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In inviting people to avail themselves of the service of this bank, we make no promises of conferring unusual privileges; but we do stand on our established policy of giving every one who comes to us the same courteous, efficient, service, and every assistance that sound banking practice will allow.

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Chock Jones was up from Abilene Thursday morning.

H. L. Orr, of Aspermont, is a visitor in the home of his cousin, Miss Sally Orr.

Collins Brothers shipped one car of cattle to the Fort Worth market this week.

We are paying 32c the dozen for eggs and 38c the pound for cream. McDonald & Collum. 11

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Bring your car to us for repairs, we have a first class mechanic, and then we tell you before we start work on your car just what it will cost to repair it. Our repair shop is up-to the Minute, gives you you service that not only please but lasts.

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Cedars of Lebanon

Famed for Centuries

The cedar of Lebanon is native to Syria, Asia, Palestine and the island of Cyprus. It usually grows in the mountains at elevations of 4,000 and 6,400 feet above sea level. These trees famous from early times in sacred and profane writings, are large, ornamental evergreens with wide-spreading branches. They are noted for the size of their trunks rather than for their height as many people suppose.

Until the outbreak of the World War one of the original groves mentioned in the Bible was still standing at the head of Kedisha valley near the ancient Lebanon. This last remnant of the cedar forests so often referred to in the Old Testament was visited by the English botanist Hooker in 1860.

He found about 375 trees growing in nine groups. Five of the oldest trees measured thirty feet or over around the girth. Hooker estimated them to be about 2,500 years old. Some of the younger trees were estimated at 100 years.

Many of these survivals of antiquity were destroyed during the great war. In ancient days the white gum which oozes from the trunks and branches of these cedars was used for embalming.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Animals Have Various Methods of Signaling

Birds all have good voices, barring a few like the pelicans and cormorants that are virtually silent, and so we find that they communicate their messages mainly by means of the voice. Mammals, on the other hand, are not possessed of such ready voices and so are given much more to the use of gesture, says Hamilton M. Laing, in the Winnipeg Free Press.

The common Richardson ground squirrel and striped spermophile of our prairies, the prairie dog and some others of these rodents, apparently use their tails in signaling. It can be noted, too, that each animal is very prone to repeat the signal. This trait is so pronounced that often we hear them called "flicker-tails." These fellows all have a shrill whistle that is much more useful as a danger signal, and this is true of the marmots (woodchucks) also.

The red squirrel of the woods expresses a great many things by means of his great feathery tail, but he seems to use it not so much to signal to his kind as to express his own feelings. He has a good voice and his messages to his kind are sent by means of it.

But Peter's Thoughts

Old Peter, the postman, footsore and weary, had reached the end of his round and was congratulating himself upon having finished in such good time.

"Postman," came a voice from the last house in the street, which could only be reached by climbing a hill of about 300 steps.

"I wonder what she wants?" thought Peter, as he started to climb the steps. "She may have an important letter she wants posted."

At last he reached the top of the hill and stood puffing before the woman.

"Did you have to pass an examination to get in the post office?" she said.

"Certainly," said Peter. "Oh, that's fine. I imagine you are pretty bright, then. Will you tell me how to spell 'psychological'?"—London Answers.

Effectively Guarded

Stephen McKenna, in "An Affair of Honor," tells a good Benvenuto story about King Edward when he was prince of Wales. He disliked being surrounded by detectives, and one night signified that he wished to attend the opera informally. "The hint was taken. For one night the traditional boots and reefer-suits of the secret police were not to be observed. His royal highness was enjoying himself thoroughly when he happened to inspect the house through his glasses and found that every one, on every side of him was dressed and made up to reproduce him in every detail. Hundreds of princes lolled in their boxes or stalls. A nihilist, had one been present, would have been carried away prostrate."

Evolution of Shoes

Among the ancient Jews shoes were made of leather, linen, rush or wood. The Greek philosopher, Pythagoras, would have his disciples wear shoes made of the bark of trees, probably that they might not wear what was made of the skins of animals, as he refrained from the use of everything that had life. In England, about 1402, the people wore the points of their shoes so long that they cumbered themselves in walking, and were forced to tie up the points to their knees. In the reign of Edward IV this was prohibited by law.

Paul Was Puzzled

Little Paul was turning the pages of a new picture book which had been given him. He came to two which were uncut. He tried to turn the page, found that he could not, lifted up the corner and peeped under, and stopped to ponder the situation.

"Mamma," he called. "Mamma, come here a minute."

"What is it, dear?" asked his mother.

"Look at my book," said Paul, showing his mother the leaves were stuck together. "How did they ever get the pictures in there?"

Both Swift and Sure

Was Vigilante Justice

The Montana Vigilantes, who delivered that territory of such notorious gangs as Henry Plummer's in the '80s, were nothing if not methodical in their self-appointed task. Besides Plummer's band of road agents and murderers, to which a total of 102 deaths alone is credited, the population of the gold fields numbered many fugitives from justice from all parts of the country.

In many places the lawless element was totally superior in force to the honest citizen group, which was driven to the establishment of a Vigilance committee to protect lives and property. Outnumbered as they were, the Vigilantes worked in secret and as mysteriously as possible; their principal tools were the mask and the rope. Some time during the night a white card always exactly seven by nine inches and bearing the numerals 3-7-77 in black ink, was pinned on the tent or tacked on the door of the desperado who had been sentenced to be banished at a secret meeting of the Vigilance committee.

The men who received such a notice knew where it came and that it meant, "Pack up and leave within 24 hours or swing on the second night." If he had the least glimmer of sense he also knew the warning was no bluff.

The Vigilantes held no public trials, but if sometimes a mistake was made and the victim appealed for a review of the facts through certain channels, he was certain of a second hearing. In such a case a midnight tribunal was held which reconsidered and sometimes reversed the sentence. More often it reaffirmed the banishment with a second placard, against which there was no appeal. If the warning was disregarded, the lawless one found himself the center of a very interesting and determined crowd on the second night and he did not live to see the next sunrise.

The Vigilantes constituted themselves judges, jury and executioners all in one, and their trials were certainly short. Whenever a highwayman or murderer was caught, the leader of the Vigilante band would say:

"All in favor of hanging this man step to the right of the road; those who are for letting him go step to the left."—J. R. Johnston in Adventure Magazine.

Positive Identification

C. S. Collins, superintendent of the identification bureau of Scotland Yard, who has made nearly 500,000 finger prints of criminals and suspects, retired recently after 30 years' service in the London police department. From the finger prints on file in Mr. Collins' department some 200,000 identifications have been made, according to authorities, without a single mistake. "I would stake my life on the probability that there never will be finger prints alike, even if the world goes on indefinitely," Mr. Collins said recently, in speaking of his work. During the next generation, he asserted, finger prints would be much more generally used everywhere, not only in the identification of criminals, but as a matter of record in births, and numerous other directions.

Having Their Fling

It was last year in a strict boarding school, and my roommate and I had always been on our good behavior, writes a correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. We realized we had missed a lot of the fun the other girls had enjoyed, even though they had paid for it by being up before the faculty many times.

One night we decided we'd be daring and slip down, after midnight, to the rarely occupied guest room and sleep in the four-poster bed in there. The corridors were dark and the stairs creaked, but we tiptoed along until we had almost reached the guest room. Just then we heard the watchman coming down the corridor. We popped into the guest room and onto the bed.

A series of screams aroused every one. We had sat upon a visiting missionary from Africa.

A Surprise

Amateur theatrical stunts had been indulged in by certain members of the group out for a day's outing. One of these stunts included the placing of black wax on one or two of the front teeth, which left an appearance of toothlessness.

One young man, tiring of the wax, tried to remove it and found he could not. He asked a young woman of the party whether she knew how to get the wax off.

"Sure," she said, boldly. "That's easy." And forthwith she grasped the wax firmly between thumb and forefinger and pulled.

Imagine her amazement a moment later when she held in her hand the full upper set of false teeth belonging to the young man.—Indianapolis News.

Ominous

"I've been studying a good deal about resigning my office!" declared Constable Sam T. Slackputter, the guardian of the peace and dignity of Petunia. "It's getting too ominous."

"Too-what?" returned Mayor Numbers.

"Ominous—or dangerous, if you like that better. You know the new shooting gallery that opened up last week? Well, I've seen no less than eight women, all told, practicing shooting there. It may mean somethin', and it may not; but—"—Kansas City Times.

Responsibility



The aim of this bank is not to be the largest at whatever cost; but to be sound and safe at all times. We believe a true banker feels that he is trustee for those who deposit their funds with his bank and his incumbent duty is to use every precaution and care to conserve and protect the same.

We believe in real service and accommodations, too, consistent with sound banking practice and commensurate with the merits thereof but not to the extent of taking improper risks or jeopardizing that degree of responsibility which we feel we owe as trustee of the funds of our depositors.

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DORA ITEMS

Most all the farmers have begun picking cotton.

Health of this community is good at present.

Mr. Ernest Gibson and father motored to Sweetwater Saturday.

Mrs. M. E. Moore spent Thursday night with her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Holland.

Mr. E. L. Frazier and family spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Willis Evans, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Frazier and mother, Mrs. Elmore, and Mary Ellen Frazier were visitors of Mrs. Ernest Gibson Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibson were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Matlock Sunday afternoon.

Uncle Frank Demere of the Canyon spent the evening with Mr. E. L. Frazier Tuesday.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

WRONG OR RIGHT

There is an old judge of the Supreme court in New York who recently in private conversation was heard to vigorously defend one of his friends who had fallen by the wayside. He was challenged for defending a man who had been proved to be wrong.

"That was only one failure," said the old judge. "Consider the fine things about him—"

"But," objected one of the critics, "I don't see how you can stand up for this fellow even if he is a friend. He certainly was wrong."

"Any man will stand up for you when you are right," replied the old judge. "But it takes a friend to stand up for you when you are wrong."

Miss Maudie Mabry of Kerns, Texas, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thornton, being a niece of Mrs. Thornton.



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South Side Abilene, Texas

MR. IRA STANLEY'S SISTER DIES AT MCKINNEY

Mrs. Miller Belcher, of McKinney, Texas, sister of Mr. Ira Stanley of this community, died at her home in McKinney, Texas on the 13th of September.

Deceased was born in Arkansas Nov. 11, 1894, but came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stanley, to Texas when nine years of age, and settled near Nubia, this county, where they resided for some twelve years, and is therefore well known in this community. They then moved to Denton county, where she was married to Mr. Belcher. She was a member of the Methodist church, and according to the McKinney Courier-Gazette, was one of the most popular and useful members of the church there. She was also preparing to enter business for herself, going into the millinery business, and had purchased her stock, store fixtures, etc. Her husband is a very popular and influential young business man of that city.

This paper joins many friends here and elsewhere in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

HEBRON GOSSIP

There was a good rain fall in this community on Wednesday and Thursday.

Many from this community attended the Fair last week.

Several from here attended preaching at Union Ridge Sunday night.

Mr. A. J. Pannell is having his home remodeled.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson dined with Mr. and Mrs. Davis Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Harris took dinner with Mr. Robert Davis Sunday.

Mr. William Pannell spent the night with Mr. John Horton on Wednesday night.

Mayflower.

MOUNTED CAVALRY BAND TO ENTERTAIN CROWDS AT 1925 STATE FAIR

A big cavalry band, mounted on thoroughly trained horses, is to entertain visitors to the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

Announcement is made that the band of the 112th Cavalry, Texas National Guard, is to play daily throughout this year's exposition.

There are twenty-five men in the organization, which is commanded by Capt. Chas. K. Davis and is stationed at Mineral Wells. Capt. Davis was an officer in the 144th infantry during the world war. Warrant Officer David Burnswick, who directed a similar band in the army of occupation in Germany, is its director.

NIGHT FOOTBALL GAME COLLEGE CIRCUS EVENT

A night football game in the stadium, will be one event in connection with the All College Circus to be given at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, on the night of Saturday, Oct. 17.

The queen's coronation and ball will be given in the new Baker Hotel on Friday evening, Oct. 16. The famous Benson orchestra, of Chicago, will furnish the music for the ball. The "circus" itself will be offered between halves of the football game.

EXPECT 600 ENTRIES FOR STATE FAIR KENNEL SHOW

Fully 600 dogs of high degree, it is expected, will be shown at the Texas Kennel Club dog show, to be held during the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, according to officials of the club.

Dates for the 1925 kennel show are Oct. 23, 24, and 25 and the show will be held in the big poultry building, where last year's display was given.

It is declared that more trophies than ever before will be offered, and that a full "5-point" show will be given in every particular.

Breed captains have been named by officers of the Texas Kennel Club. It will be their duty to see to entries in the respective breeds in which each is interested. Weekly meetings of the show committee will be held at Dallas from now until opening of the show, to the end that all details may be worked out completely.

Officers of the Texas Kennel Club are: Dr. E. P. Hackney, president; E. V. Shearer, first vice president; Arthur Bickham, second vice president; E. O. Mangrum, treasurer; O. T. Evans, secretary; E. M. Dealey, chairman bench committee.

State Fair Runners Arrive.
S. S. Lindsey, a Texas owner, is the first to arrive at the track with his string of runners for the State Fair of Texas races, Dallas, Oct. 10-15, inclusive. He will train at Dallas in preparation for the State Fair.

BANKERS HELP

The banks of Linn County Oregon, are showing more enthusiasm than ever this year in behalf of a county corn exhibit similar to that held last year at the Linn County Fair. Last year's exhibit was the result of a contest for a prize offered by a number of local banks. This was so successful that this year ten out of the eleven banks in the county will subscribe to the effort.

The Agricultural Committee of the Alabama Bankers Association has recommended that a scholarship fund be established for the education of worthy young men and women along agricultural and home economics lines. It is estimated that if each bank in the state were to contribute 25 cents per thousand capital, five to six thousand dollars per annum would be realized.

The Agricultural Committee of the Oklahoma Bankers Association, in its report, recommends that the bankers see that a competent agent is appointed in each county and that he has a degree from some agricultural college. They believe that the agricultural possibilities of the state should be better advertised and that each county bankers association should do some work along that line.

Searcy County Bankers Association, Arkansas, entertained as its guests recently some seventy-five farmers and business men. The result was the organization of the North Central Arkansas Agricultural Association. Its purpose will be to co-ordinate the efforts of the farmers and business men in promoting a better agriculture. Searcy County bankers are giving 100 settings of purebred eggs for distribution to the boys' and girls' clubs in the county.

H. S. Mowrer, chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the New Jersey Bankers Association, together with H. J. Baker, director of extension work in the College of Agriculture, made a complete tour of the state this spring, calling on the county agents and agricultural committees of the various county organizations to get a definite line-up on the work done and the plans for the coming year. Ways and means for furthering the program of the state committee were considered at these conferences.

The Girl He Left Behind

By FRANK WALL

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THE old home town basking drowsily in the warm sunshine, looked good to John MacNeil after his three years in New York. He stood at the corner of the block when he came out of the depot. This was where he had proposed to her, he remembered, his eyes twinkling. It was in the middle of winter and there had been a heavy snowstorm; and just as he stooped for her answer an avalanche of snow slumped off the roof and stretched them flat on the sidewalk.

"And I held her there until she said, 'Yes,'" he muttered. "Cave man stuff, she called it, but she liked it. Gosh! They all do."

And away he swung again down the little street where her firm was located.

He asked the girl at the information desk for Edna Burke. She smiled at his question.

"Miss Burke!" he said again, and there was a snap in his voice this time.

"You mean Mrs. Marshall," she said at last.

"I mean Miss Burke."

"She's Mrs. Marshall now. It's the same one. She used to be Edna Burke."

MacNeil passed his hand slowly across his cheek. He felt as if his face were frozen. "D'ye mean she's married?" he said quietly.

"I guess so. Next, please."

"Thank you," he said mechanically, and he walked out.

Some men would have insisted on seeing her, but what was the use? He called up her firm and asked for Mrs. Marshall, and when he heard her voice he put the receiver back on the hook and went to take up his new job without even speaking to her.

He had planned to surprise her with his return. Well, she had surprised him, that was all.

When he was recently offered the editorship of the paper where he had started his newspaper career as a cub reporter he thought it was the most wonderful thing that had ever happened in his life. His three years in New York had not weakened his longing for the old home town. In all of his letters to Edna Burke he had dwelt on his ambition to make good in metropolitan newspaper work; but all the time—though he was too proud to own it after the way he had reproached her for not wanting him to go—he had just longed to get back.

No, it wasn't that at all, he told himself savagely. It was Edna he wanted to get back to. Manlike, he was twisting the knife in his wound, merely hurting himself to prove he didn't care. He went up the old stone steps of the Eagle with a heart like lead, and walked through the big editorial room, where he had planned to make such a triumphal entry, with his face all white and set.

He entered the editorial sanctum unannounced and nodded grimly to old Lennon, whom he was to replace. The old man greeted him affectionately.

"But you don't look well," he quavered; "I guess New York didn't agree with you."

"I'm all right," said MacNeil vaguely and he began to ask questions about the paper.

Lennon showed him what was necessary and said he was staying on for a few weeks to get him started. He insisted on MacNeil taking the editorial chair by the window and went to a desk at the other side of the room.

Boys were rushing in all the time with proofs. Hooper, the editorial writer, came to suggest a change in one of the editorials in the noon edition. Lennon referred them all to MacNeil and he answered them in his quick incisive fashion, but his face was like a mask over the despair that was gnawing at his heart.

"Then you think this editorial should be changed?" said Hooper.

MacNeil was staring out of the window. He saw Edna coming slowly across the square, her arm linked with that of a good-looking young fellow, at whom she was glancing continually.

MacNeil turned slowly. He hadn't heard a word the other man had said but he nodded vaguely. He couldn't speak just then.

Hooper went out and Lennon went with him to get his lunch. MacNeil slumped back in his chair his face haggard. When the boy presently opened the door, he didn't even look up. He didn't hear the footsteps that came swiftly into the room. It was the sight of a small hand resting on his desk that roused him. He looked up at her, his heart beating wildly.

"You shouldn't be here," he said.

"You're married, you know."

And then her arms were round his neck. She was crying and laughing and speaking all at once. "I called myself Mrs. Marshall because in my other place the men were always asking me to go out," she said.

"But that man you were with in the square?"

"It's my brother back from South America. Don't you remember? I told you about him."

MacNeil sat up and pushed his hand through his hair. "Mrs. Marshall," he said thoughtfully, "I've a new job for you, and this time you may call yourself Mrs. MacNeil."



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Your trade will be Appreciated on anything in the Hardware Line. Our stock is Complete.

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Mr. Ben Teaff, of Troy, Texas, was here this week visiting friends and relatives, and looking after business matters.

Ira Acuff and sister, Miss Gladys, were visitors at Cisco and Mineral Wells Friday and Saturday.

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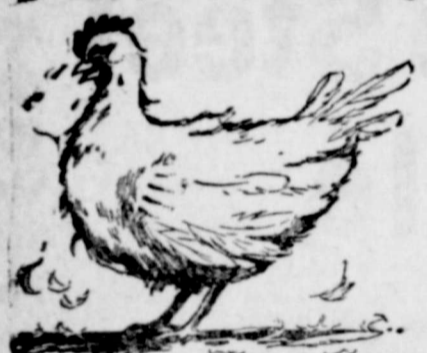
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It's interesting to listen to
some people belittle and talk ab-
out their neighbors, when most
everybody knows it to be a fact
that their said neighbors are
really better and by far more
useful citizens than they.

We are very grateful to Mr.
Jas. E. Boaz for a subscription
to the Mail which he sends to
his mother in the state of Wash-
ington.

Church men and women every-
where are trying hard to solve
the question and explain why the
indifference existing upon the
part of church members to rally
do their part in furthering the
cause of the Christian religion.
The answer in most instances is
that the average church man or
woman is failing to really live up
to their privilege and opportuni-
ty. In other words, be and live
what they profess.

The dear old Dallas News on
Thursday issued its fortieth an-
niversary edition. The edition re-
flects much credit upon the able
management and ownership of
this one of the greatest, clean-
est and most reliable daily news-
papers published in the nation.
It is a great paper and has been
a great factor in the develop-
ment and building up of the city
and state in which it is publish-
ed. May it live long, prosper and
continue its usefulness to the
people of the great state of
Texas.

Abilene is host to a meeting
of State Confederate Veterans
this week, beginning yesterday,
and lasting over until Saturday.
That city is no doubt royally and
elaborately entertaining the old
heroes of the South. Abilene al-
ways does herself proud upon
any similar occasion, but we sus-
pect that her citizens are mak-
ing an extra effort in behalf of
the few remaining soldiers of the
Southland.

Some people are always hav-
ing something little and mean to
say about most of the people
they come in contact with daily,
and in most of these instances
they are known to be the small-
est and most unworthy citizens
of the entire community. Where
you find a man that never has
a good word for any of his fel-
low men you generally find a
man with but few friends and a
man who is worthless to both
man and community.

REDUCES COSTS

The old notion that advertis-
ing increases the cost of mer-
chandise has been pretty well
exploded by this time but there
are still people who believe the
man who says:

"That company puts the stuff
in the goods and not in adver-
tising."

The real reason that advertis-
ing has grown by leaps and
bounds in this country within
the past few years is simply be-
cause manufacturers and pro-
gressive merchants have found it
the cheapest known method of
selling.

One can reach a thousand peo-
ple through the columns of a
newspaper at the cost of reach-
ing one by personal solicitation.
Newspaper advertising is the
cheapest known method of plac-
ing a message in a great num-
ber of homes.

Direct mail advertising is ef-
fective in some things, but it is
far more expensive. Personal
salesmanship is of course ex-

tremely effective but it is tre-
mendously expensive.

Naturally the merchant or the
manufacturer who uses these ex-
pensive methods of selling, must
put the cost into the price of his
goods. For every business man
is conducting his affairs so as
to net him a substantial profit.

All this, of course, is to say
nothing of the matter of adver-
tising and turnover. But that is
a fit subject for another ed-
itorial.

THE VALUE OF THE SEXES

Thomas Jefferson Putnam,
who is connected with the Col-
orado Agricultural College and
calls himself "Specialist in Ru-
ral Development," reports that
his wife recently read to him
the old scientific determination
of the value of a man from a
mineral standpoint. The scient-
ists say that the ingredients of
a man are:

Fat enough for a bar of laun-
dry soap. Iron enough for two
nails. Sugar enough to fill a tea-
cup. Lime enough to whitewash
a chicken coop. Phosphorus
enough for a box of matches.
Sulphur enough to rid a dog of
fleas. These ingredients would
cost about 89 cents at any cor-
ner drug store.

Mrs. Putnam said so much ab-
out this that Thomas Jefferson
couldn't sleep until he had fig-
ured out the value of a woman.
Woman, he says, has been prov-
ed to contain:

Starch enough to be stuck on
herself. Brass enough to butt in
anywhere. Potassium enough to
explode a toy pistol. Gall enough
to embitter the sweetest male
disposition. Paint enough for an
Italian sunset. Powder enough
to blow up a dreadnaught. Per-
fume enough to gas a regiment.
All of which can be had in any
department store for 32 cents.

He woke his wife to tell her
this, and the next morning
Thomas Jefferson got his own
breakfast.—Holstein Breeder &
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**State Fair "Crop"
Superintendent**



J. A. MOORE

J. A. Moore of Grand Prairie,
Tex., is superintendent of the ag-
ricultural department at the State
Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25,
and expects the most comprehen-
sive agricultural display ever
seen in Texas. A practical farmer
himself, and for many years in
the farm demonstration service,
Mr. Moore is peculiarly fitted for
the position he holds. Fully sev-
enty-five county exhibits are ex-
pected at the 1925 State Fair.

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traction

At the State Fair of Texas, Dallas,
Oct. 10-25 this year, the magnificent
new \$500,000 Fair Park auditorium
is to be dedicated and added to the
many handsome permanent structures
within the great Fair park.

Each year some big improvement
of this character has been added to
State Fair equipment within the last
decade, but the new auditorium is
perhaps the most pretentious of all
the structures of the State Fair plant.

For its dedication there will be
first, an organ recital on the \$50,000
instrument installed within the audi-
torium. This will be given by Clar-
ence Eddy, acknowledged as one of
the world's famous organ perform-
ers. His recital will be given in the
afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 10, open-
ing day of the 1925 State Fair.

Each night throughout the State
Fair, with several matinees per
week, "Sky High," a great musical
comedy production direct from Broad-
way, will be offered. "Sky High" is
a big Shubert production, and the
Shuberts are recognized in New
York, as the greatest producers of
the age. As one New York critic
has said, their name connected with
an offering is a guarantee of its
goodness.

The State Fair management has
contracted for "Sky High" in its en-
tirety, just as it has been offered in
New York at the Winter Garden
since last February, and as it is
still running. It will cost \$100,000
to bring it to Texas by special train,
including Willie Howard, the famous
comedian-star, and the entire com-
pany of 108, with all the scenery,
the big orchestra, etc.

The auditorium is a building more
than 200 feet each way in outside
dimensions, and will seat 5,000 peo-
ple. It is provided with an up-to-date
heating and ventilating system and
is fire-proof. It will prove one of
the big sights at the 1925 State Fair,
outside of the entertainment offered
in it.

**DAIRY ANIMAL BREEDERS
TO MEET AT STATE FAIR**

Meetings of both Jersey and Hol-
stein breeders have been scheduled
for the State Fair of Texas, Dallas,
Oct. 10-25 this year. Positive dates
for the sessions have not as yet been
announced, but all members of both
the Texas Jersey Cattle Club and of
the Holstein Breeders' Association,
have been notified that the gather-
ings will take place, and a big at-
tendance is expected at each session.
The Texas Jersey Cattle Club is
offering a special premium at this
year's State Fair, on county herds.
Each herd must be made up of eight
animals, owned by at least five dif-
ferent owners, and be representative
of the county from which it is en-
tered. Secretary D. T. Simons of
the club, expects at least twenty
such entries.

**TO PASS UPON MERITS
OF STATE FAIR FOWLS**

Keen interest is already manifest
in the poultry show to be held at
the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct.
10-25, according to Walter Burton of
Arlington, superintendent of the poul-
try department. Judges of the State
Fair poultry show will be Newton
Cosh, Vineland, N. J.; D. E. (Ted)
Hale, Chicago, and E. C. Branch,
Lee's Summit, Mo.

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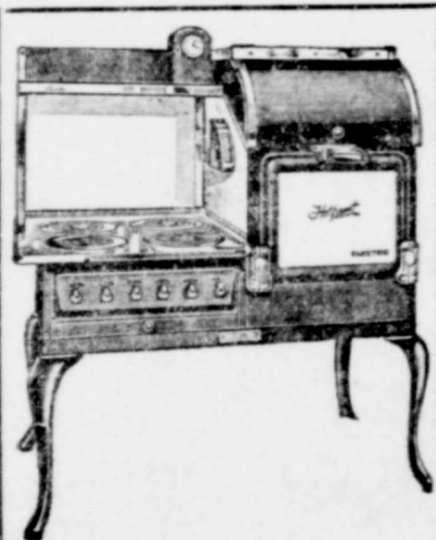
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Mr. Troy N. Eiland, of Mid-
land, and Miss Lela May Robin-
son of Trent, were married at
the home of the bride's father
in Trent on Sunday September
20, by Rev. Ira L. Parrack. The
happy couple will make their
home in Midland.

Miss Annie Reeves of Draugh-
ton's Business College is spend-
ing a few days at home as her
mother was called to the bed-
side of a dying sister of Corsi-
cana, Texas. We hope Mrs. Ree-
ves can soon return home and
Miss Reeves can return to school.

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Every day new evidence comes in of the popularity of the improved Ford cars.

It is not only expressed in the crowds which fill dealer show rooms all over the country and the groups which pause to inspect the cars wherever they appear on the streets nor alone in the thousands of orders being booked for immediate delivery, but also in orders entered for future delivery.

Probably the best index to future deliveries of these cars is found in enrollments in the Ford Weekly Purchase plan, which have shown a remarkable increase since the cars made their appearance.

This increase was first noticed the last ten days in August, during which the announcement of the cars was made. In that period enrollments under the plan reached a total of 13,167 and in ten days following, the first in September, the number of new purchasers under the plan totaled 16,054.

Those enrolled under the plan at the time the improved cars were announced all benefited by the change, for they will receive the new types and will be given preference when they desire delivery of cars.

More than 175,000 are now enrolled under the plan and with others coming in at the rate of 1,600 a day it will not be long before the enrollment list will exceed 200,000.

Those who are ordering cars under the plan at the present time for the most part contemplate delivery either during the coming holiday season or for early spring next year.

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160 acres 3 miles south, one of the very best, will take a home in Merkel on it worth the money.

162 acres, 100 in farm, well located 9 miles out. This is a splendid farm and is offered for sale to settle an estate. It's a bargain.

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78½ acres 4½ miles north on highway. Fine well of good water, close to school. This place would make a fine home and can be bought more than worth the money.

640 acres 5 miles south of Trent. I think this is the best bargain I have ever had to offer. There is, I think, at least 250 acres of good land, plenty of good water, well fenced and cross fenced, fine grass, in fact a dandy place more than worth the money asked. This is only a part of what I have to offer. I have farms of all sizes and all prices from \$12.50 per acre up to \$100. Give me a chance before you buy. Let me tell you what I have to offer you. If you have anything to sell or trade let me help you as I am on the lookout all the time. E. D. COATS.

Mrs. O. S. Campbell is a visitor in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Collum, from Roby.

STOMACH ILLS

Mississippi Was Weak, Couldn't Eat Enough.

"I had a bad case of stomach trouble," says Mr. N. A. Smith, of Shaw, Miss. "I couldn't eat enough and was very weak. Everything I ate hurt me, formed gas, and I spit up my food. I didn't feel like doing any work. I knew what Black-Draught had done... and I began taking small doses. I certainly got relief. It did me lots of good."

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"ONLY CHILD" IS UNDER HANDICAP.

Fated Not to Succeed Well in Life.

In a discussion of the "Influence of Early Environment on Personality," before the members of the New York Academy of Sciences, section of anthropology and psychology, Prof. William Ogburn of Columbia university presented the results of his research into one specific phase of the general subject, but added that some additional data were not quite ready for presentation.

Taking for granted that a repeated stimulus in the life of the child interests the personality of the child, Professor Ogburn expected to find some objective evidence of this factor in a study of family life. He therefore decided to study "the intelligence quotients" to see if they varied with the position of the child in its particular family; that is, to see in what manner the oldest child, the youngest child and "the only child" would be affected by the investigation.

He said that in this way he could study the emotional stability of the child, its achievement in school, and the teacher's estimate of the child's personality. His first consideration, he said, was to define the position of the child in its family, and in this procedure he used fifty different categories, which included differentiations according to age, taking a period of five years as the dividing line, and also considering differentiations according to sex. But the data in the matter of the sexes had not been completed, he added.

Selecting "Who's Who" as a criterion of success, Professor Ogburn said that by analyzing the data given here in reference to the position of the child in the family, he might compare his results with the statement of Doctor Brill and other psychoanalysts who claim that "the only child" does not succeed very well in life, that it tends rather to fail in the struggle for existence.

Three thousand names were selected at random, the professor stated, covering three separate lines of endeavor, namely, 1,000 artists, including painters, actors, musicians, authors; 1,000 scientists of all grades, and 1,000 of a more general classification, including statesmen, business men, journalists and others of "good mixing qualities." In these questionnaires, he said, the position of the individual in his family was requested, and there was no classification for females, since there were only a few listed. From the 1,700 replies received he endeavored to see whether a certain type of child appeared in the lists of "Who's Who," with the following results:

Of these families of "Who's Who" were found 577 individuals who were the oldest males in the family, each of whom had a brother less than five years younger, and all of them living; 342 of them were in "Who's Who," making a proportion of 59 out of 100. There were 398 of those who were the youngest children with a brother five years older; 155 of them were found in the lists of "Who's Who," representing 39 out of 100. Regarding the intermediate children, that is, between the oldest and youngest, 729 were discovered and only 237 of them in "Who's Who." These results, Professor Ogburn concluded, seemed to favor the intelligence of the oldest child, with the youngest next and the intermediate child in last position. He found these data the most significant of the many categories.

Sting in It

Edward S. Harkness of New York, congratulated on his recent gift of \$1,000,000 to Yale, laughed and said: "Philanthropists never like to hear any allusions to their philanthropy. These allusions are always well meant but they are somehow apt to resemble the butler's speech more or less."

"A Lady Bountiful, famous for her charities, once declared to her butler that if the townspeople persisted in their design of building a garage right opposite her bedroom windows she would leave the town."

"That's what I told 'em, ma'am," said the butler excitedly. "I told 'em that at the town meetin'. And I asked 'em, ma'am, if they wanted to lose the goose what laid the golden eggs."

Cannibals Still Exist

Until the recent murder of the Canadian explorer, Charles Penrose, in New Guinea, by cannibals, the fact that man-eating humans still existed was not generally realized. This tragedy revealed authentic modern records of the cannibalistic tribes in the outreaches of civilization. In New Guinea they live in the extreme interior where the country is thickly forested and the tribes are difficult to locate. No traveler has dared to go too far into this interior although neighboring tribes have given out information on their less sociable neighbors.

Mimic's Fun Ended

For some time at Pasadena, Cal., V. K. Fisher enjoyed his ability to imitate a police siren to perfection with his voice. He fooled the traffic policemen as he drove his car down the street at a terrific rate, emitting siren-like screeches. At each corner, the policeman would wave traffic to a stop and would give the youth the right of way. Fisher met his Waterloo when a motorcycle officer heard the siren and followed to see what was happening.



If you live in the Merkel trade territory or happen to be passing through we invite you to call at our station, let's get acquainted, we might be of service to each other. Our telephone is 159 day 135 night, we keep them for your convenience and are glad to run errands while you are buisy gathering your crop

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Ted Lassiter returned Tuesday night from a few days vacation spent at Fort Worth.

Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert will leave this morning for Slaton to visit for a few days with their son, Roten.

Parker Hendrix, who travels for the Abilene Candy Company, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hendrix, and other relatives.

Mrs. Minor Burns and children are here from Canton visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns.

Miss May Cates of Athens, Texas, is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns.

LOST—Broadbrim, tan John B. Stetson hat, about one mile west of Merkel. Was lost from train. Finder return to Merkel Mail office.

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* 144th Dividend

* The regular quarterly dividend of two dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$2.25) per share will be paid on Thursday, October 15, 1925, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Saturday, September 19, 1925.

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"The Store with Quality and Service"

After a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns, Minor Burns has returned to his home at Canton, Texas.

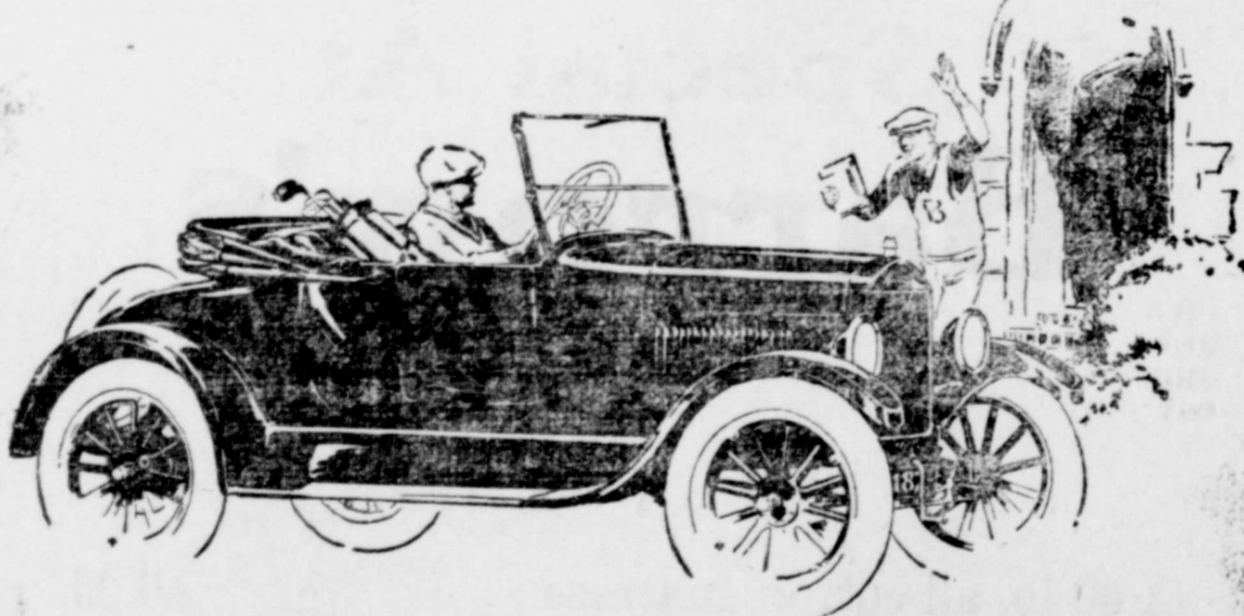
W. H. Laney left first of the week for a business trip to points in South Texas.

To Mr. A. H. Thornton is this paper indebted for the report of the Grand Jury for the September term of District Court which is published in this paper, he being a competent and capable member of the grand jury during its deliberations.

Will Preach at Blair

Rev. R. E. L. Stutz requests this paper to announce that on next Sunday afternoon he will preach at Blair, at 3:00 p.m. A cordial invitation to all.

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THREE STAKE EVENTS ON STATE FAIR RACING CARD, AT DALLAS, OCT. 10-17

Five races a day, with three stake events scheduled for the meeting, are on the program for the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25 next.

The race meeting will be held Oct. 10 to Oct. 17, inclusive, except for Sunday, Oct. 11, when there will be no races.

The stake events are "The Cotton Stakes," \$12,000 added money, to be run Dallas Day, Tuesday, Sept. 13; "The State Fair Handicap," at \$1,000 added, to be run on closing day, Saturday, Oct. 17, and "The Texas Special" at \$500 added, scheduled for Monday, Oct. 12.

Entries for the stake events close Oct. 1, and programs and entry blanks are now ready.

Entries for ever night races close at 11 a. m. daily. Purses will be \$400 and \$500. Dr. A. E. Flowers is superintendent of the racing department, and the track is declared to be in the pink of condition.

REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL DAYS AT STATE FAIR

Organizations desiring to reserve special days at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, should file such requests early, according to Secretary W. H. Stratton, in order that the designations may appear on the daily program.

While several such reservations have already been made, there is evidence, according to Mr. Stratton, of some disposition to wait until the last minute.

Monday, Oct. 12, has been named as Press Day; Tuesday, Oct. 13, will be Dallas and Dallas County Day and T. C. U. and Baylor Day. Farm Bureau Day is Wednesday, Oct. 14, and the following day has been designated as Texas Poultrymen's "own." Saturday, Oct. 17, will be Traveling Men's Day and University of Texas Day.

"TIME CARD" ANNOUNCED FOR STATE FAIR EVENTS

Night performances of "Sky High," the big Broadway musical comedy to be offered in the new auditorium at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, will begin at 8 p. m. Matinees will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, at 2:30 p. m. The races and rodeo before the grandstand, will start at 2 p. m. It is announced.

COAST COUNTRY EXHIBIT TRAIN AT STATE FAIR.

"The Blacklander" special train, carrying agricultural exhibits from the Gulf Coast country, will be seen at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25. A spur track is being built into the Fair grounds, from the Texas and Pacific mainline. The four car special will remain on the spur throughout the Fair. The famous "Blacklander" boys' band will accompany the train.

UNEARNED CRITICISM

By FRANCIS H. SISSON
Chairman, Public Relations Commission American Bankers Association

There has been some disposition to criticize the administration of the country's banking system for the sudden collapse of prices and curtailment of credits in 1920 and 1921, and the subsequent financial difficulties of the farmers. As a matter of fact, whatever blame may attach to bankers must be for the too generous financing, in many cases, of speculative investment in farm property during the period of inflation. If any just criticism could be directed at the manner in which the Federal Reserve System functioned in this situation in the opinion of many it would be that the Reserve banks delayed too long in raising the rediscount rates. An earlier effort might have stayed the process of inflation.



Francis H. Sisson

The collapse of 1920 was by no means confined to agriculture, and was the inevitable sequel to the inflation period. All branches of business suffered in this period of reaction and perhaps none more than banking, against which this criticism has been levelled. The financial situation of the farmers was greatly aggravated by the fact that the high land values and high prices of agricultural products had led many farmers to incur obligations based on the inflated values. If the farmer was victimized at all, indeed, he was the victim of too much rather than too little consideration. The real progress which has been achieved in agricultural finance in recent years lies more in the intelligent distribution of farm credit than in volume.

With agencies now functioning for the provision of ample credits for the American farmer, his enduring success depends upon the wisdom and foresight with which he meets the problems of production and marketing. More than ever before, his activities must be regulated with reference to world conditions, and his profits, like those of the manufacturer or merchant, will reflect the measure of his success in adjusting his activities to these conditions.

UNION RIDGE ITEMS

Farmers are very busy picking cotton as they were delayed in picking last week by the big rain.

Bro. Ledger filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday morning. Bro. Williams preached Sunday night.

Mr. W. E. Dubree and wife, Leonard Abernathy and wife were among those who attended the West Texas Fair Saturday night.

Mrs. Alpha Williamson and baby, Ruby, from Gladewater are here visiting Mrs. Williamson's parent, Mrs. N. W. Blackwell. Mrs. Williamson reports her husband as being no better, since he is now entirely helpless.

Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and children spent Sunday visiting with friends at Tye.

Mr. Clifford Garner is very ill with typhoid fever at the present time.

Mr. Lester Barbee from Stanton is visiting friends of this community.

Mr. James Harris left last week for Lubbock where he will attend Texas Tech the coming term.

Mr. Ben Douglass, who went to Dallas last week to get cotton pickers returned home Monday with sixteen cotton pickers.

Mr. and Mrs. Douns are the happy parents of a baby girl.

WHY PAY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN A HOME

Why pay rent when you can own your own home, by paying one third to one fourth of your crop on the home and soon own it. See me and arrange for a trip to the Plains. L. D. Matlock. 184tpd

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Long of Abilene were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter, last Sunday.

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WARREN NOTES

By Miss Vera Jones

We all disliked the rain which fell Wednesday and Thursday, which did not damage the cotton very much.

Some from our community visited the West Texas Fair at Abilene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited her parents of the Salt Branch community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy spent the night Saturday with her parents of Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited Mr. and Mrs. Kelsoe of Stith Sunday.

Miss Cartie Ellington spent the day Sunday with Miss Visien McCoy.

Mrs. Esther Canon visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Newman, Sunday.

Miss Vera Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Willie Newman.

Misses Sallie and Liddie Jones visited Miss Artis McCarmick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Lueders spent last week with their daughter, Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Miss Vela Jones spent Wednesday with Mrs. Ellis Harris.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Thursday night with Miss Vera Jones.

Missionary Society Notes

At the Missionary Society on next Monday afternoon there will be the regular monthly business meeting. The president requests that each officer be present at this meeting with a report of her work. If the Missionary Society is to move forward with the work that is outlined, each officer must do the work assigned and then a report must be had of the work done, or else we can not know just how far we have gone in accomplishing our outlined program.

We are just entering the last quarter of the year and during this quarter we must round out our finances and be ready to give a full report at the close of the year. We are just ready to take up a new study book and every member of the society should be there and have a part in the selection of this book. It is mainly through these studies that we get our information regarding conditions in both the home and foreign fields, and we

can not be truly missionary women and not be interested in these conditions. Let us again urge that every officer and all other members of the society come Monday afternoon. You will find it an hour well spent. The time is 2:30.

Publicity Supt.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis Entertains
On Wednesday, September 16, Mrs. J. T. Dennis was hostess to the Althean Class and Missionary Society at her lovely new home on Oak street. Mrs. E. S. Cummings, who is soon to make her home in Abilene, was guest of honor for the evening. Clever contests and games were enjoyed throughout the evening. The most interesting contest, in which Mrs. Cummings was winner, proved to be a surprise to her in the form of a shower of beautiful and useful gifts, given as a parting token to her by her co-workers and friends. Misses Edna Marie Jones, Lola Dennis and Mrs. Burl Scott assisted Mrs. Dennis in entertaining. Iced watermelon was served at the conclusion of the games. About twenty guests enjoyed this delightful evening with Mrs. Dennis, who is always a charming hostess.

ARE YOU ALL RUN DOWN?

Many Merkel Folks Have Felt That Way.

Fired all out of sorts?
Tired, achy, blue, irritable?
Back lame and stiff?

It may be the story of weak kidneys.

Of toxic poisons circulating about.

Upsetting blood and nerves.

There's a way to feel right again. Help your weakened kidneys with Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic.

Doan's are recommended by many Merkel people:

N. A. Dowell, prop. of auto top business, Front St., Merkel, says: "My kidneys acted too freely and my back felt heavy and achy all the time. A tired, lame feeling across my back made stooping almost impossible. I used Doan's Pills and they corrected the trouble. About once a year I buy Doan's at Dunning's Drug Store and use just to keep my kidneys well flushed."

60c, at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Chapel Old Structure in Shakespeare's Time

Of all the beautiful and interesting buildings which arrest the attention of the visitor to Stratford-on-Avon, none arouses a deeper sentiment than the chapel of the Guild of the Holy Cross, standing right athwart Chapel street as it does, and closing the vista as seen from both that and High street, the London Times says.

It is indeed, a graceful structure, invested with all the indefinable charm of the best medieval work, as beautiful in outline as it is in the color of its weatherworn stone.

Founded about 1290, from which period the chancel dates, the nave was rebuilt by the famous benefactor of Stratford, Sir Hugh Clopton, about 1495.

To us, however, its main interest is that, in the time of Shakespeare's childhood it served—as, indeed, it still serves—as the school chapel for the boys attending the grammar school which adjoins it. Furthermore, it is situated only a few feet from where stood Shakespeare's house, New Place, lying under its shadow on the opposite side of Chapel lane, where he must have often gazed upon it, whether strolling in his garden or seated in his parlor facing the chancel.

Spectacles Go Back to the Middle Ages

The little storm sashes with which so many people have to cover their eyes, and generally known as spectacles were first invented in the Middle Ages. At that time Latin was in universal use as the language of all science and scholarship, and it was therefore only natural that this new invention should be given a Latin name. Spectaculum comes from the word which means to see or to look at, and this was the title, afterward corrupted into our "spectacles," that was given to these aids to vision. Later on in history, the clumsy framework of the old spectacles was improved upon, and the new and lighter glasses were called eye-glasses or pincenez (pinch nose), to distinguish them from the old spectacles. In a sense, of course, all eye-glasses are spectacles, but we use the word only as denoting a special form of frame.

Old Mythical Hero

Siegfried is a semi-fabulous personage of superior strength and beauty, who occupies a conspicuous place in various Teutonic legends and is especially distinguished as the hero of the great German epic, the Nibelungen-Lied. He cannot be identified with any historical personage. In an old saga, he is represented as having slain a dragon and bathed in its blood, whereby his skin became as hard as horn, except in one spot where a leaf intervened. But he is most celebrated for having vanquished the ancient fabulous royal race of the Nibelungen and taken away their immense treasures of gold and gems. He was finally slain by Hagen, who had learned from Chriemhild the secret spot where alone Siegfried was mortal.—Kansas City Times.

You Don't Mean It!

The following is a single sentence from an article by Dr. Frederick Mote in the London Lancet:

"Seeing that every sensation and every mental image or engram leads to a reflex activation which may be apparent or not, according to the influence of positive or negative inhibition; so every sensation and image or preception there must, in consequence of this reflex motor action, result a corresponding kinesthetic or postural excitation of different stimuli flowing along proprioceptive neurotic systems from muscle spindles, tendons, bones and joints, which, combined with associated labyrinthine sensations, form a sensory continuum which is intimately integrated with the exteroceptor sensory continuum on one hand and the motor continuum on the other."

Hippo Carries Dentist

The hunters of Africa say that the hippopotamus carries his dentist around with him. The latter is in the form of a bird which accompanies the big animal in his wanderings, and after indulging in a full meal the hippo will stretch out in a comfortable position and with its mouth wide open will give a big grunt or two, and this is the signal for the bird, which flies into the animal's mouth and makes a round of the latter's teeth, picking the molars perfectly clean of all particles.

The big animal seems to enjoy this treatment as much as the bird, which gets a big meal without the labor of doing much hunting for it.—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Key to Treasure House

Just think of the vast treasures of words full of rich and rare meaning that lie locked up in our language, hidden away from common use and enjoyed only by the learned few! It is as if, possessing the mineral wealth of the world, ready for the mint, we scornfully turned aside to remain in poverty.

The dictionary constitutes the treasure house of our language. As a people we needlessly deprive ourselves of the great helps at our command. In our daily tasks, not one of which can be performed without the use of words, we possess only the most primitive tools, while we might be equipped with the keenest and most efficient.

STOVES!! STOVES!! AND More Stoves!-!

We are arranging our display of heating stoves this week. The cool wave has hit and the best thing to do is to select your stove now and get it up. It is cool enough that Baby and Grandmother will need a little fire to keep their blood circulating.

We are also showing a nice display of Perfection cook stoves and heaters. Drum Ovens, Pipe, Shovels, Dampers and scuttles.

Let us show you if you are not ready to buy now we will be glad to show you anyway.

LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.

If it's Hardware we Have It

Mr. John Jones and son of the state of Colorado were here this week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, the former being a brother of Mrs. Teaff.

Mrs. Mary McKee of Fort Worth is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thornton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris returned Wednesday from a three weeks visit with their daughter, Mrs. S. A. Duckett, at Tulia.

We are now paying 38c for cream, at J. D. Porter's Grocery. 1tp

It's interesting to listen to some people belittle and talk about their neighbors, when most everybody knows it to be a fact that their said neighbors are really better and by far more useful citizens than they.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

Silks of the New Season Including All Weaves Most in Demand

OUR SILK SECTION IS THE MECCA OF HOMESWEVERS AND PROFESSIONAL DRESSMAKERS ALIKE. FOR, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSURANCE OF FINDING COMPLETE STOCKS, THERE IS A CERTAIN INSPIRATION TO BE HAD THAT IS MOST DELIGHTFUL. WE ARE MENTIONING A FEW OF THE WEAVES THAT HAVE ALREADY PROVED THEIR VOGUE FOR FALL AND WINTER.

40 Inch Canton Crepe

IN PASTEL AND DRESS SHADES. SPECIALLY PRICED, PER YARD

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WARREN NEWS
By Miss Rose Ellington

The farmers are real busy trying to get their cotton out before the fall rains.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch and daughter, Onite, spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Emmitt Patterson.

Miss Vera Jones spent Saturday with Miss Willie Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Kelso and family Sunday.

Misses Vela and Vera Jones and Willie Newman, Messrs Od-dis and R. V. Jones visited Miss

Stella Kelso a while Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lottie McCoy spent Saturday night with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Guthrie of Hodge.

Those who called on Mrs. Earba McCoy Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Guthrie and family, Flora Tarpley, Cordie and Claud Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and daughter Lorene visited their daughter, Mrs. Howard Tarvin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and little son and daughter were visitors at Lueders Sunday.

Misses Liddie and Lillie Jones

visited Miss Artie McCormick Sunday.

Mrs. Owen Cannon Cannon spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy, Mr. Emmett Patterson and wife spent Sunday night with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Finch.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy and Mrs. Owen Cannon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bass of Hawley.

Miss Rose Ellington spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Kelso.

Several from Warren attended the Fair at Abilene Tuesday and Friday.

Mr. Therman McCoy spent Saturday night with Messrs. Ottis and Joe Peterson.

literature found on the news-stands; it is found on the shelves of respectable libraries owned and operated by the people. Literature that would shock a self-respecting gorilla is made available to the youth of the land. Things that no producer would dare to portray on the stage or on the screen are laid bare in the pages of magazines and Twentieth Century novels.

Where will it end? We are optimistic enough to believe that the pendulum will swing back; but it may be necessary for the forces of common decency to grasp the pendulum and give it a shove in the other direction.

In some places magazines of the filthy sort are being suppressed. Public conscience is being aroused against them. But far too many are still permitted to exist.

Generally these magazines are of little consequence. They don't amount to much, as magazines go. But they play upon the emotions and passions of humanity and reap a rich harvest as long as they are permitted to exist.

The best insurance against them is an aroused public opinion. They should be forbidden the entry into good homes, and no library should place upon its shelves any book of the sex-appeal type.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

We are very grateful to Mr. Jas. E. Boaz for a subscription to the Mail which he sends to his mother in the state of Washington.

BIG MUSICAL COMEDY HIT DIRECT FROM BROADWAY STATE FAIR OFFERING

"Sky High," in New Fair Park Auditorium, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, Said to Have World's Greatest Chorus.

Declared by New York reviewers to have the greatest singing and dancing chorus ever seen on Broadway "Sky High," the magnificent Shubert musical comedy success, headed by the comedian Willie Howard and with the original company of 108, is to be offered in the new Fair Park Auditorium, at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

"It's going to cost \$100,000 to bring the attraction to the State Fair, but directors of the institution, convinced that Texas folk appreciate the best, and with the desire that the magnificent new theatre be dedicated with an attraction in keeping, contracted with the Shuberts for the entire "Sky High" production, just as it has been running all season on Broadway," says Secretary A. H. Stratton of the Fair Association.

"Robert Benchley, famous New York critic, has more than once declared that the name of the Shuberts attached to any such offering is a guarantee of its goodness.

"The State Fair contract calls for the full personnel of the "Sky High" company, as listed in the Broadway programs, to be sent to Dallas by special train, and, it will be produced at the State Fair under the personal direction of J. J. Shubert.

"Allan Dale, veteran theatrical critic of the New York American, coined a word for description when he first saw "Sky High" and it summed up, accurately, what he declared was one of the jolliest, speediest, brightest musical comedies New York had witnessed in many a day. He also declared that the Shuberts had assembled a collection of talented artists; an ensemble of furious, fiery dancers, against a background of enlivening, intoxicating music.

"Another reviewer said that Willie Howard, the comedian, was master of the revels, and that many a case of incipient and advanced hysteria was directly traceable to his merry quips. His song, "Let It Rain," is now heard at all cabarets and music halls in the East.

"Other principals in the notable cast include Vannessi, dancer of grace and gaiety; John Quinlan, golden-voiced tenor, who is endowed with a magnificent physique in addition; little Ann Mulburn, the "personality girl"; Florenz Ames, eccentric comedian and many more.

"The Six Little Dippers, the Lancashire Lassies and the London Johnnies are components of the great chorus, which was the talk of the auditorium, and which go to make up what still another critic termed a "really superb production."

"Sky High" will be offered in the auditorium each evening during the State Fair, according to announcement, with matinees on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

EAST TEXAS PLANS BIG THINGS IN STATE FAIR AGRICULTURAL DISPLAY

Exhibit Space Already Assigned to Thirty-One Counties—West Texas Leads in Early Applications.

Although East Texas counties are in larger number than ever before this early, and are admittedly planning big things in an exhibit way, West Texas still leads in the number of reservations already made for display space in the State Fair of Texas Agricultural Show, at Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

Up to August 29, space had been assigned to thirty-one counties, of which seventeen were located in West Texas and five in the eastern portion of the state.

It is expected that a number of Texas railroads will also make comprehensive displays, independent of the exhibits by the counties reversed by their lines. Inquiries have been received from the agricultural departments of several roads, according to Superintendent J. A. Moore of the State Fair Agricultural Division.

Counties assigned exhibit space among the thirty-one referred to, include the following: Foard, Donley, Lynn, Lamb, Haskell, Hale, Hartley, Lubbock, Parmer, Crosby, Randall, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dallam, Floyd, Garza, Midland and Mitchell, in West Texas; Smith, Harrison, Gregg, Henderson, Anderson and Wood in East Texas; Collin, Hill and Eastland in North, Central and West-Central, and Colorado in Southern Texas. Early returns of contracts from Atascosa and Brazoria are expected, and Franklin county has already announced that it will have a big display, in connection with the visit to the State Fair of nearly a thousand of its boy and girl farm club members.

Entries for county exhibits will close Oct. 9 and all exhibits must be in place not later than 10 a. m., Saturday, Oct. 10. Forty-eight county premiums are offered this year, ranging from \$350 for first to \$50 each for the last thirty.

Victor Herbert's Last Waltz to be State Fair Offering.

After the recent death of Victor Herbert, America's greatest composer, the manuscript of a waltz song entitled "Give Your Heart in June," was found among his effects. It is declared to be a beautiful thing, typical of the master musician, and has been made a part of the score of "Sky High," the big Shubert musical comedy offering to be given in the new Fair Park Auditorium, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

Texas Steer is Champion at Missouri State Fair

A steer entered in the herd of C. M. Largent & Co., of Merkel, Texas, has been declared grand champion at the Missouri state fair, held at Sedalia, during the middle of August. The Largent herd will be seen in the State Fair of Texas live stock show, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

State Fair Auto Show

More than thirty firms have already been assigned space in the 1925 State Fair automobile show at Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

FOR SALE!

Two \$65.00 Scholarships in Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas. The best business College in Texas.

At an Attractive Discount

See Jack Durham at Merkel Mail

ROTTEN LITERATURE

Many a grand scandal has hidden behind the plea of personal liberty to commit dastardly deeds, and today many a publisher of obscene literature is hiding behind the liberty of the press to "get by" with his dirty wares.

Liberty of the press never entitles anyone to violate common decency and empty into the channels of public reading all the filth and slime of the underworld.

Yet that is what many magazines and book publishers are doing today. Not only is obscene

\$ 1 SAT. OCT. 3RD. WILL BE 1 Dollar Day 1

THIS IS OUR FIRST DOLLAR DAY

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—SATURDAY, OCT. 3RD.—

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4 1/2 Yards Kalburnie Gingham \$1.00	5 Yards 35c CRETONNES \$1.00	5 Yards 35c Plisse Crepe \$1.00
32-in. Kalburnie Gingham in new bright patterns in check and plaids, Regular value 35c. Dollar day 4 1/2 yds. . . . \$1.00	Assortment of beautiful cretonnes in bright new snappy patterns. These cretonnes have just been received and are our regular 25c and 35c grades. Very special for Dollar Day at 5 yards \$1.00	Large assortment beautiful colors in genuine Plisse crepe. Regular price 35c yd. Dollar Day 5 yards \$1.00
6 Yds. Good Gingham \$1.00	3 YARDS FINE VOILE \$1.00	5 1/2 Yards 27c Domestic \$1.00
One lot of very good quality gingham in small and large checks and plaids. Special for Dollar Day 6 yds. \$1.00	Very dainty quality of check voile in colors appropriate for under garments. Colors are peach, pink, blue and maize. Very special for Dollar Day, 3 yards \$1.00	36-in soft finish bleached domestic, our finest 27c grade. Absolutely free from dressing Very special for Dollar Day 5 1/2 Yards \$1.00
Printed Silk & Wool Crepe \$1	50c & 65c STATIONERY, 4 BOXES \$1.00	6 Yards Shirting \$1.00
Assortment of very pretty printed silk and wool crepe for dresses. Colors and designs very attractive. Special for Dollar Day a yard. \$1.00	A large assortment of very pretty stationery in plain white and colors. This lot consists of values ranging in price from 35c to 65c. Very Special for Dollar Day, 4 boxes. . . \$1.00	One lot very good quality Chivott shirtings in stripes and solid blue. Special for Dollar Day, 6 yards \$1.00
4 Yards 35c Outing \$1.00	40c Nofade Shirting 3 yds. \$1	2 Mens Work Shirts For \$1.00
36 in. extra heavy outing in unusually pretty patterns and white. Special for Dollar Day, 4 yards \$1.00	Beautiful quality Nofade Shirtings in neat dainty stripes and fancy colors. Regular price 40c yd. 3 yds for. . \$1.00	Mens extra fine quality blue work shirts. Double stitched throughout and guaranteed. Extra Special Dollar Day 2 for \$1.00
6 yds Fine Brown Domestic \$1		
36-in heavy brown domestic very fine quality Sea Island. Strong and durable. Regular price 25c, Dollar Day 6 yds \$1		

Many items not mentioned here will be on sale, One Day Only Sat. Oct. 3

\$ 1 Fletcher Dry Goods Co. 225 Pine St. Abilene, Texas 1

TO APPEAR AT STATE FAIR



These five pretty little girls are members of the big singing and dancing chorus of "Sky High," the Shubert Broadway musical comedy company of 108 people, to be presented in the new Fair Park Auditorium, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25. Willie Howard, the famous comedian, heads the company, which New York critics have declared has "the greatest singing and dancing chorus in the world." "Sky High" will come direct to the State Fair from its New York run. Performances will be given every night, with matinees on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

On A Cash Basis

To our many customers and friends: We take this method of announcing to ONE and ALL that, beginning with the first of October, 1925, we will conduct our business on a CASH BASIS to ONE and ALL. We are doing this believing that it will be to the best interest of our customers as well as ourselves.

Since the beginning of our business we have enjoyed a splendid share of patronage, for which we are very thankful to everyone, and if good treatment, honest dealings and efficient service mean anything to you, we feel sure that you will continue to favor us with your business. Come to see us before you go elsewhere—you will not regret it.

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THE NEW NESCO PERFECT OIL STOVE IS FAST
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DESPOTIC ACTION CHANGED HISTORY

When King Forbade Cromwell to Leave England.

A fascinating speculation concerning both American and British history is aroused by memories associated with May day. For it was on that date, 287 years ago, that Charles I of England forcibly prevented a certain trio of English Puritans from following those of their fellows who had already migrated to North America. The significance of the incident is seen in the identity of the three men. They were Arthur Haslerig, John Hampden and Oliver Cromwell.

The Stuart mind was a law unto itself, and we cannot venture to interpret the inner motives which caused that misguided king to insist upon keeping those troublemakers in their realm at home, instead of letting them go to the colonies, perhaps to forget their grievances in the strenuous work of building up new communities, or perhaps to get scalped by the Indians. Possibly he thought it safer to have them where he could keep his eye upon them. He could scarcely have feared that they would foment rebellion among the mere handful of colonists when settled on these shores. Anyway, he did it; and tremendous were the consequences, an editorial in the Washington Post comments.

For it requires no stretch of the imagination to suppose that with those men out of England, there would have been no civil war; or, at any rate, none so serious as to upset the throne. We cannot envision Nasby and Marston Moor without the general of the Ironsides. It is certain that the Puritan protest against royal absolutism would have been made, and it might have been effective, but it would have been made through less strenuous and inexorable means. There would probably have been no scaffold in Whitehall, and no protectorate, and the Stuart dynasty might have been maintained even down to our own time.

No less interesting is speculation upon the effect upon America of the coming hither of those great Puritan leaders. Cromwell would almost certainly have become a dominant figure in the politics of New England. And a continuance of undisturbed Stuart sovereignty would have meant a different policy toward the colonies than the varying policies pursued by the Commonwealth, the Restoration, and the reign of William and Anne. Whatever had happened we may feel sure that we should not now be commemorating the sesqui-centenary of the beginning of our Revolution. The break might have come earlier, or later, or not at all; but it certainly would not have come just when it did and for the same causes and in the same manner.

On the whole, despite the tragedies which it entailed, that act of Charles I, in keeping Cromwell and his companions in England was probably for the best for both England and America—we might say for all concerned, save for Charles himself. To him, it was the bitterest irony of fate.

Remarkable Experience

Experience with lightning is described by a Rand (South African) pioneer in a letter to a Johannesburg paper. He says, "Some years ago I was riding a bicycle in the country and was caught in a thunderstorm; in making a Kaffir hut for shelter I was struck by lightning. The flash caught me in the back of the neck, and made a hole there; it then ran all over my body, took one shoe clean off, and burned my clothes to ribbons. The flesh was peeled off my body, and I was unconscious for a long time. The doctor said I could not live through the night, as my injuries were so severe. The drums of my ears are broken, so I am still very deaf, but after careful nursing and six months in bed I got better, and grew a new skin, which I find quite as comfortable as the old one."

Glacier May Yield Dead

Reports from Geneva, Switzerland, are that alpinists are watching the glacier Des Bossons closely this year in the expectation of finding the remains of six men who perished there in September, 1870. One was an American, H. Randall of Chicago, and it is regarded as possible that his body may be among the others which it is hoped will be given up by the "river of ice." Statistics show that the glaciers usually give up their dead within from ten to thirty years, but one case is recorded of a glacier's retaining bodies more than forty years. The hopes of recovering the bodies of the party that met death fifty-five years ago are based upon the recent discovery of an ax belonging to a local guide who met death at that time.

Popular Ailment

A ten-year-old boy developed a rash and was sent to the doctor. The doctor said the malady was not serious or infectious and placed no restrictions on diet or exercise, but advised staying out of school, thinking, apparently, that the boy's appearance might occasion false alarm among teachers and pupils.

Much of the "enforced" vacation was spent on a new bicycle. While on an errand to the grocery one afternoon the "victim" met a schoolmate who inquired as to his absence from school. On hearing the facts, he began to look envious and ejaculated: "Go, how'd you get it? I wish I had it, too."

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—75x100 ft. corner lots on Elm and Main Sts. same being the location of buildings which burned in March. For further information see or write W. F. Jenkins, Menard, Texas, about 4 hours drive from Abilene to my ranch. Or see R. O. Anderson at Farmers State Bank. 254

FOR SALE—Two Holstein milk cows with first calves. See W. E. Adams, Merkel, Route 2. 252t

FOR SALE—Will take \$3,000 cash for my Merkel home, all modern conveniences, two lots, two garages. Come and see owner, H. D. Simpson. 2t2p

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FOR SALE—Stationery for individuals. 200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address printed in blue ink, or monogram, on both paper and envelopes for \$2.00. Colors: white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink and yellow. It has individuality when it's printed. See samples at THE MERKEL MAIL OFFICE. tf

WANTED

WANTED—To trade Abilene property for property in or close to Merkel. Give description and price in first letter. Write to J. M. Totten, 408 Peach St., Abilene, Texas. 1tc

WANTED—Man with car to sell complete line quality Auto Tires and Tubes. Exclusive territory. Experience not necessary. Salary \$300.00 per month. Milestone Rubber Co, East Liverpool, O. 1p

SMOTHERING

Texas Lady Tells How She Got Rid of Her Troubles.

"The first time I took Cardui, I was in an awful bad way," says Mrs. Ora Carlile, R. F. D. 5, Troup, Texas.
"I was afflicted with awful smothering spells. My mother had some Cardui in the house that she was taking, so she immediately began giving it to me. In a few days I got all right.
"Last fall I got run-down in health. I was weak and puny and I began to suffer with... I would get so I could hardly walk. Having taken Cardui before, I sent to the store for a bottle of it.
"Almost from the first dose I could feel the improvement... I am much better now.
"Cardui has helped me a lot and I am glad to recommend it. I don't feel like the same woman I was last fall.
"My appetite is good now, and I'm sure it's Cardui that's made it pick up, for in the fall I had no relish for food at all, while now I'm hungry for my meals."
At all drug stores. C-33



WANTED—Place on halves or job by month on farm. Write Robert Gibbs, Munday, Tex. 2t3

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms, or room and board for man and wife, or school girls. See Mrs. T. P. Pierce. 1tp

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms moderately priced. Phone 49 or call at second door north Woodrum Filling Station. Mrs. T. P. Pierce. tf

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—On Tuesday night, one bay horse mule, 3 yrs. old, about 14 hands high, has halter on and chain from halter to left front foot, has spot of gray hair on each shoulder. Notify A. R. Grimes, Phone 903F13. 1tp

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

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Either farm, ranches, city property or town lots, etc., good plains land to exchange for farm land near Merkel, in all these I can fit you up.

I am also offering for sale my home and that of Mrs. G. J. Jones in Merkel. You will do well to investigate. If you want to buy see me; if you want to sell see me. T. L. GRIMES. tf

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank each and every one who in any way assisted us during the illness and death of our father, D. C. Hutcherson, and for the beautiful floral offerings of sympathy.

We also thank Mr. J. A. Summerhill for showing such courtesy in closing his school. May God's richest blessings be with each of you. The Children. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kimbrough of Fort Worth, are here on an extended visit in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald.



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I am now quilting for the public. Quilts quilted for \$1.00, and tacked for \$1.50. Will appreciate your patronage. Mrs. J. L. Tucker. 1tp

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Mildred Smith.
Topic: "How can our Society Benefit our Community?"
Scripture reading: Matt. 5:13-20. Christian leadership, Helen Compton. Song. Christian service, Norma Shannon. Christian Spirit, Dorris Russell. Song. Talk, Rev. Little.
Talk, Eunice Russell.
Talk, Mrs. Little.
A list of things the C. E. can do for our community.
Song, "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Mispah.

A Few More Art Pupils

I can handle a few more pupils in Art, and those interested may phone me at my home or call at the class room at the school building. Mary Eula Sears. 1t

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

COZY THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Oct. 2nd and 3rd

William Fox Presents
BUCK JONES

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"THE MAN WHO PLAYED SQUARE"

Story by William Wallace Cook

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SENIOR NOTES

By Eva Mae Johnson

Zip! Bang! Here we come Colorado! That is going to be the cry of Merkel High School students when they arrive in Colorado Friday afternoon. We are all going and the "Badgers" may expect us to be "full of pep" and willing to encourage them with our yells. Come on, town folks, let's go and see the team start in for the district championship.

The sophomores entertained the High School in chapel Tuesday morning with the following program: Piano duet, Marie and Lela Brown. Reading, Deshazo Simpson. Piano solo, Mary Pence. Vocal duet, Iris Garrett and Marie Brown. The programs given by the different classes every Tuesday morning have been very interesting so far, but we all know there is always room for improvement.

Funny Bones

Helen: "Would you put yourself out for me?"

Bob: "I certainly would."

Helen: "Then do. It's after twelve and I'm awfully sleepy."

Buster: "Is this wrong, I have et'."

Audrey: "Yes."

Buster: "What's wrong with it?"

Audrey: "You ain't et yet."

All those wishing to get help in chemistry or algebra get a permit from the desk and see Mr. Summerhill or Mr. Jackson."

Juanita: "My policy is to keep men at arm's length."

Lola: "Don't be silly, Dear. Look what happened to Venus de Milo."

JUNIOR NOTES

The Juniors have organized with Miss Baylor Durham as sponsor. We are proud of this large class and expect to make it the best in school.

Can you imagine—Mr. Summerhill chewing gum? Clyde not talking? Comer paying attention to the lesson? Christine studying?

Miss Bird: "If you had a little spunk you would stand better in your classes. Now do you know what spunk is?"

George: "Yes, ma'am, it is the part of spunk."

Mildred: "I wonder why there is so much electricity in my hair?"

Pauline: "Because it's attached to a dry cell."

Virgil: "I've lost my Algebra. I've looked all over the school building for it, and can't find it."

Mr. Jackson: "Well, Virgil, maybe you forgot and took it home last night."



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- 36 in. printed fabrics - - 35c
- 36 in. Quilt challies are priced at - - 20c
- 27 in. ginghams and cotton checks are - - 10c
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Another big shipment of ladies hats arrived this week and are on sale at - - - - - 4.95

Children and Misses hats are priced at \$1.95 to \$3.95

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THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

Helen: "Whatcha scratching your head for, Opal?"

Opal: "There ain't nobody else that knows where it itches."

The Chamber of Commerce at Quanah has worked out a plan by which they are sending representatives to the drouth districts in the Central and South Texas and purchasing high grade Jersey Dairy cows at drouth prices and shipping them back to their farmers and selling them at cost to the farmer. This plan will be of benefit to both the farmers in Central Texas who by necessity must sell their cows in many instances and also to the purchaser in West Texas. For fuller details get in touch with C. G. Wylie, Secretary of the Quanah Chamber of Commerce. We believe there is a real opportunity in this matter.

Presbyterian Missionary Society

The Presbyterian Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and the following program will be given: Song, "Footsteps of Jesus." Devotional, Mrs. H. C. West. Fifty years of medical missionary work for the India women, Mrs. W. M. Elliott. No monotony in this, Mrs. C. H. Jones. Impressions of Alaska, Mrs. M. Smith. Some Indian women, Mrs. Jas. H. West. Business session. Benediction.

Am showing this year's crop on all kinds of evaporated fruits and will meet any legitimate prices on groceries. Come and see what I have. It W. F. HAMBLET.

Trent Missionary Notes

The woman's Missionary Society met Monday, Sept. 28, at their usual hour in the Methodist church. They all enjoyed the afternoon. There will be a box supper given by the Missionary Society on October 10 at the tabernacle. Every one is invited so be sure and come and remember the date, Oct. 10.

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* Twenty-First Dividend

* The regular quarterly dividend of one dollar and seventy-five cents per share on Preferred Stock will be paid on Thursday, Oct. 1, 1925, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Saturday, September 19, 1925. R. A. NICKERSON, Treasurer.

HOW TO OWN YOUR HOME

The Department of Commerce Herbert Hoover, Secretary, has issued a printed booklet of 28 pages entitled "How to Own your Home," a handbook for prospective Home owners. This can be secured by applying to the Superintendent of Documents, Governmental Printing Office, Washington, D. C. The price of this booklet is 5c. We believe you will find this book an excellent thing.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson and daughter, Mrs. Plummer, who have been spending the past month here with the former's mother and sister, Mrs. Orr and daughter, Miss Salley, returned to their home at San Antonio Wednesday.

BAPTISTS TO OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday is the regular day for the observance of the Lord's Supper with the local Baptist Church and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance for this service.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. with newly organized classes for all.

This is a fine time to start to Sunday School. This is the first Sunday in the Sunday School year, is the day to do what you have planned to do for so long.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Morning subject, "Seeking and Finding Jesus." Evening subject, "Sowing and Reaping or the Faith of Jacob." The evening subject is a continuation of the discourses on the faith of great Bible characters.

Monday evening is an important meeting of the Workers council as the annual report of the Sunday School to the church will be received.

Ladies meeting Tuesday 3 p.m.

Prayermeeting and conference meeting of the year as the letter to the association will be approved also messengers will be elected to attend the meeting of the Sweetwater Association that meets in Abilene on Thursday, October 8th.

The entire year's work will be reviewed and officers for the next associational year will be selected.

Choir and orchestra rehearsal following the conference.

Come find a place to work and worship. Every Baptist in Merkel that isn't ashamed of it ought to come out and be identified with the local church Sunday so you could be reported to the association.

All statistics that seek to show the number of Baptists are made up from the minutes of the associations. Will you be counted this year? This may be your last opportunity to count for Jesus.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mr. Lige Harris, route two, was in the city one day this week and had us send the Mail to his son who is attending the Texas Technological College at Lubbock. We are glad to learn thru Mr. Harris that there are several boys from the Merkel community attending this first year of the establishment of this great and coming college. In years to come these young men will doubtless look back with pride on the fact that they were among those attending this new state school the first year.

Mrs. Jerome Hutcheson is very critically ill at this time, and physicians fear she may have typhoid fever. We trust that Mrs. Hutcheson will escape the dreaded fever and soon recover her good health.

O. S. Campbell, who has been a visitor in our city for a few days, has returned to his home at Roby.



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