

## MEXICAN SLAYER KILLED AT LAWN

### HOME TALENT PLAY AT COZY APRIL 3RD.

At the Cozy Theatre on Friday evening, April 3rd, the Baraca and Philathea classes of the Methodist Sunday School will give a play entitled "Aaron Boggs, Freshman," in three acts which, according to those familiar with scenes and characters of same, is very interesting and thrilling from the beginning, and those who avail themselves of the opportunity of attending will have the pleasure of enjoying the full two hours of real fun, as can only be had in a play such as will be staged by this splendid local talent.

The two classes are very enthusiastic and diligent in their work of the church, and expect to use the proceeds received from the patronage of the play in furthering their church program along; hence when you attend you will not only be well paid in clean amusement, but will also help the young people in their splendid work.

Below is published a brief 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.

Act I—The College Campus. In college years, when life's at Spring.

The old love seems a little thing, And heads are turned by the college whirl, And the Freshman seeks a college girl.

Act II—A College boarding-house.

Off with the old love, on with the new, But often the newer love won't do.

The sweetest rose is the old rose pressed— 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 of 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

It is often said, and truly so, that every one is subject to mistakes and oversights, and no one knows this better than the average newspaper man. In fact a newspaper is seldom ever published that there is not some important news item left out. And now to our subject: In some manner in our rush of week before last, we overlooked to mention the fact that Mr. A. C. Rose, one of our popular and most progressive merchants, had purchased the Campbell's fine stock of dry goods, in the city of Abilene. This oversight, we regret very much and here and now extend to this progressive gentleman our sincere regrets and apologies.

In conversation with Mr. Rose Thursday morning he stated that he would on that day begin the removal of the Campbell stock from the former site to the building recently vacated by the Over Hardware Company.

### CANON AND FORD FOR ALDERMEN

Friends of Messrs J. I. Ford and A. J. Canon, both prominent and substantial citizens of Merkel, authorized the Merkel Mail to place in our announcement column the names of these two gentlemen as candidates for the office of Aldermen for the next two year term.

While these gentlemen have not been citizens of Merkel but for the past year or two, they are both well and favorably known to most of the voters of the city, having resided for many years in the Stith community, from which they both moved to Merkel. They are good, honorable, first class citizens, and if elected to the office their friends are asking the people to elect them to, they will without doubt serve honestly and to the best of their ability.

Their friends ask for a fair and impartial consideration of their qualifications for this office at the coming City Election, April 4.

### LUNCHEON CLUB NEXT TUESDAY

Owing to the turmoil into which the country had been thrown last Tuesday over the tragic death of two peace officers, one of which was our good citizen and capable officer, the meeting of the Luncheon Club on last Tuesday was postponed until next Tuesday night, when the same program as planned for last Tuesday will be carried out.

Mayor H. C. West is to be the Toastmaster, and is expected to bring forth a program having to do with the laying of plans for making our Community Fair one of the best of its kind ever held in this part of the country.

As this paper has stated time 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 open to one and all to attend and take part.

If you have not a ticket, call at Ed's Cafe not later than Monday noon and make arrangements for one, and come to help lay plans for a fine Community Fair in Merkel this fall.

where he will conduct the business until the building now occupied by the Woolworth Company is vacated by them, when he will move into that building for a permanent home.

Mr. Rose also stated that he had not decided fully about his store in Merkel, but at this time rather thought that he would maintain and operate both places of business. We, with his numerous friends in this city, sincerely trust that he will do this as we would regret very much to lose him from among the business interest of our city.

Mr. E. D. Coats has just had completed a new garage at his home in the south part of town.

### PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE NEW PASTOR

We have been informed from reliable parties that Rev. Chas. H. Little, of Houston, Texas, has accepted the call of the local Presbyterian church, and that he and his wife and eleven-year old daughter are soon to become citizens of this city.

Rev. Little has for a number of years been pastor of the Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church of Houston, and comes to us highly recommended as a desirable citizen and an able minister of the Gospel. Besides possessing all of the qualities of a good preacher, he is also a musician playing well the piano and one or two other instruments. He is also an efficient choir director. Rev. Little has also quite a bit of experience as a director of athletics in the high school and takes an active interest in the welfare of the young people of the community in which he lives.

It is a credit to any community when they are able to keep their moral and social development to such a high state that it will attract good people from the larger places where the opportunities for development along these lines are far greater than ours.

Rev. Little expressed himself as being highly pleased with the church plant, the manse and church interests in general. Also one of the things that particularly attracted him and of which he expressed special delight was the cleanliness of our town, which only goes to prove that our efforts in this direction have not been in vain.

We welcome this good man and his family to this city and hope that his stay in our midst may be long and of mutual good.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

### RURAL CORRESPONDENTS 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.

### HIGHWAYMAN GETS \$4,500 IN JEWELRY

Jewelry amounting to more than \$4,500 and about \$115 in money were taken from Paul P. Fontaine, of Fort Worth, Wednesday night as he was enroute from Sweetwater to Abilene. According to Mr. Fontaine's story he and a young lady who works for him, ate supper in Sweetwater, stopped at the filling station and got gasoline and oil and started toward Abilene.

Between Sweetwater and Merkel a high powered car overtook Mr. Fontaine and passed him, going at about 45 miles an hour. Mr. Fontaine states that he never thought any more about the matter until he was halted between Merkel and Abilene. The hi-jacker waved a flashlight in the middle of the road for him to stop, stated Mr. Fontaine, and then the hi-jacker shot a pistol into the air. At this moment Mr. Fontaine stopped his car. He says that he had been robbed twice before and didn't want to take any chances with being shot, as once before his car was badly damaged when a robber fired into it.

Mr. Fontaine and the young lady were told to get out of the car and place their valuables on the ground. "The robber told me to work fast, because whatever we did we were going to do it d— quick," stated Mr. Fontaine.

### FUNERAL FOR SLAIN OFFICER HELD WEDNESDAY

The funeral services of Constable Geo. L. Reeves, who was killed Tuesday morning, March 24, 1925, while doing his duty as an officer of the state and county, by a Mexican when the Constable went to arrest him, were held here at the family home a short distance west of the city, Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. Sam Morris, of Abilene, a close friend of the deceased, who was assisted by Rev. W. H. Albertson, local pastor of the Baptist church.

Constable Reeves had been a peace officer for a number of years in this community and had been faithful and fearless in the performance of his duties as such. In fact George Reeves, as his friends often remarked, did not know the meaning of the word fear, and while he was faithful and diligent in the performance of his official duties, he was a man of the kindest disposition, always courteous and generous toward all good citizens, he was always willing to aid and anxious to give aid and help to any one who was willing to take up and follow the straight and narrow path.

Deceased was born May 7th, 1877, in Grimes county, Texas, was married to Miss Sarah Francis Davis November 8, 1897 at Rosebud, Texas. They came to Merkel in 1902.

He was the father of 13 children, all living, four married and nine at home. And besides the faithful wife and children, deceased is mourned by an aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reeves of this community, and four brothers and six sisters.

In the tragic death of George

### SHEPPARD & BONEY FOR RE-ELECTION

Friends of Messrs A. T. Sheppard and W. O. Boney request this paper to announce them in this issue of the Mail as candidates for re-election as Aldermen for the next two years.

Messrs Sheppard and Boney are too well and favorably known in Merkel to need commendation from this paper, they having been citizens of the town for many years, and for several years have served as Aldermen of the city.

They are good, honest citizens and if re-elected will continue to serve the citizens of Merkel in the same honest and efficient manner in the future as has been their policy in the past.

Their friends urge the voters to give their candidacy fair and impartial consideration when casting their votes at the coming election, Tuesday, April 4.

### MISS SPENCER TO APPEAR IN ABILENE

Miss Elizabeth Spencer, the eminent Soprano, assisted by Miss Lucille Collette, Pianist will be heard in a unique Recital at Simmons College Auditorium on the evening of March 31st.

Miss Spencer is one of the best known Sopranos on the concert stage. Her voice is rich and colorful, of genuine Soprano quality with this unusually beautiful voice is linked a personality rarely met with and these qualities combined with splendid musicianship make Miss Spencer a decided favorite in Concert field.

Miss Collette is an artist of considerable reputation and the concert will undoubtedly prove one of the outstanding features of the musical season in Abilene. Admittance will be by card of admission only which may be secured by writing or phoning G. W. Waldrop & Co.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and little daughter, Molly Frank, have been here for the past ten days on a visit to the former's mother, Mrs. Frank Sears. Mr. Touchstone came in Sunday and spent a few days. Mrs. Touchstone and daughter accompanied him on his return.

Messrs. Thos. Durham, L. W. Cox, T. G. Bragg, T. J. Rea, Dewey Sanduskey, and Denzil Cox spent the day Tuesday on Deadman Creek fishing.

L. Reeves, the family has lost a kind and affectionate husband and father, and the community a faithful and efficient peace officer, as well as honorable and most excellent citizen.

Immediately following the funeral at the family home, burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery in the presence of one of the largest ever before assembled there.

This paper joins hundreds of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and loved ones.

### DYNAMITE USED TO EXTRICATE FUGITIVE FROM RAILROAD CAR

#### CONSTABLE GEO. REEVES AND SHERIFF W. W. SATTERWHITE OF BIG SPRING KILLED BY MEXICAN.

The Mexican who murdered Constable Geo. Reeves and the sheriff of Howard county, W. W. Satterwhite, eleven miles south of here on last Tuesday morning was this afternoon discovered in a box car on a siding along the Sante Fe Railroad near Lawn, Texas, by officers, at which place some two hundred Mexicans were said to be at work on the railroad. From reports the section foreman had told the officers and searching party that he had noticed two 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 kill all the law," and a shot just grazed Jennings as he ran from the box car. Both men escaped without serious injury and ran for help.

The great crowd of five hundred or more who were in the vicinity of Ovalo were notified and dynamite was brought into action and after some three or four efforts the end of the car was blown open and it is said that the Mexican who had so fiendishly killed the officers near here fell out of the car with a part of his head blown off.

Reports are that his body was then carried into the streets of Lawn where enraged citizens riddled the body with bullets. And the dead Mexican's body was taken to Abilene and, tied on the side of a car, was shown on the streets. The body was then brought here and shown on the streets to many people. Thus ended the tragic chapter of perhaps the greatest and wildest man hunt ever staged in West Texas.

#### THE STORY

Perhaps the greatest shock the citizenship of this community ever knew was received by 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 Canyon, some eleven miles south of here, that Constable George Reeves, of Merkel, and Sheriff W. W. Satterwhite, of Big Spring, had been killed in that community by a Mexican whom they were seeking to arrest for the murder of another Mexican at Big Spring on Saturday night previous to the affair.

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

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**Plan now to enter something in Merkel Community Fair in Sept.**

# A Personality You'll Like

Deeply rooted in the personality of this Bank are all the qualities you admire in an individual; strength, courage and service.

Its strength and courage have won the close friendship of its depositors as well as a reputation for standing by its customers.

Its service, shown in its willingness to go out of its way to help people, is making new friends for it all the time.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

## STANDARD OF CHRISTIAN LIVING ADOPTED BY BAPTIST CHURCH

In view of present conditions in which we are living, the members of the First Baptist Church of Merkel, Texas, realizing our responsibilities to God, and to His truth, and our obligations to society, do go on record as being opposed to the following named practices:

1. The double standard for men and women.
  2. The modern mixed bathing.
  3. The side-of-the-road petting parties.
  4. The modern dance.
  5. The sin of immorality and adultery that is so prevalent today.
  6. Gambling.
  7. Profanity and vulgarity.
  8. Sabbath desecration—Sunday picnics, outings, hunting, absenting from public worship, etc. The Sabbath is the Lord's day and should be used to glorify Him and bring in His kingdom, and not for selfish ends.
- We, further go on record as giving our whole-hearted allegiance to God's Word, its doctrines, its practices, and its standard of Christian living.
- Adopted by the church in conference March 25th, 1925.

### Womans Missionary Notes

There was a splendid program from the Voice on last Monday afternoon. Every number on the program was met with hearty response. A few items of business were transacted at the close of the program. As next Monday is the fifth Monday a motion was made and carried to have a social meeting on that afternoon. Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Burgess together with the president are to arrange for this meeting. This month closes the first quarter of this year and our finances are in nice shape. Plans are being made to raise more local funds in the near future.

Supt. Publicity.

## MRS. D. C. HUTCHESON PASSES TO REWARD

Mrs. Mary Jane Hutcheson, wife of Mr. D. C. Hutcheson, died at the family residence in south Merkel Sunday morning, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Hutcheson was born on March 11th, 1844, at Cleveland, Tennessee, being 81 years of age at the time of her death. She was converted at the age of fifteen and united with the Methodist church. At the age of 18 she was married to Mr. D. C. Hutcheson and went with him to the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Georgetown, Tenn.

In the year of 1872 Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson moved to Texas, and first settled at West Fork School House, near what is now known as Arlington, Texas. In 1878 they moved with their family to Elizabethtown, in Denton county. Seven years later they moved to Taylor county, and lived on a farm near Merkel for many years, later moving to town, where they have resided at the Hutcheson homestead for 21 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson, soon after coming to the community helped to organize the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and were faithful members until the union of the two churches.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson are pioneer and well known people of this place. Mrs. Hutcheson's life was one of service to mankind and to her church. And when it was thought by close friends and relatives that the end was approaching, they tenderly lifted the aged and beloved husband, who for many days previous had also been critically ill, to the bedside of the companion who for more than sixty years had stood by him, suffering with him during the trying times and rejoicing with him in success and prosperity, where in clear and distinct tones she assured him and those about her that all was well with her, and begged that they so live and

# It Pays==

To use our facilities for handling your business. We have safety deposit boxes to rent or free space for your own safety deposit boxes.

We have unexcelled equipment for handling your business with accuracy and dispatch. We solicit the deposits of women and children, and will give them the same attention as accorded to any depositor. We have comfortable seats and writing desks and we invite you to make this bank your headquarters when in town.

## The Farmers & Merchants National Bank

J. T. Warren, Pres. L. R. Thompson, Cash.  
Booth Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass't Cashier



### Wennie Roast Enjoyed

Tuesday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock the members of the Intermediate Department of 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.

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 Tippet, Elsie Lassater, Irene Perry, Dahlia Watkins, Dorothy Daniele, Lois Suber, Marza Chaney, Margaret Turner, Addie Fae Patterson. Boys going were: E. L. Turner, T. J. Rea, Victor Smith, Sterling Sheppard.

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

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

Mrs. J. R. Baze returned last week from a visit of a week or more with relatives at Fort Worth.

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.

FOR your Milk Cow try a few bales of Sorghum hay and note the increase in the flow of milk. Hellums Wagon Yard. 1tp

# As the Hot Day are Approaching

It is time to prepare for that COOL, "EASY TO KEEP CLEAN" KITCHEN that you have been longing for so long. It can be had, and at low cost, by the use of one or more of these.

**Hot Point Ranges  
Electric Fans  
Electric Irons  
Electric Vaccum Cleaners.**

Call at the office of this firm in Merkel and let us arrange a demonstration for you that will convince you of the value in the home of these appliances.

**West Texas Utilities Co.**

walk in this world as to make certain a reuniting of an unbroken family in that world beyond the skies where peace and happiness reign forever. She also mentioned as a parting word that she was leaving behind her beloved companion, who was old and feeble, and admonished those near and dear to be patient, kind and good to him through his few remaining days sojourn here.

Thus does the aged husband lose a devoted wife, the sons and daughters a kind and loving mother, and other friends and loved ones a dear friend, and last the community loses from among it's citizenship, one who has pioneered, yes helped to blaze the way and make possible from a bleak and undeveloped, unsettled cattle country what is now considered one of the best and most prosperous sections of our state and nation.

Rev. Elmer D. Landreth, pastor of the Oak Street Methodist Church of Abilene conducted the funeral services, which were held at the Methodist church on Monday morning at ten o'clock. Rev. Landreth was assisted in the services by the local pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea. The active Pall bearers were: Messrs. A. J. Canon, J. T. Dennis, Dr. S. W. Johnson, L. W. Cox, Herbert Patterson and C. E. Conner.

The deceased is survived by her aged husband and five children who were all here to attend the funeral. The children are: Mrs. Will Warren, of Greenville, Chas. Hutcheson of Trent, Mrs. John Campbell of Merkel, Mrs. John Skillern and Mr. W. D. Hutcheson of Merkel.

Out of town relatives and close friends attending the funeral were: Miss Minnie Dean of Dallas, Mrs. John Willingham of Strawn, Mrs. Walter Cox of Stephenville, Mr. W. H. Warren and son, Ray, and daughter, Vada, of Greenville, Mr. L. J. English and family of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Lee of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Bonner of Clyde.

### SUBSCRIBE FOR YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER

(From Farm Bureau News)  
Every member of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association in every county of the state should subscribe for his home newspaper. We have said this so often that it would hardly seem necessary so say it again, but the Association members owe a debt of gratitude to the rural press that can best be paid by subscribing and paying for the home newspaper.

Thousands of dollars worth of space were given freely by these papers to the movement during the early stags of organization and since then these same rural newspapers and the city fellows, too, for that matter, have given space and prominence to Cotton Co-operative news. These editors are our friends and have shown their friendship in a substantial way. We can manifest our appreciation of what they have done for us by subscribing and paying for their newspapers and we can, at the same time, keep up with the local news of our counties, which, of course, we ought to do.

The next time you go to town if you are not already a subscriber for your local paper, go in and pay the editor for a year's subscription in advance and tell him you appreciate what it has done for your Association.

Fresh car of feed at G. M. Sharp's. 20t2

C. L. Eoff and family who have been for the past year or more residing at Yuma, Arizona, came in this week for a month or two visit with home folks and friends. Mr. Eoff, who is in the ginning business in Arizona reports a fine business there the last season and good crop prospects at this time for another crop this year.

Come to the Cozy Theatre on Friday Night April 3 before 9:00 o'clock. Aaron Boggs, Freshman

**Do You Believe in**

**TRADING**

**AT**

**HOME?**

Do you realize that a town is usually judged by the newspaper published in that town?

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**

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**OUR POLICY**

"Just what is the policy of your paper," a subscriber asked the Editor of the Merkel Mail the other day, and in the belief that our answer may be of interest to all of our readers, we are giving a statement of about what we told him.

First we stand ready to support every movement that we feel will make this a better community. It is our wish to wipe out personal animosities and factional lines. It is our desire to create a common set of interests, aims, and purposes among citizens of Merkel.

In politics we assert our right to express what we believe, and at the same time we stand ready to open our columns to the other side and to tolerate all reasonable and sincere convictions.

We believe that the truth can be presented to the public only by making the Merkel Mail an open forum for the discussion of problems and issues that interest our citizens.

In the presentation of news we aim to be impartial. We feel that news is for the presentation of facts, that editorials are for the presentation of fact and opinion both. And we aim to be fair both to those with whom we agree and those with whom we disagree.

In this way we feel, we are serving the citizens of Merkel best.

**MORE PER ACRE**

"All the food needed in this country could be produced on about one-half the land now undercultivation," an agricultural extension specialist told the editor of the Merkel Mail not long ago.

"Of course we are looking for farm relief through cooperative and orderly marketing, through legislation favorable to agriculture, and through the further development of labor saving machinery."

"But while we are waiting for these slow moving, evolutionary forces to improve conditions," this man added, "the individual farmer must develop scientific 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, agricultural workers report. Every ear should be tested before planting. And the utmost effort

should be expended to secure climated seed.

Oat seed should be treated with formaldehyde solution for smut. Other grain should be given some thought too. Then the farmer who takes care that he plants or sows none but acclimated seed, and plans in advance to plant none but seed which will germinate, has in a measure solved his agricultural problem.

He will be sure of greater production in proportion to the land he works and the effort he expends. He need not work quite so hard to get the same income he has derived in years past.

And he will be upbuilding the standard of farming as a business enterprise.

**SURVIVAL**

Whether or not you believe in evolutionary theories that seek to explain the source and development of life through the operation of the law of survival of the fittest, you must believe in their application to communities.

Merkel, like many other small cities, is faced with keen competition from all parts of the country. Every little city is working hard to build itself up industrially and commercially. Many are the attractive offers that every big business man receives when he plans to locate a factory somewhere.

And only the city that is afloat on its toes, with a good healthy Chamber of Commerce, is going to survive and develop amid this competition. Only the community composed of active, public spirited citizens can win out in this struggle for survival.

In other words, only the city whose people support a Chamber of Commerce can grow, develop and move forward with the tramp of progress.

Think what an aggressive commercial organization means in the lives of all our citizens. Its officers are constantly on the job to attract new capital into our community. It is one of the important organizations that sells our city to prospective citizens.

And this bringing in of new business and industry increases the assessed valuation of all property locally. That means a reduction in your taxes, for the richer the community, the more industries it has, the lower its tax rate.

And more than that it creates a demand for more labor, and as everyone realizes, wages are determined by the law of supply and demand. The greater the demand the higher the pay.

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**YOUR FRIEND**

Suppose a neighbor came to you and said: "I know where you can save two dollars on the next pair of shoes you get. I also know how you can save \$7 on your new spring suit, and twelve dollars on the next coat you buy."

And suppose you followed that friend's advice, and found that his confidential information were valuable. You would be inclined to listen to that friend when you were in the market for anything from an article for the kitchen to a new automobile. Wouldn't you?

But do you always regard advertising, a friend that does all this and much more, in that same light? Perhaps not. You may be in the habit of passing up the ads for the stories that fill the news columns, but in so doing you are deliberately throwing away good dollars.

For today the successful merchant knows that he must be truthful in his advertising. And he knows that he must advertise if he is to derive any benefit from cutting prices.

In other words advertising is the medium through which you may get information which will enable you to get the most amount of merchandise for the dollars you spend. And in view of this fact it will pay you to glance through the advertising columns of the Merkel Mail 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.

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. tf

**"LEST WE FORGET"**

The first celebration of the winning of Texas freedom was held April 21, 1837—one year after the battle of San Jacinto—in the infant town of Houston. There in an unfinished building, the celebration and ball took place—headed by Sam Houston, then President of the Republic of Texas.

"Lest we forget," this newspaper is going to review some stirring historical events preceding and following the Battle of San Jacinto, in an article written by A. T. Jackson of Houston, Texas, who has studied his subject well and who is a graphic and accurate writer. The article will appear in the Magazine Section of the Merkel Mail April 10th.

We hope each one of our subscribers will read this article—for it will create within them a greater appreciation of the men who fought and died that Texas might be what she is today—the bright lone star in the galaxy of nations.

Mr. Byers Petty, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. W. E. Petty, left Tuesday for Dallas, where Mr. Petty will attend to business matters. From Dallas Mr. Petty and mother will go to McKinney for a brief visit with relatives.

Call 180—we are back in business on Kent street and will give you the same good service as heretofore. CASH TAILOR SHOP. tf

**ACALA COTTON MAKES RECORD**

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Bulletin No. 321 recently published on cotton variety experiments at the main station, shows the Acala to rank first in a six year test, 1917 to 1722 inclusive. In this test the Acala produced more pounds of lint cotton per acre than any other variety.

I have ordered a few bags of Pedigreed Watson's Improved Acala Cotton Seed which I will sell at \$2.75 per bushel. To those interested in better staple cotton descriptive literature will be furnished. See should arrive in a few days. C. L. TUCKER. 1t

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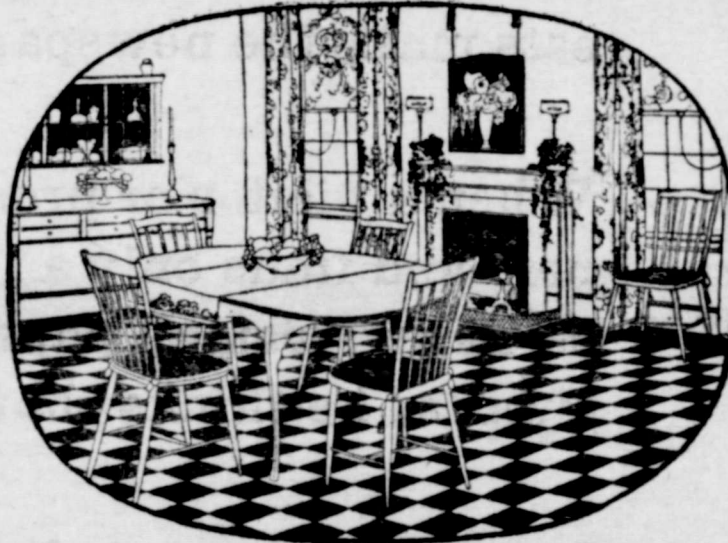
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are assured of having the best, let us figure your  
paint bill.

**Barrow Furniture Co.**

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

Miss Dorothy Sanders of McMurry College, Abilene, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm spent last Sunday in Rotan visiting with friends.

Miss Edna Jones of Simmons College spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones.

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

**The BULL'S EYE**

Editor and General Manager  
WILL ROGERS



Another "Bull" Durham advertisement by Will Rogers, Ziegfeld Folies and screen star, and leading American humorist. More coming. Watch for them.

**THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION A LA CARTE**

Order Any Amendment You Want

THEY are trying to pass an amendment to keep children from working. Now children didn't want to work, but they were tired waiting for somebody to do it. If they would pass through an amendment to make grown people all work, they would be no need to have a children one. Grown people are ped 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 mislaid 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.)

Will Rogers

P. S. I'm going to write some more pieces that will appear in this paper. Keep looking 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.

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## 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 quite different from what it was thirty years ago, says the Texas Public Service Information Bureau.

And now-a-days the editor of the weekly newspaper knows what it costs him to run his shop. He figures overhead and depreciation, freight and postage, and a lot of things that he used to forget. He figures wages for himself and return on his investment as separate items— 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 ownership frequently because expenses were larger than income.

Half a century ago it would take two men working steadily, much harder than most men work today, an hour to print two pages on one side of 240 sheets of newspaper. Today, even on the small city daily, two men could turn out 20,000 copies of a sixteen page paper, printed 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 16-page paper. It would take the lifetime of two men to print one Sunday edition of some of the city papers. The progress made has been staggering. Utility News.

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### Stop Night Coughing This Simple Way

People who have persistent, annoying 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.

The treatment is based on a remarkable 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 before swallowing it, without following with water. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irritation, 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 recommended for coughs, chest colds, hoarseness and bronchitis, and is wonderful for children's coughs and spasmodic croup—no harmful drugs. Economical, too, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. It is on sale at all good druggists. Ask for



### \*\*\*\*\* WITH THE CHURCHES \*\*\*\*\*

#### Presbyterian Notes

There will be preaching on next Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at the friendly church. Rev. R. W. Dowell will preach for us at that hour. Interest continues good in Sunday School. Our young people are depending on you older folks to take care of their instruction in Christian education. Show your interest in them and your church pride by your presence and enthusiasm.

Let every member be present next Sunday. Visitors always welcome and your attendance is appreciated.

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

#### METHODIST CHURCH

At the Methodist church next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour the pastor will preach on "The Holy Ghost Witnessing." For the evening hour his subject will be "The Gateway into Heaven."

To each and all these services he extends a cordial welcome to one and all to attend.

During the week preceding Easter a series of meetings will be conducted, preaching twice each day during the entire week.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH

The services last Sunday both morning and evening were well attended, and the interest was exceptionally good. There were three additions to the church. Next Sunday there will be a special program in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions given by the different departments of the Sunday School. Mrs. R. J. Miller is in charge. Each individual is asked to bring an offering for these two causes of Christianity.

Wednesday night of this week the church was well represented in a called conference. At this meeting the church unanimously adopted the Standard of Christian Living published elsewhere in this paper.

Since the beginning of the World War a little over ten years ago we have found ourselves drifting rapidly away from our standards of social and moral ideals and practices. We are anxious to do our best to counteract and overcome these tendencies. There are so many things that are wholesome and uplifting in which people can engage that we feel if any one will stop and reflect seriously for a few minutes he will be convinced that a professing Christian cannot afford to give his sanction, his influence, or his time to some things.

We are planning for some 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 skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guarantee. It will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.

For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO.

### RECENT BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

SEVERAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN GIVEN EXECUTIVE APPROVAL.

Austin.—Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson signed the following bills during the past week.

House bill 27, providing that highway officers wear uniforms.

House bill 32, appropriation of \$3,000 for presidential electors.

House bill, 57, creating District court No. 101 for Dallas County.

House bill 58, providing one assistant district attorney and a special investigator in districts of more than one county with a city of over 70,000.

House bill 107, fixing a maximum amount to be used for textbooks of the 35-cent ad valorem tax.

House bill 126, providing for audit of the books and records of district, county and precinct officers.

House bill 142, fixing the interest rate charged by agricultural credit corporations.

House bill 180, providing increased tax for Confederate pensions.

House bill 394, permitting assessors and collectors of taxes in cities of more than 20,000 to maintain a branch office.

Senate bill 104, permitting corporations to amend their charters to include sale of water and ice to municipalities.

Senate bill 82, extending the commission of appeals to 1931.

Senate bill 5, appropriation to pay for cattle slaughtered in the foot and mouth disease outbreak.

Senate bill 88, providing special deputy district clerks in counties over 200,000 containing a city over 160,000.

Senate bill 31, preventing horses running at large in Willacy, Bailey and Coke counties.

Senate bill 115, providing that no evidence obtained in violation of law shall be admitted against the accused at a trial.

Senate bill 51, providing that railroad companies granted charters since Jan. 1, 1892, which have not built their roads, may have two years in which to pay franchise taxes and keep their corporation alive.

#### Tribute Paid to State Lawmakers

Austin.—Congratulations were extended to the membership of the Thirty-ninth legislature by Congressman Claude Hudspeth of El Paso, as the most "efficient body of lawmakers" who have ever assembled at Austin. By invitation the El Paso Congressman delivered a brief address to the house. He asserted that during the sixteen years that he was a Texas lawmaker, first in the house and then as a senator, he does not recall of the appropriation bills passed at a regular session. He also congratulated the membership on the recent defeat by the legislature of the federal child labor amendment. "I may be old fashioned," said Hudspeth, "but I am one of those state rights Democrats and resent at every opportunity the tendency for federal encroachment. In Washington it is the survival of the fittest, while here, there is a bond of human sympathy."

### RURAL SCHOOL AID FUND HAS \$65,445 CREDIT

MARRS ISSUES STATEMENT CONCERNING STATUS OF APPROPRIATION

Austin, Texas.—There was a balance of \$65,445 to the credit of the rural school aid fund at the end of the present fiscal year, August 31, 1924, out of the total of \$1,500,000 appropriated for that purpose, according to a statement issued by Prof. S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction. Of the appropriation of \$1,500,000 the state department of education granted \$1,321,626 for teachers salaries, \$39,060 for industrial equipment of 180 schools, \$23,857 for high school tuition for 438 pupils. There was also paid out \$19,132 for consolidation and transportation in eighteen districts, while the administration of the law cost \$30,967.

The state also shows there are 7,673 common school districts in the state, and of these 4,109 applied for state aid and were visited, of which 3,433 were granted aid. This does not include aid granted to 300 independent school districts. The number of children receiving benefit of state aid was 342,680, while the average traveling expense, visiting and 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 a new committee. Representative Fields, who moved to reject the report, said that the bill agreed on by the committee was a measure advocated by the Game, Fish and Oyster Department, and that the committee had ignored the intent of the law and its provisions.

# Jones Dry Goods

## SOME EXTRA SPECIALS For Saturday

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

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LOT NUMBER 2

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

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All \$25.00 dresses selling Saturday at **\$19.75**

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13 STORES IN TEXAS

#### Trent Missionary Society

The Womens Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, of Trent, met at the usual hour Monday, March 23. The lesson "Bringing the Lambs into the Fold" was enjoyed by each one. For next Monday, March 30, we will not have a lesson, but will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. for our fifth Monday social. We have a program arranged for the occasion and will be glad to have as many of our Methodist ladies with us as can come. We will try to show you a pleasant time, so take a day off, come out and help us enjoy the afternoon. Each member of the Society will represent a character of the Bible.

#### The Program

fourth s.o.vh1st—GL T.T. Song No. 84. Prayer, Mrs. R. B. McRee. Solo, Dagmah Rawlings. Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mrs. M. G. Scott. Martha, Mrs. J. S. Reed. Lois, Mrs. R. B. McRee. Ester, Mrs. D. J. Rawlings. Noomi, Mrs. E. L. Mangum. Mary Magdolene, Mrs. C. R. Hutchison. Rebecca, Mrs. J. K. Winn. Dorcas, Mrs. O. A. Smith. Deborah, Mrs. Will Steen. Rachel, Mrs. G. F. Boyd. Refreshments.

Don't forget the missionary play soon to be staged, "The Old Fashioned Mother," also that we are to have an Easter market.

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

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Good clothes make a good impression and a good impression wins the day. Let us help you with your clothes troubles. And you will be sure to win out. CASH TAILOR SHOP, on Kent Street.

If you want Mineral Wells Water call on J. N. Shelton or phone 198. 2712

FOR your Milk Cow try a few bales of Sorghum hay and note the increase in the flow of milk. Hellums Wagon Yard. Itp

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBean returned Wednesday to their home at Dallas after a visit in the George Brown home several days.

### MAKE THEM HAPPY

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

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

**"SENIOR SATIRE"**

"April 1st serves only to remind us of what we are the other 364 days of the year."—Mark Twain.

**Amazing Discovery**

The students and faculty of Merkel Hi. and the rest of the world, were surprised and shocked to learn of the amazing scientific discovery in the M.H.S. laboratory recently. Our honored Prof. Williamson, L.L.D.D.D. Y.W.C.A. (M.R.S.) has, of her own accord, unaided, discovered that COWS DON'T LIKE BUTTERMILK.

Miss Williamson has taken this discovery hard and seems to think only of enlightening the educated. For this purpose she has given up all boys, dates, and friends for the remainder of her life, and intends to be a martyr to the cause.

Miss Williamson modestly disclaims the great glory she has incurred.

**English Teacher elopes with Janitor**

Some people are always desirous of rushing the season. The first symptoms of such delirium among teachers in the High School faculty were discovered when Miss Martha Bird started the historic April first celebration at the somewhat early date of March 20, when she eloped with the High School Janitor.

At about 3:10—The happy conspirators rushed across the street to the Nazarene church, where the climax of the proceedings were staged. Blissfully unconscious of the storm of congratulations which they were soon to bring down upon themselves, they slowly wended their way through the aisle of the church until the Columbia had completed the marvelous rendition of Mentholatum wedding march. After the ceremony, the two culprits jumped into a waiting automobile which was draped in choice bits of stove pipe and tin cans. When they had been duly seen they proceeded to Grimes-Smith Drug Store where they quickly drowned all sorrows at seeing business proceeding as usual, in gallons of red soda pop.

**Announcements (as unusual)**

Mr. Burgess—Special arrangements have been made whereby all students will be provided with sling shots so everyone may enjoy shooting paper balls to the utmost. The pencil sharpeners on the teachers' desks will be good targets.

In view of the fact that spring is now here, I want to urge all students to stop such hard studying. Don't worry about your grades. You will pass anyway.

I want to urge all you people to try to cultivate the art of chewing gum. It's really very cultured and refined and I regret that more of you people seem to take to the idea. Let's make a special effort to do this.

Each student should have a place to go every night. If you cannot arrange for entertainment elsewhere come to the school house. We haven't much to offer in the way of amusements, 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 bell.

We are having a new leafing hall equipped. We want the pupils who have to cut study hall to have some place to go. Pool and billiard tables will be installed and special smoking chairs will be supplied.

**New Course offered next Term**

Miss Madge Pierce offers an extensive course in "attending the Movies" for next term. Her lectures will be taken from such standard pictures as Harold Lloyd's "Why Worry," Pola Negri's "The Cheat" and Coleen Moore's "Flaming Youth." Since only a few can take this course Miss Pierce will enroll the first ones to see her about same. She will arrange for each student to

have three or four dates each week for the movies.

Mr. Jackson suddenly left town last Sunday, leaving no reason or trace as to where he was going. Since that time it has been learned that he went to Fort Worth to the meeting of the Texas Association of Bootleggers and Distillers, of which he is Grand Exalted Ruler.

Mr. Jackson has arranged that the students in his Trig. class may get booze cheap. He was able to arrange this on the ground that the students had to have some kind of stimulant to stay in his class and learn anything. The class agrees to this and is well pleased.

**Miss Weedon Shoots Lover**

On last Monday evening at 8:37 p.m. Miss Susie Belle Weedon shot and temporarily wounded her lover (whose name is withheld from publication) Miss Weedon was arrested and taken to the police station where after much difficulty she made bond in the sum of \$2.50 and was released. In the statement to the police Miss Weedon said "..... has been madly in love with me for some time and has repeatedly asked me to elope with him. I told him Sunday to come back tonight for my final answer. I had let him in thru the window as usual and told him that I could not go as I had lost all of my clothes that very evening in a poker game with Miss Tracy. This made Oscar very nervous and he began to walk about with a strange expression in his eyes. This was too much. I adored him and I just couldn't stand to see him with a strange expression in his eyes so I shot him between the piano stool and the hat rack.

It is understood that Miss Weedon will make application for a medal for straight shooting soon.

W. L. Barbee and family returned this week from El Paso where they have been for several years, and will again make this city their home. Their many friends welcome them back to Merkel.

Harold Boney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney was sick a few days last week, but is up now.

Mr. L. B. Scott was a business visitor to the plains country the first of this week.

Miss Iva Bragg visited her brother in Chillicothe, Texas, last week end.

Mr. C. L. McNeese of Abilene, a former Merkel citizen, was here Monday looking after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes returned Wednesday from a visit to R. L. Grimes at Lamesa.

Miss Lillian Watts has accepted a position as bookkeeper-stenographer with the Shelton Motor Company of Abilene thru the help of the Employment Department of Draughon's Business College there, where she graduated.

"Aaron Boggs, Freshman" will be in town Friday night, April 3. 2742

Mrs. R. L. Ferguson and little daughter, Mary Francis of Waco returned to their home Monday after a visit with Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes. Mrs. Ferguson was formerly Miss Gladys Haynes.

Miss Maurins Tipton returned the first part of the week to school at C. I. A., Denton, after being at home several weeks on account of having the flu.

FOR your Milk Cow try a few bags of Sorghum hay and note the increase in the flow of milk. Hellums Wagon Yard. 1tp

Are you dated yet to see "Aaron Boggs, Freshman" at the Cozy, Friday April 3.

**Miss Dorinda Dodd**

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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"DEAR Captain," read the letter. "I now take my pen in hand to tell you that I am going to California to keep house for my brother, so that I cannot work for you any longer. He needs me, so I cannot wait until you come home from this trip. Dorinda Dodd will take my place as your housekeeper, and you can change if neither one of you please the other. Yours respectfully, Ellen Smith."

"Dorinda Dodd! Sufferin' fish!" groaned young Captain Clark, as he put the letter away and leaned against the rail of his fine schooner *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 the only woman without a job in Fairport?"

He asked himself this question many times as the *Breeze* neared New York. They touched at the big city and took a Fairport man home with them. Jabez Case offended the captain before the ship had left the East river.

"I hear Dorinda Dodd's going to keep house for you," gossiped Jabez lastly.

"Until I can turn around and find someone else," said the captain, a frown on his handsome bronzed face. "Find someone else! What's the matter with Dorinda, Dodd?" Jabez fairly squeaked his surprise. "She makes the best apple pies in Fairport."

The captain hesitated. "That may be, and apple pie is my favorite, but I couldn't stand being talked to death by Dorinda."

"Talked to death?" repeated the stupefied Jabez.

"I said it." Jabez became silent. He watched the captain's gloomy face as he stood by the wheel. They were entering the sound and the navigation through Hell Gate required the captain's close attention. Once Jabez slapped his knee just as though he had made a delightful discovery.

"Folks are gossiping already, Bill—you know old Dorinda Dodd always wanted to get married—"

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

"The *Breeze* is in port!" the word flew around the village of Fairport, but no one had an opportunity to have a word with the captain, who went ashore at once and took a short cut across the bluffs to his little white home on the hill. He had been born and raised there, and it pleased him to live on in the house that was so eloquent of his mother and father, dead these five years past. There were many houses whose doors opened gladly to receive the handsome young master of the *Breeze*, and many a fair damsel set her cap for him, but he was a why sailor man whose only love was his ship. Thus far he had escaped. Ellen Smith had always made a pleasant home for him. The very notion of that disagreeable Dorinda Dodd, with her morose face and bony hands always around, depressed him. Ellen had been fat and florid and jolly. "Oh, confound the women," he groaned as he entered the little front yard, gay with summer flowers all blowing in the wind.

"The old lady likes posies," he grudgingly admitted. He entered the front door and stood in the familiar entry, with hared head. It was a little tribute that he always paid to his dear ones. Then he hung his hat on the deer's antlers, and looked into the parlor. Everything was in its accustomed place, and immaculately clean. The small front windows were open and the scent of cinnamon rose filled the room. His throat tightened—memory seemed so insistent. He almost sensed the presence of his mother. He left hastily, passed through the quaint dining room, and sought the kitchen—and Dorinda Dodd.

There was a delicious fragrance of baking cake; on a side table were all the evidences of molasses cookies to come, but no Dorinda Dodd.

"Oh, Miss Dorinda!" he sang lustily, cheered for the moment by the comfort of his home, and with the words scarcely uttered out of the pantry stepped a woman.

"It must be Captain Clark," she extended a plump capable hand. "Welcome home."

"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. I 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 on the street. "How is Miss Dorinda, Billy?" asked Jabez.

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

**Comfort and Elegance in Revolutionary Days**

Those who are under the impression that our Revolutionary ancestors spent their daily lives without the comfort which helps to make life more worth while are in error. The articles of household ware, for instance, used by them were abundant, various and serviceable.

The bed and all that appertained to it were the pride of the mistress of the house. It was almost invariably of sweet, soft and downy feathers; its sheets were of fine "homespun," the blankets and rugs of "spotted woolen" and flannel; and the towering posts at either corner of the bed were garnished with snowy curtains of dimity.

For table use they had napkins of linen and tablecloths of diaper; "diaper-wave huckaback," kersey and "damask plain and flowered."

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

Pewter and copper were the ornamental, and iron, then as now, the serviceable metal. Of the two former were made basins, ewers, mugs, porringers, ladies and tea and coffee kettles.

There was little glassware in use, and the few "jelly glasses, half pint and gill glasses," salt cellars, punch goblets and tumblers of glass were considered unusual elegances.

Clocks and "looking glasses" embellished the houses of the wealthy, and the size of the "looking glasses" corresponded with the degree of its owner's social standing.

Stoves were not in general use, and coal was unknown except for black-smithing purposes; wood, charcoal and turf were the only fuel. Wood was just beginning to be burned in "franklins," but generally was used in fire-places, which were provided with dogs and andirons, and in kitchens were huge saucers garnished with a forest of chains, pothooks and trammels, swinging on iron cranes or "smoke jacks" over fires that were fed by great logs.

**Civilizations Compared**

"Nations and individuals are judged by two factors—their virtues and their vices," writes Achmed Abdullah, distinguished novelist and playwright from the Orient, comparing the East and West, in *Hearst's International*. He says:

"I asked myself: Did the Europeans live up more to the altruistic teachings of Jesus than we to those of Mohammed, Confucius, Buddha and Moses? Were the teachings of Jesus more apt to lead His followers in the golden path than those of the other great Prophets? Did the Europeans have finer loyalty than the Arabs, finer filial piety than the Chinese, finer family cohesion than the Jews, finer sex morality than the Persians?"

"My answer was—still is—'No!' and I challenge anybody above the level of asinine bigotry to show me where I am wrong."

"Looking at the other side of the medal: were the unwashed of Calcutta dirtier than those of Liverpool? Were the perverts of Bokhara more degenerate than those of Naples? Were the murderers of Canton more blood-thirsty than those of Paris? Were the saber-rattlers of Constantinople more arrogant than those of Berlin?"

"Again my answer was—still is—'No!'"

**Boys Chief Stutters**

For every girl who stutters there are five or six stuttering boys.

Dr. James Sonnett Greene of New York, medical director of the National hospital for speech disorders, explains this curious fact in writing for *Hyezia*, health magazine, published by the American Medical Association.

Girls, as a rule, talk more than boys and, therefore, get more practice in speech production, Doctor Greene states. Although it is generally conceded that girls are more nervous than boys, yet the girl is more capable of maintaining her co-ordination under emotional strain because she is naturally more graceful and her co-ordination more complete.

For that reason it requires an exceptionally severe shock to cause her to lose her standard, hesitate and stutter.

**Sure to Succeed**

Original men are not content to be 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.

**Blind Ex-Athlete Elected**

Perry T. W. Hale, a Yale football star twenty years ago, and an All-American center at the time, but now totally blind, has been elected tax collector of Portland, Conn., getting the support of all parties and factions practically. He lost his sight in an explosion about 1880, but one of the finest of the blind are visible in small systems of raised

**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 "leeward" 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-indulgent in them. This is to prevent their bringing ill-luck to the ship by running away.

During the war black cats were at a premium. With so much extra tonnage afloat there was not enough to go around.

Sometimes a young midshipman would be sent ashore in search of one. And a certain youth, sooner than return empty-handed, dyed the white patches of a black and white "stray" with ink.

**Those Smart Children**

"My three-year-old nephew Anaximander, hurried breathlessly into the living room where we were entertaining the minister and his wife.

"Mamma!" he cried without regard for consequences, "Bruvver's gone and torn his rubber rompers and now you'll have to vulcanize them."

Little Willie, my eighteen-month-old cousin, was earnestly watching his father (my uncle) repair his automobile.

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

"I'm afraid the differential's gone wrong," said his daddy, wiping the grease off his forehead with his \$8 silk shirt.

"Heek!" ejaculated Willie. "A fellow's got to understand calculus to run a car these days!"

Ermyntude is a trifle precocious and for that reason her parents temporize with her.

At the dinner table the other night she brusquely asked her mother to pass the mustard.

Mother smiled wearily and said expectantly, "If you—?"

Imagine our embarrassment when the little darling retorted, "If you know what's good for you!"—Roswell J. Powers in *Judge*.

**Dead Spots at Sea**

While we have come to accept "dead spots" on land, there is another form of "dead spot" to be found right in mid-ocean, hundreds of miles from land, for which no adequate explanation has yet been given, according to A. Dinsdale, member of the Radio Society of Great Britain. Some scientists maintain that they are caused by large mineral deposits on the ocean floor, but this explanation hardly seems satisfactory, though it is true that such dead spots can also be overcome by increasing the wavelength for communication. There are several such spots in the different oceans, 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 double, says *Nature Magazine*—that is, they are made up of stars revolving around one another. Most of these pairs are of contrasting color, one blue and the other gold, or one red and the other green. Albireo is one of the finest of these pairs and is visible in small telescopes.

**Anne and Her Ancestors**

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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IF ANNE had not skimped with all her might during the winter she could not have had her trip to England and the Wembley exhibition. And if she hadn't got to Wembley, 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 skimming, 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 among 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 jewelry of a decade before father's time. That was a small matter to Anne.

She found Uncle Henry, Aunt Susie and many cousins of brave deeds. And lastly, she found brother. Anne loved brother. He was a fine young soldier in a queer wee cap, with checked edge and streamers, a tiny ribbon across his breast. Anne swept away a swiftly arrived tear as she looked at the bonnie face. She believed the dealer's tale that the young man had fallen in the great war.

Anne was lucky in her return voyage to the States in becoming fast friends with Mrs. Vandercup, who introduced her later to her social set in New York. Anne herself was as dainty as a bit of the old Chelsea china 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."

Mrs. Vandercup kindly managed the first dinner that Anne gave, and it was a marked success. Anne, living in a seeming romance, sparkled and chatted with this new-found coterie of well-bred friends and enjoyed herself hugely.

"Anne, dear," suggested Mrs. Vandercup, when most of the guests were joyfully dancing, "that young Mr. Warden, the artist, would love to see your portrait gallery; he has asked me to tell you."

Anne blushed swiftly. She had taken an immediate liking to the red-haired Briton, with his artistic Van Dyke beard, that was so apparently worn to conceal a great scar that lay across his cheek.

Warden followed her into the portrait gallery and listened to her tales so carefully thought out about each old painting. His eyes more often lingered on dainty Anne than on the ancestors. He was realizing that Anne was the most lovely bit of womanhood he had met during his life in New York.

It was while she was telling him about her dear brother who fell in the war that Warden came to his senses. His eyes opened wide as he looked at the 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 I want to show you some of my own ancestors."

Anne never forgot his thoughtfulness in not speaking that night. It might have spoiled 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 furiously, 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 heart to jump a beat.

"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 I'm put you quite straight about the Victoria cross and the Military cross."

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

"Brother will have to come to life—somebody else then," Warden told her, and Anne agreed with a shy glance.

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Miss Mildred Richardson,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E.  
Richardson, has been quite sick  
the past few days.

**CONDEMN HAZING IN  
ALL STATE SCHOOLS**

**HOUSE ADOPTS RESOLUTION  
AIMING AT A. & M., BUT IT IS  
MADE GENERAL.**

Austin, Texas.—Hazing at State  
schools was condemned by the House  
which adopted a resolution demand-  
ing that students discontinue any  
practices of this kind at the State-  
supported institutions by a vote of  
76 to 35.

The resolution as originally pre-  
sented by Representative J. H. Boggs  
of San Angelo was aimed at the  
A. & M. College, where Mr. Boggs  
declared students are sometimes  
brutally treated in hazing incidents.  
Representative Hall of Houston pro-  
tested there was no reason to name  
A. & M. College when hazing is  
practiced at all the colleges. A. &  
M. has rules against hazing, he said,  
and students involved in the inci-  
dents mentioned by Mr. Boggs have  
been discharged.

An amendment making the reso-  
lution apply to all State schools in-  
stead of to A. & M. only was adopted.  
Representative Pearce declared he  
had been told by the County At-  
torney of Lampasas County that boys  
from that county had been beaten  
at A. & M. Sterling County boys  
also had been mistreated, he said.  
Mr. Pearce said he was partial to  
A. & M. and was sorry to see any  
complaint being made against the  
school. If hazing has grown to bru-  
tality, the Legislature ought to act,  
Mr. Boggs stated.

**A SERIES OF CLASHES  
ON AMNESTY BILL**

**House Opponents Succeed in Delay-  
ing Proceedings.**

Austin, Texas.—A series of clashes  
over the Ferguson amnesty bill en-  
livened the House Wednesday, with  
the opponents of the measure win-  
ning out in their efforts to delay  
proceedings to prevent the House  
from reaching the amnesty matter.

On every vote of strength pro-  
ponents of amnesty showed a clear  
majority of about fifteen votes. But  
they could not muster enough votes  
to gain a two-thirds majority, which  
is necessary to set a special order  
or take up the bill out of its regular  
order. About fourteen votes are  
lacking to give the proponents of  
amnesty a two-thirds majority.

Representative DeBerry moved to  
suspend the rule providing that only  
one special order can be set at a  
time, but his motion failed to re-  
ceive the necessary two thirds vote.  
The vote was 75 to 58, or fourteen  
short of two-thirds majority.

A group of a dozen Representa-  
tives supporting the amnesty bill  
met and decided to lay every Senate  
bill on the table subject to call until  
the Ferguson measure was reached.  
Anti-amnesty members got wind of  
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 con-  
nection with the increase in royalties  
there is pending a bill which would  
permit the University to use the  
whole royalty income for the erec-  
tion 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 gross rentals  
go to the available fund instead of to  
the permanent account.

**Pension Warrants Mailed.**

Austin.—Approximately 12,900 Con-  
federate 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, an-  
nounced 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 forma-  
tion in Texas of nonpar value capital  
stock corporations.

**Flu Leads Deaths.**

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. Sapping-  
ton, State Health Officer, for  
the week ending Feb. 28. Other  
diseases reported were: Chicken pox,  
53; diphtheria, 49; dysentery, 4;  
measles, 52; mumps, 121; pellagra,  
9; pneumonia, 171; scarlet fever, 27;  
smallpox, 80; trachoma, 1; typhoid  
fever, 5; para-typhoid, 1.

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ed therein, but if not, then in  
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per is published, to appear at the  
next regular term of the County  
Court of Taylor County, to be  
held at the Court House there-  
of, in Abilene, on the 3rd Mon-  
day in April, A.D. 1925, the  
same being the 20th day of April  
A.D. 1925, then and there to an-  
swer a petition filed in said  
Court on the 11th day of March,  
A. D. 1925, in a suit, numbered  
on the docket of said Court No.  
5569, wherein Max Mellinger is  
Plaintiff, and Albert Mendlovitz  
is Defendant, said suit being a  
suit to recover on eighteen notes  
executed by defendant to order  
of plaintiff, dated February 1,  
1922, bearing 10% interest from  
date and providing for 10% at-  
torney's fees, payable March 1,  
1922, and on 1st day of each  
month thereafter except Decem-  
ber, 1922, in lieu of which month  
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  
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ty Court, Taylor County.  
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ing each and every one who in  
any way assisted or offered to  
assist us in the recent sickness  
and loss of our beloved Chris-  
tian mother. Also for the beau-  
tiful floral offerings. Our words  
are inadequate to express to  
you our feeling toward you in  
this sad hour, but our Father  
in heaven who gives all the  
great rewards will remember  
you for these courtesies shown  
to us. May His blessings rest  
with all of you. D. C. Hutcheson  
and children. 1t

Miss Alma Patterson of Mc-  
Murry College, Abilene, spent  
the past week end at home with  
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B.  
Patterson.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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**City Election**  
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several years these have come on  
me so bad that I had to quit my  
work and go to bed. Every  
month I would stay in bed from  
one to two days. The pains in  
my back and sides were awful.

"This went on for several  
months after I was married un-  
til, one time when I was having  
a bad spell, my husband sug-  
gested that I try Cardui. I said  
I would try it, so he got me a  
bottle at the store and I began  
to take it.

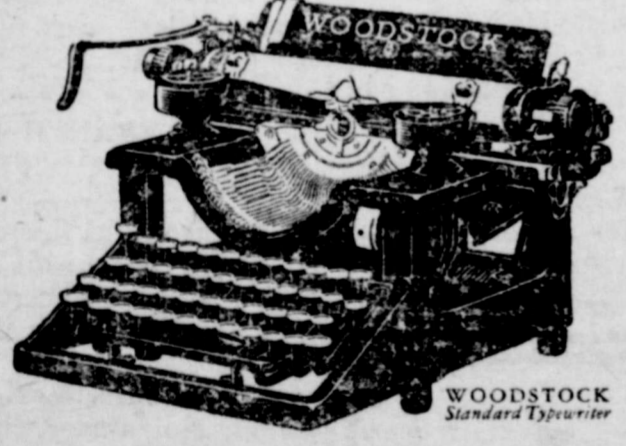
"It seemed like I improved  
from the very first dose. When  
I had taken one bottle I was very  
much better. I did not cramp so  
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and slept better. I was not near-  
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**MEXICAN SLAYER OF OFFICERS KILLED AT LAWN**

(Continued from front page farm of G. W. Richie, 12 miles southwest of Merkel, where a bunch of Mexicans were engaged 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, seeing that his fellow officer had been shot and that he had better go for a physician and help, immediately made his way to the home of Mr. Richie, nearly a mile away, where he found Mrs. Richie at home, and, after telling her what had happened, borrowed the Richie car and started for a phone, there being 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 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 for her husband who was working on the other side of the field, and he, with a hired hand, returned to the home. They saw the Mexican, accompanied by another, coming toward the house, and not having any arms of any consequence Mr. Richie decided he would walk out in the yard toward them without arms and, if possible, keep them from going into the house while 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 take the car and get him out of the country, but he said the car would not run after the wreck. The Mexican said he must get out of the country as he had killed two officers and at this Mr. Richie suggested that he take to the mountains. After forcing Mr. Richie to get him a drink at the point of his gun the two left the place. But instead of going into the mountains they returned to the clearing where they had shot Constable Reeves and shot him twice more in the head to make sure of killing him. They took his gun, we are told, and left through the mountains.

Two traveling men happened along the road immediately following the shooting of Satterwhite and they were held up and asked if they were officers. The traveling men, after telling them they were not officers, were told to beat it and say nothing of seeing them. Officers and physicians rushed to the scene, followed by hundreds of citizens, and then more hundreds as the news spread, and by night fall there were possibly a thousand men and boys engaged in a wild and frantic hunt for the assassins. And on thru-out the entire night and all day Wednesday the officers of some dozen counties surrounding, augmented by the thousand or more citizens, searched the entire country miles around without any actual trace of the murderer. Trained blood hounds from Paint Rock and Lubbock were brought to the scene but failed to pick up any trail that proved of any value.

Upon receipt of the sad news of the death of the Sheriff of Howard county, hundreds of citizens from that county as well as other adjoining counties rushed to the scene of the tragedy, and joined in the effort to capture the fugitives. And all day Wednesday and Wednesday night the hundreds of citizens continued their search, but aside from the fact that many wild and exaggerated stories were circulated and all proved to be unfounded, there was no evidence as to the whereabouts of the murderers.

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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 you are anticipating buying soon.

Just a few prices. Ranges \$60.00 and up. Hot weather is here. Now is the time to get that fan \$7.50 up. Iron \$2.75 and up. Curling Iron 45c and up.

We will sell to every person who enters our store on Monday 6 lamps of 10 to 40 watt for \$1.00. Others at a big reduction.

# WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

was received from Ovalo in the south part of the county to the effect that on the afternoon of Wednesday two Mexicans suiting the descriptions of those being searched for had gone to a farm house in the country between Ovalo and Old Guion and asked for something to eat. A lady at the house gave them something to eat, the Mexicans paying for same, and were just about to leave when the man of the house came up. It is said the Mexicans ran off into an orchard near by, but later returned to the house and offered to pay the farmer to take them to either Tuscola or Sweetwater, which the man refused to do. The two are claimed to suit the description perfectly of those wanted. They left and no further news came in until about nine o'clock Thursday when another report came from Ovalo to the effect that the blood hounds had struck trail of the men and in fact the rumor stated that the

Mexicans were really surrounded by a posse and that capture seemed certain. The bodies of the two slain officers were brought to Merkel and cared for in the Barrow Furniture Company undertaking parlor. Funeral services were held for Constable Geo. Reeves Wednesday afternoon. The remains of Sheriff Satterwhite were carried to Big Spring for burial.

Don't forget the place to sell your eggs. G. M. Sharp. 2012

Have special order for 25 cases Eggs. Market price paid. W. F. HAMBLET. 1t

Get an aluminum tea kettle for \$1.25. West Company. 1t

Miss Grace Lee Cranston returned to school at McMurry College Monday after spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cranston.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We desire to express our sincere thanks and deepest gratitude to each and every one for their acts of kindness and words of sympathy in the tragic death of our loving husband and father. Mrs. Geo. L. Reeves and children. 1t

See "Aaron Boggs Freshman" at the Cozy Theatre, Friday, April 3. 2712

**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. tf

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

**Senior B. Y. P. U.**

Sunday, March 29th. Leader: Flossie Campbell. Intraduction by leader. Part one, Miss Hearn. Part two, Floyd Dowell. Part three, Stella Wilson. Part four, Ola Sharp. Part five, Carlton Dennis. Part six, Miss Harrison.

Messers Wade Darsey, Buddy Cobb, Stanley Stanford, Zedic Johnson and Alvin Curb left first part of the week for Devils river and other South Texas fishing places for a week or more of fishing and outing.

Are you planning to have an exhibit of some kind in Merkel's Community Fair in September? Plan now to win a prize on some particular exhibit.

Mrs. L. L. Estes left first of the week for a visit with relatives and friends.

**WHITE CHURCH NEWS**

Rev. John Reynolds, who 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.

Quite a lot of work was done there last Wednesday. The attendance 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 community.

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 privilege that day.

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. Hughes and family.

Our County Agent, Mr. Masterson 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 terracing demonstration.

Mr. Wm. Snow left this morning, 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 niece, Mrs. Lee Clanton.

Homer and Leonard Tye attended the funeral of their uncle, Jim Tye, who was buried at Paducah one day last week.

Leonard Tye returned to his home at Bureson on day this week after a visit here with his brother, Homer.

Messers W. E. Malone and Frank Demere were among those from Blair Lodge to attend the Grand Lodge at Wichita Falls last week.

Mr. R. B. Stockton and family from Weirert visited Mrs. Stockton's sister, Mrs. Dillard Snow, one day last week.

**SALT BRANCH ITEMS**

The health of this community is very good at this writing.

Mr. Hobson Robertson has a new bungalow home almost completed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Northcutt Sunday.

Miss Ruby Patton and Gladys Petty were visitors of Miss Celia Henry Sunday.

Miss Helen McCormick and Vera Jones were visitors of Miss Lois Jaynes Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Petty has gone to McKinley where she will visit her daughter for a few days.

Miss Toombs was a visitor at Salt Branch School on Monday of this week.

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 Shop, Kent street. tf

Mr. H. M. Rose of Sweetwater was in Merkel on Business this week.

Windmill with 20-ft. steel tower \$55.00. West Company. 1t

## Week-End Specials

**"Beautiful Tissue Gingham"** in colors of pink, blue, gold, lavender, brown and red. Very serviceable for spring dresses. An opportunity you can not afford to miss, Friday and Saturday, only **49c yd.**

**"Childrens Good Durable Ribbed School Hose"** all sizes, Friday and Saturday only **49c pr.**

We have many customers report to us they are saving 25 to 30%—by watching this space for our "Specials"

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