traveling expenses of the State Superintendent, S. M. N. Marrs from \$1,500 to \$1,000.

The largest single cut was in the State Board of Health budget, in which the appropriation for child hygiene was eliminated. It carried \$36,450.52, but as the final adjustment Board of Control estimates was cut to \$27,900.

Elimination of the appropriation was regarded as the first step in divorcing the State from participating in benefits of the Federal Shepard-Towner maternity act.

Besides considering vocational education the committee passed on budgets for the Department of State, State Treasurer, Department of Banking, the revived Board of Pardons, which carried \$9,500 annually; Game, Fish and Oyster Department, general land office, agricultural department, markets and warehouses, which, however, will be merged with the Department of Agriculture, the estimate for which was \$123,340 for the biennium as against \$180,340 for the same time if operated as an independent department; Attorney General, Board of Control, which increased \$750 annually to take care of premiums on bonds of employees; State Board of Health, which carried an appropriation of \$313,980 for the biennium, but which was finally lowered, with elimination of child hygiene appropriations, to \$255,180; Board of Water Engineers; Bureau of Labor Statistics; State Comptroller, carrying \$325,380 to which was added \$1,000 for a posting machine; State Department of Education, with Mr. Marrs' personal traveling expenses trimmed; executive department, Tax Board, State Fire Insurance Department, State parks, Department of State and State Railroad Commission carrying \$118,540 for the biennium to which was added \$5,000 annually for the services of an attorney.

**NEW LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSION**

Names of Executive's Appointees Will be Sent to Upper House for Confirmation.

Austin, Texas.—A complete new Live Stock Sanitary Commission has been appointed by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, her husband, James E. Ferguson, announced.

The new members are Leo Callan, San Antonio, formerly of Menard County; Caesar Kleberg, Kangsville, Dr. E. F. Jarrell, Smith County. Headquarters of the commission are to remain at Fort Worth.

Mr. Callan will be chairman, succeeding J. E. Boog-Scott. The other members of the present commission are J. B. Moore of Del Rio and Paul L. Smith of Gilmer.

Mr. Callan is a cattleman and rancher, who has been interested in the cattle business all his life, Mr. Ferguson said.

Dr. Jarrell is a graduate veterinarian and was State Veterinarian under Governor Colquitt.

Mr. Kleberg is manager of the vast King ranch in Southeast Texas, one of the largest ranches in the country.

The new members will take office as soon as they are confirmed and qualify. It was the expressed wish of chairman Boog-Scott that the new members take up their duties as soon as possible, in order to organize new tick eradication work, Mr. Ferguson said.

**Would Stop Slaughtering Ducks.**  
Austin, Texas.—"There were at least 1,000 wild ducks taken daily for forty days from my section to Houston alone," declared Dr. A. R. Shearer of Mount Belvieu, Chambers County, "a total of 40,000 birds slaughtered in the name of sport. It was outrageous, and, as a member of the Legislature, I am going to stop it if I can."

**\$41,000 Royalty in December.**  
Austin, Texas.—J. T. Robinson, Land Commissioner, says that the University oil lands produced a royalty of \$41,000 in December. With the upward price of crude and the increased production in the Reagan County fields, the royalty is expected to be even larger in January.

**Warrant Call Made.**  
Austin, Texas.—A call for State warrants up to and including 33,450 for a total of \$144,255.81 has been issued by the State Treasurer. The warrants will be paid upon presentation at the State Treasurer's office.

**Rangers at Capitol.**  
Austin, Texas.—Gentlemen in white collars but with big guns at their belts beneath their coats are strolling about the halls of the capitol. They are members of the famed Texas ranger force—now at ease.

**MR. J. C. MASON VERY ILL; IS REMOVED TO ABILENE**

As this paper goes to press we learn that Mr. Mason's condition became more serious and the attending physicians recommended that he be taken to an Abilene sanitarium, where he may undergo an operation. He was removed to Abilene late Thursday afternoon.

We are grateful to Mr. Lee Baker for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail for another year.

Miss Marjorie Bland of Abilene spent several days here last week visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. Bill Brown returned last week from Dallas, where he has been visiting his sister, Mrs. R. A. McBean for some time.

Mr. Earl Baze returned first of the week from a business trip to the Plains.

Ford Coupe, 1924 model, will sell or trade, also some touring cars and some slightly used Studebaker touring cars will sell or trade. See W. E. LOWE. 1tp

New Spring Dresses. You can buy an all-silk canton crepe at \$11.75. Brown Dry Goods Co. It

Plenty Oak Eveners and Pine Tongues at Burton-Lingo Company. It

Mr. Jerome Hutcheson left first of the week for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he went for treatment for kidney trouble, having been suffering from this trouble for a year or more. His friends trust that he may receive immediate and permanent relief.

The Brown Dry Goods Company, one among our splendid dry goods firms, carries a regular advertisement throughout the year, and informs us that they are getting splendid results from their weekly advertisements announcing Friday and Saturday Specials. Read their ad. in this paper.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, Lay Leader in the Merkel Methodist Church, was among those attending a conference of laymen, ministers and other prominent church workers held at Abilene last Monday at the call of Presiding Elder W. E. Lyon. At this meeting the "Wide World Program of the Church" was discussed, Mr. Thompson being one of the principal speakers of the day.

Mrs. W. T. Bird has been quite sick but is improved now.

**To The Automobile Trade---**

I have bought [an] interest in the Corner Garage and we are prepared to take care of your wants.

Mr. Garrett Haas, has charge of the shop and battery department; handling Willard Batteries.

Each and every job given careful attention. All work guaranteed.

Thanking you in advance for a share of your business, and promising prompt service and courteous treatment.

**R. F. -Buck- Mashburn**

**Tom Cofer's Musical Review**



**At The Cozy Theatre, Friday & Saturday**  
February 13 and 14

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"The Sting of the Scorpion"

A Good Western Picture

AND—

Educational Comedy— "Runnin' Wild"



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TELEPHONE No. 61

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Judging from appearances, in  
the investigations being made by  
the Legislature, it is hard to tell  
whether the crooks are being in-  
vestigated or whether the crooks  
are doing the investigating.

A man may have his name on  
the church roll, he may be a  
member of the choir, and take  
part in many special church  
functions and then belong to the  
biggest "gang" of rounders in a  
city. But in this progressive and  
fast age many things are admis-  
sible and considered O. K.

It seems that the average min-  
ister in this modern time and  
fast age has for his biggest task  
the question of "How can I keep  
my church membership in a  
good humor and at work?" Some  
won't work when given work to  
do, and some won't work unless  
given a job as leader.

The big mail order houses  
have distributed their big Spring  
catalogues throughout the coun-  
try, each one of which cost con-  
siderable money. In these cata-  
logues the public can find men-  
tion of the goods offered for sale,  
along with the price of same.  
And whether there are bargains  
offered or not these firms will  
receive a large volume of busi-  
ness as a result. In this time and  
age, the buying public is looking  
to see what the business man  
has to offer.

Your town is just what we  
have made it. So, before criti-  
cizing others for conditions  
which do not suit us, we should  
each ask ourselves the question,  
"What have I done to remedy  
this situation?"

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EDITORIALS  
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Use well-bred farm animals  
—they do not eat any more than  
scrubs.

It's not how we sail in fair  
weather that counts, but how we  
weather the storms of life.

There is nothing which so  
makes for normal upbuilding of  
the country as the unbroken  
family circle at night.

Did you ever notice that the  
successful farmer is the one who  
thoroughly prepares his seed-  
beds well in advance of plant-  
ing?

The rules of thrift are so  
simple—yet so few of us follow  
them—just spend a little less  
than you make and save the re-  
mainder.

"Look me over, doc." If we  
went to our family physicians  
with these words at regular in-  
tervals, much serious illness  
could be warded off.

To be eminently successful,  
one must concentrate upon one  
line of endeavor and pursue it to  
the end—do not scatter your ef-  
forts.

While not seen as much as the  
streets, the keeping of the alleys  
clear of rubbish and refuse is  
just as important to the general  
health of the city.

Another way for the farmer  
to save money is to provide  
proper shelter for the farm ma-  
chinery—fence corners and shade  
trees do not afford much pro-  
tection.

One reason our doctors and  
lawyers cannot do as much for  
us as we desire is that we usu-  
ally wait to see them until our  
affairs have gotten into a very  
acute state.

If its citizens are always loyal  
and always speak well of their  
city, it cannot keep from pros-

pering. We have all seen towns  
of little consequence grow into  
cities of importance, just be-  
cause of the dogged determina-  
tion and loyalty of their citizens.

The watching of a baseball  
game or any other good clean  
manly physical contest cannot  
help but do the tired business  
man good—it takes his mind  
away from the work-a-day things  
of life and he is bound to get  
the spirit of the game, bound to  
admire the bronzed giants of the  
diamond. But this is just a pass-  
ive good—how infinitely more he  
would gain by developing his  
own muscles.

Earle P. Adams strain Rhode  
Island Red eggs 50c setting. Mrs.  
E. M. Dean, phone 9010. 13t2p

FOR SALE—A good seven-room  
residence in Merkel. Located on  
the south side. Will sell worth  
the money. For particulars in-  
quire at the Merkel Mail. 1tp

Messrs. J. R. and Claude Whit-  
ney of Deport, Texas, were here  
this week for a visit to the for-  
mer's daughter, Mrs. Clifford  
Fleming, and other friends who  
also reside here.

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PERSONALS  
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Mrs. G. M. Sharp left recent-  
ly for Stephenville, where she  
went to attend the bed side of  
Mr. C. C. Sharp, aged father of  
Messrs G. M. and J. P. Sharp of  
this city.

Mr. L. A. Arrington left the  
first of the week for Mount Ver-  
non for a visit with relatives.

Miss Sallie Brown has been ill  
all this week with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown  
and two children, Billie Joyce  
and Charles Garrison, visited in  
the J. S. Thomas home last week.

Miss Gladys Milliken is sick  
this week with the flu.

Mr. Noel Grubbs of Brecken-  
ridge visited Miss Edna Watts  
last week-end.

We can fit you in a 'McDonald'  
work shirt—slims, stouts and  
regulars. Brown Dry Goods Co. 1

Miss Mossie Sears has been  
quite sick this week with the flu.  
She is some better at this time.

Miss Mae Collins has recently  
resigned her place in the Big  
Spring schools as teacher and is  
now at home with her parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Collins.

Miss Beatrice McLeod of Trent  
was here shopping Wednesday,  
and also visiting her brother, C.  
L. McLeod.

Mrs. B. L. Longacre of Potosi,  
Texas, was here last week for a  
visit with Mr and Mrs. W. S.  
Telford.

Misses Lucille Guitar and Lola  
Dennis visited Misses Dale Hall  
and Edna Jones at Simmons Col-  
lege, Abilene, last Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Seago of the Shi-  
loh community was here Wednes-  
day shopping.

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

Mr. J. S. Swann, President of  
the Farmers State Bank was in  
Winters last week on business.

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\* ST. GEORGE HOTEL \*  
\* Dallas \*  
\* Where you will feel at home \*  
\* If only to spend the day in \*  
\* Dallas, make our large lobby \*  
\* and our spacious parlors \*  
\* your resting place. \*  
\* 170 Rooms, 60 baths. \*  
\* \$1.50 per day and up. \*  
\* In the center of the business \*  
\* district. \*  
\* CHAS. HODGES, \*  
\* Proprietor. \*  
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**In Memory of Grace Bynum**

Grace Bynum, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Bynum of the Kale  
community, four miles north of  
Merkel, died Sunday morning,  
February 8, at 5:00 o'clock.

She was a student in McMurry  
College during the fall term,  
taking the senior academy work.  
Grace was a very sweet charac-  
ter, and was loved by all who  
knew her. God alone knows why  
she was taken from our midst.  
Whereas, in His mysterious pro-  
vidence our Heavenly Father has  
taken into the house of many  
mansions our beloved fellow stu-  
dent, the faculty and student  
body of McMurry College extend  
deepest sympathy to the parents  
and bereaved loved ones. We  
had hope of Grace returning to  
her school work during the latter  
part of this winter term, and  
during the spring term, but God  
knew best.

May God's richest blessings  
rest upon each and every mem-  
ber of that family, and may they  
all be prepared to meet Grace in  
that Sweet Home beyond.  
By a College Friend who loved  
her.

Misses Lillian and Ruth Watts  
enjoyed the presentation of Ham-  
let by Dr. Thompson, a former  
teacher of voice from Curry's  
school of expression at Boston,  
Mass., Monday night at Sim-  
mons College, which was one of  
the lyceum numbers.

Miss Erma Lee Hemby of  
Sweetwater was the week-end  
guest of Miss Lillian Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Starkey of  
Sweetwater were guests of Mr.  
and Mrs. Robert Hicks last week-  
end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Grimes are  
happy to announce the birth of a  
baby girl on the 9th. The baby  
has been named Roberta.

Mr. Robert Hicks was in Abi-  
lene on business Monday.

**Baptist Sunday School Notes**

We had a good attendance last  
Sunday. Every one seems to be  
working and praying for our  
Sunday School, therefore we are  
expecting great things in the fu-  
ture.

Our entire Sunday School is  
well organized and graded with  
a large percent of officers and  
teachers holding diplomas.

Our teachers meeting Monday  
night was very well attended.  
Let us urge that every officer  
and teacher be present Monday  
evening at seven-thirty. In the  
next two meetings Bro. Albert-  
son will teach the book "Seven  
Laws of Teaching." If you have  
had this book come and review  
it. If you haven't you can't af-  
ford to miss it.

We want every teacher to meet  
with us in the T. E. L. class  
room Sunday morning, Feb. 15  
at 9:30. Be sure and don't be  
late.

The T. E. L. class has charge  
of the opening exercises in the  
main auditorium Sunday morn-  
ing. If you miss the first part of  
the service you miss something  
good, so don't be late. Sunday  
school starts promptly at ten.

A hearty welcome awaits one  
and all. Bill Haynes, Supt.

Corn and maize for sale. See  
Sam Swann. tf

MEMBER  
TEXAS QUALIFIED  
DRUGGISTS' LEAGUE

Legally  
Registered  
Pharmacist

**Merkel Drug  
COMPANY**  
S. D. Gamble, Mgr.

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

Subject: "The Friend who in-  
vited Jesus to her home."  
1. Ora Hughes. 2. Clyde May-  
field. 3. Joe Ben Ashby. 4. Paul-  
ine Chinn. 5. Iris Garrett.  
6. Miss Joyner.

Just received a nice shipment  
by express of ladies spring dress-  
es in all the new shades. Brown  
Dry Goods Co. 1t

Plenty Oak Eveners and Pine  
Tongues at Burton-Lingo Com-  
pany. 1t

I want partner who wishes to  
build 5-room bungalow from car  
of lumber. Lee D. Williams. 1t

**The  
BULL'S EYE**

Editor and General Manager  
WILL ROGERS



Another 'Bull' Durham advertisement by Will Rogers, Zigfeld Foibles and screen star, and leading American humorist. More coming. Watch for them.

I WANT it distinctly under-  
stood that this is an ad.  
What's more, it's one of my  
first attempts. Of course,  
the logical question is what  
does Will Rogers know about  
writing an ad? My answer  
is simple—everything!

The first thing any ad  
writer has got to know is  
how to get paid. I found  
that out. The first letters of  
the alphabet I learned  
were P. I. A.—that means  
Pay in Advance.

The real truth about why  
I started writing ads for  
these people is that I got  
a family kicking the toes  
out of lots of shoes daily and  
I read where my employers  
sold enough of their stuff so  
that if the bags were laid  
end to end they would  
stretch further than from  
Oklahoma to Yokohama—  
and that's some stretch. So  
I think this looks good to  
me. That's why I signed  
up. I hope it turns into a  
steady job. At any rate, I'll  
have another piece here two  
weeks from now.

*Will Rogers*  
P. S. I like to forget to tell you what  
I was advertising. It's 'Bull' Durham. I  
don't smoke it myself. I don't smoke  
anything, but somebody does or else what  
happened to all those bags?

IT'S MORE ECONOMICAL  
of course, but the real  
reason thousands of  
he-men swear by good  
ol' 'Bull' Durham is  
because for sheer good-  
ness of flavor, you just  
can't tie it.

TWO BAGS for 15 cents  
100 cigarettes for 15 cents



**'BULL'  
DURHAM**  
Guaranteed by  
The American Tobacco Co.  
INCORPORATED

**25 PER CENT DISCOUNT**

ON ALL PORTRAITS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN THIS MONTH ONLY.  
"BABY CROWS OLDER DAY BY DAY— A PHOTOGRAPH NEVER."

PARAMOUNT KODAK FINISHING

Best service in Southwest. Special Attention given mail orders.  
EIGHT HOUR SERVICE.

RODDEN STUDIO Merkel, Texas

**Why Sheetrock  
is a different wallboard**

*What it is:* Sheetrock is gypsum  
plaster cast in thick, rigid sheets.  
It is fireproof, non-warping and per-  
manent. It can be sawed and nailed  
like lumber. Takes any decoration—  
wall paper, paint, or Textone in the  
new stipple finishes.

*What it does:* Sheetrock makes solid,  
highly insulating walls and ceilings  
that keep rooms warm in winter and  
cool in summer. That means more  
comfort and lower fuel bills. Then,  
too, Sheetrock walls and ceilings  
make buildings dust-tight, sound-  
proof and vermin-proof.

*Where it is used:* Sheetrock is the  
economical wall and ceiling material  
for many types of new construction  
and for all remodeling and repairs.  
It is just the thing for attic rooms,  
furnace rooms, fruit cellars, garages,  
offices and stores.

*Where to get it:* Get your Sheetrock  
from us. We carry it in standard  
ceiling heights and widths. Our  
trucks make prompt deliveries.

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.  
**SHEETROCK**  
THE Fireproof WALLBOARD

**Burton-Lingo Company**



**Woodrum Filling Station**

**That Good Gulf  
Gasoling and Oils**

Drive around and fill up---  
The more you buy the better  
you like it.

**GOODRICH TIRES  
AND TUBES**

Free Road Service, free battery  
water, free air, free water, also  
free storage while in town.

Think these things over and  
give us your trade  
All Goods Guaranteed.

Service that you like. When  
you run out of Gas or need a  
Tire, phone 192 or 144.

"We Never Sleep"

**Woodrum Filling  
Station**



**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—Have some good gin-run Kasch Cotton Seed for planting at \$1.00 per bushel. W. A. Campbell, Rt. 5. 13t4

INCUBATOR—Have an "Old Trusty" 120 egg capacity incubator to sell at \$6.00. Mrs. W. A. Campbell. 13t2

FOR SALE—Cheapest place in Merkel, cash or credit. Would accept rental property in Abilene. Also 320 acres well improved land near Trent. Terms to suit. See owner H. D. Simpson. 29t4p

Half and half Cotton Seed. Pure, first year seed from originator in Georgia. Write for circular and price list. I guarantee 1,100 pounds seed cotton to make 500 pound bale. Address ED TAYLOR, Queen City, Texas. 1Apr

**Card of Thanks**

We take this method of extending our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the many neighbors and friends who during the prolonged illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, Grace Bynum, rendered us aid and extended comforting words.

We appreciate every kindness and token of friendship of each and every one, and sincerely trust that the richest of blessings may be extended each one of you, is the prayer of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bynum and child. 1tp

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and little daughter, Dora Marie, left last week in their car for points in Oklahoma, for a visit with relatives. Mrs. Gaither and baby remained for a longer visit, but Mr. Gaither returned Tuesday. 1t

FOR SALE—A good east front residence. Also some good vacant residence lots in Merkel. See T. L. Grimes. 1t

FOR SALE—Four fine, pure-bred, bigbone Poland China sow pigs. Price each \$10 with guaranteed pedigrees. See Earl T. Pribble, Route 5, phone 9011-F24. 13t1

BERMUDA Onions and Cabbage plants. Best early varieties. 400, 1.00; 1000, \$2; 5000, \$8, post-paid. Prompt shipment and satisfaction guaranteed. TEXAS PLANT FARM, Mart, Tex. 16t8

**WANTED**

WANTED—A few more milk customers. Con furnish sweet milk and butter milk. R. E. Cole, phone 9034-F3. 1tp

WANTED—Some hands to do some grubbing. See Sam Butman for particulars. 1t

WANTED—Milk customers, morning customers preferred. Milk delivered. See Mrs. R. L. Proctor. 13t2

**WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS**

If it is cleaning and pressing you want, that is one of our specialties. Phone 218. Ligon, the Laundryman. 1t

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money. 1t

Mr. L. E. Howard came in Tuesday from a trip to St. Louis to buy goods for the Jones Dry Goods Co. of Hamlin, with which store he has recently become affiliated as manager. Mrs. Howard also came home after a visit with her parents at Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Howard will soon move to Hamlin to make their home. 1t

BOYS—see our window for the Saturday Special we have arranged for you. Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

**DANIELS-PURL LEGION BILL PASSES HOUSE**

**MEASURE AUTHORIZES SALE OF KERRVILLE HOSPITAL TO GOVERNMENT.**

Austin, Texas.—Following an extended debate, the Daniels-Purl house bill authorizing the sale of the American Legion memorial hospital near Kerrville to the federal government, was passed finally in the house, under suspension of the constitutional rule, 100 to 2. The bill, as explained by Representative Daniels of Wichita Falls, who engineered the measure through the house, authorizes the state to sell the hospital and entire plant for approximately \$1,700,000, of which amount \$1,500,000 was appropriated by the legislature and the remainder raised through the American Legion. When the sale has been consummated, \$1,500,000 is to be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of general revenue and \$200,000 to be used for the creation of a trust fund to be administered for the care of disabled ex-service men.

**SUCCESS FOR TICK PROGRAM IS IN SIGHT**

Executive Approval of Measure Considered Likely.

Austin.—Success for a tick eradication program in Texas that will not fall for the voiding of the work already done seems in sight, following the action of the house committee on stock and stock-raising, in reporting out favorably the agreed bill which was formulated at a recent conference. This bill now has the support of both the house and senate committees, and its passage through the legislature is not expected to cause much friction. And in view of the fact that the bill is not far different from that agreed on at the Ferguson conference in San Antonio it is probable that it will meet executive approval.

The bill, as agreed on, provides that all counties where tick work is now under way, or has not been started, will remain under quarantine and compulsory eradication will be in effect all over the state except for that section east of a line from Robertson to Panola Counties. It regulates inspection and shipments of cattle from infected to free areas and to markets.

**Anti-Bat Bill Passes in House.**  
Austin, Texas.—The Webb bill to legalize cotton futures contracts in Texas and to prohibit "bucket shops" was passed by the house 64 to 40. No opposition was voiced from the floor.

Complete re-organization of the state asylums for the insane and feeble minded is favored by the house eleemosynary and reformation commission which has reported out the Wallace eleemosynary bill. Representative T. K. Irwin of Dallas, gained half of the legislative right to abolish the "bat" as an instrument of punishment in Texas prisons, when his bill prohibiting shipping passed the house, 93 to 50. The anti-glare bill regulating headlights of automobiles and motorcycles which has been passed by the house was favorably acted upon by the senate committee on state affairs. The bill provides that rays from automobile lights must be directed parallel with the road and not upward into the eyes of the approaching motorist.

**New Highway Commission.**  
Austin.—A new highway commission of three, to comply with the law going into effect next month, providing that only one commissioner must retire each two years, has been appointed by governor Miriam A. Ferguson. Frank L. Lanham of Dallas, a son of a former governor, S. W. T. Lanham, and a brother of congressman Fritz Lanham, of Fort Worth, was appointed chairman and given the two year term. Joe Burkett of Eastland, former senator, and candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, was given the four year term and John H. Bickett of San Antonio was appointed to the full term.

**New Judge Named.**  
Austin, Texas.—L. P. Bontor of Vernon has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of James V. Leak, judge of the Forty-Sixth District court at Vernon, resigned. The appointment was announced by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

**Double Platoon Fire System Bill.**  
Austin.—With a view of promoting efficiency in paid fire departments, Representative Smith of Travis county has introduced a bill in the house providing for the inauguration of the double-platoon system in all cities in Texas having a population of 30,000 or more. Such a bill was introduced in a former legislature, but failed of enactment, although favored by firemen in the larger cities of the state. The bill defines the conditions under which the system shall be operated.

**New Goods Arriving**

Our buyers have just returned from the Big Wholesale Markets of the East—where they spent several days in studying and selecting our large and complete stock of Spring Dry Goods, Clothing, Millinery etc., and it gives us pleasure to announce that quite a good deal of these goods have already arrived, and each day adds new shipments to our fast increasing stock.

To our customers and friends, and the public, we cordially invite you to make our store a visit where you may have the privilege of inspecting these various lines of the season's most up-to-date merchandise.

**A. C. ROSE DRY GOODS**

**NOTICE TO INCOME TAX PAYERS**

Mr. C. L. West of Abilene, Texas, a senior member of the firm of West and Short, tax consultants, accountants and auditors, will be in Merkel, Texas, February 27th and 28th to assist the taxpayers in any way possible.

It will be to the advantage of the taxpayer to see Mr. West and secure the benefit of his experience in this line of work. Any one wishing to see Mr. West will find him at either of the banks on these dates. 13t2

I will have a car of Maize in the next day or so, \$37.50 off the car. Get what you need; just have one car at that price. The next car may be higher—can't say now. L. L. Murray. 1t

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff and son, Ira, returned Monday from Lubbock where they have been for a visit.

Mrs. Virgil Smith and little daughter, Pansy, left last week for Lubbock for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann. 1t

**BLAIR'S No. 7**



**HERB TONIC FOR Stomach, Liver Kidney and Blood**  
Sold For Over 20 Years  
All Good Druggists

BLAIR & SON MEDICINE CO. Sherman, Texas  
MERKEL DRUG CO. Sells it.

**Rebekah Lodge Meeting**

There will be a roll call of the Merkel Rebekah Lodge No. 14 on Thursday evening, February 19th. Every member is especially urged to attend this important meeting. Please be there if possible. Committee. 1t

**Len Sublett**

Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

Merkel, Texas

**Tutt's Pills**

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

**GOOD DIGESTION**

**Regular KU KLUX KLAN MEETING**

**TO-NIGHT February 13th**

**Special Program--- All Klansmen Urged To be Present**

**Severe Pains in Side**

"I HAD had quite a bad spell and sickness," writes Mrs. Emma Patrick, of Caney, Ky., "and it was an effort for me to go about my home. I had a very severe pain in my left side that almost took my breath at times. I lost my appetite. I grew thin, pale and lifeless. I fell off till I only weighed about 115 pounds.

rested better. I kept taking it and my skin and flesh took on a more healthy color. I felt stronger and, as the nervousness left me, the pain in my side was less severe. After taking nine bottles, I eat anything, go anywhere and feel fine. I weigh 160 pounds and am well. I feel that I owe it all to having used Cardui."

"Cardui was recommended to me and by the time I had taken one bottle I saw it was what I needed. I ate more and

Pain, in certain parts of the body, is a sure indication of female complications. The treatment needed is not the use of narcotic drugs, but—

**CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

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Thousands who are troubled with persistent coughing at night, which robs them of valuable sleep, weaken their systems and lays them open to dangerous infections, can quickly act to prevent this danger through a very simple treatment. People who have hardly been able to rest at all on account of coughing spells have found they can sleep the whole night through undisturbed often the first time they try it.

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**REMISSION OF TAXES  
VOTED FOR GALVESTON**

**BILL PASSES LOWER HOUSE  
AFTER CONSIDERABLE  
DEBATE.**

Austin, Texas.—Ten years' additional remission of the taxes was voted the city of Galveston when Speaker Lee Satterwhite reversed his ruling of last week and held that a two-thirds majority was not necessary. The vote was 81 to 48 for passage of the senate bill by Holbrook, a shortage of five for a two-thirds majority.

The same bill on final passage last week, received 77 votes for and 53 against, ten less than a two-thirds majority. At that time the speaker held that the bill failed because of the failure to receive two-thirds vote.

He declared that though he personally had construed the constitution to hold that a two-thirds vote was necessary, the attorney general had held this not necessary in the Galveston bill.

Representative Bowd Farrar insisted that the ruling of the attorney general must be upheld by the courts to be legal.

The bill, which now goes to the governor for approval, grants ten years' additional remission from September 1, 1928, estimated at \$1,500,000. The money will be used to raise the grade of the western end of the city to the level of the new protective sea wall to be erected by Galveston County.

The argument for the bill was closed by Representative Norman G. Kittrell and J. W. Hall of Houston. They declared the remission would help all Texas. Kittrell reminded the representatives that \$17,000,000 in property had been destroyed in the storm of 1900.

A storm of protest was invoked immediately after the Galveston bill was called up by Representative Hall.

**MILLER KILLS REAL  
ESTATE MEN'S BILL**

**One of the Factors Probably Was  
the Address Made by Senator John  
H. Bailey, of Cuero.**

Austin.—Lieutenant Governor Harry Miller's vote practically killed the real estate men's bill in the senate. The vote was on the question of indefinite postponement of the measure. The result was a tie and the lieutenant governor cast the deciding vote.

One of the factors probably was the address made by Senator John H. Bailey, of Cuero.

"I am convinced," he said, "that the senate does not intend to pass the bill if that is your desire. Let's kill it openly and not clandestinely," referring to the many amendments with which the bill had been burdened.

"It is, in my opinion," he declared, "a legal monstrosity. It is paternalism run to seed and not my idea of the functions of government, which is to keep the peace and give everybody a run for his money, and I for one, am ready now to set the seal of senatorial disapproval on this sort of business."

Three bills were finally passed at the afternoon session. They included Senator Murphy's bill providing for the release of persons on bail in criminal cases where writs of habeas corpus are denied, except in capital punishment cases; Senator T. J. Holbrook's measure to make fraud in teachers' examinations a felony, and Senator Holbrook's one-dollar tax bill, which brought the women within its terms.

**Would Amend Child Labor Law.**

Austin.—Champions of child labor regulation registered a sweeping victory when the Young bill passed the house after a stormy session. The bill amends the present law, passed in 1917, so that children under 15 years of age are prohibited from virtually all positions except on farms, and under 17 from the more hazardous occupations. It reduces the hours of labor in a single day from ten to eight, prohibits night work from 10 p. m. to 5 a. m., requires a physical examination, and education equivalent to the fourth grade.

**\$15 Apportionment for Scholastics.**

Austin.—The house has committed itself to a policy of apportioning \$15 per capita for each scholastic in the free public schools when it adopted a privileged resolution offered by chairman Eugene Blount of appropriations committee. Last year \$14 per capita was apportioned, but teachers and others interested claim \$15 will be sufficient.

**Bill for Tax Equalization.**

Austin.—Representative Teer of Williamson county is leading the fight for tax equalization in Texas as proposed in his bill which offers a plan of equalizing assessments as between counties of the state, and making state taxation equal and uniform. "It would be a service to the people of Texas," said Teer, in discussing the measure, "if the press of the state would stress again the fundamental facts in our tax situation."

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Eighth Grade (Miss Weedon): Flora Frances Anderson 96, Sterling Sheppard 96, John D. Coats 95, Elizabeth Harkrider 95, Tolbert Proctor 94, Burnis Tucker 94, Gladys Deutchman 94, Iris Garrett 94, Mildred Hamm 94, Fred Yandell 93, Victor Smith 92, Marie Brown 92, Paul Causseaux 91, Roy Propst 91, Goldie Barnes 90, Vera Matlock 90, Irene Perry 90.

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Tenth Grade (Miss Pierce): Mary Derstine 95, Eva Mae Johnson 95, Mary Alice Johnson 93, Emma Toombs 91, Pearl Skidmore 90, Sybil Smith 90, A. J. Tucker 90.

Eleventh Grade (Miss Williamson): Pauline Pinckley 95, Mary Butman 94, Clyde Matthews 94, Ona Faye Rose 92, James Swann 92, Evelyn Curb 91, Effie Grayson 91, Ermalee, Rea 90, C. R. Williams 90, Stella Wilson 90.

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**M. E. Ladies Society**

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon at two-thirty at the church in a Bible study. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Tom Largent, the Vice-president, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, presided. The name of the Bible study now being studied is "What We Believe," and is being taught by Mrs. L. R. Thompson. A very good attendance was had, with members responding very interestingly to questions brought up.

At the meeting next Monday another lesson will be had from this study.

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann.

**Senior Epworth League**

Subject: "How to read the Bible Helpfully."

2. Leader, Elfe Chaney.  
3. Song service.

4. Scripture: 2 Chron. 34:14-21, 29-33; Acts 17:10-12; Matt. 7:24-27.

5. The Lord's Prayer, followed by a song.

II. 1. The Bible is the word of God, Wrenn Durham.

2. The Bible is to be read as the word of God given thru men, Ermalee Rea.

3. The Bible comes to us as literature, Opal Patterson.

4. We should read the whole Bible, but remembering that large parts of it have been fulfilled, Ethel Wilson.

III. In order to read the Bible helpfully, make and keep certain rules, Julia Martin.

8. Announcements; song; Benediction.

**Baptist W.M.S. Notes**

A series of meetings has been held Tuesday and Wednesday at the Baptist church with the Missionary ladies of this church enjoying a fine study of the book "Ming Kwong". Mrs. J. Monteen Booth of Simmons College has been here to give lectures on this book, and she has made the study very interesting for the ladies of the society. A very good attendance has been had, and interest has been unusually good.

Besides the study periods a social hour has been enjoyed each day at the church at the noon hour when lunch has been served at the church.

I will have a car of Maize in the next day or so, \$37.50 off the car. Get what you need; just have one car at that price. The next car may be higher—can't say now. L. L. Murray. It

**Business Men's Bible Class**

The Business Men's Bible class of the Baptist Church had a business meeting at the church Tuesday night, Feb. 6th, the object of which was to adopt plans where by we could enlarge our class. We had a successful meeting and we are now determined to get the young men of Merkel that are not in Sunday School enrolled in our class. On Sunday Feb. 22 the Business Men's class will have charge of the opening exercises of the Sunday School and we urge that every member of the class make a special effort to come and be there by 10 o'clock. We want to convince people that Merkel men will go to Sunday School. We should make our Sunday School work a part of our business and our class a partnership class and if each partner will do his part the class will be a credit to the church. Class Reporter.

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