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MASON NO. 3 BIGGEST PRODUCER IN FIELD; MAKING 1,500 BBLs.

To Be Publicly Married Here Feb. 4th.

The Parent-Teachers Club invites you to be present at the marriage of
Winnie Winkle
to
Mike Mulligan
Friday Evening, February fourth eight o'clock
At High School Auditorium
Admission 25 and 50 cents

The above invitation is to the general public, requesting your presence at a womanless wedding being presented by the Parent-Teachers Association to defray expenses of the liceum course which the organization sponsored this season, and on which they lost.

It's going to be a barrel of fun from the start, entertainment worth the admission price, without considering the worthy cause for which the proceeds will be used. The cast will be entirely home talent and will be as follows. The name of the bride is being kept entirely secret, the cast not even knowing her name. But it is reported that she is very beautiful.

Minister, Mr. L. R. Thompson.
Bride, Winnie Winkle
Groom, Kenneth Watkins.
Best man, Loring Hamblet.
Four Bridesmaids: Dr. Sadler, Ed McCrary, Hubert Blair, Carlton Dennis.

Four ushers, Yates Brown, Jack Durham, Jack Anderson, J. C. Petty.
Maid of Honor, R. O. Anderson.
Flower Girl, L. L. Jackson.
Train Bearers, Jim West, Jr., and Burneal Scott.

Ring Bearer, Warren Smith.
Butler, Tom Allday.

Musicians: Soloist, Madam Shuman Heink, Deck Compton; Pianist, Padereski, Andrew Jones; Violinist, Fritz Kriesler, Arthur Clark.

Sextette: Tom Largent, W. J. Largent, Cyrus Pee, Berl Scott, Harry Barnett, Parker Sharp.

Guests: Father of bride, Luther Grimes; mother of bride, A. J. Tucker; The rejected suitor (old man Gandy), Chas. Jones; 3 flapper cousins, Roy Propst, Tolbert Proctor, Mahen Rogers; Douglas Fairbanks, William Sheppard; Mary Pickford, Sterling Sheppard; Governor and Mrs. Moody, Sie Hamm and Booth Warren; Ma Ferguson, James West, Maggie and Jiggs, Kenneth Pee and Bob Dennis.

MR. BIRD IN CHARGE OF MAGNOLIA STATION

In this paper will be found the announcement by Mr. Chas. H. Jones, general manager for the Magnolia Petroleum Company's wholesale and retail business in and about Merkel, to the effect that owing to such rapid growth in the business the past year Mr. Jones has employed Mr. Ben F. Bird, for the past few years associated with the Blair and Noodle gins, as manager in charge of the Magnolia Filling Station in Merkel. Mr. Bird is a capable man, an excellent gentleman.

Mrs. V. P. Tippett and children of San Angelo, were here first of the week, bringing with them Mrs. E. N. Brown, mother of Mrs. Tippett, who had been a guest for some time at the Tippett home in San Angelo.

Mr. O. R. Rodden, our excellent photographer, left this week for Detroit, Michigan, in response to a message announcing the illness of a relative there.

Mr. Emmette Swafford of Yoakum Texas, was here first of the week for a visit with his mother and other friends and relatives. He was accompanied on his return trip by his mother, Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg left Thursday for St. Louis where they will spend some time in selecting and purchasing a large and complete stock of spring dry goods and mill-

Max Mellinger left Wednesday night for Dallas on a business

Daily Production Of Noodle Creek Field Now Around 3,600 Bbls

The biggest producer in the field is the Marland Company's J. C. Mason No. 3, located two offsets to the west of the original discovery well, which came in last Friday with a flush production by swabbing of about 1,600 barrels, which is holding up well, according to reports, and is now making around 1,500 barrels.

The bringing in of the biggest producer raises the Noodle Creek production to around 3,600 barrels daily.

It is expected that at any moment the Midwest Exploration Company's Ira Thornton No. 2, a south offset to the sensational Mason No. 3, will hit the pay as it had reached a depth of 2,500 feet Wednesday night, and will likely be drilled in at any moment, it is said.

We would like to give our readers something definite about the Wheeler well five miles northwest of the field which was reported last week to have a good showing of oil, and considerable trading looked for a few days, but information can not be had.

It was reported this week that the Cranston well ten miles northeast, after a showing of oil and gas some three weeks ago, had set the six inch casing preparatory to drilling deeper.

The Largent well, three miles north of town, on the famous Largent ranch, had reached a depth of 2200 feet on Thursday morning, with a slight gas showing at around 2,200. This well is being watched very closely as the log is said to be running true to that of the discovery well.

The S. F. Haynes well three miles west of the city, will have a new crew in a few days and operations are expected to be started again. The hole is now about 100 feet deep.

With six new rigs going up in the Noodle Creek field, a greater expansion of the field by companies operating inside acreage is indicated by statements from representatives of the Marland Oil Company and the Midwest Exploration Company.

Although authorization to begin building new rigs on its Mason tract has not been received at the Marland field office a west offset to No. 3 Mason, the best well yet completed in the field, is expected to be started soon.

In addition to Midwest's No. 3 Thornton, rigging up in southeast corner of the company's Thornton lease, two other wells will soon be spudded on this tract. One of these will more than likely be a west offset to No. 2 Thornton, now on the pay and due to be drilled in this week.

Phillips Petroleum company has just started its Tessie No. 2 and is rigging up for Beasley No. 1, Thornton No. 2, and Joe Winter No. 3.

Two Basket Ball Be Played Here Friday Night

Merkel High School boys and girls play the boys and girls teams of Draughton's Business College of Abilene, here at the Army building tonight.

The first game is called at 7 o'clock. The admission will be 25c and 35c to see both games. The Merkel boys have played six games and lost only one, this game being the one played with Draughton's. Merkel's chances in basket ball is better than usual, having defeated teams that usually have stronger teams than Merkel.

The two games tonight will test Merkel's strength pretty well, as the Draughton teams are rated good, having made a road trip through West Texas winning every game played.

Coch Carleton desires to announce to the parents that the games played by the Merkel High School teams will be of such type and character that girls may feel as welcome and in the proper surroundings as boys. He assures that the sport will be of such type as to furnish wholesome entertainment for the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks returned first of the week from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives at Wills Point, Texas.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

EXPECT THIRTY DAYS WILL BRING MUCH ACTIVITY

Something is going to break loose within the next thirty days that will either make Merkel one of the most prosperous towns in this section or else we will be marking time. There is every indication of this that can be seen by close observers.

We should get busy and promote a new, modern hotel which would do more to bring business here than any other one thing. Every day men are asking why we are not busy on this proposition. Local people say they do not care to make an investment in a hotel, but every property owner here has been making an investment in one since the discovery of oil. We will pay for one whether we get it or not.

One progressive citizen has offered to give a location which cost him three thousand dollars, and he is far from being a wealthy man. Another far-seeing citizen has assured us that he would give his check for \$2,000 and would make that amount in two weeks trading in the lobby.

We need a get-together meeting to talk over some things that are absolutely necessary to be done if we prosper as we should.

A fifty room hotel here would be folled every night by men who would not only spend money among our merchants but would deposit money in our banks. The trading in leases and royalties would be carried on here and there would be a consequent rise in values all around Merkel.

Other supply houses would locate here, and there would be men attracted here who would interest themselves and their capital in other enterprises.

If any other town profits more than Merkel from the discovery of oil in this territory, it is the fault of the people of Merkel. The big field lies northeast and northwest of us, with good structures south and southwest, and wild cats drilling in every direction. We are in the midst of all of it. Why do we not wake up? If a dozen men in Merkel would come alive to the near at hand possibilities of the town, we would have such activity here as would astonish even the most progressive citizens. We have had a lot of things to overcome, such as having the field identified where it belongs—at Merkel—but in spite of all the opposition that can be thrown in our way, in spite of all of it, we can get what we unitedly go after through organized effort.

We have builded well so far. Let us go ahead and bring about things for Merkel which we need and to which we are entitled. It is far better to be a little enterprising now than to be grouchy for twenty years from now because our hind sight was better than our foresight.

Robbers Take Goods From Mellinger Store Here Valued at \$1,500

Some time during Sunday night the dry goods store of Mr. Max Mellinger was broken into and about 100 fine silk dresses stolen, the value of the goods being about \$1,500.

Entrance to the store was made by prizing open the front door. Officers thus far have no clue as to who committed the robbery, but it is believed that the goods were stolen by parties who stole a Chrysler car in Sweetwater the same night.

JOE BROWN, LONG TIME PEACE OFFICER OF TRENT, DIED MONDAY

Following an attack from Pneumonia of some ten days duration, Mr. Joe Brown, excellent and pioneer citizen of Trent, passed away at the family residence in that city on last Monday morning at seven o'clock.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in that city, conducted by the pastor, Rev. McGinnie, in the afternoon, with burial in the local cemetery.

Deceased was not only substantial and valuable citizen, but for many years had faithfully served the town as a peace officer. He was always faithful in the performance of his official duties but was also considered kindly disposed and big hearted to every one.

Mrs. C. M. Spears of the Shiloh community is very ill at the home of her father-in-law, T. H. Spears, of the Blair community.

EXPENDITURES FROM ROAD BOND TOTAL \$76,546.00

Expenditures for improvements already made on the two Taylor county highways amounted to \$76,546.20 on December 31, according to the report made yesterday by R. L. Faucett, county auditor. The expenditures, made from the \$350,000 bond issue voted in 1923, will be refunded by the state and federal governments in keeping with the two for one aid amounting to \$274,874.30, the auditor's promised when the bonds were voted.

County funds on hand December 31 report shows. Of this amount 123,622.94 was credited to Highway No. 1, running east and west, and \$141,251.36 to highway No. 30, running north and south.

As a result of the sale of the bonds for more than par and interest which has accrued since the bonds were sold, \$369,398.17 was made available for the county's expenditure in the road work. The state and federal aid totals \$650,000, which will be paid as the county continues to make expenditures.

Fund is Divided.

Most of the expenditures made by the county to date have been on Highway No. 1, according to the auditor's report. Expenditures made are: highway No. 1, \$56,161.87; Highway No. 30, \$20,384.33. The fund has been divided between the two roads and the sum available for each from the bond issue is: Highway No. 1, \$178,126.76; Highway No. 30, \$159,220.30. The aggregate amounts, including state and federal money, available for each road are: No. 1, \$523,330.90; No. 30, \$468,230.43.

The sinking fund to retire the \$350,000 bond issue for both highways amounted to \$19,185.14 December 31. The tax rate to retire the bonds was 20 cents for 1924, 15 cents for 1925 and 12 cents for 1926.

Balance on hand January 1, 1926 in the sinking fund was \$13,976.38. Taxes collected since then amounted to \$28,271.21. Interest on daily balances of the working fund contained in the sinking fund amounts to \$9,080.88, making the total \$50,114.34.

Disbursements from the sinking fund have been \$5,000 for retiring bonds, \$18,863.27 for paying interest on bonds, \$65.93 paid us commission to the city treasurer and \$7,000.00 for purchase of securities, leaving a balance on hand of \$19,185.14.

Escrow Accounts

Condition of the escrow accounts for the two highways shows a balance on hand of \$54,485.47, including \$23,330.91 due from the state highway department. This amount is due from the state for repaying the county for expenditures made to contractors on the several dirt and drainage projects. The state has agreed to reimburse the county that the ratio of dollar for dollar of state and county money may be maintained.

Expenditures from the escrow accounts for dirt and drainage work has totaled \$46,661.83. No contracts for surfacing have been transferred from the Highway 30 and Highway 1 accounts to the escrow accounts to cover the county's part of contracts. A total of \$6,323.45 has been received from the state on estimates paid.

Highway One

Expenditures from the Highway 1 fund have been as follows: fencing detours, \$883.34; advertising for bids on contracts let, \$115.64; expenses of two trips to Austin, \$56.78; purchase of right-of-way in Trent, \$3,775.00; purchase of right-of-way in Abilene, \$300.00, transferred to escrow account, \$51,481.11, leaving the balance on hand of \$123,622.94.

Disbursements from the Highway 30 fund have been: fencing right-of-way \$42.50; purchase of right-of-way \$330.00; transferred to escrow account, \$20,011.83, leaving \$141,251.36.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. Woody Hudson, of Waco, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. West first of the week, on his way to California.

Messrs. S. A. and E. D. Coats returned Wednesday from a trip to Dallas county, where they had been called to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law.

Mr. A. B. Patterson made a trip to Dallas last week-end for Mrs. Patterson and their daughter, Miss Opal, who had been there for several weeks under the care of a specialist for treatment of her eyes.

TRENT SECRETARY C. OF C. OBJECTS TO MERKEL MAIL HEAD

RURAL ROUTE OUT OF MERKEL EXTENDED NORTH

Through the efforts of Mr. Taylor F. Davis, Merkel's very energetic and popular postmaster, two rural routes extending out of this city have been considerably extended, with many new patrons to our territory. From 30 to fifty families will get their mail through the Merkel post-office who formerly received their mail through Anson, over route B.

Route No. 1, formerly 35 miles, has been extended to a little more than 48 miles, and the salary which was \$2130 has been increased to \$2520. Mr. R. L. Adcock is the able and courteous carrier on this route. He gets his new patrons from routes four and two.

Route 2, formerly 31 and a half miles, will now be a little more than 39 miles, and the salary increased from \$2,040 to \$2250 and will receive some 30 to 50 additional patrons over in Jones county beyond Noodle.

This territory is naturally located in Merkel's trade territory and Merkel is the logical place through which they should receive their mail, and this paper joins the citizenship of Merkel and surrounding country in extending congratulations to our able Postmaster in his successful efforts to show the department these needed changes in Mail service.

Merkel Baptist Revival Continues

With increasing interest and splendid attendance the revival meeting at the Baptist church continues without missing a service on account of the weather. The pastor is greatly encouraged with the meeting. Many of the faithful members have come thru the rain and mud and cold to be in the services. Some have come where they had to drive several miles over muddy and slippery roads. Others have come walking through the mud from various parts of town.

Owing to the unsettled weather we have not been able to have a number of special services that we had planned to have but with better weather promised by the weather man we hope to have a number of them yet before the meeting closes.

Friday evening will be "Young People's or School Night". At this time the pastor will bring a message to every young man or woman in the service a message that will help them meet the issues of life. The young people of this generation have as hard a fight as ever any young people have had. The pastor would be glad to speak to a great host of the young people Friday evening. If he can help some one of our young people to win the battle of life he will be happy.

Other subjects will be announced at the church. During the bad weather all services are being held in the basement but if we have open weather we will have the evening services in the main auditorium where there will be seats for all.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the people of the town and community to come and worship with us. All visitors will find a warm welcome at any of the services.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

New Clerk in Local Post Office

Mr. A. J. Davis, a former city mail carrier in the city of Fort Worth, has been recently transferred to Merkel by the Postal Department, and has been assigned to a position in the local post office.

Mr. Davis is a brother of Postmaster Taylor F. Davis, and has had experience in the post office at Fort Worth, and will no doubt make an accommodating and capable clerk for this office. He has a wife and baby who are residing here with him.

Miss Lillian Van Over and Mrs. E. N. Comper were guests of Mrs. R. I. Grimes this week.

Domino and Dawson Coals are the choicest from New Mexico. Expect car Domino Friday and car Dawson next week. SWAFFORD, phone 44.

Says "Cafe in Question Was One Block From the Business District"

And "Why Should a Cafe Expect Patronage in the Residence Section?"

The following is a letter received by The Merkel Mail from Mr. A. W. Woods, secretary of the Trent Chamber of Commerce:

TWO SIDES TO ALL QUESTIONS
"In a recent issue of The Merkel Mail there appeared an article on the front page under the caption, 'MOVING CAFE FROM TRENT TO MERKEL.' "Owner Believes Merkel Holds Greater Prospects for the Future."

"There is only one thing wrong with the article, that is the heading. Of course there are other points that would bear questioning.

"Inasmuch as the CAFE IN QUESTION WAS ONE BLOCK FROM THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF Trent out in the residence section, and is now located on Front street in Merkel we think the article should be headed: 'MOVED CAFE FROM RESIDENCE SECTION OF TRENT TO BUSINESS SECTION OF MERKEL.' "Owner Believes Prospects For Business Are Better."

"It might be stated that Mr. A. H. Miller came to Trent some time in November looking for a location. He tried in vain to get into the business district but could not secure a room. He made a deal with Ernest Massie to erect for him a building out in the residence section. There being several first class restaurants in the business section, the people did not patronize the Grill Cafe. The Barber Shops, Grocery stores and in fact all the other places of business are in the business district, WHY SHOULD A CAFE EXPECT PATRONAGE IN THE RESIDENCE SECTION?"

"It might be stated that a new cafe is being opened this week by W. A. Husung from Dallas and Mexico which is much finer than the one moved away from Mr. Miller. It has an electric refrigerator cooling system, built-in, oak top, cream enameled counter, forty white porcelain stools with all other equipment of the latest design and at a cost of \$5,000.00. Mr. Husung had to wait four months for a location. He is in the new building on Front street and Main building to Dan Rollins. He is well pleased with the outlook and sees a great future in Trent.

"There is something of greater importance to the future of Trent than the success of a restaurant man or two, that is the fact that twenty-seven of the big companies handling oil field equipment are locating here. Eight of them have large amounts of equipment on the ground. The others are waiting for a little more development.

"The Texas & Pacific Railroad Company is completing 4,000 feet of switch track and these companies have LOCATIONS on this spur. They are as follows: Oil Well Supply Co., National Supply Co., Continental Supply Co., Frick Reed Supply Co., Republic Supply Co., Wagner Supply Co., Jerreck Supply Co., W. R. Pickering Lumber Co., Dunnigan Supply Co., Atlas Supply Co., Hercules Supply Co., Rio Grande Oil Co., Marion Machine & Foundry Co., Black Steel & Wire Co., Black Seivels & Bryson, *United Iron Works, *Burton-Lingo Co., *Lincoln Tank Co., Craig and Son, Murray Tool Co., *Acme Lumber Co., Midwest Exploration Co., *Clay Lumber Co., Parkersburg Rig & Reel Co., Lee C. Moore & Co., *Micheison Rig Yard, *Qualine Lumber Co. * Indicates the ones who have material on the ground.

"With the 'Trent Oil Field' bidding fair to be one of the best in the state one had better keep their eye on Trent.
(Signed) A. W. WOODS,
Secretary Chamber of Commerce."
EDITOR'S NOTE:- The management of the Merkel Mail is mighty glad indeed to have the opportunity of publishing the above article from the pen of the able secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the thriving and growing city of Trent. And as a newspaper, we shall always open our columns to all such legitimate news.
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Statement of the Condition of the FARMERS STATE BANK

At the close of business Dec. 31, 1926

RESOURCES	
Loans.....	\$418,943.19
Overdrafts.....	5,985.91
Banking House.....	13,600.00
Furniture & Fixtures.....	5,430.00
Other Real Estate.....	6,256.50
Due from Guaranty Fund.....	13,257.69
U. S. Bonds.....	\$80,150.00
Bills Ex. Cotton 28,097.54	338,350.16
Cash & Ex.....	230,102.62
Total.....	\$801,823.45

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Net.....	23,500.00
Dividends Unpaid.....	2,500.00
Rediscounts.....	NONE
Bills Payable.....	NONE
Other Borrowed Money.....	NONE
Deposits.....	725,823.45
Total.....	\$801,823.45

FARMERS STATE BANK

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DOCTOR COVERS WIDE TERRITORY

Ozark Mountain Physician, 80 Years Old, Travels on Horseback.

Kansas City, Mo.—At eighty years of age, riding horseback about the forest trails of the high-ridged Ozarks in the Current river country of Ripley county, Missouri, day or night, rain or shine, in heat or penetrating cold, pleasant weather or stormy, facing hardship and privation, his object to bring relief to the stricken, ease to the suffering, health to the sick, and life to little children, is the epic of Dr. Taylor C. Estes, who for almost sixty years has patrolled his district of rural Missouri.

But years haven't left Doctor Estes untouched. Although never tall, he has as yet resisted that tendency of age to shrink and shrivel upon itself. His hair is long and white, faded; yet his brows are bushy and tend to a bit of color, while his luxuriant mustache is still tinged brown. Clear blue eyes gleam at you.

Native of Indiana.
 Doctor Estes was born in Hendrix county, Indiana, son of William O. Estes of Virginia. He received his general education in the public schools of his day and his medical training at a Chicago medical school. His first practicing was in Cumberland county, Illinois, where he remained until the second year after the close of the Civil war. Then he went to Pulaski county, Missouri, for a short time and finally found his select spot in the Current river country 25 years ago. He has "raised two families," to use his own words, and of 13 children born 11 still are alive.

Doctor Estes has been not only physician and confidential adviser to thousands of families, but also in the busiest years of his practice in Pulaski county was ordained minister and evangelist.

Covers Much Territory.

Doctor Estes' territory extends in a radius of sixteen or more miles in each direction. Of course, he is not the only physician in the territory and he does not have the obligation of going extreme distances to succor the sick. Yet his average trip, he estimates, is 12 miles over the mountain tops. Fifty miles is the longest single trip he remembers to have made. In his previous practice in Pulaski county, where there were fewer doctors, his range was 20 miles in each direction.

Doctor Estes has worn out many horses in his career. How many, he can't remember. A horse does not last long carrying a man at all hours over the ridges of the Ozarks. In Pulaski county and in the earlier years of his residence on the Current river, it took a stable of six excellent saddle horses to keep him mounted for all his calls. Nowadays, however, he keeps but one.

Held in High Esteem.

In his blue denim shirt, collar open at the neck, jeans pants held up by galls, buckskin shoes, Doctor Estes does not look the scientist and physician which he is; yet he never failed to have and hold the confidence of his community, throughout which and in neighboring fields he holds high reputation.

Recalling the days of the World war and the epidemic of influenza, he told of hardships and struggles to keep up with the disease through his territory. "Almost everybody in this section of the country had it," he declared. "Some homes had as many as six cases at once. The big trouble was to get them to keep windows and doors open. The biggest strain, of course, was getting about to all the cases and watching them through the crisis."

His pay? Doctor Estes seldom or never is paid at the time he makes the long, twelve-mile, six-hour horseback ride to attend a patient. Most likely such pay as comes will reach him long afterwards and he likely as not, it will not be in cash. The biggest proportion of patients in such a district as this, until recent improvements came to it, cannot afford to pay a physician for saving a life, for it is all they can do to sustain the life that has been snatched from blackness. Those who have surplus crops pay in hay and corn, in wood and forage, occasionally in a chicken or a bit of game.

Hound Dog Valued at \$25 Ends Case Costing \$2,000

Eminence, Mo.—Typical of many found in the Ozark mountains, a black-and-tan hound dog ended a court case here by the "testimony" which it gave. It obtained also the acquittal of Lewis Wells, its owner, charged with stealing the animal.

Wells said he bought the dog from John Widlers. As Widlers took the stand, the dog leaped to show devotion to the him as an old friend. The dog, worth \$25, ended a series of trials which cost \$2,000.

Saved by Lariat

Point Pleasant, W. Va.—After clinging for 16 hours to a tree partly submerged by a flood here, Charles Musgrave was rescued by means of a lasso thrown around his shoulders by a farmer.

Yawn Locks Jaws

Paris, Ill.—Miss Nora Caruthers of Neoga, while yawning, dislocated her jaws, locking them. Two physicians labored for several hours before she was relieved.

HELD HIS HONOR ABOVE LIBERTY

Man Who Went to Prison Rather Than Confess Falsely Is Freed.

Little Rock, Ark.—Lester E. A. Yeager, Arkansas convict who attracted national attention because he put honor before freedom, spent the holidays at his home at Helena, Ark., a free man.

Yeager was pardoned by Governor Terral, the second complete pardon the governor has granted during his two years in office. The first was given to an aged prisoner an hour before he died.

Yeager, five years ago, rejected advice of his lawyers to plead guilty of a statutory charge brought by a fifteen-year-old girl and thereby get off with one-year sentence. He said he was innocent and refused to perjure himself, although it was apparent he would receive a long sentence if tried and convicted.

Yeager, a former deputy sheriff of Phillips county, became involved in a difficulty with W. P. Mansfield, and the latter was killed. Yeager was acquitted on the ground of self-defense. Six or eight months later a young daughter of Mansfield's widow accused Yeager as the father of her child. A year later she swore she had testified falsely and sought to have Yeager released.

21-Year Sentence.

Yeager was sentenced in 1921 to 21 years in the penitentiary. From that time on his case has been more or less in the public eye. Former Gov. T. C. McRae ran advertisements in Helena papers the day before the primary election in 1922 to refute last-minute reports that he had promised to pardon Yeager. This incident served to block all hope of clemency from McRae.

Terral was nominated out of a field of six candidates in 1924 in a campaign in which issues were somewhat complicated. After Terral won the Democratic nomination, which amounts to election, he chose to believe he had been nominated on a no-pardon no-parole policy. Early in his administration Terral said he would grant pardons if the trial judge, prosecuting attorney and all members of the jury said they believed they had made a mistake and convicted an innocent man.

Friends of Yeager took him at his word. The judge, prosecuting attorney and eleven of twelve jurors signed a petition for Yeager's pardon. The governor stuck to his proposition literally and declined to do more than grant Yeager a 30-day furlough. This was renewed once, but at its expiration Yeager returned to the penitentiary.

National Publicity.

It began to look as though the third executive, Gov.-Elect John E. Martineau, would have to face the Yeager dilemma, but at this point publicity beyond the bounds of Arkansas took a hand in the case. Early in November the matter was given wide publicity.

Soon the governor's foreign mail began to increase. So did Yeager's. Hardly a day passed that the governor did not get letters from residents of distant states begging him to pardon Yeager. A Hayden of Brookline went so far as to circulate a petition there with the intention of sending it to the Arkansas governor. It is said he obtained more than 100 names. He also wrote Gov. Al Smith, asking that official to use his influence with the Arkansas governor to obtain a pardon.

Governor Terral confided to newspaper men several weeks ago that he would give Yeager a pardon. Yeager, however, knew nothing of the contemplated action until he returned to the penitentiary from his daily labor and found the precious document. He bade his friends goodby and left the institution immediately.

Yeager had received presents from several states, some of them being sent from poor people. One box contained several striped handkerchiefs. "You know," Yeager said, "I appreciate these presents, even the handkerchiefs, but I've formed such a dislike for stripes during the last five years that I had to give them away."

\$10,000 Hunting Lodge Is Given to Trapper

Woodand, Wash.—When George Moody, trapper and guide, returns from tending his long trap line he turns on electric lights, shakes down a furnace, and rests his tired limbs on a mohair davenport. Recently he was bequeathed a \$10,000 hunting lodge in the Cascade mountains near Eugene, Ore., by the will of the late Herman O. Vogel, Los Angeles millionaire. For twenty years Moody acted as guide and friend to Vogel each autumn during the hunting season.

Woman Guesses How Hungry Rooster Gets

Newton, Kan.—It took a town woman to guess correctly the number of kernels of corn a famished rooster would eat in an hour's time. Mrs. T. L. Davis of Newton won the contest, an entertainment feature of the Harvey county poultry show here. The rooster had fasted three days before the contest and within the allotted time ate 153 grains of corn, the number guessed by Mrs. Davis. She received a brooder stove.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon James Thorn, whose residence is unknown, and th unknown heirs of James Thorn, whose residence is unknown, and the unknown parties, owning or having or claiming any interest in the lot hereinafter described, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in April A. D. 1927, the same being the 11th day of April A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 17th day of November A. D. 1926, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No 6307, wherein C. Hall, is Plaintiff, and James Thorn, whose residence is unknown, and the unknown heirs of James Thorn, whose residences are unknown, Abe Berash, and all other parties, owning or having or claiming any interest in the lot hereinafter described, are defendants, and said petition alleging:

On or about the 15th day of November, A. D. 1926, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises, situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: Lot No. Twelve, Block One Hundred Thirty Seven, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

That on the day and year last aforesaid, defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from him the possession thereof, to his damage of \$900.00.

Plaintiff would show to the Court that he, and those under whom he claims title, have had peaceful and adverse possession of the above described tract of land, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years before the filing of this suit, and this he is ready to verify.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays judgment of the Court, that defendants and each of them, be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiff have judgment for the

title and possession of the above described land and premises, and that writ of restitution issue, damages, costs of suit, etc.

HEREIN Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 27th day of December A. D. 1926.

J. K. FULLER, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County.
 By Belle Wellborn, Deputy. 2114

Mystery About Snow Pile Long Preserved

Some years ago at Minersville, in Schuylkill county, Pa., there was being operated the Wolf Creek washery. The business of the operators was to reclaim the immense banks of culm that have been deposited on the surface during the Civil war. With the aid of modern machinery they were able to obtain thousands of tons of marketable sizes of anthracite at the rate of about 2,000 tons a month.

These culm banks were more like mountains than refuse piles. In some instances they were 50 feet high and covered the surface for approximately a half mile. The culm was taken in conveyor lines to a breaker, where it was washed through revolving screens and the coal reclaimed.

One day in the month of June, when the thermometer registered from 90 to 100 degrees, the operators uncovered in the heart of one of the banks a large quantity of ice and snow. They reasoned that this deposit was covered with culm during the winter, and thus protected from the air, had been preserved for about 44 years. It seemed almost incredible that such a condition was possible in the temperate zone, and yet no other theory seems satisfactory. The snow was protected, of course, from the elements by the tons of culm 50 feet high and hundreds of yards wide; and yet, if this theory is not tenable, then some scientist may offer a more convincing theory for its remarkable state of preservation.

Those Dear Girls

Dora—Yes, Tom's a good fellow—good-looking and has plenty of money—but he's so timid and bashful, you know. He's been coming to see me twice a week for nearly a month, and he's never attempted to kiss me.

Jean—Well, he certainly appears to possess good taste among his other excellent qualities, but really he was not so timid when he called to see me the other evening.

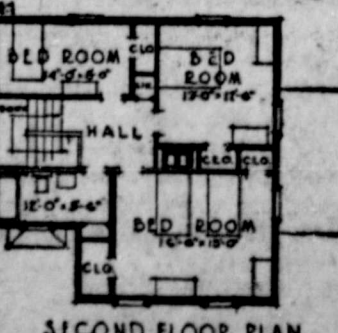
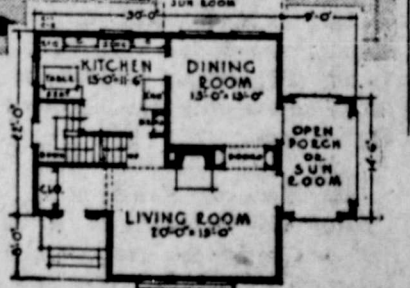
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This Thrifty Home Brings Joy to the Rent-Weary



FOR THE family of four or five there is this attractive two-story six-room house of beveled siding and slate or shingle roof.

One of the interesting features of this house is that every room has a double exposure, while the living room has three sides exposed. Extra windows not shown in the plan may at slight expense be added at either end of the living room. While



this type of house affords the utmost in light and cross-ventilation, it would be well to protect it against the extremes of cold and heat by insulation with celotex for the walls and roof. Such insulation will also cut down outside noises to a marked degree, as in addition to its insulating property, celotex is an efficient sound deadener. The living room has the much desired open fireplace and cleverly arranged shelves flanking the entrance to the room. The sun porch may be put at the side or the back of the house, according to the builders' wishes or to conform demands of the lot.

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Winter Time Deliveries Work Benefit to Buyers

"The heretofore prevailing custom on the part of the buyers of having delivery withheld until spring is growing less and less each year," says Mr. H. L. Propst, of the Merkel Garage, Dodge Brothers dealers. "This is now a thing of the past, due to a proper analysis of the many conditions surrounding winter deliveries working to the benefit of the customer."

"The new car, tight, staunch, will withstand the strains of winter roads, will break in better, and will cost less to run than an older car. Practically the sole possibility of damage is freezing the radiator, which can easily be avoided by the use of a proper amount of an anti-freeze solution in the cooling system. Breaking in a new car in winter is easier, quicker, and far more satisfactory and successful than breaking in a new car in spring or summer when there is a temptation to over-speed and use the car more carelessly."

"Consistent, convenient, dependable transportation, obtainable to a greater degree from a new car, is needed most when the weather is worst. Independence of time tables, avoidance of annoying delays, are valuable advantages possessed by the all-year motorist."

"The all-year motorist escapes the discomfort of wet feet and damp clothing also. The customer taking delivery at this time receives a car with complete new equipment, new tires, new battery, new chassis, saving in repair expense, plus the satisfaction of driving a car that will withstand the severest conditions, more than offset depreciation, and in a car that has no yearly model changes there is no valid reason for waiting for 'spring styles.'"

"Mud and rain cause more damage to exterior finish than does snow. There is more mud and rain in the spring than in the fall and winter. Mud scratches, snow does not. Furthermore, tires show very little wear from driving over snow covered roads and even on the sharpest ice of winter, tires such as those used on cars stand up and receive little damage."

Baker & Wheeler will appreciate your business. We handle fresh and cured meats at all times.

Profit by the Past

Profit by past experience. Diversify--get away from cotton alone. Now is the time of year to start. Get to the Sow, Cow and Hen, and you will have money in the bank to meet your obligations when the years come like the one just past. Yet we must forget the past and look to the future.

Now is the time of year to start your Incubator for the year if you expect to get your chicks off early in order to command the best prices for your Springers and Fryers. Let us show you our Incubators and explain the why's and where-fores that make us believe we have one of the best ones on the market today.

We have all sizes--80, 150, 250 and 400 Egg sizes--also Brooders, Poultry Wire and all kinds of Poultry Supplies.

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The "Perfect Retention Shields," hold the rupture perfectly no matter what position the body assumes or how heavy a weight you lift. They give instant relief, contract the opening on the average case in ten days and strengthen the weak tissues (the real cause of rupture) so that they frequently recover their previous natural retaining power needing no further outside support. Stomach trouble, backache and constipation of-

ten caused by Rupture promptly disappear also.

Truly remarkable results have been obtained with recent and not yet fully developed ruptures and many old ones also.

No legstraps or elastic belts are used. Can be worn while bathing and are highly sanitary being impervious to sweat.

Letters from highly satisfied clients available.

Advertised mail order contraptions as well as elastic belts with chafing filthy legstraps and all salves and medicines are absolutely worthless.

Call on me and I will show you. Results on children are 95% favorable. Business engagements prevent visiting any other city in this section. C. F. Redlich, Rupture Appliance Expert, Home office, 535 Boston Block Minneapolis, Minnesota. 21t2p

OIL! OIL! OIL!

Yes we have oil but our prices are the same as before we got oil.—Baker & Wheeler Market.



Trade among Friends

No matter what some folks say to the contrary, there certainly is a lot of sentiment in business. Friendship, for instance, makes more satisfactory sales than all the cleverness and argument in the world.

You like to trade at a certain store—not because its counters are arranged in a scientific way, but because the folks who serve you are always friendly and helpful.

Just that very thing—FRIENDLY SERVICE—is the power that draws people together into communities like this, where everybody can enjoy the many benefits of neighborly cooperation.

And FRIENDLY SERVICE is the sentimental reason why you find it very much to your advantage to trade with our advertisers—to buy where you feel at home, where your friends will see that you are well satisfied.

Read the Ads in this Paper
and save yourself money by trading at home

Appalachian Explorers

In 1716 Spotswood organized the first exploration party to venture into the Appalachian mountains. This party consisted of Spotswood's personal friends, Indian guides and servants. There were in all about fifty people. We find mentioned the following gentlemen who accompanied Spotswood: John Fontaine, Robert Beverly, Colonel Robertson, Doctor Robinson, Austin Smith, Captain Clouder and four men named, respectively, Taylor, Todd, Mason and Brooke. Each gentleman wore a small golden horseshoe. This emblem was to record the fact "that the horses on this expedition were shod with iron shoes, which were quite unnecessary in the sandy soil of the tide-water countries, but which were deemed essential for the stony passages of the mountains." The motto adopted was, "Sic juvat transcendere montes." Only those were eligible in the future who could prove that they had drunk the health of George the First, then king of England, on the top of Mount George.

First Subway Lines

The first city in the world to feel the need of subways was London, where, in 1853, there was begun the construction of a two-track underground road from Edgeware to Kings Cross. No mention is made as to the inventor. There were many disadvantages to the first type of subway, and it was not until 1886 that any further attempt was made to construct a subway line. In that year the late J. H. Greathead, an eminent English engineer, designed a railroad, circular in section, lined with cast iron. It was first intended to operate with a cable, but before completed it was found it could be successfully operated with electricity.

Apple Picking

The Rural New Yorker says that "the quantity of apples picked in a day by one man will depend largely on the character of the tree, whether high or low headed; how heavily the tree may be loaded; the kind of apples, small or large; how well the job is done. We have heard of men picking fifty barrels, but both fruit and trees are sure to be damaged by such slam-bang work. One of the best commercial growers we know insists that an average of ten or twelve barrels per day per man is enough. It is not a matter of clawing off the apples as fast as possible, but working so that there will be a minimum of bruised fruit and broken twigs and limbs."

Be sure to read page six of this issue. It's good news.

CHEVROLET CAR HAS STRONG BODY

The strength and sturdiness built into the Chevrolet closed car bodies was strikingly proved recently when 5000 pounds of steel frames fell five floors from the roof of the Great Western Freight Depot in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to the top of a Chevrolet sedan. The body of the car was uninjured.

The radiator, however, was smashed in one place and the springs of the car were broken, while the body was not even scratched. The steel frames, fifty feet long, twenty-five feet wide and ten feet in height, were being hoisted to the top of the building by a derrick when a strong blast of wind tipped the mass of steel downward with several tons of bricks.

Large crowds assembled at the scene of the accident were strongly impressed with the strength of the Chevrolet body. Had any one been in the car at the time, they would have escaped uninjured, experts said. Another car standing a few feet away was brushed by one of the steel gird-

ers and completely demolished, its whole side being torn off.



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Man

But an advertisement in this paper talks to the whole community.

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COMMUNITY SUICIDE

One of the strangest phenomena witnessed in most towns and small cities is the apparent eagerness with which many otherwise good citizens contribute to the tendency to commit community suicide.

These citizens will often show uncommon zeal in boosting any movement to obtain civic improvements, to promote the location of new industries, to secure better educational facilities, and so on. Yet many of these same proud boosters will deliberately engage in practice which nullifies all their otherwise laudable efforts, and wonder why their town doesn't go ahead.

We refer to the suicidal habit of buying away from home.

The enormous growth of the mail order habit in recent years is largely responsible for the failure of many communities to make the progress which their natural advantages should make possible. The money that ought to be kept at home for

the expansion of local trade and industry is sent away to distant cities, never to return. This life blood of prosperity is permitted to ebb away through the indifferent or thoughtlessness of the very persons who should set an example of local pride and loyalty.

A trifling saving here and there usually more imaginary than real, is sufficient to cause the average citizen to forget his duty to his community and to himself, which if he performs would mean more in the direction of local prosperity than all his other boosting efforts put together.

Why boost in one direction, while committing community suicide in another?—Ex.

The Merkel Mail wishes to compliment the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce on his method of notifying members of the fact that their subscriptions were due to that organization. This was done by a letter briefly setting forth the work accomplished or in contemplation, together with a circular setting forth the needs of the organization, and enclosing a self addressed and stamped envelope to carry the remittance.

All these subscriptions are as much of an obligation as the purchase of so many dollars worth of goods on a credit. The subscription list stipulated that should the parties go out of business the subscription would be cancelled, and in one instance the subscription was made only until the first of the year and was cancelled without question.

The secretary reports that in the main the remittances have been promptly made and credited, and, in

his opinion, all of them will be properly taken care of as this will be necessary if we maintain the roads and carry out to the letter the promises we have made to the contractors and oil operators.

All subscriptions have been made members of the Executive Committee and are urged to come out to the weekly meetings held each Thursday evening at 7:30 at the office of the Chamber of Commerce.

We believe that Merkel is destined to become a much larger town and that investment in property here is one of the best investments that can be made, but we cannot hope to sell the town to outside investors until we are sold on the town ourselves.

This means that we must advertise it and maintain an organization that will keep in contact with the industries that we hope to locate here. This is being done as well as many other things that the public is not cognizant of, but of which they may be well informed if they will but take the trouble to ask for the information.

In addition to what has been done for the town, the organization is serving the rural communities in various ways for which it has received the commendation of some of the most progressive farmers in this trade territory.

We have started forward; let us proceed with the march of progress by working as a united community for the advancement of the interests of all concerned.

Electric Storage Battery Locomotive Wins Tug O'War

The checkered flag swished thru the air. Railroad officials, executives and electrical engineers stared.

A steam locomotive and a storage battery locomotive occupied the arena which was in the yards of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, of Chicago. It was a tug-of-war between a powerful M-1 type steam locomotive weighing 127 tons and the largest storage battery locomotive ever equipped with Exide batteries. The latter weighs 118 tons, which is nine tons less than the weight of its adversary, the steam locomotive according to Mr. Hunter of Everybody's Garage, local agents for Exide.

Steam roared and wheels spun as the throttle was opened. The steam locomotive snorted with disdain.

In the cabin of the storage battery locomotive the operator was quickly but deliberately opening the floodgate of a 120-cell Exide Ironclad battery, releasing such a terrific rush of power that in a few seconds the electric locomotive had dragged the steam locomotive 50 feet from the starting stake.

In a sense, the spectators weren't surprised. They were prepared for almost any surprising display of power from the electric locomotive having witnessed the test immediately preceding the tug-of-war.

This test involved the timing of each of the locomotives in hauling 25 cars, a load of 1700 tons, a distance of 100 feet from a standing start, with the slack taken out of the train.

The M-1 couldn't budge the train an inch. But the storage battery locomotive moved serenely along, drawing the 25 cars 100 feet in 37.8 seconds.

An M-2 steam locomotive, which is much heavier than an M-1, was then hooked up to the electric, but it proved too strong for the electric. This test had no bearing on the work to be done by the electric. It was to ascertain the actual limits of the electric locomotive's power in shifting work.

The electric locomotive, which was designed and built by the General Electric Company, for switching service in the yards of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, Chicago, will haul a 3000-ton train, and can develop 800 horse power at the wheel rim.

The battery, which furnishes the power for this electric locomotive weighs 40 tons and has a capacity of 2700 ampere hours, 620 KWH at 230 volts. It is packed with enough power to simultaneously crank 1600 automobiles, with enough current left to push the 110-ton locomotive



Electric Cookery is more convenient

"I merely set the Electric Timer and the Heat Control"

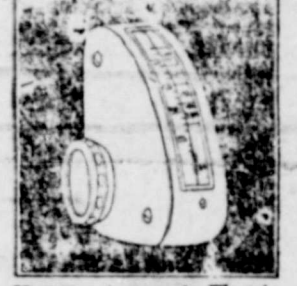
"I NO longer need to be home hours before meal-time as I did before I got a Hotpoint Super-Automatic Range. Now, I prepare the dinner in the morning, place it in the oven and set the controls. I always have the perfect assurance that when we come home to dinner, the food will be cooked and ready to serve.

"And it will be better than when I had to fuss with it in a hot, stuffy kitchen."



Hotpoint Automatic Electric Timer. Set the hands for the time cooking should start and stop. Then forget it.

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 SUPER-AUTOMATIC
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Hotpoint Automatic Electric Heat Control and Thermometer. It maintains an exact oven heat, as desired, all through cooking.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

On account of the increase in my business during the past year and to try to improve our service to our friends and customers, I find it necessary to turn the management of my filling station to some one who can devote their entire time to rendering you service and have turned the management of this over to Mr. Ben F. Bird, who will do his best at all times to see that you get the prompt, efficient and courteous service that you deserve.

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Yours truly,

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around. In weight it is equal to 1579 ordinary 6-volt radio and automobile batteries. One cell weighs 658 pounds and is half as high as an average man.

In order to render more satisfactory service we are placing all plow and other repairs on a cash basis. No exceptions to this rule. West Co. 28t2

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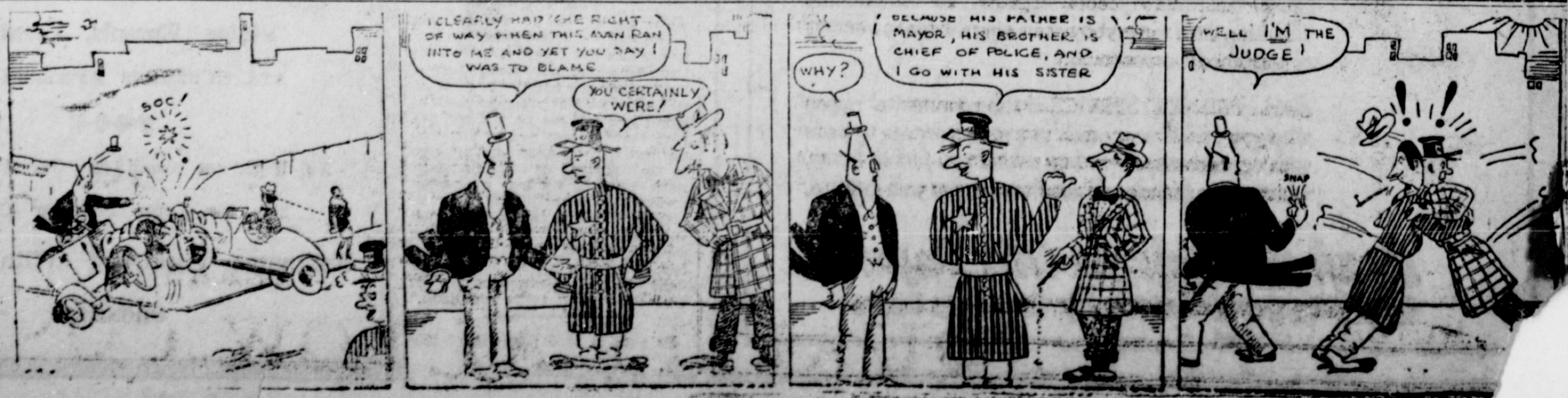
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 WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p.m.

There will be no night services on account of Baptist revival.

We cordially invite the public to worship with us at all services.

Chas. H. Little.

Old man gandy, the rejected suitor, will be here for the wedding.

P. T. A. PROGRAM

The following program is to be rendered at the meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1927, at the Grammar school building at 3:30 p.m.

Piano solo, Mrs. Earl Thornton.

Reading, Oleta Moore.

Violin solo, D. O. Huddleston.

Reading, Nell Durham.

Selection, by Choral Club.

Who is the bride?

REV. McCARTER UNITES LOCAL YOUNG COUPLE

Rev. W. R. McCarter pronounced the words that bound in marriage Mr. J. R. Blair and Miss Edna Patterson, both prominent young people of this community.

The ceremony took place at the parsonage on last Saturday evening in the presence of a few friends.

This paper joins many friends in extending congratulations and good wishes.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

* Program for Senior B. Y. P. U. of January 20th.

Leader, Mrs. Clyde Deavers.

Meeting place of the association, Mrs. Warren Smith.

The opening session, Mrs. Neece Hancock.

Carey preaches the sermon, Joe Hartley.

Bible background of the text, Iris Garrett.

Carey's Climax, Bill Haynes.

Application, Bessie Westenhover.

The Outcome, Mrs. W. B. Stevens.

Dr. Fuller cooperates with Carey, Yates Brown.

Conclusion, Mae Lassiter.

METHODIST CHURCH

We hope next Sunday may be a bright day, and that all services at the Methodist Church will be well attended.

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching services at 11 o'clock.

Intermediate League at 5 p.m.

Will not have services Sunday night on account of the revival at the Baptist church. W. R. McCarter.

In order to render more satisfactory service we are placing all plow and other repairs on a cash basis. No exceptions to this rule. West Co. 28t2

Gov. and Mrs. Moody will be in town for the Winkle-Mulligan wedding.

Thursday Club Notes

Thursday Club members were guests of Mrs. R. I. Grimes on their club day, Thursday of last week. The tables were tastily appointed for games of "42" and these games progressed happily throughout the afternoon. Another lovely entertainment feature was the enjoyable piano numbers of Mrs. Compere, after which a most delicious salad plate was passed to Miss Lillian Van Over, and Mrs. E. N. Compere, of Abilene, Mrs. Fred Latham and Mrs. Emmet Grimes, all guests of the club, and members present were Mesdames T. L. Grimes, Dee Grimes, Burl Scott, F. Y. Gaither, Booth Warren, John West, James West, W. J. Largent, Tom Largent, Charlie Jones, Ollie Dye, R. O. Anderson, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland and the hostess.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

To celebrate her 13th birthday Willie Evelyn Boaz invited a few friends to be her guests at a party last Saturday afternoon. A picture show at the Cozy theatre with games and refreshments afterward in her home gave pleasant entertainment to the guests, all of whom brought small gifts to wish Willie Evelyn many more happy birthdays. The big birthday cake was cut and served as part of the refreshments. Those enjoying the party were the honoree, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Margaret Canon, Nell Durham, Mattie Lou Largent, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Harold Chany, Neal Durham, Lynn McSpadden, D. O. Huddleston, Benny Shppard, Harry Boaz and Gerald Derrick.

Mr. J. C. Mason returned first of the week from a trip to Dallas, where he had been to attend a meeting of the directors of the Texas Cotton Farm Bureau cotton association, of which he is a director.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby S. Beckett, are the happy parents of a daughter, born on the 22nd.

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ELDER W. G. CYPERT PERFORMS MARRIAGE

Elder W. G. Cypert, in his very pleasant and appropriate manner, on last Friday evening pronounced the words that made man and wife Mr. F. Z. Turner and Mrs. Annie Spivey, the ceremony taking place at the home of Mr. Murdock in the Noodle community.

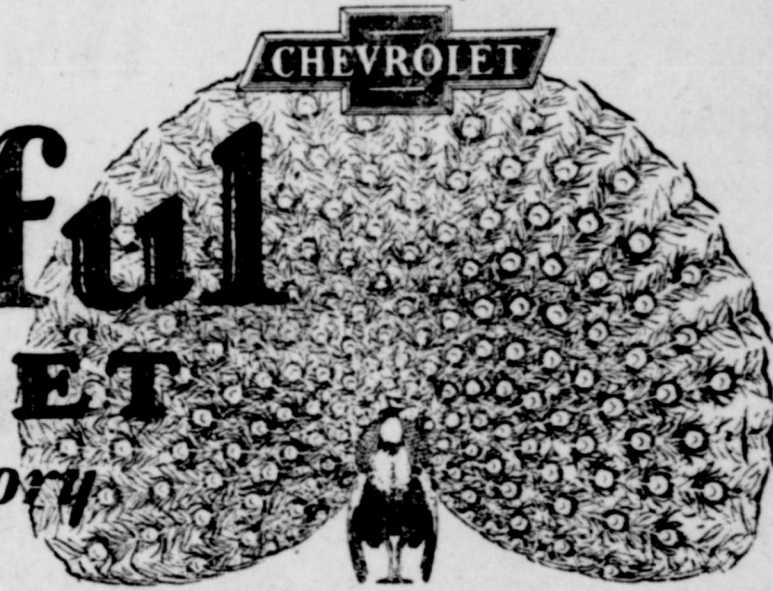
WILL PREACH AT NORTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that on next Sunday at eleven o'clock he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ in this city.

He very cordially invites one and all to hear him, and urges especially that the regular membership be in attendance.

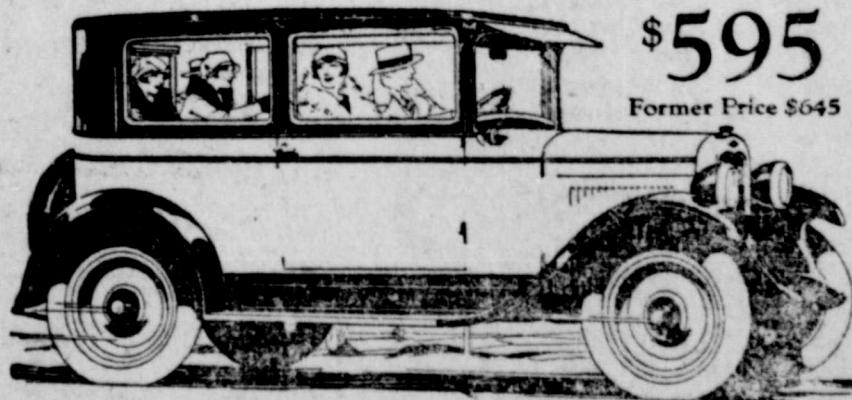
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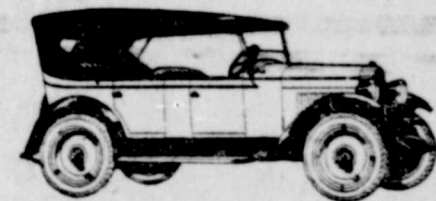
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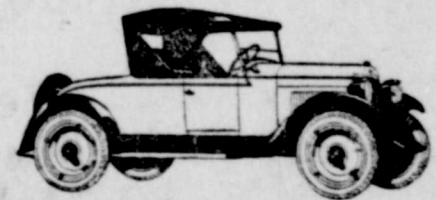
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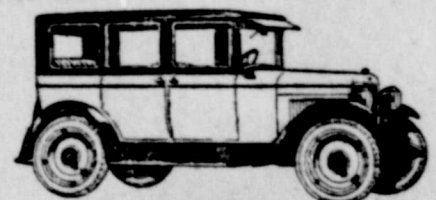
Price includes balloon tires and steel disc wheels. Former price \$535 with balloon tires only



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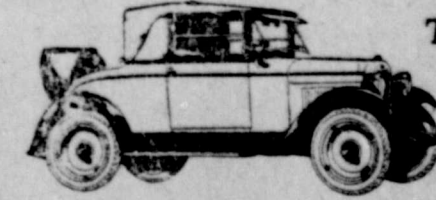
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FOR SALE—Good mesquite wood at \$5.00 per cord delivered in Merkel. See H. D. Simpson. 1tp

FOR SALE—Seed oats, clear of Johnson grass, 50c per bushel. R. F. England, 3 1-2 miles southwest of Tye. 2St3p

FOR SALE—One double row beem-hitch P.&O. Planter. See Earl Lassiter. 1t

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FOR SALE—A 12-room rooming house with right price if sold at once. Phone 2387. Walter Williams, 142 1-2 Chestnut street, Abilene. 14tp

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I have my Hemstitching machine at Schindlers Variety Store and will appreciate your work in this line. Prices: 5c per yard for cotton and 7 1-2c for silk. Mrs. L.R. Robbins. 1t

FOR SALE—My 5-room home on Yucca street, cheap if sold at once. Also have light housekeeping rooms for couple. L. R. Robbins. 1t

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—2, 3 or 4, furnished or unfurnished light housekeeping rooms Phone 274W. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither. 1t

FOR RENT—2 furnished housekeeping rooms. 2nd door north of Christian church. Mrs. R.L. Bradshaw. 1tp

FOR RENT—2 unfurnished rooms. Last house on cemetery road. O. F. Fox. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED—Will pay 10 cents per copy for the first ten copies of the Merkel Mail, issue of Jan. 7, 1927. Bring them to the Mail office. 1t

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FOUND—A small finger ring. Owner can get same by calling at this office and properly describing same, and paying for this ad. 1tp

NOTICE—If party who took the ladies purse from Dodge coupe parked at the home of R. A. Hill in South Merkel Thursday night, Jan. 20, will return the purse and papers no questions will be asked or further action taken in the matter. Return to R. A. Hill's residence. 1tp

HEAR the ladies sextette sing the bridal chorus at the Wedding of Winnie Winkle and Mike Mulligan at the School auditorium, Feb. 4th. 1t

Try a Classified Ad for Results

Doctor Gave Old Man Bit the Best of It

There were no less than eight patients that morning at the country doctor's office before he could finish his breakfast. One was a pitiful old man, dreadfully poor and nearly blind. The trouble was in his ear—which ear he did not indicate at first. He seemed apprehensive about taking the doctor into his confidence until a certain doubt had been cleared up.

"Will your charge for an office visit?" he inquired, with a kind of stealthy approach to the subject on his mind, "pay for the examination of two ears?"

"Oh, yes," was the doctor's prompt answer. He was a little impatient with the old man's hesitancy and wanted him to come to the point without loss of time. "Oh, yes! The fee will pay for both ears."

"Well, in that case," the patient continued, "one ear will be only half price, won't it?"

That was a clever piece of bargaining the doctor had to recognize, when he recovered from his surprise. The old fellow had put up a case for half-price treatment that was difficult to overcome. So the doctor said half price for one ear would do.

The afflicted ear was examined and properly treated. The patient offered the half price, but that was where the country doctor scored.

"No, keep your money. Half price is no price this morning."

The old man tottered feebly out of the door and the doctor, while pitying him, laughed softly.—Springfield Republican.

It Must Have Been Good

"What are you asking for this sketch?" inquired Sir Joshua Reynolds of an old picture dealer.

"Twenty guineas, your honor," replied the dealer.

"Twenty pence, I suppose you mean," said Reynolds.

"No, sir," answered the dealer. "I would have taken twenty pence for it this morning; but, if you think it worth looking at, all the world will think it worth buying."

Sir Joshua Reynolds ordered the sketch sent home.—Market for Exchange.

WHITE LEGHORNS

Day old chicks from M. Johnson special mating hens mated to Imperial cockerels; chicks 50 for \$9.00; 100, \$17.00; 300, \$49.00; 500, \$80.00; 1000, \$150.00. I will do some custom hatching this season on a brand new Newtown-Giant Incubator, the best incubator that money can buy, and the incubator that hatches the old hen's way. The trays hold 150 to 160 eggs. Terms: \$5.00 per tray, 25 per cent cash when set. Order some of this pure bred stuff and the pullets will begin to pay you back in 4 1-2 to 5 months. J. S. TOUCHSTONE, Hawley, Rt. 2, phone 9036F18, Anson, Texas. 8Apr27

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The Cretan decorators did not scruple to depart from a literal interpretation of nature if by so doing they could achieve more satisfying decorative effects.

If a monkey with a blue head suited their purpose better than a realistic monkey they showed no hesitation in altering it. This is the decorator's privilege, a sort of artistic license that has been taken by artists from those ancient times to the present.

Do not think that curious drawings and distortions are the product of amateurish hands. The Cretan decorators did not alter the apparent forms because they could not draw them correctly. It was done deliberately, to suit their scheme of decoration. Sometimes a naturalistic treatment of flowers and ferns was used.

When they liked they could give realistic interpretation and at other times conventionalize their subjects. When it suited their purpose they put in colors that nature never uses in such places. These Cretan decorators were great craftsmen and artists. Their designs are studied by artists today.

Wild Dogs Stole Ewes

When 100 ewes recently disappeared from a ranch near Narwon, New South Wales, they were tracked into rough country by a native tracker. When found the ewes were huddled together at the base of a cliff, stricken with terror. A score were dead and the tracker said that the tracks told the story of their experience. Four dingoes, or Australian wild dogs, had cut out the ewes from a large flock of sheep, driven them into hiding and there massacred 20 of the victims although one ewe would have been more than enough to feed their captors.

Canary Islands Prize of Many Adventurers

The Canary Islands have the distinction of being the most bought-and-sold islands known to history. They were known to the ancients and named Canaria by Piny from "the multitude of large dogs that do there abound." Warren H. Miller relates in "All Around the Mediterranean." A French vessel was driven ashore there in 1334, and in 1400 Jean de Berthen-court sailed from Rochelle to take possession, but the natives would have none of him, and he sold a bad bargain to a Spaniard. From then on these islands were sold and resold to various Spanish adventurers, all of whom had bad luck with the natives, until one, Parazza, finally sold them to the Spanish crown. In 1476 a group of 1,000 Spanish soldiers set sail for the Canaries to reduce the islands to the glory of God, under Alonzo de Lugo, who completed his task in 1495.

Not an Easy Matter to Tell Deer's Age

It is impossible, says the United States biological survey, to tell the age of the deer tribe by the number of points on the antlers. There is a popular notion that every time a deer sheds its horns—which is once a year—the horn grows out with an extra point. In a general way this is true. But the growth of the antlers is dependent on a number of circumstances, notably the general physical condition of the animal and its virility. As a rule the horns begin as single points and increase in size and number of points up to whatever may be the maximum, but the increase in size in several years may not be strictly progressive. As the animal becomes old there is a tendency for the horns to be smaller with fewer points. A point is an individual tine or snag of the antlers. A deer with one point on each side is called a two-point deer; one with two points on each side, a four-point deer, and so on. The reindeer differs from all other deer in that the females of this species also have

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The blue jay and the crow have a distinctive language of their own and one which is understood by many other species of wild life. Ducks as well as deer, foxes, rabbits, squirrels, woodchucks and many others understand crow and jay talk.

Close observations have proved that the alarm call of both the jay and crow and will immediately upon hearing either of these birds seek the shelter of their dens or some thick patch of briar.

"Petriified Lightning"

The weather bureau says that presumably petrified lightning is what is technically known as a "fulgurite." It is a more or less irregular glassy tube formed by the passage of lightning through sand (generally) or rock, which is fused along the path of discharge. The sand along the central portion of the path appears to be volatilized and driven out, hence the hollow tube, with the continuous glassy walls and rough, irregular outer surface.

Music Lovers' Gathering

The "standees" rail, running midway around the top gallery at the Metropolitan opera house, New York, is as much one of the sights as the "diamond horsehoe" in the same auditorium. It is the gathering place of a motley and democratic crew of music lovers from many foreign lands, and the only strict convention imposed is silence during the acts. One standee found himself in company with a Russian piano teacher, a German butcher, an Italian laborer and a Cuban music student.

Indians' Sign Language

The gesture, or sign language, is of more importance than any one Indian tongue, there being seventy-six different Indian vocal languages and but one universal sign language. The Indians will readily teach one their spoken language, but seem combined against teaching the sign language. A man who lived with the Sioux Indians in the Dakota territory as a boy took ten years to get it, though there are only 761 words in the language.—From Adventure Magazine.

The Rack

The secretary of the golf club had been having a thoroughly bad morning, not only with the committee, but with various members. He was touched when a nervously polite, obviously new member, approached him.

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

Male Seahorse Does Work of Incubator

One of the most remarkable eggs incubators known in nature is that of the small seahorse, the water creature that gets its name from its remarkable resemblance to the "horse" used as a knight in the game of chess, both resembling the head and shoulders of a horse.

The seahorse father somehow opens up a little pouch somewhat like that of the kangaroo, and the female lays her eggs in this pouch.

Then the old man seahorse travels around with these eggs at the end of his body till he finds they have hatched.

Then the old fellow opens the pouch, and out come several hundred little seahorses, perfectly formed, yet so small that they can be seen only with the aid of a magnifying glass.

California's Prized Gem

Kunzite, the exquisite gem, the most lately discovered of earth's precious stones, is found in Riverside and San Diego counties in California and nowhere else. Extraordinary brilliant, its colors are pink, lavender and various attractive shades of lilac, and it cuts adequately into any desirable gem form you wish. It is one of the few natural pink gems, and as a lilac gem it stands absolutely alone, as the Tiffanys immediately acknowledged by their recognition of its rarity, intrinsic beauty, striking brilliancy and high monetary value. The best stones come from the mines near Pala, but they are also found farther south in San Diego county, often associated with other gems such as beryls, noble garnets, magnificent tourmalines, fine opals and alluring aquamarines.

If it is a house you want built, see a carpenter, but if it is Meats, see Baker & Wheeler Market. 1t

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Good Health Depends Upon Good Elimination.

RETENTION of bodily waste in the blood is called a "toxic condition." This often gives rise to a dull, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backaches and headaches. That the kidneys are not functioning properly is often shown by burning or scanty passage of secretions. Thousands have learned to assist their kidneys by drinking plenty of pure water and the occasional use of a stimulant diuretic. 50,000 users give Doan's signed endorsement. Ask your neighbor!

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7th grade, Mrs. Jackson: Elvis Richardson 95, Alvin Parraack 91, Elsie Lasater 91, Dorothy Little 91
6th grade, Miss McMurry: Lela Patterson 93, Isadore Mellinger 91, Mildred Lloyd 92
6th grade, Miss Sterling: Katharyn Duff 93, Ross Ferrier 91, Willie Evelyn Boaz 90
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4th grade, Miss Dean: Garnet Robbins 94, Julia Proctor 92, Joe Earl Lassiter 92, La Verne Holden 91, James McClure 91, Lloyd Robertson 91, Mabel Morton 91, Jack West 90, Bessylea Church 90
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and daughters as we are. There is this to be considered also. Our success is not always measured by our results. Some times our failures are really successes. Your child's failure in some subject may be his making. The thing to be regretted in failures is the lack of life to rise again and push ahead to overcome the failure. The results are not always the barometer of effort. The effort put forth is the thing that counts. We might work patiently and without success so far as visible results go and yet our work be of the highest grade. There are always factors affecting success, and by that I mean tangible results. The cooperation of all parties concerned—the attitude of the community, the desire on the part of those concerned to make a success, the aim of all. That is why I write this. I want you people of Merkel to have the best. I want you to see some of the results you long for. You can get this by your vital interest in school affairs, we get ours by the knowledge that ours is and has been a duty well discharged

We have the satisfaction of our minds that we are getting good results with some. We want it with all. You help us help you get the results of good, honest effort well rewarded among the students and parents.
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GETTING RESULTS

Under this title and from the school superintendent you may expect me to tell you what results we have obtained in the school this year, but that is not the idea behind this article at all. We will let the honor roll speak for itself as to the good work we have seen done in the class rooms. We will let your children's report cards show you whether they have accomplished the results we, and you, desired.

The thing I want the patrons to see in this poor article is the need of a definite goal to be reached and a definite plan is necessary if you are going to get returns and results from the money you spend on your children's education. I mean by this that you must keep up your end of the load by seeing to it that your son or daughter has some special aim in their work. You must know what your child can do, is doing, and will do, before you can have any standard to measure their accomplishments by. If you are just sending them to school and they are just going to school, how do you know they are succeeding or failing. You who are business men and women know if you, in your business, just let your clerks go, and do what they wanted to—and you not have a goal set, and a knowledge of what you expected them to do—it would not be long before you would be on the rocks. We are here to give instruction, offer guidance, and to some extent give some inspiration to the pupils. We try. We succeed to some extent, and our greatest good is accomplished with the ones whose parents are as interested in their sons

A QUESTION

After reading a few of Machiavelli's essays on chicanery, one wonders how long he would last as a modern used car dealer. It would give him a great laugh, we know, to see how conscientiously we recondition our Used Cars before offering them for sale. But the proof of a principle is in its success—and the laugh would be on him, after all.

MERKEL GARAGE

Front Street

A USED CAR IS ONLY AS DEPENDABLE AS THE DEALER WHO SELLS IT

TRENT SECRETARY C. OF C. OBJECTS TO HEAD LINE

(Continued from front page)
items. We always published any news items given us by the good people of our sister city. We have no stones to throw at any town; we have never mentioned Trent in any way but creditable and respectful. However, The Merkel Mail is located in Merkel, and is for Merkel, and the interests of the home town always comes first. If we published a paper in Trent we certainly would fight for every inch of ground that rightfully belonged to it, as our home town.

Now, regarding question of a certain cafe moving to Merkel from Trent, and the news item on the front page, we say that was a legitimate news item, and this paper only quoted the expressed opinion of the owner of same regarding the fact that "Merkel Holds Greater Prospects for the Future". He may be right, and again he may be wrong. Many people are and have been greatly divided on that question. However, every one in both Trent and Merkel should feel very happy over the discovery of oil in this section, for the reason that it has already brought much wealth to our people and rapid growth to both towns. There is plenty of business and room for expansion of both Trent and Merkel, and it is proper and right for you, Mr. Wood, as Secretary of Trent's wide-awake Chamber of Commerce, to work hard and boost the best interest of the town, which, no doubt, is handsomely remunerating you for your able efforts.

Of course the cafe in question may have been located a little too far out, being ONE block from the main business section of your city on Main street, out where residences are located; however, the proprietor of said cafe states that when he made his location it was expected that other brick business houses would be erected on either side of him as well as in front on the opposite side of the street. And I expect that Trent is like Merkel: during the rush days she expected a lot of things that did not happen. That is, they have not happened, or did not happen as fast as was expected. Of course the Grill did not extend to the end, by any means, of Trent's long business street even though it was surrounded by residences, for this writer, on visits to your fast growing city, has counted near a dozen business houses several blocks further out on the same street on which the Grill was located, including garages, hotels, and your splendid newspaper. We hope that all these business concerns do not happen to a lack of patronage sufficient to cause them to also move to Merkel, for if that happens this paper would have more competition than we could comfortably enjoy.

No, Mr. Woods, you misjudge this paper. Because we have not mentioned Trent's oil field, which is no reason we have anything against the town or its good people. The Merkel Mail is published in Merkel and would not be true to its people if it did not boost the town's best interest first of all. If we published a paper in Trent every effort would be exerted to Trent's best interest, and we would consider ourselves a traitor to the town and its people if we did not.

Now, as to your suggestion that it would be better to change the heading regarding the Cafe moving to Merkel to read: "Moved Cafe from Residence Section of Trent to Business section of Merkel," "Owner Believes prospects for business Better," we agree with you exactly. And we would suggest to you that ANY TIME ANY TOWN'S BUSINESS SECTION SPREADS INTO THE RESIDENCE SECTION FASTER THAN PATRONAGE IS SUPPLIED, REMOVALS WILL HAPPEN LIKE THAT ABOVE MENTIONED IN YOUR COMMUNICATION.

Regarding the extension of the T. and P. trackage, and the location of the many supply companies at Trent, we would say that the railway company has already extended its trackage in Merkel and practically all the supply houses mentioned, and some

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not mentioned, have also made LOCATIONS here.

No, Mr. Woods, there seems to be plenty of business for both Trent and Merkel. The oil field may develop in a way that will give Trent the best of it. Then it may be developed so as to give Merkel the best of it. For the present both towns have and are enjoying considerable growth and added prosperity by the oil discovery. Let's be thankful.

Who is the bride.

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Mr. M. Rosenwasser of Lockhart visited in the Max Mellinger home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rebert McBean are happy over the arrival of a little daughter, born Friday, the 11st.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Britton spent last week end in Abilene.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bedroom three blocks from town on Oak street. Fire and closet in room; access to bath room; very desirable. Mrs. Jas. H. West, telephone 145. It

GRANDMA HUGHES PASSES AWAY

After an illness of several months, Mrs. Lucinda Hughes, for more than thirty years a respected and beloved member of the community, quietly and peacefully passed to her reward at her home in the south part of the city, on last Tuesday, January 25.

Grandma Hughes, as she was so familiarly known by her many friends, was born February 13, 1841, in the state of Alabama, was married to William F. Hughes in 1866. To this union seven children were born, four of whom survive her, as follows: Mr. John S. Hughes, J. Haynes Hughes, Mrs. E. H. Patterson, and Mrs. W. T. Cox, all of Merkel and vicinity.

Mrs. Hughes with her family came to Merkel about 33 years ago and has always enjoyed the good will and esteem of all with whom she has become acquainted. She had been a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Church for more than 70 years, having become identified with that church when 16 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Wednesday, January 26, at 2 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. McCarter, assisted by Rev. C. McCarter, pastor of the Presbyterian church with burial immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Be sure to read page six of this issue. It's good news.

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