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MANY FARMERS TO TERRACE LAND

Perhaps there was never a season in West Texas that emphasized the principles involved in terracing as the present autumn. As one drives down the road it is decidedly noticeable that the cotton in the draws and low lands is superior to the crop that is growing along the hill sides. This difference is inevitable during a season when quick showers fall. The water rushes from the high land to the draws before it has time to soak into the soil, and passes to the sea. The low ground is more thoroughly watered since the streamlets continue to flow over the draws after the rain has ceased.

Terracing will hold the water on the hill slopes until it can soak into the soil, and it has been proved that in the semi-arid sections like West Texas, the crop yield on an average can be increased through terracing operations from 20 to 25 per cent.

Furthermore, terracing prevents the soil from eroding and holds the top rich dirt in the fields. Most of us came directly from central Texas, the black land belt. We can remember that a few years ago that section produced from one-half to three-fourths of a bale of cotton to the acre, but the yield has been cut from 30 to 40 percent because the soil has been worn away. We know, too, that the soil of the older Southern states is almost exhausted because the fields have been neglected and the top soil has been carried into river beds.

We of West Texas still have virgin soil, and we can prevent erosion, save our rich dirt, conserve our moisture and increase our crop yields by practicing good farm management; by terracing our farms.

A number of farmers in this vicinity of Merkel have solicited my assistance in terracing work for the coming season, and a schedule of terracing demonstrations for this section will be published later. The interest in this work is already keen, but every farmer who lives on sloping farms should share this enthusiasm. J. R. MASTERSON, County Agent.

Elder Cypert Preaches Sunday

Eld. W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ at both the morning and evening hours. He cordially invites every one who will to attend either or both these services.

Charles Dewey Christopher, fourteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Christopher of 807 South Edgefield St., Dallas, died Friday at the family residence. The little one was stricken with scarlet fever on Sunday and died the following Friday.

Funeral services were conducted at ten o'clock Saturday morning at the Brewer Funeral Home, Rev. Hayne, pastor of the Terrell street Methodist church, officiating. Mrs. Doss Sheppard very beautifully sang "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," and "Somewhere." Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Christopher was reared in Merkel and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher of Abilene, and a brother of Mesdames Len Sublett, Earl Thornton and Harry McCandless of this city. Mrs. Len Sublett and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher of Abilene, attended the funeral in Dallas Saturday.

LOCAL DRUGGISTS WON'T SELL "JAKE"

Every drug store in Merkel has signed an agreement that their stores will not sell or have anything to do with the sale of "Jake", Nitre, or other high percent alcoholic beverages, believing such sale to be detrimental to patrons and the community.

City Marshal W. N. Hall carried the agreement to the stores and is in a great measure responsible for their cooperation. The druggists have agreed to the publication of the signed agreement, which is as follows:

Druggists Agreement

Merkel, Texas, Nov. 4, 1925. We, the undersigned druggists of Merkel, Texas, believing that it is for the best interest of our city, our patrons, our friends and the community at large, have entered into the following agreement:

We hereby agree and solemnly promise that we will not handle in our business, or be in any way directly or indirectly interested in the sale or gift of Jamaica Ginger, Tincture of Ginger, (commonly called 'jake') Nitre, or other high percent alcoholic combinations capable of producing intoxication, and we discountenance the use of same as a beverage.

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PRICE BANNER IS IN CAFE BUSINESS

A deal was this week consummated whereby Mr. Price Banner purchased the Busy Bee Cafe from the proprietor, Mr. Gilbert, and on Thursday assumed active management and control of the business.

Mr. Banner is an experienced and capable Cafe man, has been engaged in the business in this city before, and is therefore well known and may be expected to enjoy his share of the business.

In this issue of the Merkel Mail will be found his advertisement announcing the purchase of this well-known business, and to which we call the attention of our readers.

Mr. D. O. Huddleston returned this week from a trip to San Diego, California, where he had been called to the bedside of his son, C. F. Huddleston, who was reported dangerously ill. However Mr. Huddleston reports that his son underwent a serious operation, but that he withstood same fine and was getting along nicely at last reports.

The Merkel Mail is very thankful to Mr. Geo. D. Richey of the Canyon for some very delicious and fine October peaches. Mr. Richey is one of the old time substantial citizens of this community, and has that big hearted spirit typical of the pioneer West Texas citizen.

Mr. H. L. Propst returned last week from a trip to Plainview, where he had been to look after his property interests. Mr. Propst made an investment a year or so ago in that city, and from what we learn the same has increased in value almost double, and brings a handsome revenue in rentals.

BADGERS PLAY HAS-KELL HERE TO-DAY

In preparation for the finals in Class B, the Badgers are taking on some stiff competition today at 3:30 at the High School gridiron when they tie up with Haskell. This team seems to hold a jinx over the Badger team, at least they won from us last year, but the boys are anxious to avenge that defeat by a win today.

Although handicapped by injuries, etc., the Merkel boys expect to win. The Haskell team was beaten by the powerful Stamford eleven by a small score and that means Merkel will have to deliver the goods if they win today's battle.

The town and business men were mighty good in turning out to see the Stephenville game, the proceeds coming in mighty handy, but we still need some money to get all our debts paid off. So come out and see the game and pay the admission price of 50c. Let's get everything in the clear and show the boys who have worked hard to have a creditable team we want them to win.

Due to this protest business started by our "friends" nearby, there has been some misunderstanding among the local folks. These teams who are being ruled out have been done so on minor technicalities, and for things never before questioned, and if Merkel get the same the people should not be excited about it. Let's try to keep going and not be "mud slingers" if our team is thrown out. The school authorities are not going to be poor sports; they will take it and not try to protest some one else on such trivial counts.

Forget it—and come out and see "Hoss" in action.

MISS TIPTON IS BURIED HERE MONDAY, NOV. 2

Miss Genevieve Tipton, 23 years of age, daughter of Mrs. J. F. Tipton, died at the family home in Wichita Falls, on last Saturday, after a short but severe illness, and the remains were brought to this city for burial which took place in Rose Hill cemetery Monday afternoon with Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Rev. D. B. Tatum, and Eld. W. G. Cypert, conducting the funeral services.

Deceased was the granddaughter of Mrs. J. V. West, neice of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, and had many other friends and relatives here with whom this paper joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved mother and loved one.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

HOME COMING AT SIMMONS U. NOV. 20

Abilene, Tex., Nov. 3.—Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving day, will be homecoming day for the thousands of alumni and ex-students of Simmons University now residing in every section of West Texas. The occasion will be the annual "Turkey Day" football game between Howard Payne and Simmons. The game this year will be played on the Simmons gridiron. The Howard Payne team will come to Abilene by special train, accompanied by hundreds of students and friends. The train will be met by the eight hundred students of Simmons and by hundreds of ex-students who will be present to once again help boost the purple and gold cowboy team to victory. The football game in the afternoon will be a battle royal between these two rival teams for the championship of west and central west Texas, and perhaps for the championship of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association for this year.

The Simmons homecoming program will begin on Wednesday afternoon, November 25. Visiting alumni and ex-students will register in the afternoon at the business office of the university. At this time homes will be assigned the visitors. On Wednesday evening a reception will be given at the home of President Sandefer.

Thanksgiving day a turkey dinner will be served on the university campus. Following the game in the afternoon, a banquet will be given the football team by the "S" association of the athletic department of the institution.

There are over ten thousand ex-students and alumni of Simmons University in West Texas and hundreds of these are expected to return to their alma mater for the Thanksgiving celebration.

Ross Wheeler and Fred Baker Buy Watkins-Vaughn Market

Messrs. Ross Wheeler and Fred Baker have this week purchased the Watkins & Vaughn Meat Market and have taken active charge and management of same.

Both Messrs. Wheeler and Baker are experienced meat market men, and will no doubt enjoy a liberal share of the business in this particular line.

We call attention of our readers to their advertisement in this issue of the Merkel Mail, announcing the purchase of the business.

Mr. D. Teaff of Merkel, Route four, is among those subscribing for the Mail this week.

REV. REA WILL GO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On next Monday evening Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will depart for the annual meeting of the North West Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. And he will leave with a very inspiring and interesting report of the work accomplished by the local church during the past year under his leadership.

At the recent meeting of the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the church, the pastor and official board reported everything up in fine shape; all finances expected to be paid out in full by the time the pastor is to leave for the annual meeting.

Rev. Rea during the two years pastorate of the church has been very faithful and energetic in the performance of the duties incumbent upon him, and the church has enjoyed splendid advancement and growth under his leadership.

He will be accompanied by the editor of the Mail, who goes as a lay delegate to the Annual Conference.

L. B. HOWARD TO ENTER BUSINESS

We are informed that Mr. L. B. Howard, who for the past year has been manager for the Jones Dry Goods Company at Hamlin, has purchased the L. J. Renfro tailoring business, located on Front Street, and in addition to operating this business, will immediately add a new and up-to-date line of Gents Furnishings.

Mr. Howard is well known here, is a capable and hustling young man, very progressive and always interested in the advancement and upbuilding of the town and community in which he may be located, and will no doubt make a success of the business in which he is about to engage. Mr. and Mrs. Howard will move back to their home on Oak street, which they have owned for some time, and will be welcomed by their host of good friends in and about the city.

Rev. R. E. Gibbs of Munday Chosen Bitter Creek Pastor

We learn that Rev. R. E. Gibbs of Munday, Texas, has been chosen pastor for the church of the Nazarene at Bitter Creek, where he will be pleased to meet his friends of the neighboring communities on November 15th, at which time he will preach at both the morning and evening hours. Rev. Gibbs and his good wife have a good following among the young people and they always find a hearty welcome in their church.

They will organize a young people's organization on arrival. Come and find a place of welcome and a full house of young people.

Mr. Dweitt Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes, came in last week for a few days visit with his parents and many friends here, from Cotton Valley, La. He was accompanied by Dr. L. J. Bonner, also of Cotton Valley, La.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb was called to Dallas this week by a message from her daughter, announcing the serious illness of the latter's little son.

ROBERT HICKS IS NEXT TOASTMASTER

At Ed's Cafe, on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the Merkel Luncheon Club will meet in regular semi-monthly meeting, and Mr. Robert Hicks has been named as Toastmaster for the occasion. Mr. Hicks, who is one of our progressive and successful young business men, has been reared in and about Merkel and needs no introduction to the members of the club, but suffice it to say that he is a believer in progress and development, always looking forward in both his private business affairs as well as being interested in any move that is for the betterment or improvement of the town and community, and may therefore be expected to bring before the club an interesting and appreciative program.

The last few meetings of the club has been very interesting and extra well attended, and it is expected that the coming meeting on next Tuesday evening will be one of the best. During the past two years the club has accomplished much in the upbuilding and betterment of the town and community, and will in the future be able to do much more with the aid of the entire business men, citizens and farmers of the surrounding country.

In fact every town is just what its citizenship make it. Merkel and the surrounding country will be in the future just what the citizenship make it. The Luncheon Club is for the purpose of making this a better town and community, and every citizen in and around the city are always welcome to attend these meetings, and besides the entertainment and opportunity of helping to carry on a work calculated to be of help to the whole community, you will be served a splendid dinner. \$1.00 will buy a ticket good for two meetings.

Goodman School in Shiloh Community Starts Monday

Mr. Herman Phillips of Roscoe, who has been employed as principal of the Goodman school in the Shiloh community, was in Merkel Wednesday and dropped into the Mail office. He stated that school will start Monday, Nov. 9. Miss Pearl Kirk, of Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Alva Wheeler of Merkel are also teachers at that school. Mr. Phillips stated that his school was making some improvements in adding Farm Mechanics and home economics to the curriculum and have erected a building for those courses. The trustees of the Goodman school are Walter H. Phillips, W. N. Williams and Mr. Rutledge. They will have a seven months school.

Mr. B. M. Williams, we are told has sold his teams, plow tools, etc., and has rented his farm for the next year. We did not learn what his intentions were for the next year, but trust that he is not planning to leave the community. We would welcome him to our city.

Misses Genevra Middleton and Annie Bickley left last week for Moro, where they will teach school this year. These young ladies are very capable and efficient teachers, and the Moro people are indeed fortunate in securing their valuable services.

Mr. L. B. Scott drove over to Brownwood Wednesday to witness the football game there between Trinity University and Howard Payne.

REAL NEWSPAPER BARGAINS

The Merkel Mail is prepared to furnish the reading public with the best to be had in the way of subscriptions to Daily Newspapers in a clubbing offer with the Merkel Mail, which are as follows:

THE ABILENE REPORTER (Daily and Sunday) for one year	\$4.20
THE MERKEL MAIL One Year	\$1.50
Total	\$5.70
OUR CLUBBING OFFER—The Merkel Mail and Abilene Reporter daily & Sunday 1 yr.	\$5.00
You Save	\$.70
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM (Daily and Sunday) One Year	\$7.45
THE MERKEL MAIL One Year	\$1.50
Total	\$8.95
OUR CLUBBING OFFER—The Star-Telegram Daily and Sunday and The Merkel Mail, 1 yr.	\$8.00
You Save	\$.95

These offers are good at the Merkel Mail office only, as we have no agents authorized to make such offers, and no agent for any paper can give you as good prices. We can also give you a good clubbing offer on magazines.

Condensed Statement of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business September 28, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$378,057.59
Overdrafts	2,685.78
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	12,647.82
Stocks	2,335.00
Int. & Assessment. Gty Fund...	20,451.25
CASH, BONDS and EX.....	148,347.42
Total	\$582,454.86

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	8,434.84
Rediscounts	40,000.00
DEPOSITS	484,020.02
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Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "The Christian Armor." Leader, Mrs. Warren Smith.

- Part 1, Flossie Campbell.
- Part 2, Floyd Dowell.
- Part 3, Stella Wilson.
- Part 4, Yates Brown.
- Part 5, Evelyn Hamm.
- Part 6, Bill Haynes.

All the Unions meet at 6:00 o'clock in main auditorium of the church. We earnestly solicit every young person of the church to attend. The B.Y.P.U. is the training service of the church and we are trying to enlist every member of the church in some special service. J. A. Summerhill, B.Y.P.U. Director.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U.

1. Luther Rice wins John Shuck,

- Ima Parrack.
- 2. A boy gives himself, Harold King.
- 3. The first visit home, William Sheppard.
- 4. The church Mr. Shuck built, by Louise Booth.
- 5. The man who broke his idol self, Maybelle Ligon.
- 6. Mer Tuk preaches through his window, Auddie Lou Giles.
- 7. Mr. Shuck's last days, Maurine Davis.

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

- Leader, Alvin Parrack, part 1.
- Part 2, Byron Summerhill.
- Part 3, Busy Boaz.
- Part 4, Howard Carson.
- Part 5, James Giles.
- Part 6, Mary Nell Summerhill.

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The Shortest Way Home

By J. A. WALDRON

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"JOHN," said Mrs. Paine to her husband, "I've asked Jack Wentworth to stay at least another week, and he demurs. Says he doesn't want to wear his welcome out. I wish you'd insist upon his remaining!"

"That would suit me all right," was Paine's reply. "I'd like to have him here for a long time yet. But do you remember that you demurred to his coming at all when I invited him?"

"I had a reason. I didn't fully explain it to you, but . . ."

"Oh, I knew your reason!" "You did? Well, we shall not go into that now. I knew your reason for wanting him here."

"He's the most charming man we've ever had as a guest!" "Good-looking—yes. And a corking golfer."

"But he has so little money! That, in brief, was the objection you made when I invited him. And I saw through it to your real objection—Isabel. You were afraid she might fall in love with him."

"I confess it. But I see it was a baseless fear. Jack is thirty-five, and set in bachelorhood. Isabel insists more and more upon a career as a writer. She persists that men interest her only as 'types,' and that she will never marry. I want Jack here for his social utility, and for entertainment."

"You're like all other women in your set. Jack as a guest would be desirable to all of them—if he had money. But where they have marriageable daughters they watch him as a cat would watch a mouse."

"Why not? So would I if there should be any danger as to Isabel. And you! Why, you'd never think of that if you could learn a point in golf! What creatures men are!"

"No worse than women who would keep Jack around—with reservations." Paine turned on his heel with a cynical smile, and Mrs. Paine's nose was in the air as she walked away. She came upon Jack and Isabel, who had been exploring a forest upon the estate.

Far away from the Paine place a mountain loomed, and Mrs. Paine for days had talked about a picnic party to explore the height. Since her first visit to Switzerland she had been possessed with a mania for mountain climbing at home. She determined that this journey should be taken the next day. Major Davison, also a guest, and Jack and Isabel were invited to go with her. Refreshments were packed in a motor, and the next morning they started.

The roads were so bad that they found they could not reach the mountain that day. They were miles from home, in a wooded region strange to all of them. They started to return before nightfall. At a point where three path-like roads met, Albert, the chauffeur, was puzzled as to the way. He involved the machine in his confusion, and it broke down hopelessly.

Jack and Isabel had discussed many things on the journey, agreeing upon none, and at the moment were not speaking to each other. Mrs. Paine verged upon hysterics when it was found that they were stalled.

"Jack," said Major Davison, "one or both of us must set out for help. We can't stay here all night. It may be possible to dig up a machine."

Jack's descent from the motor seemed impulsive. "Why shouldn't we explore these two different roads—you and I?" he asked, indicating the two unknown ways.

"Albert can go along one, I'll match you to see whether you or I take the other. One of us should remain with the ladies," suggested the major.

"All right," said Jack, resignedly. The major was a sport, but he lost. "I shall go with the major," said Mrs. Paine, in a determined tone. The antagonistic attitudes of Jack and Isabel had reassured her again. And she and the major took one of the roads together, while Albert started to explore the other.

Jack lighted a cigarette, and leaning against the machine asked: "Are you afraid of the night?" "Not in the least," replied Isabel. Light from a full moon filtered through the trees, and an owl set up a cry.

An hour later the major and Mrs. Paine reappeared in a flier. Jack and Isabel were not in sight. The motor horns were sounded repeatedly, but Albert alone responded. His quest had been in vain.

A fruitless search had been made for Jack and Isabel—though there had been no publicity—when three days later they were driven up to the Paine place by a farmer-like person. Mrs. Paine received them with restrained excitement. Paine was on the golf links.

"This gentleman," said Jack, presenting the farmer-like person, "has been very kind to us. He found us in the forest after you had gone and took us to his home, but his work would not permit him to bring us back until today, and the place was remote from transportation."

Mrs. Paine looked coldly at the man. "Your kindness is appreciated," she said. "I would reward you now—but I don't know your name, sir."

"I'm the Rev. Josiah Penfield, pastor of the Church of the Brethren," he said. "I never set a price on hospitality, and the fee this young man gave me was the biggest I ever got for a marriage."

Burglary Without Frills

By WALTER S. STORY

(© 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)

BOLLINGER peered at the coarse, unshaven face of the hulking fellow confronting him on the lonely road just outside the town.

"So you're broke and hungry?" at length. "Why don't you go to work?" "Can't find any," answered the man who had accosted him.

They walked down the road until they came to the wall of the Hooker estate on the hilltop.

"Now, Brown," said Bollinger, "here's your job. Got up to the front door and tell 'em you found Mr. Sherwood down in the main road knocked into a coked hat by some car that sneaked off."

A few minutes later a big car came down the drive, shot through the gateway and went at a high speed down the hill.

Bollinger left the cover of the roadside brush and ran up through the streets to the house. He gave a soft, peculiar whistle—repeated it, but got no response. He was puzzled, but at length he went to a side window, opened it and entered. He knelt at the safe in the corner, worked the combination adroitly and opened the door. Of a sudden, however, a sixth sense warned him, and, lithe as a panther, he arose and wheeled.

A stocky white-haired man stood just inside the doorway, with leveled automatic. "I'm Sherwood, the man you thought had left town tonight."

Bollinger stared at him and beyond him, a flicker in his eye. "Oh, I—see," he responded.

"I hope so. Now mister, I want this matter closed as soon as possible. But what did you expect to find here?"

"Why, the \$10,000 cash in the drawer there—which I knew Hooker drew from the bank today to pay you for your plans."

"Well, young fellow, you snubbed on this job. Tucker told about you—used to be Hooker's chauffeur. He's the bum you picked up for a fool's trick."

Lightning-like, Bollinger whipped out his gun and covered the other. "Caught you napping," he said, coolly. "Just what I want. You know the money's not in the drawer. You have it. Put down your gun."

Sherwood shrugged his shoulders, passed Bollinger, and they went into the hall and up the staircase.

"All right, you big crook!" suddenly cried a familiar voice in jubilant tones. "I got yer!"

"Ah—Brown!" said Bollinger, and he turned and faced the hungry man standing with the drop upon him. "You believed me, didn't you?" he said, mockingly.

"Betcha! I tipped Mr. Hooker off, and he went down in the car. He'll be back in a minute—with friends."

"You have Mr. Sherwood's gun," said Bollinger. "It's empty." "Too old a trick," returned Tucker, with a grin. His face froze suddenly—Bollinger was bringing up his arm—and he pulled trigger. Snap! The gun was empty.

"Under the circumstances, I'll let the money go," said Bollinger, crisply. "I'm in a hurry. Downstairs! Both of you!"

Before the grim crook Mr. Sherwood and Tucker went downstairs and to the front door.

"You're going with me, Brown," said Bollinger. "You can stay, Mr. Sherwood."

"I'd be pretty careful now," observed Sherwood.

"Don't worry!" returned Bollinger. Together they went down the lawn under the trees, and suddenly the crackman knocked Tucker out with his heavy Colt and leaped away.

Two hours later Bollinger and Sherwood were rolling toward a great city in a limousine driven by a friendly chauffeur.

"You pulled a boner, Tommy, using that bum to get the old man from the house," said Sherwood, now a dark-haired man. "He dished us. Hooker fell for the yarn about Sherwood all right—not. He went to fool us and get help. Tucker stayed to 'get' you, and there were two other guys on the place. We were in bad. I got into the house instead of staying outside as planned, so to help you. Had to tie up an old fellow and a maid, and just got them under cover when this bird Tucker sallied into the house. I told him I was Sherwood, and had come back unexpectedly by the road on the other side of the hill. That went with him all right—and you know the rest. Now, let's whack up."

"All right, Doc," returned Bollinger. "I played a fool trick on impulse, and we're lucky, thanks to your nerve and wit. I'll take mine now, thanks."

"Didn't you get it?" demanded the other, staring at his partner.

"Me! Didn't you get it?" demanded the other, staring at his partner.

"Me! Didn't you get it, Doc?" I didn't touch it. That bum was out in the hall watching, and I knew we'd never make a clean getaway if he saw me cop it. I give you the chance to empty the drawer, and s'posed you did."

"No!" responded Doc, with a vicious snap. "I knew Tucker was watching, and, anyway, I thought you'd cleaned the drawer out."

For a few moments the two slick crooks gazed into each other's eyes, and each knew the other was telling the truth.

"Burglary without frills thrown in for me," growled Doc, sarcastically. "No, you," agreed Bollinger.

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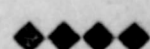
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It is a sale where you buy an item at the regular price—then another item of the same kind for 1c. As an illustration: The standard price of Jonteel Vanishing Cream is 50c. You buy a jar at this price and by paying 1c more, or 51c, you get two jars. Every article in this sale is a high-class standard piece of merchandise, just the same as we sell you every day at regular prices and have sold you for years.

A NEW WAY OF Advertising

This sale was developed by the United Drug Co., as an advertising plan. Rather than spend large sums of money in other ways to convince you of the merit of these goods, they are spending it on this sale in permitting us to sell you a full-size package of high standard merchandise for 1c. It costs money to get customers. The loss taken on this sale will be well spent if the goods please you.

Your Opportunity to Save Money

2 For 26c		2 For 51c		2 For 51c		2 For 51c		50c 2 For 51c			\$1.00 Face powder 2 For \$1.01
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ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE A FEW THAT IS IN THIS SALE

STATIONERY POUND PAPER ENVELOPES MINTS CANDY HAIR NETS NAIL FILES MENS LATHER BRUSHES HAIR BRUSHES CLOTHES BRUSHES TOOTH BRUSHES	EPSOM SALTS ZINC STERATE T. R. IODINE SENNA LEAVE/ PEROXIDE COUGH SYRUP FOUNTAIN SYRINGE WATER BOTTLES COMBS RUBBER APRONS	ADHESIVE TAPE OLIVE OIL SOAPS SHAMPOOS MASSAGE CREAM VANISHING CREAM COLD CREAM TOILET WATER RUBBING ALCOHOL ASPIRIN TABLETS	COME EARLY TO GET YOUR SHARE OF THIS HIGH CLASS MERCHANDISE 1-POUND CHOCOLATE CANDY \$1.00 2 FOR \$1.01
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2 For
\$1.01

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The Rexall Store

PHONE

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50c
Jonteel Face Powder
2 For
51c

Mrs. Joe Higgins phoned into this office to please take out the advertisement of the Higgins' Hatchery concerning some fine

poultry for sale, saying that the chickens had all been sold. She stated that the advertisement brought the buyers. Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

COMPERE ITEMS
 By Alma Stout

Health of the community is not very good at present.

Mrs. B. C. Berry was on the sick list last week.

Misses Ruth and Lorena Wilburn and Miss Ina Mae Childers spent Sunday with Miss Bernice Hanson.

Mr. Tarvin has been sick the last week with blood poisoning in his hand. The doctor removed a small piece from his hand but it has not improved much up to this time.

Misses Alma and Lorene Stout spent Sunday with Miss Alice Allred.

Mrs. Stout called on Mrs. Berry a few minutes Thursday afternoon.

The party at Mr. Blankenship's was enjoyed by a large crowd Saturday night.

Mr. E. C. Tarvin spent Saturday night with Mr. Charlie Allred.

Mr. Oscar Johnson attended the show at Merkel Friday night. Some of the young people from here attended the party at Warren Saturday night.

Mr. Allred and family were in Abilene Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Howard and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin.

An old fashioned Baptist conference was held at Compere on last Saturday with dinner on the ground for all.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Williams from Abilene were visitors in this community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Ray Keener and Jake McDonald are visiting the former's uncle, Mr. G. W. Stout.

Mrs. Berry from Stith community spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. B. C. Berry.

Mr. Allred and family in company with Mr. and Mrs. May

and children made a trip to the "shinnery" Sunday.

Miss Flora Tarpley from Warren visited her cousin, Miss Pearl Tarpley, Saturday night.

Singing and Christian Endeavor at the Presbyterian church was well attended Sunday night.

Come to Sunday School next Sunday at ten o'clock. Let's try to have a large crowd.

REXALL 1c SALE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5th, 6th and 7th. Your chance to save money at HAMM DRUG COMPANY. It

SHILOH HAPPENINGS

Everyone is busy, some cutting feed and others picking cotton.

Had very good attendance at Sunday school Sunday morning, though not as good as usual on account of so many trying to save their feed and were running the binder.

Miss Grace Washburn visited Misses Eulala and Thelma Deavers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert James visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morgan near Trent Sunday.

Mr. Everett Williams was the guest of Mr. Marshal Naron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson and Miss Mollie Hardie visited ye Scribe and family Sunday.

Same few from here attended the singing at Noodle Sunday evening. Sure heard some fine singing, too.

Mrs. Wiley Love and children, the writer and children spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Ely near Noodle.

There will be a pie supper at the church Friday night, Nov. 6 to pay out the piano. Everybody come and bring a pie and a pocket full of change.

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The Blue Bird says



Henry Ford has perfected quantity production of automobiles. Now, let him do the same for parking space.

Safety First isn't altogether a new idea. It is said that a man fifty years ago built himself a coffin, and lined it with asbestos.

There are times when heaven and earth are only separated by the thickness of your brake linings.

They say shoes will be cheaper during the winter. But they don't say what winter.

First it was soft collars and shirts; and now soft drinks. Are we getting a little too soft?

If the price of paper continues to rise, currency will soon be worth its face value.

Money talks, but in making tax returns it frequently has an impediment in its speech.

The principal impediment in the speech of American citizens seems to be chewing gum.

A Congressman is suing for breach of promise. Suppose all of his constituents should do the same?

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Junior League Notes

Dear Juniors: Be on time next Sunday as we are to have a special program. We also have a class of eleven to be promoted to the intermediate League.

Mrs. Rea, Supt.

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal for economy—on track now. Swafford, phone 44. It

Is your subscription about to expire to the Mail. Look at the label on this paper and see.

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When you buy one of our Michelin or Standard Four Casings. Ask the man who used one. He knows of their lasting qualities. Try one and you'll be convinced, too.

SPECIAL PRICES

For the next few days we are going to offer some special prices on these Casings and Tubes, that will mean a Big Saving to the automobile owners. Call and investigate for yourself.

And don't forget that our Filling Station Service is as good as the Best, and the Service you get in our Garage and Repair Department is first class.

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And Garage**

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You And Your Newspaper

There prevails in some quar-
ters an idea that a newspaper,
particularly a town newspaper,
of which the staff is well known
to many of the readers, is an in-
dividual affair, run to exploit
personal notions of some man or
group of men, and that its news
columns are, if not closed to
those of differing views, at least
colored against them. Unfortu-
nately this is true of some papers
though the majority of them are
as free from such bias as a real
devotion to high journalistic
ideals can make them. The aver-
age publisher rightly regards his
paper as something with a public
responsibility. In it there is space
for editorial expression, which
the reader may like or dislike,
and heed or ignore. But the news
columns are there to set forth
the doings of all sorts and con-
ditions of men without bias or
sandwiched expression by the
"editorial we."

This is the attitude of the
Patchogue Advance, and always
has been. An occurrence is not
emphasized because it pleases
the "desk" and belittled or ig-
nored when it displeases. News
is news. And a sincere attempt
is made to discover it all and re-
port it with a fair valuation as
news.

There is no political, business
or religious influence in the
background to demand that this
be soft-pedaled or that trumpet-
ed. There are newspapers in

which events of considerable im-
portance are ignored because
somebody gives a hint or an or-
der. Look out for them. In pub-
lishing an entirely independent
newspaper the Advance manage-
ment asks for help and sugges-
tions from all readers, much of
which it has always received. It
is grateful for tips on news
events and will spare no trouble
to follow them up.

Don't hold back because you
once had a tiff with the editor,
or the reporter once wrote a
story in which you think you ap-
peared in an unfavorable light.
If the story was right you had
yourself to blame. If the story
was wrong you had your chance
to correct it. News is news. And
news in the Advance is uncolored.
—Patchogue (N.Y.) Advance.

The Advance has spoken the
exact sentiments and basis on
which the Merkel Mail manage-
ment is now and always has tried
to operate this paper. News is
news no matter who it is about.

**"HOW LONG SHOULD
A WIFE LIVE?"**

Bruce Barton, in an address
before the National Electric
Light Association, discussed the
question: "How Long Should a
Wife Live?"

The idea foremost in the mind
of the speaker was that wives,
as a rule, are the last to be con-
sidered when it comes to provid-
ing labor-saving equipment. Mr.
Barton went back into pioneer
days when it took two or three
wives to bring up one family.
The men were hardy and could
withstand the rough living con-
ditions. The women died young.
The average was about eighteen
wives for every ten men.

It has been said that you can
measure the height of any civil-
ization by the plane upon which
its women live. Going back thru
the history of this country and
we see considerable progress and
the extent of our progress is
measured by the standard set
for the wives in the way of re-

lieving them of a part of their
burdens from day to day. Form-
erly, and it is the same today in
a lesser degree in our rural dis-
tricts, improvements in the day
of labor-saving equipment were
for the men first. New farm ma-
chinery on which the farmer can
ride comes before the kitchen
sink. Running water to the barn
and stock pen before it is piped
to the house. Sanitary stables
before sanitation for the home,
and on down the list of modern
equipment, man has first
thought of himself, and too often
has forgotten his wife alto-
gether.

There are thousands of farm
homes in the Southwest that
could be supplied with running
water, a kitchen sink, a bath tub,
and other sanitary conveniences
at less than the cost of a new
binder. There are thousands of
homes that could be given a
modern lighting system without
much sacrifice on the part of the
husband and father. In many
cases the neglect to provide
household sanitation and labor-
saving machinery is the result
of thoughtlessness on the part
of the husband and father, and
not selfishness. In most cases the
husband has an erroneous idea
of the cost. Certainly the man
in the rural district is just as
anxious to add years to the life
of his wife as the man in the city
and would provide labor-saving
equipment if he thought he could
afford it. Many thousands of
homes would be equipped with
water and lighting systems in
the next twelve months if the
owners were properly approach-
ed and plans in detail submitted.
It should not be assumed that
every rural homeowner is fam-
iliar with modern labor-saving
and sanitary equipment for the
home, or the cost thereof. An
educational campaign and a
proper presentation of the mat-
ter should get results.—Farm
& Ranch.

Call 61 to place a want ad in
the Mail or give us a news item.
We appreciate both of them.

THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

Some people hold to the idea
that the Bible should be made
a part of the curriculum of the
public schools.

If we forced children to study
the Bible, it would be contrary
to the spirit of free government.
The Bible is The Book on religion.
None of us can interpret it
alike, and we believe only such
things in it that suits us. Thus
such things as the existence of
witches is taught almost from
the beginning to the end of the
Bible, yet, only the ignorant and
superstitious are expected to be-
lieve in witchcraft, "Suffer not
a witch to live," was a very
early command. Today, no one
believes there ever was such a
thing as a witch.

If the Bible was made a part
of school work, the teacher would
have to interpret and explain it
to the pupils. If the teacher was
a Methodist, she would explain it
from a Methodist's point of view,
and of course that wouldn't suit
the Baptists. If the teacher was
a Catholic, she would show that
the priesthood was infallible, and
there would be a row in camp,
because the protestants can't
see it that way. Instead of the
Bible being a factor for peace
and harmony, it would be the
means of wrecking the peace and
good will of every community
where more than one denomina-
tion was represented.

Then again, if we were to
make the Bible an everyday
study in school along with gram-
mar and such things, it would
grow common and stale to the
pupils and they would lose inter-
est in Sunday Schools and church
services, for they would be fed
up on this kind of mental pabu-
lum at school.

Teaching the Bible is the job
of the preachers and Sunday
school teachers, and they should
suffer no interference. Preach-
ers and Sunday school teachers
are specially qualified for this
work and are making good, and
we should let good enough alone.

The object of Bible study is
to make people religious. If Bible
study leads to religion, then to
force people to study the Bible
is to force people to be religious.
In our opinion, religion which is
brought about by force will
never pass a soul through the
pearly gates.

We believe in the study of the
Bible. It should be taught by ev-
ery parent; but if you want
peace and respect for the Book,
don't try to force it on people.—
Sterling City News-Record.

ADVERTISORY

A Dallas lawyer with a taste
for exquisites in literature, and
dainty poetry in particular,
browsed through the Williamson
County Sun a few weeks ago and
discovered a poetical effusion
that suffused him with a deli-
cate delight. Not being greedy,
he was willing to share his find
with State Press and all readers
of this column who may happen
to be organized along lines of re-
finement similar to the lawyer's
and S. P.'s. This is the poem,
and it is here reproduced not for
the purpose of setting a prece-
dent or inviting others, but for
the good it will do. This is not a
poetry column. It solicits no qua-
trains, odes, epics or chants. If
S. P. wanted poetry in this col-
umn he would write his own.
The reason why he doesn't write
poetry is because he isn't eth-
ereal. No person with a forward-
looking belt buckle and a ham-
burger appetite can make any
money out of poetry. This, we
repeat, is the poem sent in by
the Dallas lawyer. He doesn't
say who wrote it, and until its
authorship is cleared up it will
be debited to the editor of the
Georgetown Sun:

Advertisers, All.

A hen is not supposed to have
Much common sense or tact,
Yet every time she lays an egg
She cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot
Of intellect to show,
But none the less most roosters
have
Enough good sense to crow.



STOP AT THE

Oasis Filling Station

We carry a complete line of Federal
extra service tire and tubes; also a good
line of accessories, Anco, Milwaukee
and Ford Timers, genuine Ford parts
100 per cent pure Pennsylvania oils
and mobilols and high-grade gasoline

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Appreciates Your Trade

The mule, the most despised
of beasts,
Has a persistent way
Of letting folks know he's
around
By his insistent bray.

The busy little bees, they buzz,
Bulls bellow and cows moo,
The watch dog barks, the gan-
ders quack,
And doves and pigeons coo.

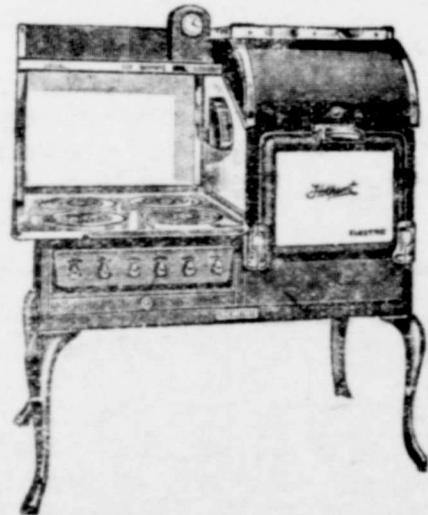
The peacock spreads his tail and
squawks,
Pigs squeal and robins sing,
And even serpents know enough
To hiss before they sting.

But Man, the greatest master-
piece
That nature could devise,
Will often stop and hesitate
Before he'll advertise.
—From State Press in Dallas
News.

The Force of Advertising

The force of advertising is in-
visible but you can feel it, and
Ernest G. Hastings, managing
editor of the Dry Goods Econo-
mist, tells a story of a conversa-
tion between an advertising man
and a merchant that illustrates
the point in interesting fashion.
"Ever have your hat blow
off?" asked the advertising man.
"Yes," said the merchant.
"What blew it off?"
"The wind."
"Did you ever see the wind?"
"No."
"Well, advertising is like the
wind—an invisible force. You
can't see it, but you can and will
see the results just as you saw
your hat go rolling down the
Street." Jayhawker Press.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.



**Famous 6-inch
SPEED UNITS**

THE six-inch, 1000 watt,
Hotpoint "Speed Units"
fit four out of every five ute-
nsils in the average home, gi-
ving speed and economy.

Why You Need a

Hotpoint

ELECTRIC RANGE

- 1--Keeps utensils and kitchen clean and spotless.
- 2--Convenient to operate--ever-ready heat
- 3--Better cooking with the even, perfect controlled heat.
- 4--Safety from fumes, overheating, and lighted matches.
- 5--Economical, cooks larely on stored heat.
- 6--Keeps kitchen cool and pleasant.
- 7--Requires less attention--correct temperatures maintained automatically.
- 8--Turns ON and OFF without watching--more Freedom.
- 9--Prevents burning or undercooking.
- 10--Retains food values and stops waste from shrinkage.

You will be interested in seeing for yourself just how completely a Hot-
point range accomplishes these results, how it lightens housework and as-
sures perfectly cooked meals, and becomes a necessity in every household.
Come in and inspect our complete line of range models which offers a style
ideally suited to your individual requirements.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

When you think of Dry Goods --

and want the quality kind, at the same
price of the cheap kind

THINK OF

BROWN DRY GOOD CO.

Where Cash Talks

**REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS
FIRE INSURANCE**

After a Fire--

you' find no satisfaction in figuring up
the amount of insurance you should have
had. But there is a lot of satisfaction in
knowing that your property as it stands
today is fully covered by dependable fire
insurance.

Our fire insurance policies are dependable.

W. O. BONEY

MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

**IS YOUR WORK HARD?
Many Merkel Folks Have Found
How to Make Work Easier**

What is so hard as a day's work with an aching back? Or sharp stabs of pain at every sudden twist or turn?

There is no peace from that dull ache.

No rest from the soreness, lameness and weakness.

Many folks have found relief through Doan's Pills. They are a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Merkel people recommend Doan's.

B. F. Polley, prop. of blacksmith shop, Merkel, says: "My kidneys acted so irregularly I had to get up several times at night. My back was lame and sore and it was impossible for me to sleep. I used Doan's Pills and they corrected the entire trouble."

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

Any town that fails to advertise and keep up its trade territory falls an easy prey to the mail-order houses.—Iowa Press Bulletin.

—NOTICE—

Use **HAMM'S Hand and Face Lotion**—Prevents and cures Lotion—Prevents and cures Sold only by **HAMM DRUG COMPANY.**

Christian Endeavor Program
Leader, Nina Belle Russell.
Topic: "What can young people do for international friendship?"
Scripture reading: Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 17:22-31; Gal. 3:26-29. Some Bible hints, Eunice Russell. Song; Clippings; Questions. "The King of Peace," Venice Bell. Song; Mispah.
We do not charge for the front seats.

Juniors Entertain Seniors

A party of much interest was that given on last Saturday evening at the high school building by the Juniors for the Seniors. The spirit of Halloween was carried out in every way from the decorations to the refreshments. Class rooms, halls and upstairs were decorated in Halloween motifs, Fortune telling, bobbing apples and games weird and mysterious, furnished amusement for the evening. A majority of those in attendance wore Halloween costumes. Refreshments of pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream, hot chocolate and marshmallows were served.

Philatheas Entertain Baracas

The Philathea class of the Methodist church, a young ladies class, entertained the Baracas, a class of boys, with a Halloween party in their class rooms on last Friday evening. The rooms had been fittingly decorated with crepe paper, Jack-O-Lanterns, black cats and even weird skeletons were to be seen dangling from different corners about the rooms. The guests were met at the top of the stairs by a ghost who gave them a cold, clammy hand shake and directed them to the den of the old witch who told their fortunes. Many 'spooky' games were played and the entire program of fun was surrounded by mysteries. Refreshments were served at the close of the party.

Noodle B.Y.P.U. Program

For Nov. 8, 1925. Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers." Song, see page 58 in quarterly. Devotional and introduction by Mrs.

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ABILENE, TEXAS

Vertis Ellers.
1. "The Soldier's Belt," V. L. Merritt. 2. "The Soldier's Coat of Mail," Chas. Clark. 3. "The Soldier's Shoes," Mr. Deavers. Poem, "A Pair of Shoes," Frances Goode. 4. "The Soldier's Shield," Ray Spurgin. 5. "The Soldier's Helmet," Archie Clark. 6. "The Christian's sword," Mrs. Merritt. Quartette, Mr. and Mrs. Ellers, Mr. Howard, and Mrs. Deavers. Reporter.

M. E. Missionary Society

The Womans Missionary Society met last Monday afternoon in the regular business meeting. Besides the report of the officers there were other business matters attended to. We will observe the week of prayer on next Monday afternoon. The five programs will be condensed into one and the entire afternoon used for this program. It was also decided to pack a box for the Wesley House at Dallas and anyone who can and will contribute to this box is asked to bring or send their things to the church on next Monday afternoon. We extend a hearty invitation to every lady of the church to meet with us in this week of prayer program on next Monday afternoon. The object of this meeting is to pray for and give of our means for people who are less fortunate than we. Our offering this year goes to the Sue Bennet school in Kentucky and the Carolina Institute in Korea. We are looking forward to this meeting with much interest and hoping for a large attendance and liberal offering. Look for the program. The meeting will begin at 2:30.

—NOTICE—

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Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires so you will not miss a copy.

W. M. U. WORKERS MEET AT SWEETWATER ON NOV. 6TH.

The Quarterly conference of the Baptist Workers of the W. M. U. of the Sweetwater Association will be held at Sweetwater, Lamar Street church, on Friday, Nov. 6. The president, Mrs. J. P. Stinson, will call the meeting to order at 9:30 o'clock a.m. Mrs. E. K. Daugherty will conduct the devotional after which the regular business will be taken up. Following the roll call of societies, Miss Myrtle, department leader, will make a report. The following chairmen of committees will be heard. Librarian, Mrs. J. D. Sandefer; Missions, Mrs. W. H. Jobe; Mission Study, Mrs. A. R. Booth; Education, Mrs. R. J. Ellis; White Cross, Mrs. J. C. Burkett; Benevolence, Mrs. W. F. Joiner; Personal Service, Mrs. T.W. Faris; Publicity, Mrs. H. H. Ramsey. The county presidents, Mrs. J. E. Cole for Nolan county and Mrs. J. E. Burnam for Taylor county will make their reports. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, and the treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Lewis, will make reports.

12 to 1:30 o'clock, lunch and social hour. The afternoon session will be conducted by prayer. An efficiency drill will be conducted by Mrs. R. M. White, Mrs. H. R. Bondies will lead a roundtable discussion on "What are the Most Essential Things in our associational work?" Mrs. W. E. Gentry will discuss the district and associational expense fund. Our Associational Missionary, Rev. Jno. W. Newsum, will talk on our 1925 program. A good attendance is urged at this meeting and each lady is requested to bring her lunch.

NOTICE

I am now agent for the California Perfume Co., and would be glad to furnish you what you want in this splendid line of Toilet goods. Mrs. I. C. Holden

At The Methodist Church

Next Sunday is the last day before conference. Arrangements are being made for special program. We are expecting a large congregation. Will you be in your place? Our last Quarterly Conference was held Tuesday and everything reported in full. Bro. Lyon said "this is the first in the district." This is a great record for Merkel Methodism. Come out Sunday and let's have a good time together. Should the Conference happen to move me this will be my last service as your pastor. I will appreciate your presence. T. J. Rea, pastor.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

PEDIGREED State Certified Lone Star Cotton Seed. Just a few left off of car at \$2.75. This year's crop averaged 37 to 42% lint. More to the acre, long lint, good gin turnout. This class of seed never sold here before. Recommended by both A. & M. College and U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. What I have left is all the seed available this year. See or write me at once. You take no chance of getting stung. If you want some maize see me. **TAYLOR F. DAVIS.**

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"Saying It With Flowers"

By J. B. M. CLARK

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WHEN the box of American Beauty roses arrived at Gladys Wilder's lodgings with the blunt question on the accompanying card, "Will you marry me?" and no indication of the sender, her first thought was of Mr. Cosgrave. But it might have been Doctor Osborne himself, she reflected, or even George Butler, although George Butler didn't seem so likely.

"The handwriting's disguised, I'm sure," she confided to her roommate, Jean Travers.

"It's George Butler, I'll bet you," said Jean decisively. "He's just holding off because he knows Cosgrave is paying attention—thinks it wouldn't be fair to spoil your chance with a rich invalid. I'll bet he's sorry he got you the job at Doctor Osborne's, the way things have turned out. And as for old Osborne, you wouldn't want him surely?"

"Doctor Osborne's only forty-five," said Gladys abstractedly.

"I'll tell you what to do," said Jean suddenly. "Offer each of the three men one of the roses and you'll soon find who sent them. Tell each one you got them from an admirer."

Gladys placed the open box on her desk next morning and waited results. Doctor Osborne was the first corner. His eye caught the roses. "Something special here surely," he said, bending down to sniff at the flowers.

"Yes, a present from a good friend." "Have one," she said.

"Much obliged," said the doctor, graciously. "I couldn't refuse."

Then it was Mr. Cosgrave's turn. He, too, stopped to express his admiration for the flowers. "Have one if you like," said Gladys brightly. "A very good friend sent them to me—a gentleman of course. But I don't mind giving you one."

"Thanks," said Mr. Cosgrave flushing slightly. "I never wear flowers."

"Oh, but I'll be quite peeved if you don't make an exception in my favor," said Gladys laughing and giving him a swift glance. "And besides these came anonymously, so nobody's feelings will be hurt about it."

"Anonymously?" said Mr. Cosgrave, flushing again. "That sounds interesting. Since you press me to break my rule I suppose there is no help for it." Gladys helped to pin it in place. Once or twice their fingers met in the operation, and Mr. Cosgrave's eyes gleamed behind their big horn glasses. But Gladys didn't appear to notice it. She felt convinced that he was the donor. Yet he, too, departed without further parley.

When George Butler turned up in the late afternoon there were only one or two of the roses left, and these reported in a small vase at one corner of Miss Wilder's desk. "Do have one of my roses, Mr. Butler," she said. "A good friend sent me a whole box of them yesterday evening."

"Thanks," said Butler curtly. "I don't wear flowers—and in any case I wouldn't dream of taking another fellow's."

In the light of Butler's display of temper the girls agreed that either he or Mr. Cosgrave was the guilty party. Several days passed without development and then Gladys, in order to narrow down the field of inquiry, asked Doctor Osborne point-blank if he had sent the roses. The doctor seemed surprised at the question and said that he hadn't. Gladys withdrew in some confusion, and returned to find Mr. Cosgrave standing by her desk. Obeying a sudden impulse she said: "Thank you for the roses, Mr. Cosgrave," blushing very prettily at the same time.

"Don't mention it," said Mr. Cosgrave blushing in turn. "I thought you were joking when you talked about an anonymous donor—then I thought they had forgotten to put the card in."

"Oh, no, they didn't," said Gladys, her color mounting again. "But the answer to the question is in the negative."

"Good God!" said Mr. Cosgrave going pale.

"But we can still be good friends, I'm sure," said Gladys hopefully.

"It's not that," said Mr. Cosgrave in great confusion. "There must have been some mistake. That was the wrong card." He clutched at the telephone and called a number.

It was now Gladys' turn to be confused, and it did not make her any more comfortable to see George Butler observing her from afar with a lowering brow. He came forward looking very stern. Mr. Cosgrave, unable to secure his number, stood helplessly by.

"I think," said Gladys choking back a sob, "you ought to knock Mr. Cosgrave down or something. He has insulted me."

"Good God!" repeated Mr. Cosgrave unhappily. "I'm trying to explain. There must have been some hideous blunder at the florist's. . . . Look here," he stammered, "I'll let the proposal stand, if that will help matters."

"Well, the answer was No," said Gladys, apparently greatly relieved.

"It's all right," said Butler calmly. "Miss Wilder is going to marry me. We weren't just ready yet, that's all."

"I'm not going to marry anybody," said Gladys showing fresh signs of distress. "The assurance of the man," she confided later to Jean Travers, "was just too awful for words." But she did marry him ultimately just the same.

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Sunday school 10 a.m. with Mr. W. W. Haynes in charge. come find a congenial class with which to meet and study the Bible every Sunday. There is one class of about twenty, made up of our older ladies, that has

been a 100 per cent class for six consecutive Sundays. Surely if these good women, all of them well beyond fifty, can make a record like this, the rest of us are left without excuse.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

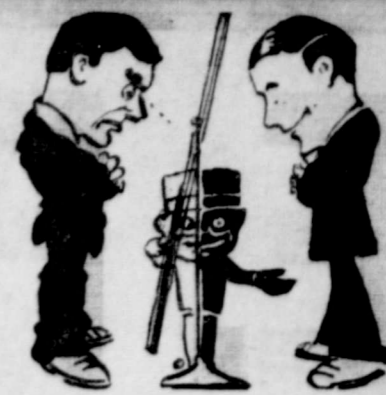
All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6 p.m. with Mr J. A. Summerhill in charge as director. We have Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Unions and hope shortly to set up a Sun Beam Band and an Adult Union. We can not spell B. Y. P. U. without U, and we can not have the best B.Y.P.U.'s without YOU.

Workers and teachers meeting Monday at 7 p.m. Having finished the book we have been taking we will meet this time to plan new classes. Every one who is interested in taking any book offered should come Monday evening and classes will be organized in as many books as we have applicants for. Those who have never had the Manuel will be started in a class that will plan to meet at a convenient hour and be under the direction of one of our best teachers. Those who have diplomas should make a list of the seals they have so we can select books that will be needed by more of our workers. If for any reason you cannot meet at the church Monday evening, tell the Superintendent or pastor the books you need and you will help us in planning the work.

Ladies meeting Tuesday 3 p.m. Our good women have just sent a box of clothing to Buckner Orphans Home valued at \$160.00. Most of the clothing was new, the ladies having met at the church for two days to sew and many of the dresses and other garments were made by the women in their homes.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, lesson the sixth chapter of Acts. The theme will be "Deacons that 'Deaked'".

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ermeeting this month and it is hoped they will have reserved seats for the deacons of the church. The spiritual thermometer has been installed in the church and the temperature was 45 Wednesday evening in spite of a widely advertised show.

Come find a warm welcome in this place of worship. There is a place in one of the churches in town for every person in and about town. Will you find your place and fill it? If you are a Christian you are needed to help show others the way; if you are not a Christian you need to find the way. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

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Mrs. R. N. Campbell is spending the week with friends and relatives in Burkburnett, and the editor has promised to look after the big boy Campbell to the best of our ability. But that's all.

Mr. J. S. Swann, president of the Farmers State Bank, in

speaking of cattle conditions, states that he never saw grass better at this time of the year nor cattle fatter.

Dr. M. Armstrong will leave next Monday night for Dallas, where he will attend a meeting of the Southern Medical Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wood of Abilene, and Mr. D. S. Phenix of Colorado are visiting Mrs. I. C. Holden this week.

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JUNIOR NOTES

The Seniors of '26 were the guests of the Seniors of '27 at a Hallowe'en party given at the High School building on October 31. All were dressed for the occasion and the Hallowe'en spirit was carried out in games, decorations, refreshments and favors. A gypsy told fortunes, and bobbing apples and victrola music enlivened the guests in the fantastically decorated halls. Refreshments consisting of pumpkin pie, with whipped cream, hot chocolate and nuts were served to about fifty guests.

—M.H.S.—

Miss Bird: "Take this sentence: 'Take the cow out of this lot.' What mood?"

George: "The Cow."
—M.H.S.—

It was a sleepy day, the class was about half the usual size and Mr. Summerhill was calling the roll in a half-absent manner. To each name someone had answered "here" until Dunning's name was called. Silence reigned supreme for a moment and then was broken by Mr. Summerhill's voice.

"My word! Hasn't Dunning any friends here?"

—M.H.S.—

Miss Bird had found her class of boys reluctant in their writing of english compositions. At last she conceived a great idea to stimulate their interest to write of a ball game. It seemed that she was successful, with one exception. The boys worked and wrote youthful masterpieces. Virgil chewed at his pen and then was struck by a burst of genius when the teacher opened his paper, it read: "Rain—no game."

—M.H.S.—

Miss Durham was trying to impress on the class how important had been the discovery of the law of gravitation.

"Sir Isaac Newton was sitting on the ground and looking at a tree. An apple fell on his head and from that he discovered gravitation. Just think, isn't

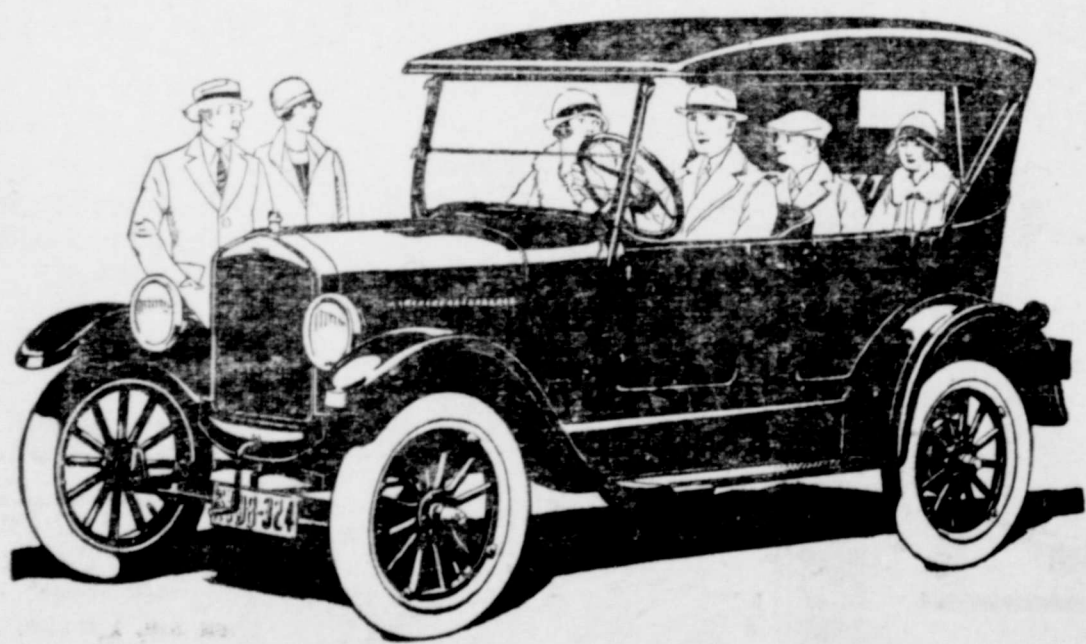
that wonderful?"

Maben: "Yes, and if he had been sitting in school looking at his books he wouldn't have discovered anything."

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The Country Lily

By VERRICK SHALMAR

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JAWBONE TEAL and his partner, Yen Hock Fenton, took off their rabbit skin-collared overcoats and made themselves comfortable beside the radiator in Narcell's theatrical boarding house.

"Yes sir," Jawbone said, continuing the argument begun when they had left the film house where they had passed the evening. "These film plots are certainly the bunk. Placid Valley! There never was no such place nor any girls like these here country lilies, the innocent little girls that the slick city villains lure to the wicked city."

"Go on, Jawbone," retorted Yen Hock. "You know about as much about Placid Valley as these hams downstairs do about Shakespeare. Ever lived in a Placid Valley? You have not."

"I've worked as many hick burgs as you have," retorted the fat Jawbone.

"I said lived, not worked," replied Yen Hock, a reminiscent look in his eye.

"I was in a Placid Valley once, years ago," said Yen Hock. "I married there."

"What! A country lily?" demanded Jawbone.

"No, a schoolteacher with a face like a sour apple pie," admitted Yen Hock. "She had five thousand in the bank."

"No wonder you found the place attractive," chuckled Jawbone.

"Yes, I was young enough for that line then," sighed Yen Hock.

"Widows were my specialty. But honest, Jawbone, that country got inside of me some way. The orchards and the river and the smell of the fields. Say! That little place was peace plus. They called it Lazy Shadows, and it was way up in the Kentucky hills."

"Where was the catch in it?" demanded Jawbone. "The widow had a temper?"

"No, a child, a six-year-old brat that was a human hyena," said Yen Hock, rolling back his sleeve and baring a scar, a horseshoe of deep blue marks. "I still have this little souvenir of Amy," he explained.

"Bit you, eh?" chuckled Jawbone.

"Some little wildcat." "Ugly, scrawny little runt, regular bobcat for temper. I left soon, with the five thousand."

"Naturally."

"But I couldn't ever forget that place. I kept sort of hankering for one like it, but I never found one until last summer."

"You don't mean Coyote Hole?" roared Jawbone.

"No, no!" interrupted Yen Hock. "A place where I went after the Steubenville job. Nobody'll ever find that place. A little gray town tucked away in the bluest hills you ever saw. And peace over everything. But I did see a girl!"

"Another country lily, I suppose," snorted Jawbone.

"Yep," said Yen Hock. "Curly and dimples and blue eyes and innocence and everything, like that girl in the 'movie,' and then some."

"And I suppose you fell for her," snorted Jawbone.

"She was different," sighed Yen Hock.

"At your age, too!" marveled his partner. "Well, the wiser they are the harder they fall."

"I fell," admitted Yen Hock. "Melissa Ann, she was called. Regular film stuff; there was a mortgage on the humble home and everything, even a rube lover, crazy to marry her. Well, I made up my mind to marry that girl, so I pleaded for elopement on a dark night. At last we fixed it up. I hired a machine and arranged to meet her behind the barn at ten o'clock. I had the black bag with the ten thousand from the Steubenville job in it—the row had quieted down—and I hid that behind the barn. Her rube lover was snooping around as they always do. She met me all right with all her belongings in a big pillow slip-sort of bag. We got off, but after while I busted a tire and I had to change. This rube fellow had got wise some way and he was following in a buggy, just like a show. It took me a few minutes to slip a new tire on."

"And while you were slipping the tire somebody slipped something over on you!" laughed Jawbone.

"When I got through I could hear the rube coming, so I just jumped in and stepped on the gas."

"And when you got to the big city the bag was gone," demanded Jawbone.

"In a way," admitted Yen Hock.

"The girl was gone, too. She'd left that pillow thing propped up under the auto rug with a hat on top and some shoes sticking out underneath and had substituted another bag for mine, one just like it, only it was empty, except for this note."

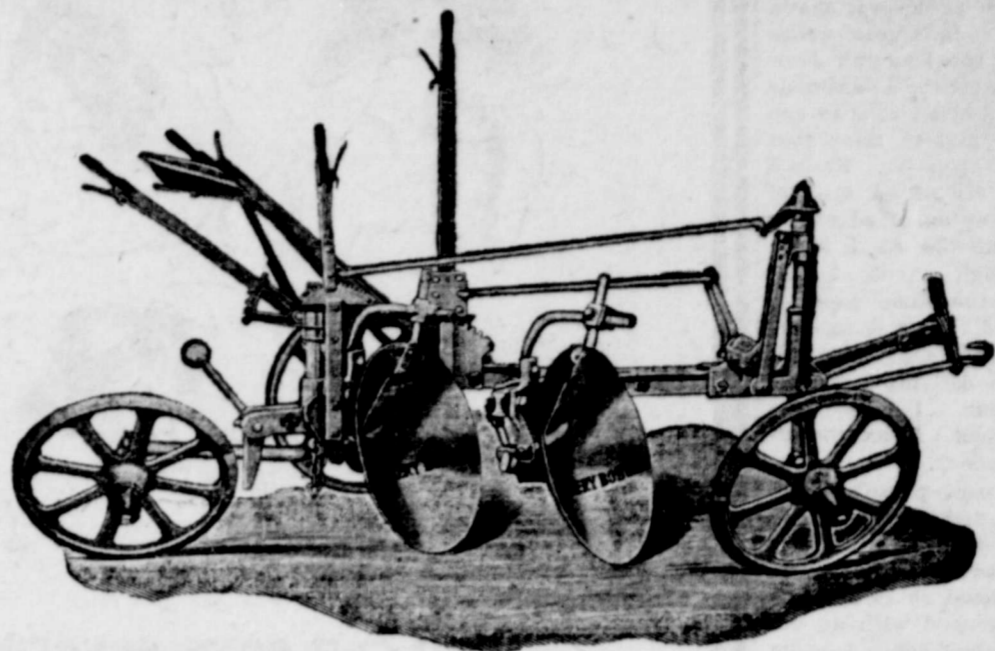
The old man took a crumpled note from his pocket and passed it over to Jawbone. It read:

Dear Popper:
Thanks for the ten thousand. That just about equals that five thousand and interest you stole from mother back in Lazy Shadows. Sorry I spoiled your tire; I sure must have bitten you right for I see you still have the scar. It shows when you roll up your sleeves. The ten thousand will start me and my husband off just right.

Your affectionate step-daughter,
AMY.

"So you see," added Yen Hock with a smile which showed he could appreciate a good joke even if it were on himself. "The film plots ain't always so far from real life after all."

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WARREN NEWS

By Rose Ellington

The farmers would like to see some pretty weather to gather their crop in.

The party at Mr. and Mrs. Brit Baker Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd and all reported a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Finch spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Emmett Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kelly of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse of Kale, Misses Willie Newman spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

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

Miss Vera Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Helen McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvell spent Saturday night and Sunday in Clyde.

Mr. Herman Carter is visiting his uncle, Mr. Tom Harvell.

Mr. Arthur McCoy drove out a new Ford Saturday.

Mr. Buster McCoy spent Saturday night with Claud Ellington.

Miss Willie Ellington spent the week-end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson and little son visited Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson for a while Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hollis McCoy, Rose Ellington, Willie Newman, Vivian McCoy spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

Mr. Brooks Patterson and wife spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Patterson's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family spent Sunday with Ella Hobbs and Grandma Hobbs.

Mr. Bill Harvell visited in Clyde Sunday.

Mr. Joe Peterson, and Claud Ellington spent Sunday with Messrs Thurman and Buster McCoy.

Mr. Bob Hobbs visited Mr. Hollis McCoy Monday afternoon.

Program For Week of Prayer

1. Song. 2. Bible lesson, Phil. 4:6-8, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

3. Prayer.

4. Moving forward through prayer, Mrs. Tom Largent.
5. Prayer for the work and the workers of our institutions in the foreign fields.

6. Facts about Carolina Institute, Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

7. The story of Josephine Campbell, Mrs. T. A. Beidleman.

8. Special prayer for Carolina Institute. 9. Song.

10. Bible lesson, Ps. 63:1-8, Mrs. V. N. Ellis.

11. Prayer.

12. Home Missions and prayer, Mrs. L. R. Thompson.

13. Sue Bennett Memorial school, Mrs. Frank Golliday.

14. Special prayer for Sue Bennett school.

15. What Sue Bennett needs

and why, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

16. Interesting facts concerning Sue Bennett, Mrs. Butman.

17. The Blessings of Hector, Mrs. Vaughn.

18. Sentence prayers for all the missionary work.
Song offering.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school at 10 a.m. and preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6 p.m.

There will be a special meeting of the board of Deacons on Monday evening at 7:30 at the Manse.

Choir Practice Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Ladies Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Henry West.



CAFE ANNOUNCEMENT

I am pleased to announce to all my old customers and friends that I have purchased the Busy Bee Cafe, which in the future will be known as The CITY CAFE.

I extend to all a cordial invitation and welcome to drop in and eat with me. As to service in the cafe business, my old patrons know of its quality, and to those who have not heretofore patronized me, I invite you to give me a trial. I will do my best to serve you with the best of good eats with prompt and courteous treatment added, I will appreciate a share of your patronage.

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W. P. BANNER, Proprietor

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SPECIAL NOTICE—To all who are indebted to us. You will do us a special favor if you will kindly drop in and settle your account by November 1st. We have our bills to pay at this time and you will favor us greatly by paying us. We appreciate your business in the past and solicit your future patronage.

Woodrum Filling Station

Jew Even Now Is Not at Home in Jerusalem

One morning, with much the same feeling as when I stepped from the pullman to the edge of the Grand canyon or entered Charley Brown's barber shop to get my first adolescent shave, I passed through the Jaffa gate, writes H. Bon-Shamar in the Menorah Journal. Ahead of me strode a lemonade vender, clinking his brass cups to call the thirsty to the pinkish mess that filled his enormous glass jar. From a distance rose the cry of an oriental market in the full swing of advertisement and vituperation. As I stumbled over the rough paving I was vaguely aware of the stone mass of the Tower of David. Once it was behind me I considered that after all my trepidation and dallying I was at length in Jerusalem. I raised my head and looked about. I saw the offices of a tourists agency.

I entered a long stone passage, lined with shops, more a flight of steps than a street. It was bound together with stone arches. It was hung with drapers' goods, dead sheep, shoes and kerchiefs. It was thronged with an unwashed multitude, their heads bobbing up from the lower depths as they climbed the grade, turbaned heads, skull-capped heads, veiled heads, wimpled heads (women of Bethlehem), tar-booshed heads, calpacked heads, derby-crowned heads, nose-and-earringed heads. It choked with noise. It brayed with asses and tinkled with camels. It danced with gesticulation. Vegetable, fruit and meat shops grew thicker, the odor of garlic began to mount, the earlocks fell longer, strings of sausage swung into view, and I saw a sign, "Nathan Straus Milk Station." I was in the Jewish quarter. There is pathos in the phrase, "Jewish quarter," and more in the reality it describes. One does not and cannot speak of a French quarter in Paris or an American quarter in Washington. But the Jew, traditional, orthodox, Yiddish-speaking or Sephardic Jew, native to the city for generations, is as much a stranger in Jerusalem as he is in London. Despite the fact that the majority of the population are Jews, Jerusalem is again as it was those thousands of years gone, one of the cities "which ye build not, yet ye dwell in them."

Slightly Exaggerated

One of the recent batch of Florida stories had it that Brown, a former resident of Columbus, Ohio, had made a killing in Florida real estate. He had cleaned up \$50,000 in three months at Miami, Fla., so the story went.

A former neighbor, hearing about it, became quite excited and hustled into Brown's brother's office and said: "By George, that's great about Bill making \$50,000 in Florida in three months. It's just great, now, isn't it?"

Brown's brother said: "It wasn't in Florida, 'twas in California, and they got the story mixed just a little. It was three years and not three months—"

"That doesn't make any difference," interrupted friend neighbor, full of enthusiasm. "By George, he made the money!"

Brown's brother continued: "They also got the amount wrong. It was \$5,000 instead of \$50,000, and—and he didn't make it—he lost it!"—Forbes Magazine.

Gorgeous Floral Welcome

When the triennial Episcopal convention met in New Orleans, besides the welcome of handshakes visitors were greeted by flowers of purple and gold, nodding and smiling from every garden and porch. Nooks hitherto unplanted were coaxing into showing what they could do.

Much care was given to planting to produce the desired floral effect. The facility with which flowers can be grown in Louisiana warranted expectation that the city would present a brilliant picture. The purple salvia, dwarf yellow marigolds, zinnias and cosmos, all of which are at their best in September and October, were associated with purple budelya, lantana and wild ageratum to produce the effect desired for the official flower welcome to the visitors.

Lapland Impressions

Dora Lazarnick in the London News says these things most impressed her in Lapland, which she recently visited:

The absence of night. The sight of a herd of reindeer fording a river, the young being towed across by holding on to the left ear of the mother.

That many of the wild flowers are the same as those of an English meadow.

The smallness of the trees.

The sad faces of the Lapp women.

That, unlike Switzerland, nothing is commercialized; one pays no admission fee to gorges and waterfalls, nor even to Lapp huts.

Impressive Lesson

A motorist from New York city with a feminine companion was regaling her with chocolate creams at Hartsdale, N. Y. As they munched and gazed they threw out the paper wrappings on the parkway. Then Officer MacCabe, of the parkway police, shot up beside them and asked if they were enjoying themselves. When they admitted that they were, he said that it was the intention of the parkway authorities that all others should be similarly privileged; and he made the young man walk back four miles and pick up all the papers, personally conducting him on his nocturnal



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SOPHOMORE NOTES

At a recent meeting of the Sophomore Class the class colors and flower were selected. The colors chosen were green and white and the flower, chrysanthemum. The following officers were also elected: President, Tolbert Proctor, Secretary, Sterling Sheppard; Treasurer, Gladys Deutschman; program committee, Iris Garrett, Rubyjo Higgins and Elizabeth Harkrider. Reporter, Roy Propst.

On last Tuesday morning the Sophomore Class gave a play entitled "The Spellin Skule," to the entire High School and the Grammar school. It is the Freshmen's time to entertain next Tuesday and every one expects them to have something worth-

Funny Bone Ticklers

Mr. Summerhill announced in chapel that Baylor College offered a prize for the best poem written by a High School student. It has leaked out that Dunning McConnell and Harold King are going to try for the prize.

—M.H.S.—

Mr. Jackson (in railroad station): "Give me a return ticket please."

Agent: "Where to?"

Mr. Jackson: "Why back here, of course."

—M.H.S.—

Visitor: "Who is the responsible party in this school?"

Fred Yandell: "I don't know who the responsible party is, but I am the one who always gets the blame."

—M.H.S.—

Jhon D. (read in history):

"William the Conquerer landed in England A. D. 1066."

Miss Sudderth: "What does A. D. stand for?"

John D.: "I don't exactly know, but maybe it means after dark."

Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it.

Plan for more than you can do then do it.

Hitch your wagon to a star, keep your seat and there you are.

Go to it!

REXALL 1c SALE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5th, 6th and 7th. Your chance to save money at HAMM DRUG COMPANY. It

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Stith Epworth League

Group No. 1 in charge. Leader Miss Louise Henderson. Song. Prayer by pastor. Scripture reading, Mattie church Debate: "Resolved that a Christian should never participate in war." Affirmative, Bro. Moody and W. C. Church. Negative, Mr. Martin and Mr. Jaynes. Song; Benediction.

Salt Branch B.Y.P.U. Program

For Nov. 8, 1925. Subject: "The Christian's Armor." Introduction by leader. Part 1, Mr. Earl Walker. Part 2, Mr. Joe Jaynes. Part 3, Mr. Charlie Price. Part 3, Mr. Buster Horton. Part 5, Miss Pauline Pinckley Part 6, Miss Annie Reeves. Come and bring a friend. Mr. Austin Robertson, president and Miss Wynona Patton, secretary.

NOTICE

"In Memory of those who fell"

Our store will be closed ALL DAY NOV. 11th. Regardless of whether any other store in Merkel closes or not.

Brown Dry Goods Co.

Who Loses in the Hold-Up

By OLE BURIN

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IT ALL happened to me because the wife forgot to get a bottle of ketchup for supper.

"Now, Bet," I railed, "You know very well I can't eat beans without ketchup. So forgetful, so negligent, so—"

"Very well then, dear, it's only two blocks to the chain grocery," she suggested sweetly.

And that's how, a few minutes later, I happened to find myself staring into the muzzle of a six-shooter.

"Shove over next to the boss!" snapped the masked artilleryman. "Think I want to get cross-eyed trying to cover you both at once?"

"The company's out just \$345.48," said the grocer, looking ruefully at his empty cash drawer.

"Yep," I sympathized. "That bottle of ketchup cost me just forty-two dollars."

What a nuisance it is to be a good citizen! Every evening for the last week or so I was called to various police stations to identify, if possible, among the recently arrested, our particular cannon-juggler.

"Dear," said my wife, when I had returned from my latest nightly failure, "I've a big surprise for you," and handed me my stolen wallet with not one of the forty-two dollars missing.

"Someone rang the bell; thrust it into my hand and disappeared before I had a chance to see who it was," she smiled.

"Plain as day," I said. "This hold-up artist is a wise little boy. He's afraid of being caught and identified by me, and so he thought he ought to buy me off. But that reminds me—I've never paid for that ketchup."

I was surprised, on entering the grocery store, to see my old lieutenant, Wolfert, in earnest conversation with the managers. After mutual greetings and inquiries, during which I learned that the ex-lieutenant was now a salesman for the Excelsior Burglary Insurance company, I told them of the return of my wallet.

"That's great stuff!" exclaimed Wolfert. "And I was just telling Mr. Schulz that he needn't worry about the loss of that money, because I've succeeded in convincing his corporation to take a blanket insurance policy on all their stores throughout the country. As part of the transaction we have agreed to make good their recent loss; it'll mean lots of publicity for us; plenty of advertising."

It was only after I had returned home and we had finished supper that I recalled having neglected to give the lieutenant my address. At this moment our doorbell rang, and before we had a chance to move we heard the door opened and banged shut, and a masked figure dashed into our room.

"Lieutenant!" I gasped. And in my excitement the only thing I could say was, "How did you find out my address?"

"Quick!" he snapped. "Get out your checkers. Lively now! Set 'em up." Just as if he was ordering "squads right!"

And I obeyed without question. The doorbell rang. Somebody knocked.

"Don't forget," said Wolfert, as I went to open the door, "I've been here a couple of hours."

When I opened that door and saw those two burly, determined-looking policemen before me, I almost lost all my nerve, and the lieutenant took command of the situation.

"Right this way, officers," he called. "If, as I imagine, you're chasing someone—"

"Sure!" replied one of the policemen. "A gun-man!"

"What was the yell in here?" asked the other.

"The woman heard a noise at the kitchen window. Someone climbing down the fire escape," Wolfert answered promptly.

One of the officers dashed into the kitchen and out on the fire escape; the other ran out the door.

Of course the chase was unsuccessful and soon Wolfert and I were facing each other, in silence.

My musings were interrupted by the lieutenant taking out of his pocket a roll of bills. Calmly, deliberately, he began counting.

"These Hadden bakeries do a pretty good business, all right," he remarked.

"You have no kick coming yourself," I joked. "But you might have gotten me into a fine mess," I added seriously.

"You're the last person in the world I've have suspected of robbery."

"Wait; not so fast!" he interrupted. "You can't say that."

"Didn't you hold up the Haddon place and take their money?" I asked my anger rising.

"Yes," he replied calmly. "And I held up Schulz and your ownself not so very long ago."

"Man!" I exclaimed. "Are you mad?"

"What's the matter with you, anyhow?" he snapped. "Didn't you get your money back?"

"Yes, thanks," I answered.

"And didn't the ZXY get their money back?"

"Yes," I admitted.

"And just as soon as the Haddon people sign this policy covering all their stores, they're going to get theirs. You see, modern salesmanship methods are progressing all the time. Does anybody lose because of my unusual methods?" he asked.

"Yes," I replied for the third time, and added, "I do. I lose all chance of collecting that five hundred dollar reward."