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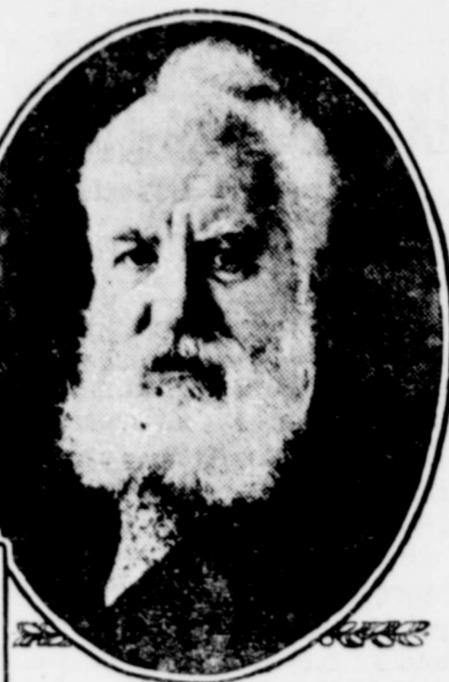
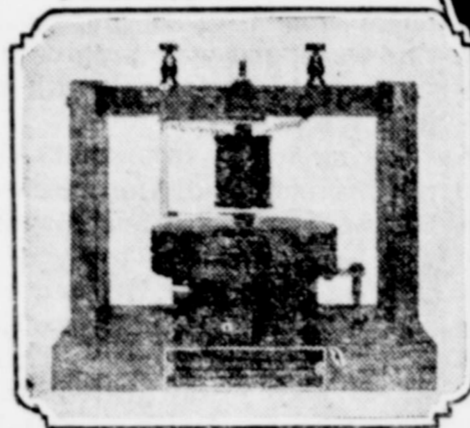
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Telephone's 50th Birthday Celebrated March 10th



Left: The first telephone. Above: Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone.

March 10th, 1926, marks the fiftieth anniversary of an important event.

On March 10th, 1876, in a small garret workshop in Boston, Alexander Graham Bell uttered the first words ever transmitted over telephone wires. Using a small crude transmitter and a wire but a few yards in length, he said, "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you." His assistant, Thomas A. Watson, sitting at a receiver in another room, heard these words distinctly and hurried into the room to tell Bell that their tireless research had been rewarded.

Now the telephone is a national necessity, but at first it was considered a mere scientific toy and most people were inclined to scoff at it.

It remained for Dom Pedro, Emperor of Brazil, to place the first stamp of public approval upon the telephone in June of 1876. Bell had taken his crude little invention to the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia and had set up his exhibit in one of the booths. Late afternoon of the day when the judges were making a tour of inspection of the booths Dom Pedro entered the booth containing the telephone, just as the judges were about to pass it by with a glance of incredulity. Dom Pedro recognized Bell, whom he had previously met in Boston, and agreed to test the telephone.

As the incredulous judges looked on, their interest now aroused, Dom Pedro took his place at the receiver while Bell went to the transmitter. Suddenly Dom Pedro threw back his head, and with an amazed look on his face exclaimed, "My God, it talks!" The judges then took their turns at the re-

ceiver, testing it until late that night, and next day the telephone was moved to the place of honor in the judges' pavilion.

Once the practicability of the telephone had been demonstrated the demand for instruments and service increased rapidly. Theodore N. Vall was made general manager of the telephone company and he is the man who was largely responsible for the wide-spread efficient telephone system of today. Branches were opened in practically every state of the Union, and the formation of a real nation-wide telephone system was begun.

Many difficulties were encountered by the telephone pioneers. Improvements of the instruments, changes in the material used for wires, means of lengthening the range of long distance communication, construction of switchboards and central offices—all these problems had to be solved as they arose by the telephone engineers.

The two crude telephones of 1876 have grown into a nation-wide system of more than 16,000,000 telephones, approximately one for every seven people in the United States. This country, with but 6 per cent of the world's population, has 61 per cent of the world's telephones. Conversations are now possible from any part of the nation to any other part. The longest continuous circuit is from Catalina Island, off the coast of California, to Havana, Cuba, a distance of over 5,500 miles.

As a community develops, as its industries expand, the telephone company must be ready to take care of that expansion and development. Telephone engineers are constantly making surveys of business and social conditions of the country so that they may anticipate any demand for increased service. The semi-centennial of the telephone is being celebrated this year all over the United States.

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S. L. Grayson, the genial manager of the Grayson Tourist Camp and filling station, one mile west of town, dropped into this office one day recently and renewed his subscription to the "old home paper," saying "They might send me to jail, but there is one thing certain I would not do without the Merkel Mail."

A Hard Rain

"I spent last summer at Nantucket," writes a reader, "and one day I went to one of the wharves to hire a sailboat and overheard an old Nantucket skipper, who was mending his nets, discussing the rainfall of the night before with one of the summer guests.

"That was a terrible storm we had last night," said the visitor. "I never saw so much rain fall in so short a time."

"Yes, there was quite a bit o' rain fell las' night," replied the skipper. "But, if yew want to see some rain-yew should go to the Amazon. Ten years ago I shipped with a tramp steamer and down near the Amazon there was so much rain fell one evenin' that yew could drink the fresh water off the top of the ocean."—Youth's Companion.

Paying Life Insurance

A leading life insurance company says the practice of life insurance companies concerning the termination of policies on persons who outlive the highest age of the mortality tables on which their rates are based is not uniform. Most companies pay the face of the policy to all those who reach the highest age of the mortality table. Since most companies do their ordinary business on the American experience table, this age would be ninety-five years. However, many companies operate on different tables of mortality and some companies hold the face of the policy and pay it with accumulated interest at 4 per cent to the beneficiary. The general practice is to pay the face of the policy to the insured at whatever age the reserve equals the face of the policy.

Dry Candidates

The first Presidential candidate of the Prohibition party of the United States was James Black of Pennsylvania, who was nominated at the party's national convention, held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1872. He received 5,698 votes, was a native of Lewisburg, and died in Lancaster, Pa., 33 years ago.

In 1876 Green Clay Smith was the dry standardbearer and got a total of 3,552 votes. Neal Dow received 10,303 votes in 1880, and John P. St. John was given 151,809 votes four years later.

In 1888 Clinton B. Fisk received 249,907 votes. The party's high water mark was reached in 1892, when John Bidwell's vote was 264,132.

How Hans Andersen

Wove Fairy Dresses

Hans Andersen, whose fairy stories have brought happiness to thousands of children, was a stickler for form. So states Mrs. Marie Busch, who was a general servant to the author and the two spinsters, the Misses Ballin, who shared a house with him. "Andersen was very particular," she said. "He insisted upon my addressing him in the third person with the title conferred upon him by the King—Konferensraad. This was a much coveted title given to retired cabinet ministers and merchant princes, but never before to a mere poet."

The story teller also had his meals at a specified time in a certain way and when he read his newest work to the Misses Ballin and Mrs. Busch they had to stop their needlework. No matter where Mrs. Busch went outdoors, she had to wear a coat and when Andersen gave her tickets to the theater he also presented her with a pair of white gloves.

"All nice people," he remarked, "wear white gloves to the theater." Andersen had a soft couch upon which he weaved his tales of the fairies. "He was a tall and painfully spare man," Mrs. Busch said. "He could only find rest on a bed made up of soft pillows."

Yellow Fever Halted

Revolution in 1793

John Adams wrote Thomas Jefferson that only the yellow fever in Philadelphia saved the nation from a revolution in 1793. Ten thousand people in the streets of Philadelphia day after day threatened to drag Washington from his house. The coolest and firmest minds, even among the Quakers of Philadelphia, have given their opinion that nothing but yellow fever could have saved the United States.

Philadelphia was the capital when that riot surged through Market street, ready to rend President Washington and Vice President Adams.

The very last sentence in any letter of a long correspondence between Adams and Jefferson was this penned by the former about two months before that Fourth of July, 1823, when both died:

"Our American chivalry is the worst in the world—it has no laws, no grounds, no definitions."—Detroit News.

Fifth Sunday Singing

As there has been nothing said about the Fifth Sunday Singing at Noodle, thought I would just say a few words. My wasn't it fine. I think it was one of the best we have had. So many of the real singers were there it just could not keep from being a real singing and the new book put out for 1926 by Prof. Alphin sure is a real song book. Also the Stamps book is very good. Everybody seemed to be in perfect time and put out the real stuff, and you just had to be there to know the real facts in the case. Noodle knows how to do things. All you need to do is just give her a chance. Do you know W. J. Bicknell? Well he never lets anything fail if he has a hand in it. He had charge of the door and what I'm trying to tell you he packed that house full to the ceiling then hung the rest up out in the yard

in a way that all were well pleased. So when you want a good time go to Noodle. The next one goes to Blair. We had such a good one at Noodle thought we would have the next one in town and show these city dudes how to have a good singing. So come to Blair next Fifth Sunday. Hurrah for Noodle, then Blair. Come on W. J. and bring your family and my dinner.

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To say these French names over rapidly suggests college days and the struggle with declensions, but Guyon, Gallion and Gallard are not in any grammar, they are three interesting Normandy chateaux, whose ruins go back to the days of waving plumes, shining armor and prancing steeds.

If you can ignore for a moment the scratchings of tourists on the old walls and the waste paper of kodak cartons they have left behind them, it is not hard to people, in fancy, the Twelfth century life that went on here, when Richard the Lion Hearted invaded the land.

The view from the tower at Guyon should not be missed and reminds one of the panorama from the Eiffel tower. Gallard, which in King Richard's day was "the key to all Normandy," will also give to those who scramble up the precipitous ruins, a wonderful outlook. At Gallion, the American will remember that it not only once housed Philippe-Auguste, Louis XII, the Medicis and Napoleon, but also Benjamin Franklin.

Age Limit Foolish

Though genius is always born and the highest kind shows itself at an early age, success is made, generally with much toil, and is not always accompanied by wealth. For that it must be combined with practical prudence, as it was in the cases of a Michelangelo, Rubens, Reynolds, Titian, and Shakespeare, who were all rich and happy.

Age limits to success, indeed, can be laid down broadly only by the foolish. "Too old at forty!" Sir William Herschel was forty-three before he made his first discovery in astronomy. We did not hear of Kitchener till he was forty-six, and Howard, the philanthropist, was still older when he emerged from obscurity.—London Tit-Bits.

Oh, Romeo!

He was a very shy young man, and although Ermytrude had presented him with innumerable opportunities for declaring his love in practical fashion, he could never summon up sufficient courage to take advantage of them.

They were sitting as usual one evening—she on the sofa, he on a chair, with the usual half-hour intervals between remarks, when the climax was reached.

"Isn't it funny," she said, "that the length of a man's arm is the same as the circumference of a girl's waist?"

"Is that so?" said he, mildly interested. "What do you say if we get a piece of string and see if it's right?"

Fish's Great Vitality

Messrs. de Beer and Huxley have conducted a series of experiments on the vitality of the jellyfish. They found that the common jellyfish, Aurelia aurita, could be kept alive without food in a laboratory aquarium for as much as 38 days, living at the expense of its own tissues. During that period it underwent a progressive decrease in size. The bell began to shrink first, the oral arms later, the tentacles and thread-cells disappeared, and the gastro-vascular cavity closed up. The bell continued its pulsations until an advanced stage of the process had been reached.

English Common Law

The name "common law" is given to the unwritten law—lex non scripta—of England, in contradistinction to the written or statute law. It consists of a collection of maxims of British, Danish and Saxon extraction, to which custom and judicial decisions have given the force of law; and derives its origin, it is said, from King Alfred's code of laws, promulgated in 890 A. D., and afterwards lost. Statute law prevails over common law. The common law of the United States is based on that of England.—Exchange.

Live on Camels

The Tuareg, found over a large area in northern Africa, are nomads who live principally by means of, and on, camels. Tuareg women are as free as women in Britain. They go about unveiled, while the men are always veiled. The women choose their own husbands, and teach the children to read and write. They can own property, even after marriage, and their husbands have no control over it. Caste and authority are inherited through the mothers.

Paper Blockades

When a country declares a blockade which it cannot enforce it is called a paper blockade, because it exists only on paper. Perhaps the most famous paper blockade in history was that declared by Napoleon in 1807. The French emperor declared a blockade against the British although he was not able to send a single war vessel to sea to support the blockade.—Pathfinder Magazine.

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Persons of Short Limbs Not Hard to Classify

If accidents and disease could be eliminated, it would be quite easy to classify mankind into "long-livers"—those who will live to seventy years and upwards—and those whose span of life will be in the neighborhood of the fifties.

Medical men and scientists are in agreement in stating that a long trunk and short limbs are infallible indications of longevity. The long trunk means that the organs of the body—heart, lungs, liver, and so on, are sound and fully developed, with plenty of room for functioning.

Trunk length, too, means longer organs, and investigation has proved that the soundest hearts and lungs are always long. Under normal conditions tuberculosis never attacks long lungs, nor does heart disease attack long hearts.

Smaller, but interesting, indications of longevity are long hands with short (but non-stumpy) fingers, and wide nostrils. The latter may or may not accompany large noses, but the nostril holes must be large and almond shaped.

"Brain longevity" is indicated by the position of the ear orifices. The latter should be low. That always betokens a good quality, deep-seated brain.

Small Insects Not Named by Scientists

Some tiny insects are never seen except in winter and so little known that they have no popular name. Scientists call them Boreus, and they leap on the snow like miniature black grasshoppers. What they eat and how they live has not yet been discovered.

The crane flies, better known, perhaps, as "daddy longlegs," with their narrow wings and dangling, awkward legs, are strictly summer insects. But they have a small and poor relation without any wings at all and only moderately long legs, which enjoys itself in the very coldest kind of winter weather and goes a-wooling across the snow with the thermometer below zero.

By far the largest number of snow insects belong to an insect division familiarly known as "springtails." Some 900 different kinds of springtails have been recorded. They are found all over the globe from the Arctic to the Antarctic.—Nature Magazine.

Few Snakes Harmful

Most common snakes are beneficial in their food habits and should be protected. Wherever snakes are present in abnormally large numbers there must be an abundance of living animal food in the vicinity to attract them. This food consists largely of injurious rodents and insects, pests of garden crops and stored foodstuffs. Snakes eat such small living creatures as earthworms, spiders, grasshoppers, salamanders, small frogs, mice, rats, chipmunks and young rabbits. King snakes are able to kill rattlesnakes and have been known to eat them. The little red-bellied snake subsists to a large extent on slugs, which are very destructive to gardens. Bullsnares and gopher snakes destroy large numbers of injurious rodents in the course of a year. The food habits of very few snakes conflict with man's interests.

Briquette Composition

The briquette is a form of fuel, known also as "patent fuel," consisting of small coal compressed into solid blocks by the aid of some binding material. For making briquettes the small coal, if previously washed, is dried to reduce the moisture to at most 4 per cent, and if necessary crushed in a disintegrator. It is then incorporated in a pug mill with from 8 to 10 per cent of gas pitch and softened by heating to between 70 and 90 degrees centigrade to a plastic mass, which is molded into blocks and compacted by a pressure of one-half to two tons per square inch in a machine with a rotating die plate somewhat like that used in making semi-plastic clay bricks.

Discretion

A platoon of territorials was taken out for hand grenade practice, and real grenades were to be used for the first time. The officer gave instructions to pull the pin, count ten, and then throw.

The men had commenced, with bated breath, counting and throwing, when suddenly one broke away from the company with a wild yell.

Later he was found and paraded before the officer.

"Well, sir," he replied, when asked for an explanation, "there was a fellow next to me that stuttered, and when he began 'one, t-t-t-two, t-t-t-three,' I thought mother wouldn't like me to hang about."—London Answers.

Rainfall Statistics

The records of the weather bureau show that the largest average annual amount of precipitation in the United States proper is received at points near the Pacific coast in Washington and Oregon. The weather bureau station at Glenora, Ore., shows an average annual fall of 131.54 inches for 25 years. Larger rainfalls are received at many points outside of the United States. A number of weather bureau stations in the Hawaiian islands have an average of 300 inches a year. The one receiving the largest fall, Mount Waialeale, with a record of seven years, shows an annual average of 476 inches.

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Horrible Methods of

Treating the Insane

Until within the last century insane persons were treated with terrible cruelty in nearly all "civilized" countries, and as late as 1770 lunatics were exhibited at public fairs in England, and as late as 1815 there were exposures of terrible cruelties in the Bethlehem hospital in England, and this led to gradual improvements and the introduction of enlightened and scientific methods in the care of the mentally afflicted.

One of the mildest of the old forms of treatment of mad people, and long in vogue at Strathfillan, in Perthshire, Scotland, was connected with the observance of the festival of St. Fillan, a Scottish saint.

Insane people were dipped in the "holy pool," where St. Fillan had bathed in the Seventh century. Many quaint ceremonies were connected with this "ducking." After the immersion the lunatics were herded to St. Fillan's chapel, and strapped to the floor, to be left all night.

Those who managed to free their bonds and escape were considered cured. Experience did not bear out this pious belief, however, and the custom gradually declined.

Early Libraries

From manuscripts discovered by French explorers throughout China and Turkestan it would seem that Houei Tze, a wealthy Chinese merchant of the Fifth century, originated the idea of establishing libraries, an extract from one of 20,000 or more rolls of manuscript being as follows: "Libraries I have given by the score. I have scattered them over all the land, that the light of learning may never be dimmed and that the grateful may do honor to memory as long as Buddha lives. Into dark places have I thrown the light, and the light will be with me forever."

Notaries Public

The following are regulations for the appointment of notaries public which hold good practically over the United States: A citizen of the state, over twenty-one years of age, and a resident of the county in which he or she desires to be appointed, may be appointed as notary public for such county on making application to the governor in writing, indorsed by some member of the legislature, circuit or probate judge of the county, district or circuit in which the applicant is a resident. A bond must be filed with the county clerk in the sum of \$1,000. In the District of Columbia notaries public are appointed by the President of the United States. Application should be made through the office of the President, addressed to the secretary to the President.

Man Not Yet Able

to Make Wind Work

If we could bring the wind into subjection, and store it for power purposes as we do water, it would enable us to scrap our coal mines and oil wells.

The power of wind is enormous. An ordinary 20-miles-an-hour breeze, such as one commonly feels on the pier at the seaside, exerts a pressure of two pounds to every square foot, whilst if the wind speed is doubled the pressure is quadrupled. That is to say, a 40-miles-an-hour wind exerts a pressure of eight pounds per square foot.

The trouble is that the wind pressure is so variable. It is estimated that during 24 hours, taking the year round, there are 16 hours during which the wind is not strong enough to turn the sails of a windmill.

But even this inconstant agent can do a great amount of work. At Faversham a 15 horsepower windmill raised in ten months 21,000,000 gallons of water from a depth of over 100 feet. Needless to say, every year, in Britain alone, hundreds of millions of horsepower blow to waste, which, could it be utilized, would turn, every wheel in the land.

Some Little Known

Facts About Sleep

The harder a man works the less sleep he requires; strong coffee does not help to keep people awake; and anyone who goes without sleep for three nights in succession will feel far more tired on the second night than on the third.

These startling statements have all been proved true by psychologists.

The investigators believe that the human race sleeps too much. During a recent test nine people of each sex went without sleep for eighty hours. At the end of that time it was found that eight to ten hours' sleep was sufficient to restore them to normal.

Exercise and moderate eating helped the subjects of the experiment to keep awake. They swam, ran, drove motor-cars, and played games. After forty-five hours of wakefulness it was found very difficult to drive a motor-car, but on the third night drowsiness almost completely disappeared, and driving became comparatively easy.

Although physical strength declines as the result of any serious loss of sleep, mental alertness is in no way dulled.

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TEXAS ALMANAC GIVES TEXAS CONSTITUTION

Many new features are included in the 1926 volume of The Texas Almanac and State Industrial Guide, published by the Dallas Morning News, which has just come from the press. It is a more compact volume than the edition of 1925. The more basic information is condensed and brought up to date and there is in addition more than 250 pages of entirely new matter.

One of the features of The Texas Almanac this year is the full text of the Texas Constitution with all amended sections indicated by blackface type, and with footnotes giving dates of all amendments and explaining all changes that have been made since the adoption of the present Constitution. Due to the fact that amendments to the State Constitution are made in the body of the text instead of being amended, as in the case of the United States Constitution, the Texas Constitution is generally published in such a way that amendments are not distinguishable. The new Almanac also carries the full text of the United States Constitution.

Another feature of the Almanac is a section devoted to brief articles on the 576 principal cities and towns of Texas and including all places listed by the last United States Census or having as many as forty listed business houses in the 1925 lists of the chief commercial rating concerns. Chapters on agricul-

ture, minerals, live stock, education, highways, banking, insurance, State finances, etc., are fully revised and brought up to date. There is a complete list of all State officials, boards and commissions, giving names of office holders, salaries, lengths of terms, manner of selection for office and date of founding of office. There are also lists of all county officials and the Mayors of more than 400 of the principal cities and towns of the state.

Other interesting features include a list of principal Texas organizations, with names and addresses of presidents and secretaries, 1926 political calendar, principal radio stations, origins of names of Texas cities and towns, sport records, State game laws, Texas vital statistics, foreign trade, utilities, the results of the new agricultural census, complete calendar with supplementary matter for the year 1926, recommendations of the Educational Survey Commission, revised Postoffice Guide, weather statistics and numerous other matters. A revised map of Texas in colors is folded under the back cover.

To Be Commended

It is often said that this is a wild, drinking and swearing age. But our friend, Mr. W. R. Hampton says that during the two days he has spent this week working on the new gravel road north of town, where there are some twenty-five men working, he never heard a single man utter an oath. This is commendable indeed, among any number of men, for truly man can gain nothing by taking the name of the Lord in vain.

Mr. D. O. Huddleston, prominent land owner and substantial citizen, has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Merkel Mail. Mr. Huddleston for many years has subscribed for several copies of the paper, which he sends to relatives.

Night in Borneo Has Charm All Its Own

In all places there are lovely interesting things to listen to at night, if you are not sleeping, but the night noises in Borneo are different from those elsewhere. There are deep jungles of closely growing vines and ferns just off any road. The jungle climbs up and down very steep hills. There are great trees and small trees. Many have varieties of orchids and other air plants in them. And there are many monkeys. So there is the drip, drip of the gentle rain, and perhaps the roar of a little stream over full. Then a great chatter with rough shrieks drowning out every other noise for a while. Then as all the gentle noises begin broadcasting again, groan, swelling to a deafening crash. Other smaller groans and crashes follow. A great tree, not too well rooted, has gone down, taking all the tangled other trees along. As things quiet down, you will hear a few tentative bird calls and just as you begin to feel sleepy, the gun in the village is discharged. This means business and every one with work to do jumps out, for the time to get the work done when you live in Borneo is while the night's coolness lingers in the air.

Anyway, She Thought She Got Fresh Air

"Speakin' of the weather 'minds me Doc Brady was tellin' the boys up to the store the other night 'bout that old couple that lives in that house over to North Danville that Hiram Pritchard owned before he moved up to Center. Doc says the old man won't have no window open at night time and the old woman's all for fresh air, and Doc says their hired gel told him that the other night the old folk were havin' it back and to after they were in bed 'bout the window not bein' open, and Doc says the hired gel said the old woman got so mad she jumped up and broke the glass with her fist, and it seems the next mornin' the hired gel heard the old man laughin' his head off. Doc said the gel was scared at first, she thought the old man was havin' a chokin' fit. "It seems that when the old folks woke up they found the old woman had smashed the mirror instead of the window."—Beatrice Herford in Life.

Appeals to Music Lovers

The royal Welsh Elsteddfod is a gathering of Welsh culture that goes back to the Twelfth century for its birthday, or even earlier. The chief choral prize is open to the world. It is an Olympic of song. If one wants to enjoy quaint costumes and scenic effects reminiscent of a thousand years of a small nation's art and music, then Elsteddfod, with its gowned druids, tall-hat women harpists, banners inscribed with mystic Celtic symbols, with its bards touching the ancient sword of peace or blowing Hira's horn, is said to be the festival for any summer visitor to old Wales. —Kansas City Star.

First Use of Scissors

It was formerly believed that scissors were invented in Venice in the sixteenth century, but records show that implements similar to our modern scissors were in use very much earlier than this period. In the remains of Pompeii shears were found made of iron and steel, as well as bronze. Scissors were also in use in various oriental countries from a very early period. It is stated that those manufactured in Europe were copied from the Persian. The Oriental scissors were very much ornamented and frequently in the form of a bird, the blade forming the beak.

Nuts Classed as Fruits

In botany the fruit of a flowering plant is the matured seed vessel, and its contents together with such accessory parts as become finally incorporated with them. Thus in a botanical sense not only apples, grapes, etc., but all berries, nuts, grains, beans, pumpkins, cucumbers, etc., are fruits. Popular usage has become much narrower. The grains have been dropped, and the tendency is to drop nuts also, so that a fruit is now generally understood to be the fleshy, juicy product of some plant which when ripe is edible without cooking and adapted to use as a dessert.

Life's Span Extended

In 1800 the average length of life was thirty-three years, in 1855 it was forty years and in 1920 it was fifty-eight years. Actuaries of the large insurance companies report that within the last 50 years the span of human life has been lengthened ten years. The great decrease in the death rate is due primarily to the better preservation and care of infant life, but the actual longevity of man has been advanced. According to Mr. Mayo the virility of man has also been extended over a longer period.

Unkind Comparison

"You used to tell me I was bird-like," complained the fond wife. The brutal husband continued to bury his nose in the paper. "You used to tell me I was bird-like," repeated the fond wife, "but now you never act as if you thought so." "You're still birdlike," growled the brutal husband. "One wouldn't think you thought so, to judge by—" "Isn't a parrot a bird?"

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SALT BRANCH ITEMS

By Wynona Patton

Quite a number of folks from Salt Branch community attended the singing at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Bro. John Reynolds preached a fine sermon Sunday morning. We were all glad to have him in our midst.

The Salt Branch B.Y.P.U. will meet in regular monthly meeting Friday night at Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McLean's home.

Salt Branch school was dismissed Monday and Tuesday on account of the illness of the teacher, Mr. R. M. McGinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell are the proud parents of a new son. Misses Ruth and Pauline Pinkley had, as their guest last week-end, Miss Mary Alice Thompson of A. C. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robertson Sunday.

CROSS ROADS ITEMS

Mrs. R. F. England visited Mrs. J. F. Amason Sunday.

Mrs. Liake Teaff attended church at Cross Roads Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Stewart are the proud parents of a baby girl born Feb. 25th.

Mrs. J. T. Amason made a business trip to Mrs. Myrtle Pitts on last Tuesday night.

Mrs. Ruthine Bigham visited Mrs. Bob Bigham last Sunday afternoon. The ladies of the Tye Baptist church met at Tye on last Tuesday for the study of the M.M.U. Manual.

Bro. Sibley took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Teaff last Sunday.

We are glad to see the new Postmaster, Mr. Taylor F. Davis, up and at his post of duty again after a severe tussle with the influenza.

HEBRON ITEMS

By Brown Eyes

Mrs. Wullins is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Harris was called to the bedside of her father who was very low at last reports.

Miss Bessie Lou Pannell spent Sunday evening with Miss Alma Davis.

Several of the young folks of this community visited Mr. and Mrs. Matthews Sunday evening and enjoyed a fine radio program.

James Harris visited home folks last Saturday night and Sunday. He is attending school at Lubbock.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES
By A. J. Tucker

We pupils are endeavoring to be unusually kind and obedient to our teachers and parents this week as this is the end of a grade period, and our reports are again appearing.

The comedy play presented by the "Amuse U Club" at the Cozy Tuesday night was well attended. The proceeds went to the Annual Fund.

These cloudy days of late have been highly appreciated by the students of M. H. S. as they have apparently saved our eyesights. Coach Jackson has gotten a new "spring" coat for his Buick, and when the sun shines we must either wear smoked glasses or suffer from blindness.

While speaking on this subject it might be appropriate to say that Mr. Summerhill's Chevrolet has a good coat yet; all that's needed is just lifting its coat and running a new car under it.

Several of the teachers are to be shipped out of town for the week-end. The directions they are to be shipped are, namely: Fort Worth, Fat Stock Show, Midland, Hico and probably (I say probably) Lubbock and Breckenridge.

Sallie Brown's fears got the best of her in the play Tuesday night, and as a result she tried to kiss the wrong party—also wrong sex. Not much telling what a woman WILL do when she gets frightened.

From now until the last of May, Let us all harvest our hay. For our learning is baling. An exam is coming some day, When we must either say, "Am I passing or failing."

SHILOH HAPPENINGS
By Mrs. C. W. Seago

I will try and write again after being absent for several weeks. Health in the community isn't very good at this time.

Mrs. Bur Brown was sick this past week with the flu. Mrs. E. H. Grayson is on the sick list this week.

Misses Lottie and Grace Washburn were guests of Miss Bessie James Sunday.

Mr. Winston Winter of Roscoe was visiting Mr. Virgil Riley Sunday.

Mr. Joe Tiner has returned home after a several weeks visit at Wichita and Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. Washburn have received announcement of the birth of a baby girl to their son and wife of Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vessel, of near Trent, are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. Bill Grayson and Oddis Moore spent the past week in the home of the writer and family.

Audrie Phillips was on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. Jim Banedru and children spent Saturday near Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner were called to Abilene last week to attend the bedside of Mr. Tiner's mother, who way very ill. We are glad to report her doing fine when they returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauldree and family were Sweetwater visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill James Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Grayson and children of Lamesa spent the week end with E. H. Grayson and ye scribe.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson and family and Mr. Hugh Grayson visited the writer and family Saturday night.

Mrs. Ernest McCright of Lamesa is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansion James and Miss Florence James visit-

ed relatives and friends at Golan Sunday.

Mr. Homer Greene left Sunday for Lamesa where he will visit his brother, Mr. Joe Greene.

There will be preaching Saturday morning and night. Sunday school at three p.m. Preaching at 4 p.m. Sunday. B.Y.P.U. at 7 p.m.

CROSS ROADS ITEMS

Sunday school was well attended last Sunday.

Little Edward Bigham, sixteen months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bigham, is very sick from getting poisoned. He is better at this writing and we

hope may soon be well again.

Mrs. Ruth Bigham is building a new house on her farm which will be real nice when completed. Mrs. Lizzie Bigham is sick again at her home in this community.

Mrs. J. B. Boyett and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bigham Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Arch Teaff visited her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Bigham, one afternoon this week.

The ladies of the W. M. U. met at the home of Mrs. Millard King Tuesday afternoon with Mesdames Amason, Dee Teaff, R. F. England, E. N. Pitts, Ernest Teaff, J. W. Hammond and R. W. Holder present. Refreshments were served after the meeting to the delight of all.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newton are moving to their home this week.

Mesdames England and Hammond visited Mrs. Ely Wednesday afternoon.

Born Feb. 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Harp, a fine baby boy.

Mr. Thurman Hopkins and family visited his sister, Mrs. R. W. Holder, and family Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Haynes visited her parents one day last week.

Winfred Joiner was a business caller in Merkel Monday.

COMPERE ITEMS
By Alma Stout

Nearly every one in this community has the "flu" at present.

There was a poor attendance at Sunday school last Sunday on account of so much sickness.

A large crowd attended the Parent-Teachers meeting Friday night. Every one enjoyed the program rendered by the school children. The next program will be given by the married folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited Mrs. S. A. Hobbs Sunday morning.

Some of the young folks from here attended the party at Kale Friday night.

Miss Virdie Rister spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Lenora and Ruth Wilburn.

A few from here attended the singing at Hodges Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Stout and Alma Stout spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Tarvin and daughter, Mrs. Alta Howard.

Mr. Therman McCoy spent Monday night with Mr. Bob and Mr. Hall Hobbs.

Miss Floy McKinney spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. eParl Allred.

Mr. Claude Ramsey's family is sick with the "flu" this week.

Mr. Bill Wilburn returned home Sunday from Oklahoma where he had been for the last few weeks.

Mr. Tom Keener and August Esch returned to Dallas Saturday morning.

Some from here attended the musical and party at Truby Friday night.

Mr. Mat Randolph from Hawley was a visitor at Comper Tuesday.

Mrs. Evelyn Hurse spent the weekly holidays with Miss Mary Proctor in Merkel.

Mrs. Alta Howard and children are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvell.

Mr. Etcyl Spurgin is back in school after having the "flu" the last two weeks.

Mrs. Wilburn and little daughter spent Tuesday with Mrs. Ben Adkins.

Only a small crowd attended preaching services Sunday on account of so much sickness. Rev. Bryant returned home Monday afternoon.

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For a moth to be convicted of murder seems incredible, but this actually happened. After giving a dinner party the Princess Caravella of Naples went to lie down in order to refresh herself for a dance, and later was found shot through the heart. Suspicion pointed to her husband, who was known to be of a jealous disposition, and he was arrested. The fact that the pistol was found lying near the dead woman seemed incongruous, but the husband would probably have been convicted but for the shrewdness of a Naples police officer.

He found a huge moth lying on the floor by the bedside. A lighted candle had stood on the bedside table where the pistol lay, and the moth had been singed in the flame. He also found dust from the moth's wings on the trigger of the pistol, which was also proved to work with exceptional ease, whilst the pistol lay in such a position that it covered the woman's heart.

It was argued in court that the moth had burned its wings and had fallen on the table, where, writhing and fluttering, its wings had struck the trigger and the pistol had been fired. On this evidence the prince was acquitted.

Music Shown to Have Odd Effect on Hair

If all the violinists in the world assembled together in one vast building, and they numbered, say, 100,000, it is probable that there would be but 100 among them with bald heads. But if the same number of brass instrument players were inspected, bald heads would be as common as flies in summer time!

If you doubt this, make a point of observing the heads of the orchestras in the cinemas or theaters you patronize.

Scientists declare that the playing of stringed instruments induces hair growth. A series of experiments on the partly bald has proved that stringed music has power to raise a hairy crop!

Cornet and horn players lose their hair early; theirs is the wrong sort of music from the hirsute point of view. The explanation advanced is that the physical strain of blowing affects the circulation and deprives the roots of the hair of their due supply of blood.

From Pirate to King

The discovery of the Indians who speak Elizabethan English is one of the strangest travelers' stories ever heard in these days. It is not, however, quite unique, for the late Mr. Cecil Sharp found in the Alleghanies numerous communities of English folk whose language, appearance and customs dated from the end of the Seventeenth century, and who had preserved a large number of English folk-songs that are no longer to be heard in the mother country.

Nor were private communities of the kind set up by Benjamin Sharp and his crew altogether unique, for we possess records of the famous English pirate, John Plain, who, having begun his career of crime in the West Indies, founded a state on Madagascar of which he conquered a considerable part.

Horses "Inside Out"

According to a French technical publication devoted to the horse breeding industry, a Chinese visitor was recently taking notes at a prize stock farm in France. When he reached the stable where 20 fine horses were standing in their stalls, the celestial turned to the owner.

"I cannot understand," said he, "why you Europeans always put your animals in their stalls inside out."

"Inside out!" exclaimed the breeder. "Exactly. You stable them with their noses to the wall. They cannot see anything, are easily frightened and are apt to kick. In my country we turn them around so that they can see what is going on and who is approaching them. You westerners always start at the wrong end of things."—From La Bulgaria, Sofia. (Translated for the Kansas City Star.)

Churches in Business

An old Jewish synagogue in Malden lane, London, is now used as a theater for rehearsals, and a Methodist chapel in Southwark, where Wesley preached, is used as a paper warehouse.

The famous Surrey chapel, where Rowland Hill preached, is today the great boxing rendezvous known as the Ring. At Willesden an old chapel has been converted into a draper's establishment, the pulpit being used as the cash desk; another, in the Hampstead road, has been turned into a picture palace.

The Union Jack club, opposite Waterloo station, stands on the site of a Methodist chapel which had lost its worshippers, while St. Andrew's, Tavistock place, was once a fashionable church, but has been in turn a cycle store and a club.—London Answers.

Grenade Duel Fails

In Germany two university students, each seeking the hand of a comely girl in marriage, decided they would have to fight it out in a duel. They chose hand grenades as weapons, paced off the required distance and when the referee dropped the handkerchief they each threw. The grenades went sailing through the air but nothing happened. Two other grenades were offered them and these exploded, but only splattered mud on the duellists. They then decided to allow the girl to choose.



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Mrs. Lula Harris returned home Monday from Claude, Texas, where she was called to attend the sickness and death of her father, Dr. J. T. Miller, who died February 25. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters, and a host of friends and grandchildren. All the children were at his bedside when death came.

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Missionary Society Notes

The regular business meeting
together with a review of the
Mission Study Book, "From Over
the border," was the program of
the Missionary Society on last
Monday afternoon. Reports of
officers, paying of dues and se-
lecting a new Study Book occu-
pied most of the business ses-
sion, however, the office of pres-
ident being vacant, Mrs. Arm-
strong was elected to fill this
place. On next Monday afternoon
there will be a social meeting.
This meeting will be held at the
parsonage. Committees were ap-
pointed to assist Mrs. McCarter
in arranging for this meeting.
Mrs. Tom Largent was elected
delegate to the all-day district
meeting at Baird on March 18,
with Mrs. Thos. Durham as al-
ternate. "Life as a Stewardship"
is the name of the new study
book, and the first lesson will be
on Monday, the 15th. We hope
to have a large class in this new
book. There are 14 on the list
now who will study this book,
and we are expecting many more.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBean
of San Angelo spent last Satur-
day and Sunday in Merkel visit-
ing Mrs. McBean's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. George Brown.
Misses Gladys Mayfield and
Alice Summerhill of Simmons
University, Abilene, came over
to attend the play, "All A Mis-
take" given by the "Amuse You
Club" of Merkel High School.

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "The Life Everlast-
ing."
Leader, Lucy Tracy.
Part 1, Vannie Heizer.
Part 2, Fannie Belle Boaz.
Part 3 (a), Mrs. Bill Haynes.
Part 3 (b), Bill Haynes.
Part 4, Evelyn Hamm.
Part 5, Byers Petty.
Part 6, Ruby Faye Golladay.

CARD OF THANKS

To each and every one who
was so kind and helpful to us
during the prolonged illness and
death of our beloved wife and
mother, we take this method of
expressing our most sincere
thanks and appreciation. We
appreciate your every kindness
more than we are able to ex-
press. May the Lord's richest
blessings rest upon each of you
is our prayer. John Sears, John-
nie Sears, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J.
Brown. ltp

—MOTHER—

"I will not forget you on
Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will
send you a nice box of Mothers'
Day Candy." Call in and place
your order now for Mothers' Day
Candy. Hamm Drug Co. tf

Mr. Lee D. Williams, one of
the substantial and leading citi-
zens of the Noodle community,
was in the city one day this
week and has our thanks for the
renewal of his subscription to
the Mail for the next year.

Stories as Told Place

Parrots in New Role

To illustrate his belief in the fu-
ture life of animals, Mr. Elliott O'Don-
nell recently told the following stories
to the London Times:

A lady living in Hampstead had a
parrot of which she was very fond.
One of her servants in a fit of rage
killed it. The following day the lady
was at a party, and she noticed that
one of the guests, a gentleman and a
stranger to her, was staring at her.
Later on he was introduced, and he
said to her: "Do you know why I was
staring at you? It was because I
saw a parrot sitting on the arm of
your chair and after a while vanish."
The gentleman then described the par-
rot he had seen, and convinced the
lady that it was the ghost of her
killed pet.

Mr. O'Donnell next referred to a
parrot belonging to an undertaker
who had the bird for 28 years. One
day it remarked to him, "You are go-
ing to die soon," and a few hours af-
terward the bird itself died. Two or
three days later the undertaker died.
At the inquest held on him, reference
was made to this incident, and the
query was raised, "Do parrots under-
stand and are they clairvoyant?"

Cold Welcome Given

to Cargo of Bananas

John S. Mackintosh, who died in
Washington recently, was for almost
fifty years an exporter in Boston, op-
erating a line of clipper ships. With
every ship came some curiosity. One
day a ship returned from Central
America, and the master showed
Mackintosh an elongated yellow fruit
that grew in clusters.

Mackintosh regarded it warily; the
ship was half-full of such cargo, and
his Scotch prudence was aroused.
Even after he had eaten one and pro-
nounced it delicious, he was not cer-
tain they could be sold.

"What do you call them?" he in-
quired of the skipper.

"The natives call them bananas,"
the sailor answered.

Mackintosh put them up for sale,
and a few curiosity seekers bought a
bunch or so. He harangued their
quality and tried to impress upon the
Bostonians the deliciousness of the
fruit. But his venture failed.

Believed in Advertising

The late Nebuchadnezzar, ancient
king of Babylon, who saw the famous
handwriting on the wall, was no mod-
est violet. A bit of autobiography he
had inscribed on a cylinder 2,500 years
ago and securely sealed in the wall of
an ancient temple for posterity to dig
up and read, now reposes in the Car-
negie museum at Pittsburgh. Several
of the opening paragraphs are gems
of modest praise. He goes on to say:
"I am Nebuchadnezzar, king of Baby-
lon, the great, the mighty, the favorite
of Marduk (Babylonian God), the
ruler who knows no weariness." Then
he expatiates at great length on what
a builder of temples and walls, "moun-
tain high," canals and other structures
he is, and adds, "may the wise men
after me, read of all my works which
I have written upon the tablet."
Nebuchadnezzar was taking no chances
of posterity neglecting to give him
credit where credit was due.—Cap-
per's Weekly.

Historic Bells

An odd wooden cage for the heavy
peal of ancient bells belonging to the
church of East Bergholt, near Ipswich,
England, has often been noticed. This
elaborate oaken cage stands in the
churchyard. It was built originally in
the early years of the Seventeenth
century, and has been restored recently.
The reason for its construction was
that the projected and half-completed
church tower was never finished.
There is a similar, but not quite so
large, timber bell-cage in the church-
yard of Wrabness, between Colchester
and Harwich.

Pigeons Long Popular

For thousands of years pigeons have
been favorite birds with the people of
many countries and in many climes,
and the popularity is as great today, or
greater, as in any other period of
which history speaks. Ramses III
loved pigeons, donated some of the
finest for use in the temple of Thebes,
and Pliny told in his writings of birds
selling for sums that would be about
\$75 in money of today. He thought
that price rather high, but pigeons
have sold in this country within the
last year for \$1,300. Pigeon racing is
the popular sport of Belgium.—Ohio
State Journal.

Compass at the Poles

The department of research in ter-
restrial magnetism of the Carnegie In-
stitution of Washington says that in
the absence of any observational data
at the true North pole it is not pos-
sible to state to what movement, or
change in direction, a compass needle
at that point is subject. The north
end of the compass needle at the true
North pole would point approximately
toward the North Magnetic pole,
which is situated about latitude 70
degrees 5 minutes north and longitude
96 degrees west of Greenwich.

Weighty Subject

"When a fat woman steps on a scale
she always experiences that sinking
feeling," observes Life.

"Women are weighed in the bal-
ance and found wanting—to reduce,"
says the Hugo News.

Law Defines Certain

Rules for the Married

It is a truism to say that marriage
brings responsibilities, but how many
men, when they marry, realize what
their full, and legal, burden might be
in certain circumstances?

The law says that a man is not
bound to maintain any of his wife's
relatives, but—a somewhat queer ex-
ception—he is bound to maintain, un-
till they are sixteen, any children she
may have had by a former husband.
Thus a man who married a widow
who concurred from him the fact that
she had children would have a big
burden to bear.

A married man is not bound to
maintain his son's wife, or his son's
widow, or his daughter's husband,
whatever their circumstances, but he
can be compelled, if necessary, to con-
tribute toward the support of the
grandchildren.

To balance the grandchildren re-
sponsibility, he cannot be compelled
to maintain his own grandfather or
grandmother—or his brother or sis-
ter.—London Tit-Bits.



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FOR SALE—75 bushels Mebane Cotton Seed at \$1.00. M. J. Shaw Merkel, route 4, two miles east of Stith. tf

FOR SALE or Trade for farm land, well improved sheep and goat ranch in Uvalde county, 1280 acres, at \$12 per acre. Apply at Merkel Mail office. tf

FOR SALE—200 bushels Kasch cotton seed, 3 tons Maize heads. See A. B. Cranston, 4 miles northeast of Stith. 19t4pd

Every one knew that some day a better oil stove would be developed. See the new NESCO Range at the City Furniture and be convinced. tf

FOR SALE—404 acres good plains land within 10 miles of Friona, Parmer county. Price \$17.50 per acre, \$3,000 cash, balance one to eight years at six percent interest. See us for bargains in farm and ranch lands. M. A. CRUM, Friona, Tex. 26t2p

WILL TRADE—Practically new 26 Ford Roadster with Firestone balloons, for 24 or 25 Coupe. Telephone No. 69. 1t

FOR SALE—About 400 bundles of Cane at .04. See me at Patton Variety Store. 1tp

FOR SALE—I will have a car of good, bright, well matured maize in Merkel Saturday and Monday. This is extra good maize. Pierce Horton. 1t

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FOR SALE—A few good, heavy mesquite posts. See Bill Haynes at Oasis Filling Station. 1t

FOR SALE—Or would trade, a good Ford truck. See J. S. Swann. 1t

FOR SALE—A few sacks of pure bred Lone Star Cotton Seed. Fred Deutschman, at Merkel Motor Company. 1t

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FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms, second door north of the Christian Church. Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. 1tp

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Clever Police Work Credited to Italian

For a moth to be convicted of murder seems incredible, but this actually happened. After giving a dinner party the Princess Caravella of Naples went to lie down in order to refresh herself for a dance, and later was found shot through the heart. Suspicion pointed to her husband, who was known to be of a jealous disposition, and he was arrested. The fact that the pistol was found lying near the dead woman seemed incongruous, but the husband would probably have been convicted but for the shrewdness of a Naples police officer.

He found a huge moth lying on the floor by the bedside. A lighted candle had stood on the bedside table where the pistol lay, and the moth had been singed in the flame. He also found dust from the moth's wings on the trigger of the pistol, which was also proved to work with exceptional ease, whilst the pistol lay in such a position that it covered the woman's heart.

It was argued in court that the moth had burned its wings and had fallen on the table, where, writhing and fluttering, its wings had struck the trigger and the pistol had been fired. On this evidence the prince was acquitted.

Music Shown to Have Odd Effect on Hair

If all the violinists in the world assembled together in one vast building, and they numbered, say, 100,000, it is probable that there would be but 100 among them with bald heads. But if the same number of brass instrument players were inspected, bald heads would be as common as flies in summer time!

If you doubt this, make a point of observing the heads of the orchestras in the cinemas or theaters you patronize.

Scientists declare that the playing of stringed instruments induces hair growth. A series of experiments on the partly bald has proved that stringed music has power to raise a hairy crop!

Cornet and horn players lose their hair early; theirs is the wrong sort of music from the hirsute point of view. The explanation advanced is that the physical strain of blowing affects the circulation and deprives the roots of the hair of their due supply of blood.

From Pirate to King

The discovery of the Indians who speak Elizabethan English is one of the strangest travelers' stories ever heard in these days. It is not, however, quite unique, for the late Mr. Cecil Sharp found in the Alleghanies numerous communities of English folk whose language, appearance and customs dated from the end of the Seventeenth century, and who had preserved a large number of English folk-songs that are no longer to be heard in the mother country.

Nor were private communities of the kind set up by Benjamin Sharp and his crew altogether unique, for we possess records of the famous English pirate, John Plainstain, who, having begun his career of crime in the West Indies, founded a state on Madagascar of which he conquered a considerable part.

Horses "Inside Out"

According to a French technical publication devoted to the horse breeding industry, a Chinese visitor was recently taking notes at a prize stock farm in France. When he reached the stable where 20 fine horses were standing in their stalls, the celestial turned to the owner.

"I cannot understand," said he, "why you Europeans always put your animals in their stalls inside out."

"Inside out!" exclaimed the breeder. "Exactly. You stable them with their noses to the wall. They cannot see anything, are easily frightened and are apt to kick. In my country we turn them around so that they can see what is going on and who is approaching them. You westerners always start at the wrong end of things."—From La Bulgaria, Sofia. (Translated for the Kansas City Star.)

Churches in Business

An old Jewish synagogue in Maiden lane, London, is now used as a theater for rehearsals, and a Methodist chapel in Southwark, where Wesley preached, is used as a paper warehouse.

The famous Surrey chapel, where Rowland Hill preached, is today the great boxing rendezvous known as the Ring. At Willesden an old chapel has been converted into a draper's establishment, the pulpit being used as the cash desk; another, in the Hampstead road, has been turned into a picture palace.

The Union Jack club, opposite Waterloo station, stands on the site of a Methodist chapel which had lost its worshippers, while St. Andrew's, Tavistock place, was once a fashionable church, but has been in turn a cycle store and a club.—London Answers.

Grenade Duel Fails

In Germany two university students, each seeking the hand of a comely girl in marriage, decided they would have to fight it out in a duel. They chose hand grenades as weapons, paced off the required distance and when the referee dropped the handkerchief they each threw. The grenades went sailing through the air but nothing happened. Two other grenades were offered them and these exploded, but only splattered mud on the duellists. They then decided to allow the girl to choose.



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MAX MELLINGER

Mrs. Duncan Briggs and daughter left last week for Waurika Oklahoma, where they will make an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. A. L. Bryant is up and about again after a severe attack of the "flu" which confined him to his home for two weeks.

Mrs. Lula Harris returned home Monday from Claude, Texas, where she was called to attend the sickness and death of her father, Dr. J. T. Miller, who died February 25. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters, and a host of friends and grandchildren. All the children were at his bedside when death came.

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For Sheriff:
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For County Clerk:
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WARREN NOTES
By Vera Jones

The health of the community is not very good at present.

Little Mildred Sue McCormick has been sick this week.

Messrs. Vernon Hudson and Robert Sumpter visited Mr. Od-dis Jones Sunday.

Miss Artie McCormick visited Miss Azeline Sumpter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones Sunday afternoon.

Miss Rose Ellington visited her sister, Mrs. Fay Kelseo Saturday night.

Miss Lottie McCoy visited Miss Willie Newman Saturday night.

Mrs. Fay Kelseo spent Sunday evening with her mother, Mrs. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones and daughters spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones.

Some from this community attended the party at Salt Branch Saturday night all reported a nice time.

Miss Vera Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Helen McCormick.

Miss Ruth Chancey visited Miss Artie McCormick Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chriswell visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett Sunday evening.

NO FISHING ALLOWED

Notice is hereby given that my ranch South of Eskota is posted and hunting, fishing and other trespassing will not be allowed. Especially does this apply to 84. Arthur Sears. 5t2

Mr. C. L. Bridges writes from Breckenridge asking to have the address of his Merkel Mail changed from Ranger to Breckenridge, he and his family having moved recently.

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Idlewise Club

On Tuesday, March the 2nd, Mrs. Emmett Grimes was the charming hostess to the Idlewise Club at her home on Rose street. Bridge was the interesting diversion of the afternoon. At the close of the social hour the hostess served dainty refreshments of sandwiches, olives, iced tea, potato chips, and ice cream in the form of a shamrock.

A color scheme of green and white was carried out in the St. Patrick motifs in the tally cards, nut cups, napkins and refreshments. Plate favors were miniature Irish flags. Club members enjoying this pleasant afternoon with Mrs. Grimes were: Misses Mary Eula Sears, Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Warren Smith Sie Hamm, Bill Haynes, Jack

Durham. Special guests were Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Grimes of Abilene, sisters of the hostess, and Miss Kathleen Sudderth, and Mesdames Tom Largent and T. L. Grimes.

-MOTHER-

"I will not forget you on Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' Day Candy. Hamm Drug Co. tf

Mrs. Fraser Demere has been called to the bedside of her father, R. D. Brandon, who is in a hospital at Fort Worth very low with pneumonia. He was visiting his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sam Brandon at Handley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent leave today for Fort Worth to attend the Fat Stock Show.

For Sale—I will have a car of good, bright, well matured maize in Merkel Saturday and Monday. This is extra good maize. Pierce Horton. It

Ozone Produced by Seaweed in Decaying

The name ozone simply means "a smell," since long ago it was noted that oxygen through which an electric spark had passed gave off a peculiar smell, the scent which we perceive at electricity works or in some of the tube railways, where artificially produced ozone is employed to purify the air. In nature, ozone is found often in the atmosphere after a thunderstorm, or in very tiny quantities on mountains or at the seaside, or even in the country. Town air, laden with impurities, is impossible for it. So that there really is a certain amount of ozone present near the sea. It is not this, however, that the visitor smells—the proportion being far too small for notice—but the gas given off by decaying seaweed, the very pronounced odor from the latter being almost invariably put down as due to "ozone".

Mammoth Water Tank

Nairobi, in East Africa, has the distinction of possessing the largest municipal steel water tank in the world. It holds a million gallons and was erected by the Nairobi corporation to prevent the nightly waste of 200,000 gallons of water, owing to lack of storage facilities.

The Nairobi tank is mosquito proof, is erected with manholes to facilitate cleaning, is painted inside with a special paint to prevent corrosion, and is halved by a partition to enable one portion of the tank to be used while the other is being cleaned out, which will be necessary at least every five years.

The weight of the water to be stored is 4,500 tons, over an area of 10,800 square feet.

Flowers Tell Time

It is a simple matter to tell the time if your watch has stopped, if you have a knowledge of the actions of different plants and flowers, so nature lovers say.

An early riser is the goat's beard, which opens at three, hides its yellow face at eleven o'clock in the morning. The cat's ear—a yellow bloom found on the roadside and the well-known pink convolvulus wake at six o'clock. Sharp at seven the scarlet pimpernel opens its eyes, to be followed at intervals of an hour by the hawkweed and the chickweed.

At noon the nipplewort goes to sleep. The water lily retires at four. Check these up with your timepiece.

Engineers' Good Work

The pontoon bridge constructed by the First engineers of the army of occupation across the Rhine in Germany was constructed in 41 minutes, 8 seconds on June 8, 1919. The bridge was constructed at Huningen, Germany. The river there is 1,400 feet wide. The depth of the channel is approximately 25 feet. The strength of the current is about 4 miles per hour. There were 93 boats and 3 trestles used in the bridge and 400 engineer soldiers were used in its construction. The best time made by the Second engineers in the constructing of a pontoon bridge at the same point under similar conditions was 58 minutes, 30 seconds.

Famous Art Work

A famous painting by Gerome is that of the victor of a gladiatorial contest standing over his vanquished rival, looking toward the spectators for their verdict. They are represented with thumbs down (the latter being the meaning of the words police verso), which signal meant death to the defeated. A well-known philologist has passed the opinion that "the thumb symbolized the short Roman sword, and the gesture which meant the death of the vanquished gladiator was given by turning the hand over, into an unnatural position, with the thumb (sword) pointing at the defeated man."

Messrs. J. T. Warren, J. S. Swann, J. W. Wheeler, Tom Largent and Johnnie Wheeler were among those attending the fine Hereford show held at Albany last week.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

White Church Cemetery

In the issue of the Merkel Mail dated Feb. 19, your attention was called to the date of our next cemetery meeting. I do not need to further mention this to those of you who are already planning to come, but I am sending this notice with a request for some one in each of the following communities to make the announcement for us either at school, Sunday school, or church: Dora, Nubia, Mt. Pleasant, Trent Blair and any other community where some one may be interested. The date of this meeting is Wednesday, March 10, 1926.

We are trying to reach everybody who is interested in this meeting, and we will consider it a favor for some one to make the announcement for us in each of the communities mentioned.

Come early and let us do a good days work, besides renew acquaintances with old friends who will be here.

Dillard R. Snow.

Mr. C. M. Largent and son, W. J., attended the Hereford show held at Albany last week.

Mr. N. A. Dowell, the Auto Top and Paint man, returned first of the week from a business trip to Royce City.



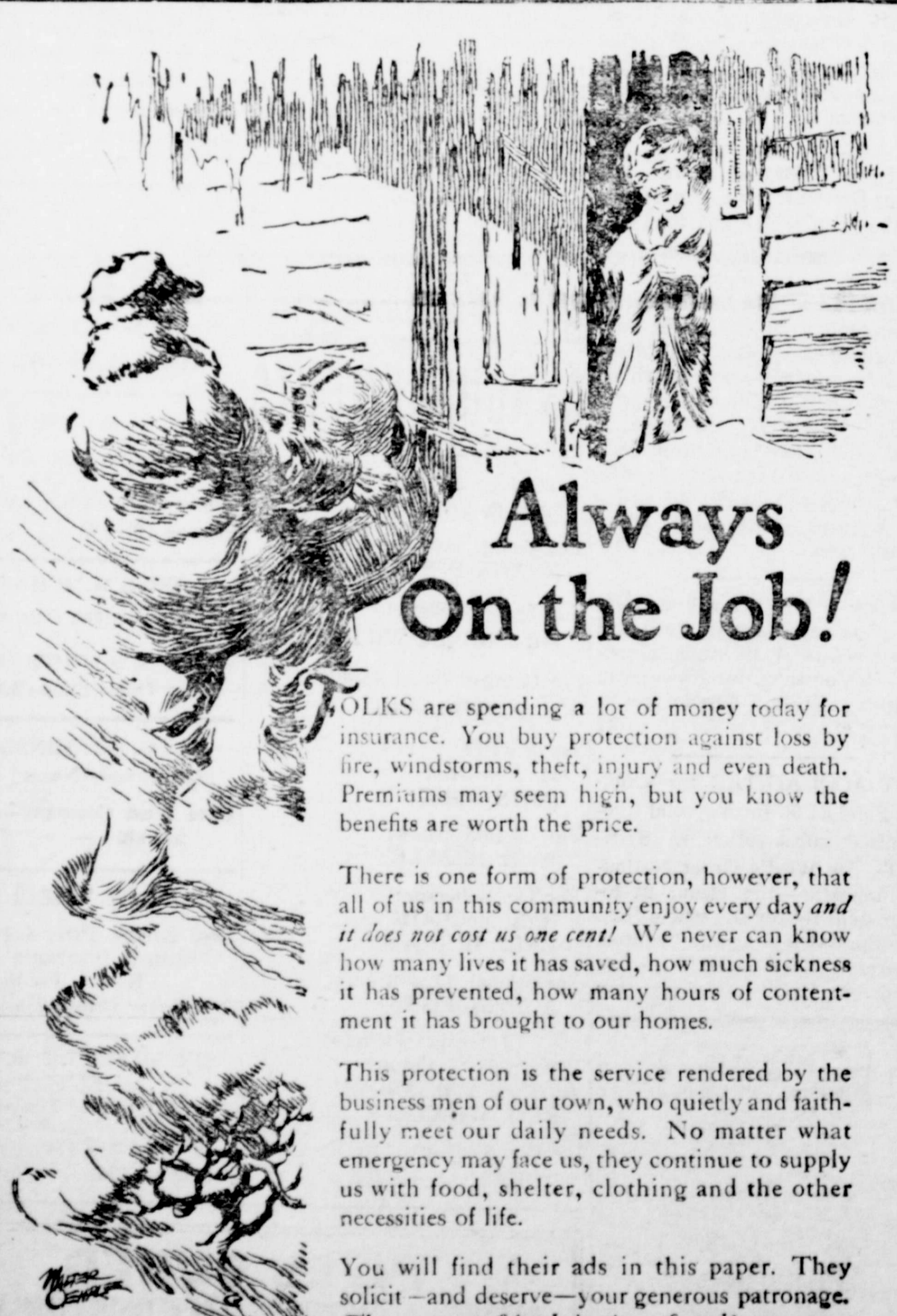
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