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## Grammar School Orchestra Delights Abilene Audience

"The singing orchestra from the Merkel grade school made a decided hit," was the praise won by the grammar school orchestra in the Abilene Reporter Wednesday afternoon after they had presented a program of music and song to the Abilene Kiwanis Club at their weekly luncheon in the Grace Hotel dining room. The young people were guests of J. R. Masterson, who has been a most enthusiastic booster of the orchestra from its infancy. The orchestra was organized and is directed by Miss Melba West, this little organization has grown in numbers and in perfection of production until Mr. Masterson was pleased to invite them out where they advertised their school and town in a most effective manner. A try-out among the Ukelele girls was sponsored by Mrs. Sublett for the elimination of all but the four best players to make the trip to Abilene, but all the members had improved to such an extent that it was decided to take them all. Those winning in the try-out were: Phala Diltz, Dorothy Little, Thelma Leach and Beth Hamm, with Miss Edna Marie Jones, Melba West and Christine Collins acting as judges. The personnel of the orchestra is: Violins, D. O. Huddleston, Lynn McSpadden; Saxophones, Isadore Mellinger, Sterling Sheppard and Benjamin Sheppard; Ukelele girls, Dorothy Little, Thelma Leach, Verna T. Beasley, Louise Booth, Beth Hamm, Mattie Lou Largent, Phala Diltz, and Miss Melba West, accompanist and director.

Too much appreciation can not be laid upon these youngsters and their efforts, for already they make a most pleasing appearance. Nor can too much be said for Miss West, and her perseverance in bringing this opportunity to the students.

## MR. AND MRS. KIRBY BECKETT ERECTING HOME IN 'SOUTHLANDS'

Contractors have this week begun the erection of a modern new five-room frame home for Mr. and Mrs. Kirby-Beckett of this city. It is located in the "Southlands," a new addition to the residential section of this city on the south, which promises to become one of the best residence sections of Merkel. Mr. Beckett is manager of the Maverick Motor Company, Chrysler dealers. Barnes Bros. & Parker have the contract for the erection of this new home.

## NEWS ITEMS ABOUT W.T.C. CONVENTION

Decatur, Bowie, Henrietta, Seymour, Archer City, Olney, Graham, Electra, Iowa Park, and Burk Burnett, are some of the towns near Wichita Falls which virtually plan to close their business houses for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention May 16 and 17 in Wichita Falls.

Hotel accommodations for several thousand people have already been asked in preparation for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention in Wichita Falls, May 16 and 17. The housing committee of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce headed by A. L. Huey, is listing 10,000 rooms to care for the visitors to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention May 16 and 17.

Twenty-five cities and towns in West Texas will go to Wichita Falls May 16 and 17, prepared to represent some foreign country in the Congress of Nations, a feature in the annual convention parade.

More than a score of sponsors for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention May 16 and 17 have been chosen and their names sent to the entertainment committee of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce. Three Governors are expected to attend the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention in Wichita Falls. They are: Governor Moody of Texas, Governor Dillon of New Mexico, and Governor Johnston of Oklahoma.

Hon. James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor under president Coolidge, will be the principal speaker at the convention. This will be the first time a cabinet member has attended the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toombs, Jr., and children, Fern and Armie Love, returned last week from Snyder, where they visited relatives.

## Boy Scouts Are Making Progress

Rapid progress in Boy Scout activities has been made by many communities throughout the Chisholm Trail Area Council which consists of Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Taylor, Callahan, Coleman and Runnels counties.

Since coming to this section of Texas only a few months ago to act as Scout Executive for the council, Executive Ed Shunway has made possible the increase of active scouts from 323 to over six hundred and the organization of several new troops of scouts.

C. M. Caldwell of Abilene is president of the council organization and it is the desire of all officials that every boy of scout age throughout this part of Texas become a Boy Scout and learn the hundreds of useful things a scout learns.

The Boy Scout Movement is the largest movement for the training of boys the world has ever known and is recognized as being the greatest character program in existence.

Every man in our community should be interested in boy scout work for it is a movement that trains our lads in useful things and makes possible better citizens of them.

A Boy Scout does a good turn daily. Not some deed that his mother or father expects him to do but the scout goes out of his way to do a good turn to someone and each day the scout repeats the scout oath which is as follows:

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the scout law; to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Every school, every church and every civic organization in the Chisholm Trail Boy Scout Council should sponsor a boy scout troop and thus give their boys the opportunity of scout training and leadership.

Executive Shunway is a man who does things and the council organization announces that Shunway will assist any church, organization, club or group of citizens in the council territory in the organization of scout troops and better than that, the scout office at Abilene is the scout office for the entire territory. It is located in Abilene because Abilene is the central point of the seven counties but the service of the office is for our community as well as others and we should take advantage of this opportunity and start the ball-a-rolling now for the organization of boy scout troop in our community.

We do not have to pay any special amount for this service as the scout movement is made possible through the membership plan, hundreds of men in this territory becoming members and contributing financially as they desire, all giving cooperation to the work for boys.

Study the scout oath and the scout laws folks and lets get in on this great movement for the boys of our community.

The scout laws: A scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent.

A scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

## PECAN BUDDING DEMONSTRATION AT ABILENE

Because there has developed a general interest in pecan budding in this section, the county agent has secured one of the ablest pecan specialists in the south, who is now with the A. & M. College, College Station, to hold a pecan budding demonstration at Abilene Saturday, April 30, and those who are interested are invited to attend. A study will also be made of top working native trees and converting them into paper shell nuts. A number of places near Abilene will be visited and instructions will be given in cutting-back the native tree preparatory to budding. Those who attend should meet at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce at 9 o'clock. This will be an especially instructive meeting to those who are interested in any phase of the pecan industry.

Mr. Louis Jounger, local manager for Schindler's Variety Store, spent Sunday in Winters.

Miss Clementine Powell, of Leonard, Texas, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sam Swann for some time, left last week for her home.

## M.H.S. Senior Play Thursday Evening At Queen Theatre

At the Queen Theatre on Thursday evening, May 5th, at eight o'clock the Senior Class of Merkel High School will present Booth Tarkington's "Clarence," a four-act comedy drama.

This play is not only full of humor from beginning to end, but also contains an interesting plot with a surprise ending. The students have taken an unusual interest in this play and expect to make a success of it in every particular. They have been practicing regularly for some time in order to perfect the various parts.

*The Cast.*  
Mrs. Martyn ..... Inice Brown  
Mr. Wheeler ..... Joe Cypert  
Mrs. Wheeler ..... Orpah Patterson  
Bobby Wheeler ..... Maben Rogers  
Cora Wheeler ..... Tommie Durham  
Violet Pinney ..... Frances Anders  
Clarence ..... Clyde Mayfield  
Della ..... Helen Booth  
Dinwiddie ..... Ray Spurgin  
Hubert Stern ..... Charlie Largent

## Yosemite Valley As Film Setting

"The deepest picture setting in the world" has been filmed, as a background with miles of space before it, in the production of "The Understanding Heart," which is coming to the Queen Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, as a Cosmopolitan production, based on Peter B. Kyne's famous novel. It takes in miles of scenery at a glance, at the end of miles of space, one of the strangest tasks ever assigned a motion picture camera.

The "set" is the whole view of Yosemite Valley from Inspiration Point, the pinnacle at the end of the famous California scenic wanderland overlooking all the famous spots of the valley.

Aside from being a remarkable lens feat, the task involved daring work on the part of the cameramen, technicians and actors. Cameras and equipment had to be hauled by burros over the "old trail," a narrow and dangerous roadway in the sides of gigantic crags where a misstep might spell death. In some cases ropes were used to haul the cameras up the sides of cliffs.

## THE LOCAL C. OF C.

The Chamber of Commerce has been able to find a local market for much of the surplus raised by different farmers. It is trying to function as a clearing house for the farmer. If you have a surplus of any product let Mr. Thompson know and he will find a local buyer. If you need farm help you can be readily supplied by registering your wants with the Chamber of Commerce.

If the members of the Retail Merchants Association want it to function they should get all lists in at once. Lives of growlers all remind us. We can spread this world with gloom, And departing leave behind us Joyful thousands round our toomb.

## FORMER MERKEL LADY PASSES AWAY AT ABILENE

Mrs. C. L. McNeese, 67 years of age, died at the family residence at Abilene at 10:10 last Saturday night, April 23, following an illness of several years.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. McNeese made Merkel their home, moving to Abilene several years ago so that they might be close to McMurry College in order that their children might attend that school. They had been residents of Taylor county for 37 years.

Deceased was laid to rest in Cedar Hill cemetery and is survived by her husband and nine children, as follows: Mrs. Lovenia Yates, of Big Spring; Ulyses McNeese, of Abilene; Mrs. Vida Myers, El Paso; Miss Mabel McNeese, Abilene; Mrs. Mamie Crawford, Alpine; J. L. McNeese, Dallas, R. A. McNeese, San Antonio; and C. L. McNeese, Robertson, Oregon.

Miss Ooida Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Mary Campbell, at Canyon, Texas.

Mrs. L. C. Rea, of Corsicana, was here this week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

## FEDERAL ROAD AID RESTORED

AUSTIN, Texas, April 27.—Restoration of federal aid to the Texas highway system and approval of tentative allotments of federal road money made by the new state highway commission last night was announced by Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the national government's bureau of roads.

Aid was withdrawn from the state during the last Ferguson highway commission's term when the federal bureau became dissatisfied with maintenance of federal aided roads and alarmed at the financial condition of the state department.

*All Day Conference.*  
The official announcement closed a conference with the state highway commission which lasted practically all day.

"The highway commission has satisfied the bureau as to the future maintenance of those federal aided roads previously built, which have been inadequately maintained. A program for the use of federal aid in Texas in the work of reconstruction and a new construction has been agreed upon generally, and those projects to which allotments of federal aid have been tentatively made by the highway commission are in line with this program and will be approved at once," MacDonald said. About \$8,500,000 in aid will be available to the state this year and about \$4,000,000 for 1928, the discrepancy being caused by the fact that the state thus far this year has received no allotments.

## SEARCHING OF AUTO WITHOUT WARRANT UPHeld BY COURT

AUSTIN, Texas, April 27.—Search of an automobile by officers without a warrant is not violative of statutory or constitutional law if "a reasonable ground of suspicion exists," the court of criminal appeals held today.

The court made the ruling in affirming sentence of Beneficio Tenda in Hays county on conviction of liquor law violation. Tenda's defense was that the officers who searched his car had no search warrant.

## P. T. A. PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Invocation, Rev. Cypert.  
Saxophone solo, Isadore Mellinger.  
Reading, Vera Richie.  
Two selections, by Choral Club.  
"High up in the Hills," Grammar School orchestra.  
Reading, Margaret Turner.  
Solo, Mona Margaret Jones.  
"Valencia," Grammar School Orchestra.

As this is the last meeting for this school term of the Parent-Teachers Association, a large attendance is urged. Officers will be elected at this meeting, and other important business transacted.

## Farm Bureau Makes Big Allotment To Farmers Here

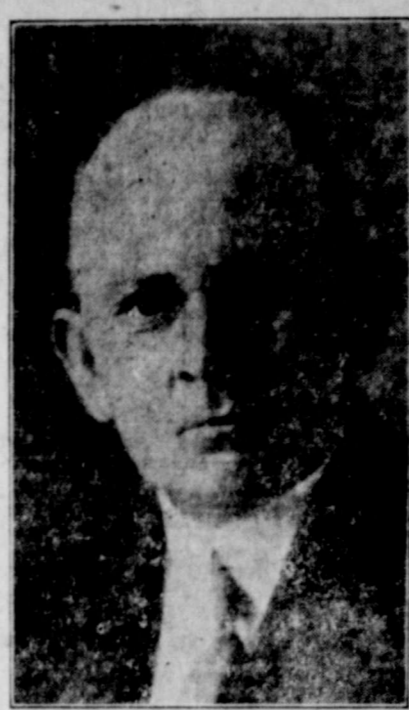
The members of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association of Taylor County are receiving, this week, \$61,991.73 as a final settlement on the cotton shipped by them to the Association, according to an announcement made by J. C. Mason, Director of the Association.

This is a part of the \$3,500,000 which is being distributed to the farmers of Texas at this time by the Association. The members have previously received an initial advance on their cotton at the time of shipment and a further distribution during the season.

This money is coming at a time when it will be of material assistance to farmers in the handling of their crops for the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Elder of Baird, visited in the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. O. R. Douglas and other relatives Saturday of last week, taking her mother, Mrs. Taylor, home with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaddy and little daughter Jacqueline, and Mr. Gaddy's father, from Wichita Falls, visited Mrs. Gaddy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parker, here last week.



REV. J. O. HAYMES

## Large Crowds Are Attending Methodist Revival

The revival at the First Methodist church continues with increasing crowds and growing interest. Two services are held each day—at 10:00 o'clock in the mornings and at 7:45 in the evening, with adult and junior prayer-meetings preceding the evening services.

Rev. J. O. Haymes is delivering at each service great gospel messages, and as the meeting continues to grow in attendance and interest it is expected that a great revival and much lasting good will have been accomplished before the same shall have come to a close.

On next Sunday there will be three services—at 11 o'clock the regular morning service; at three o'clock a service for men and boys; and the evening service. Subject for the morning hour is "Burning Hearts". Subject for the afternoon meeting at 3 o'clock for men and boys is "What Constitutes a Man?" At the evening hour the subject will be "Lessons from a Far Country".

The pastor, Rev. W. R. McCarter, states that he is indeed pleased with the hearty cooperation given the meeting from the pastors and members of other denominations, and extends a cordial invitation to one and all to take part in and help make the meeting a splendid success.

## Merkel Girl Business Manager of Kiwanis Girl Scout Camp

Six C. I. A. girls will act as counselors at the Kiwanis Girl Scout Camp thirteen miles southwest of Dallas this summer. Each girl will have a special duty. Doris Ruth Durham will act as business manager, and Florence Boyd will be dietitian. The other girls will act as instructors, teaching the following subjects: Mary Bryan, nature study; Clare Leverett, handicraft; Mable Frances King, swimming; and Gussie Nell Davis, music and dancing.

The camp will last from June until August 1. The girls will attend in groups of sixty, each group remaining for two weeks.—The Lass-O.

## ELDER CYPERT PREACHES AT TRENT SUNDAY

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach at Trent on next Sunday at both the morning and evening hours. He extends a cordial invitation to every one to attend either or both of the services.

A letter to the Merkel Mail from Mr. Vernon B. Simpson, at Sweetwater, asks that the address of his paper be changed from Merkel to that city, he and his family having moved to that city recently. We join their many friends in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Miss Lillian Watts returned Monday evening from Dallas, where she spent two weeks visiting relatives and friends. Miss Watts has accepted a lucrative position with Allison Stevens Motor Company, Dodge Bros. automobile dealers of Abilene, and has taken up her work there this week. Her many friends will miss her from the home town.

Mrs. Alva Isom, of Dallas, was a week-end visitor here last week, being the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Coomer.

## To Drill For Oil Near White Church

According to Messrs. A. W. Costephens and George A. Smith, who have just recently completed the assembling of a 2,800 acre block, Gilbert Johnson & Company, of Abilene, formerly of Fort Worth, have contracted to spud in a 3,000 foot test well near the White Church school house, or in what is known as the northwest corner of Mulberry Canyon, not later than June 1, 1927.

This test will be three and a half miles northwest of the Latimer test and two miles north of the Butman test, and about 12 miles southwest of Merkel.

## Water Bound In Oklahoma

As was stated in a recent issue of this paper, Fred Deutschman and family left Merkel on the 13th for an extended trip to the state of Arkansas, and a letter to the Mail from Mr. Deutschman states that they arrived in Poteau, Oklahoma, six days after leaving home, just barely missing a terrible storm and flood, and that they were marooned at that place, being unable to go in any direction since Poteau is located between the Poteau and Arkansas rivers. The letter stated that it would likely be ten days before they would be able to proceed in any direction.

## EXCURSION TO EL PASO \$13.50 ROUND TRIP FARE

From the very efficient and ever accommodating station agent, for the Texas & Pacific, Mr. John C. Childress, we learn that on Monday, May 16, you can buy a round-trip ticket from Merkel to El Paso and return for only \$13.50, with final return limit of May 22nd.

This excursion affords a splendid opportunity to spend a few days in El Paso and enjoy the many attractions of this far famed border city, which permits of a trip to Juarez, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande.

This is indeed a very reasonable rate for such a fine trip, and those interested in it may gain full and complete information regarding same from the local agent.

## Lull in Oil Development Continues; Sears Is Plugged

The Marsten Oil Company's Winn No. 1, three-quarters of a mile south of the Noodle Creek field is dry at 2,545 feet, and plans are being made to plug the well.

The Humble well on the Jacobs farm three miles east of Merkel is reported to have reached a depth of 2,100 feet.

The test on the Latimer farm ten miles south is shut down waiting for a new engine.

The Largent is drilling at around 2,600, it is reported.  
Mr. J. S. Swann reports the well on his ranch two miles northwest of the field by the Marsten Oil Company drilling at 2,100 feet. The contract depth on this test is said to be 3,500 feet.

A report became current on the streets yesterday that the John Sears well three miles east of the field had filled up several hundred feet in oil while the six and eight inch casing were being pulled preparatory to plugging. It was stated that some eight or ten bailers of pure oil were taken from the well Thursday morning. Reports are that the well will be plugged regardless of the showing. It has been the opinion of many that this well might have been made a small producer by a shot.

## MAVERICK SERVICE STATION IS NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Messrs. W. F. Patterson and Sidney A. Coats, Jr., this week purchased from Jimmie Brown the retail Humble gasoline business in this city, and will continue the operation of the same at the Maverick Service Station.

These gentlemen are well known in and about Merkel and will no doubt receive their share of the automobile trade in this line.



CONDENSED STATEMENT  
**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**

Merkel, Texas, Close of Business March 23, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$434,892.12
Overdrafts	2,987.92
Banking House	13,500.00
Building fund, banking house	12,178.88
Other Real Estate	5,841.50
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Stocks & Securities	1,500.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Commercial Loans	27,000.00
U. S. Bonds	77,150.00
Bills Ex. Cotton	4,820.62
Cash & Exchange	108,927.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$700,969.37</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	29,964.74
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>621,004.63</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$700,969.37</b>

The above statement is correct.  
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier  
R. O. ANDERSON, Active V. Pres.

**FARMERS STATE BANK**  
"The Dependable Bank"

MERKEL TEXAS

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Dallas Scarbrough  
David Hendricks

**Queen of Flowers**

If asked to name the queen of flowers, the average person would probably vote for the rose. The botanist, however, would do no such thing. To the botanist the stamens and pistils are the real flower. The petals are only the flower's clothes, and the make-up of the rose and all her family shows an early stage in flower development.

The real queen of the flowers is the daisy. In the daisy the botanist finds the stages of development of all the other flowers in the seedman's catalogue. There are about 250 flowers in or forests on each daisy. Even the white or pink-tipped rays are not petals but whole flowers, and the yellow boss of the shield consists of many other perfect little flowers, each making seed.

**Coin Designers Honored**

The custom of placing the signature of the engraver upon a coin dates from remote antiquity. Many Greek coins, especially the splendid creations produced by the cities of Sicily and Magna Graecia, are signed with the initials of the artist, and in some cases with his full name. The same practice has prevailed generally in European countries. On the coins of the United States but few signatures occur. There was none until the double eagle appeared in 1849, when the signature of Longacre, J. B. L., was placed on the truncation of the bust.

**Starved Bears Troublesome**

Because of the pangs of hunger, the bears of Alaska have become so bold this winter that signal corps men operating the extensive telegraph and radio system at isolated stations in the Arctic region have found it necessary to maintain special guards to protect their food supplies from the attacks of these half-starved animals. They are reported to be very numerous this season and so regular in their travels in search of food that they have made regular trails between military stations, similar to those in the Far West in the days of the pioneers.

**Movable Dining Rooms**

The dining room is modern. It would seem impossible nowadays to get along without a dining room in our apartments or homes, where every room has quite a definite designation. The dining room, as we know it nowadays, became the fashion only during the Seventeenth and more generally during the Eighteenth century. Before, people put up a table in a bedroom when no guests came or, on a festival day, in the parlor, or, for the noblemen, in the big hall of the castle. Many people of the lower classes used to eat always in the kitchen.

**Doris Kenyon**



Winsome Doris Kenyon, after flitting undecided between stage and screen, signed a long contract with a prominent producing firm as a featured player, and has since made a number of very successful pictures. She was born in Syracuse, N. Y., and was educated at Packard Institute and Columbia University in New York. She has reddish blond hair, gray eyes, is five feet, six inches high and weighs 120 pounds. Among her recent pictures are "Mismates," "Men of Steel," "Ladies at Play," and the "Biond Saint."

**WHEN I WAS TWENTY-ONE**  
BY JOSEPH KAYE

At twenty-one Scott Fitzgerald wrote the book that brought him fame. "AT TWENTY-ONE I was in an officers' training camp and while there started on a novel. I would begin work on it every Saturday afternoon at one and work like mad until midnight. Then I would work at it from six Sunday morning until six Sunday night, when I had to report back to barracks. "When I finished the novel it was rejected. A year later it was published under the title of 'This Side of Paradise.'—SCOTT FITZGERALD. "TODAY—At the age of thirty-one, when others are just starting out to make their way, Fitzgerald is already a famous author, commanding both the attention of the public and substantial checks from the publishers. When 'This Side of Paradise' was published it became the leading novel of the time almost immediately, and the future of the young writer was assured. It might be no exaggeration to say that Fitzgerald started the "flapper" literature that inundated this country up to a year or two ago. (© by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

**What Does Your Child Want to Know ?**

Answered by BARBARA BOURJAILY



**ARE ANY TWO THINGS EVER EXACTLY ALIKE?**

No two things ever are alike in each minute detail; And if examined closely Show difference without fail. (Copyright.)

**Do You Know**

...??... That: ...??...

"MIDAS-EARED" is an expression which has come to us from an old Greek myth. Midas, King of Phrygia, was appointed judge in a musical contest between Apollo and Pan. King Midas decided in favor of Pan whereupon Apollo in contempt gave Midas a pair of ass' ears. Midas then tried to hide his ears in his cap, but his barber who used to cut his hair discovered them. The servant was so tied with the "joke" which he dared not tell that he dug a hole in the ground to relieve himself of the secret and whispered into the hole, "King Midas has ass' ears," and then filled it up. A reed, however, grew there which betrayed the secret by its whispers. The term "Midas-eared" has come to mean without discrimination or judgment.—Anna S. Turnquist. (© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

STATEMENT of CONDITION  
**FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK**

Merkel, Texas  
Close of Business March 23rd., 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$225,888.83
Overdrafts	2,127.19
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Bankers Acceptances	\$ 79,431.00
Commercial Paper	77,500.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	116,800.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	134,846.65
<b>AVAILABLE CASH</b>	<b>\$408,577.65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$646,356.17</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	15,437.93
Circulation	5,950.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>559,968.24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$646,356.17</b>

STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Taylor } I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

**Directors**

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"Bugs? How lovely!"—Senior Play.

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

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**Crown Hardware Co.**

We close at 6:00 p. m. everyday except Saturday



**Mother's Day**  
Would that I were a boy again! How often do we hear that thought expressed by many a man. The sweetest memories of youth are the happy days spent in Mother's loving care. Let us not forget the heartaches she went through to make us the men and women we are today.

**CARDS  
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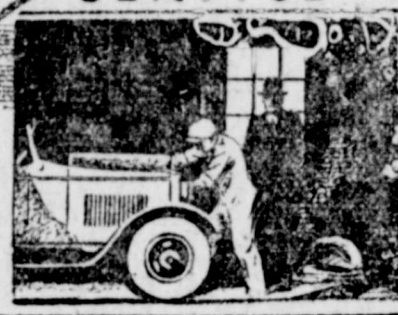
EVERYBODY'S  
GARAGE

IF You want reliable, efficient Garage Service, rendered in a prompt, courteous manner, then park your car in Everybody's Garage. Expert mechanical service, thorough greasing service and battery charging by men who know.

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SERVICE



NOTHING ON DAD?

A son at college sent the following wire to his father:  
"No men, no fun,—Your son."  
The answer came back:  
"How sad, too bad,—Your dad."

We discontinue giving "S&H" Green Stamps May 1st. Finish filling your book now. BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY. 115  
"Didn't your nurse ever try to eat you?"—Senior Play. 1t

We have just installed the  
**FRIGIDAIRE SYSTEM**  
of REFRIGERATION

Thereby giving us up-to-the-minute refrigeration and giving to the people of Merkel and vicinity a market second to none in Taylor county for its size. We are striving to give you the best market Merkel has ever had and are striving to give you the best meats and meat products obtainable, thereby meriting your continued patronage.

We also carry a complete line of Groceries, Fresh Vegetables and Fruits.

Farmers, bring us your produce. We are agents for Swift & Company cream station and would like to have your cream. Highest market price paid.

The Store That Gives Quantity,  
Quality, Service and Satisfaction

**QUALITY MARKET**

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**Biblical Names for  
Slaves of Preacher**

Biblical or historical names were bestowed upon nearly all the 49 slaves of Rev. George Whitfield of Georgia, founder of the first orphanage in America, according to a writer in the Kansas City Star. The appraisal of his estate, a document now 156 years old, recently became the property of the Georgia state department of archives and history, and it is the document that reveals the odd manner of designating slaves.

When Whitfield had a man's job to be done about the place he would call on Adam, Thomas, Luke, Peter, Job, Matthew, Abraham, Samson, Saul, Daniel, Paul, Isaac, Jonathan, Abner, Cato, Scipio, Oxford, London, Dick, Tom, Tobe or old Sambo. Upon the women servants the preacher bestowed such names as Amoretta, Rachel, Esther, Ruth, Dinah, Phoebe and Bet.

On his plantation surrounding Bethesda academy, which he established near Savannah in 1739 Whitfield amassed a personal estate valued at \$15,000, the document records.

**Howe Too Optimistic  
Over Girl's Greeting**

The first person Viscount William Howe, English general and commander in chief of North America from 1775 to 1778, saw on American soil when his ships arrived off Brooklyn was Nancy Cortelja, who had climbed to the top of a high hill near the Narrows and waved her petticoat in greeting to the incoming troops. The English troops considered the girl's greeting a favorable omen, says Maude Stewart Welch in her book, "Vrouw Knickerbocker."

To Howe, ever attracted by a petticoat, it suggested pretty girls and the social life of the community. Howe, the general and soldier, felt it presaged good will and allies to further his cause. But it proved an omen discredited during the years of fighting that followed. "Welcome" was not written on Breucklen's (as the Dutch spelled the name of the then small town) doormat, even if one of its daughters had enthusiastically suggested it.

**Dickens**

Yes, he had many and grave faults. So had Sir Walter and the good Dumas; so, to be candid, did Shakespeare himself—Shakespeare, the king of poets. To myself he is always the man of his unrivaled and enchanting letters—is always an incarnation of generous and abounding gaiety, a type of beneficent earnestness, a great expression of intellectual vigor and emotional vivacity. I love . . . to reflect that even as he was the inspiration of my boyhood so is he the delight of my middle age. I love to think that while English literature endures he will be remembered as one who loved his fellow men, and did more to make them happy and amiable than any other writer of his time.—W. E. Henley, in Views and Reviews.

**Old Chinese Banknotes**

The oldest banknotes on record are the "flying money" or "covenant money" issued in China in 2097 B. C. At first these notes were issued by the treasury department. But it was found that the attendant expense was large. This caused their transfer to banks which were under government inspection and control.

Thus China had a marvelous financial system centuries before the Christian era. The notes issued were printed in blue ink on paper made from the fiber of mulberry trees. Several specimens of Chinese notes issued during the Ming dynasty, in the Fourteenth century, are still in existence. That was about 50 years before the establishment of the first European bank.—Mentor Magazine.

**Emerald Isle**

Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle because of the bright verdure of its grass and other vegetation, due to the frequent rains for which the island is noted. It is supposed that Dr. William Drennan (1754-1820), an Irish physician and poet, was the first to apply the name Emerald Isle to Ireland. In a poem entitled "Erin" and published in 1795 Drennan spoke of "the cause of the men of the Emerald Isle." It was the opinion of the poet himself that he was the first to use the nickname which later became so popular.

**Encouraged to Proceed**

Sargent was sometimes criticized on account of the sketchy, impressionist style of his pictures. One time after finishing three or four new works he gave a tea at his studio in Tite street. Among the guests was a certain duchess, who scanned the new pictures through her lorgnette. Stopping before one of them, she said to Mr. Sargent in the condescending tone that duchesses use toward all who work: "I say, I like this, you know I should go on with it, if I were you."

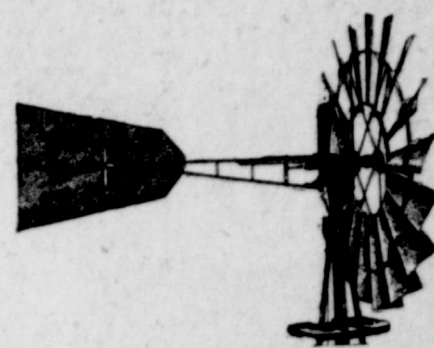
**Valhalla**

Valhalla was the abode of Odin the Norse god; it was a huge house of joy and all the heroes went there when they died. The same name was given the temple of fame, built by Louis I of Bavaria at Donaustauf and consecrated to the Germans who had become renowned in war, and the arts. And now it has come to be applied generally to buildings dedicated to national heroes or distinguished folk.

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**Not to Be Despised**

It was "report card day" and mother was looking them over. Marjory, an eighth-grader, brought home a wonderful record, and Evelyn, from the sixth grade carried home a card that made mother's eyes shine with pride. But, alas, eight-year-old Junior was the cause of great despair. At luncheon mother discussed it with father, in the presence of the children. At last she said:

"I just don't see why Junior can't make good grades like the girls do." Junior looked up from his spinach, which he was dutifully devouring. "Well," he said, in his own defense, "I may not get as good grades as my sisters do, but let me tell you this: I'm the second best fighter in the whole school!"

**"Jokers" in Old Laws**

Some old laws contain unintentional jokers. A Massachusetts statute leaves it up to the authorities to determine if a citizen has driven on a public highway "laid out under authority of the law recklessly or under the influence of liquor." Kansas railroad traffic could be held up indefinitely, says Pathfinder Magazine, if that state enforced a law that stipulates that "when two trains approach each other at a crossing they shall both come to a full stop and neither shall start until the other is gone." One state proposed to drive all Chinese out of the state by adopting an amendment providing that "hereafter all Chinamen shall be deemed to be girls under eighteen years of age."

**Famous Chess Tourneys**

The first of the great international chess tournaments ever held in America was that staged in New York in 1889, when Michael Tschigorin of Russia divided the first and second prizes with Max Weiss of Vienna after a grueling contest. Not until 15 years later was another masters' tournament held in the United States. This was the congress held at Cambridge Springs, Pa., in 1904, in which Frank J. Marshall, the American expert, carried off the first prize of \$1,000 without the loss of a single game in a total of 15 played.

**Proper**

Ten-year-old Jean came in hot and tired one June day and said: "Oh, mother, let me have a bath, I'm all hot and sweaty."  
"Don't say sweaty, Jean. I've been perspiring" is proper."  
After a long pause, Jean asked, thoughtfully: "Mother, do sweat people say cry and perspire people say weep?"

**Salt Branch News**

Farmers of this community are all busy in their crops, some planting over as the hail and rains have done much damage.

The general health conditions of this community are very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jaynes spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Fikes spent a while Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bird.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abernathy spent Sunday at Trent.

Those enjoying an entertainment at Miss Johnnie Hinds of Tye on last Saturday night were: Misses Ruth, Pauline and Marie Pinckley, Leona Mullen, Lois Jaynes, and Messers Otis Jaynes, Jarrett Pinckley, Jack and Willie Hays, Layne Mullen.

Another successful school will close here Friday. There will be a good play and program Friday. Every one is invited to be present. We are sure you will enjoy it very much.

Several enjoyed 42 and music at

Herman Abernathy's on last Thursday night.

Everybody has a warm welcome to Sunday School. Singing in the afternoon and B.Y.P.U. in the evening.

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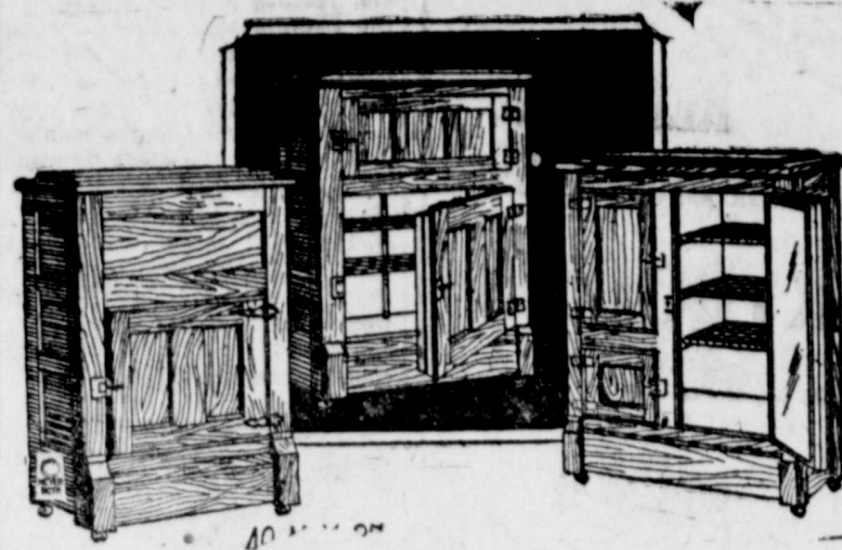
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Times Gittin' Hard

These are times in which the pessimist delights. Oil production has fallen along with the price of oil; frost has thinned the stand of maize; weeds are coming through the bedded ground and it has been too cold to plant cotton. Bonds have been voted to pave ten blocks and to extend water system, and tax assessors are parading our streets and we are compelled to list all property that we cannot cover up; and in the dim distance we see the equalization board in fiendish glee, raising values of all property not owned by them. Come on boys, no need of talking about the Mississippi flood now—scanning the daily papers for news in China and Mexico—we have troubles of our own. If we do raise a big crop it won't be worth anything and if we were to get a big price Al Smith is likely to be elected president and we will all have to join the Catholic church and we can't leave our Bibles out on the center tables where they have been undisturbed since we began keeping house and we will all have to count beads and "gosh all hemlocks" times is a gittin' so hard that you can't hardly make enough money to pay your intrust; and all the boys and girls are going to the devil; and there's a lot more whiskey drank since we mended our constitution; and it never would have been mended if Wilson hadn't been a Presbyterian and sent all the young men who would have voted against it to Europe; and now they are a teachin' that we sprung from Monkeys and when I combed my hair this noon darned if I didn't believe 'em more than half right.

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No Wonder.

New York's latest murder trial, a double barreled affair where a man and a woman are facing trial for getting the woman's in-the-way husband out of the way, is attracting the usual amount of attention.

Crowds are flocking to the courtroom; regular newspaper reporters and sob-sisters are on the job; special sob-sisters, whose sole recommendation is that they are notorious in one way or another, are burning up the telegraph wires with the news as it breaks.

It has been difficult to get a jury. Men lied out of it wherever possible. Come right down to it, how can you blame them? They are made the center of attraction for the camera-men, the feature writers and the special sob-sisters. Their private lives are pried into. The way they wear their neckties becomes a subject of national interest. The moles on their noses, the color of their eyes, whether they limp or don't—all these are heralded for and wide—just as one would describe a strange new animal in the zoo.

No wonder sane and sensible men shirk from jury service under such conditions. No wonder we have a wave of crime in this country, when every case of more than usual importance is boosted into an affair of tremendous moment by a fanfare of tabloid journalistic blah.

We never had any ambition to be a judge, but we would like to preside over that New York case for about thirty minutes. It would take about that long to kick the sensation-mongers out of the courthouse.—Abilene Morning News.

Keep mother with you always in a nice portrait—because photographs live forever. RODDEN STUDIO.

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There is lots of news in the Classified Columns. Read it every week.

WOMAN

She's an angel in truth, a demon in fiction; a woman's the greatest of all contradiction. She's afraid of a cockroach, she'll scream at a mouse, but she'll tickle a husband as big as a house. She'll take him for better, she'll take him for worse, she'll spit his head open and then be his nurse, and when he is well and can get out of bed she picks up a teapot to throw at his head.

She's faithful, deceitful, keensighted, and blind; she's crafty, she's simple, she's cruel, she's kind, she'll lift a man up, she'll cast a man down; she'll crown him king, she'll make him her clown. You fancy she's this, but you find she is that, for she'll play like a kitten and bite like a cat. In the morning she will, in the evening she won't, and you're always expecting she does—but she don't—Magnolia Oil News.

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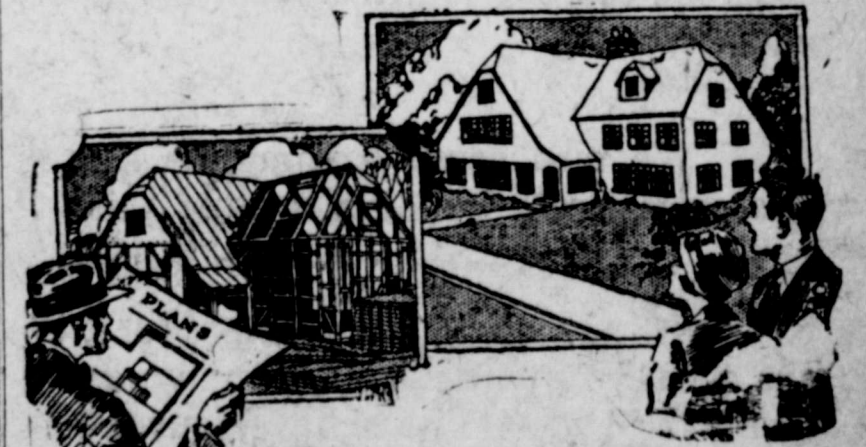
A DELEGATION

Merkel should begin to arrange to have a large delegation attend the annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Wichita Falls, May 16 and 17. Several have signified their intention to go but there should be a concerted action that would insure the attendance of an organized delegation, that would advertise Merkel.

Merkel has been represented in a fine way at every annual convention of that body. Her delegates have kept aloof from the hilarious dissipation sometimes seen at large gatherings and have tried to lend themselves toward furthering the great purposes of the organization.

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**Junior B. Y. P. U. Program**

For May 1, 1927. Subject, "Excuses."

1. Introduction by D. O. Huddleston.
2. Some one told me to do it, by Willie Evelyn Boaz.
3. The others are doing it, by Jackie Slater.
4. I didn't have time, by J. E. Lassiter.
5. I meant to, by Harry Boaz.
6. Poem, "Put off Town," by Margaret Canon.
7. I lost my quarterly, by T. J. Vernon.
8. I had to get my lessons, by Iris Copeland.
9. I had company, by Ruth Davis.
10. What Shall We do with our excuses? by Johna Jones.

By a Classified Ad in The Mail.

**THURSDAY CLUB**

The lovely home of Mrs. Charlie Jones was opened last week in a series of parties, the first of which complimented the members of the Thursday Club and a few friends with Mrs. Jim West sharing the honors of hostess with Mrs. Jones. The house was especially beautiful in its decorations of cut flowers and pot plants. Preceding games Miss Mona Margaret Jones gave a beautiful vocal solo with Miss Melba West at the piano, and the arriving guests were refreshed with an iced punch before finding places at tables arranged for 42. At the culmination of the games Misses Flora Frances Anderson, Melba West and Mona Margaret Jones gracefully served salad and iced tea to Mrs. R. Adams, R. O. Anderson, W. L. Diltz, Ollie Dye, Ross Ferrier, S. D. Gamble, R. I. Grimes, T. L. Grimes, Dee Grimes, Robert Hicks, W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter, Tom Largent, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, T. E. Collins, Booth Warren, Jno. West, Forrest Gaither and Mrs. Jones and Mrs. West.

The second party honored Mrs. Ollie Shaffer, now of El Paso, but formerly of Merkel, and whose visits are always an inspiration for parties among her many friends here. Mrs. R. I. Grimes and Mrs. Jones were the charming hostesses, entertaining at Bridge. The games were very merry and the party was complete in all appointments. Cut flowers were used in profusion as the only house decoration. For refreshment a delicious fruit punch and salad was passed to Misses Mary Eula and Boog Sears, Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Mesdames Ollie Shaffer, S. D. Gamble, Emmett Grimes, Tom Largent, W. J. Largent, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, Dee Grimes, James West, Mat Dillingham, Terrell, Will Brown and George White and the hostesses.

**NAZARENE CHURCH**

We are expecting our District Superintendent, Rev. H. E. Cagle, to be with us Sunday. Come out to hear him.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock, L. L. Wills, Superintendent.  
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
All other services will be dismissed for Methodist revival.  
Come out Sunday and hear a good sermon. C. C. Montandon, pastor.

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**Baptist Church**

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with places for all. Interest is growing in the teaching service of the church. It is always a good sign when people begin to study the Bible. The nobility of the Jews of Berea was manifested above that of the Thessalonians by the fact that they "searched the scriptures". Always good follows the prayerful study of the Word of God. A cordial invitation is extended to any one who desires to know more of the word of God to come and study with us Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

The Business Mens Bible Class will have a visitor to address the class Sunday morning, Judge E. S. Cummings of Abilene, who is representative of this district in our State Legislature, will speak to the class. His address will not be a political address but simply as a Christian Statesman he will bring a message to the souls of men. Every man in the community not in Sunday School is urged to visit with this class Sunday morning. Come to the Baptist church and go up the stairs to your right as you enter the building or go into the main auditorium for the opening service, but come and get an inspiration out of the service.

The pastor will speak at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 7 p.m. Officers and teachers meeting Monday evening at 7:45.

Prayer and conference meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:45.

Come find a welcome in any or all these services.

IRA L. PARRACK, Pastor.

**Adult B. Y. P. U. Program**

Subject: "Can We Always Resist Temptation."  
Leader, Mrs. Claud Derrick.  
Scripture lesson, Mr. John Childress.

Not temptation but yielding is sin. Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Watch for the way to escape, Mrs. Hartley.

Be strong against temptation, Mrs. General Jones.

God Gives Strength, Mrs. Luke Huddleston.

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**WEDNESDAY 42 CLUB**

Mrs. Marvin Boney was hostess to the Wednesday 42 Club this week. When a number of games had been played, several interesting readings were given by little A. C. Boney, Marie Stanford, Beth Holloway and Marvin Boney, Jr.

A bird contest was then enjoyed, and Mrs. Floyd Holloway received the prize for the best answers.

Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following: Mesdames Chester Hutcheson, Billie Cobb, Tally Holloway, Earl Stanford, Floyd Holloway, George Groene and the hostess.

**Methodist Missionary Society**

The Womens Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will hold the regular monthly business meeting on next Monday afternoon. The meeting will be at 2:30 and all members are urged to be present. There will also be a report from the annual meeting at Abilene.

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

Devotional meeting—"Can We Always Resist Temptation?"  
Leader, Edna Marie Jones.  
Introduction by leader.

1. Not Temptation, but yielding, is sin, Mary Ellen Ashby.
2. Watch For the Way to Escape, Ruby Joe Higgins.
3. Be strong against Temptation, Ted McGehee.
4. God gives strength, Dorothy Higgins.
5. Our part in growing strong, Mildred Hamm.

**IDLEWISE CLUB**

Miss Christine Collins entertained members of the Idlewise Club and a number of her friends at Bridge on Tuesday afternoon in her new home in south Merkel. The games progressed happily from 3:30 to 6, and at this time a short business session was held by the Club president, Mrs. Emmett Grimes, after which Miss Collins, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Twyman Collins, passed a most refreshing salad and iced tea to Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Miss Edna Marie Jones, Lucy Tracy, Mary Eula Sears, Evelyn Hamm, Ruby Hamm, Mesdames Emmett Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, Roy Largent, Bill Haynes, George White, Mrs. Collins and the hostess.

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The gull's part of life seems to be to keep the near coast waters of the ocean clean and tidy; without them it would soon be strewn with decaying matter. To enable them to do this work thoroughly they are provided with enormous appetites. A gull will eat half its own weight in food in a single day.

**Nothing to Do With Horse**

Frequently a thing or ill-timed happening is described as "a mare's nest," but it is doubtful if the user of that phrase has any definite idea of its meaning. Certainly "mare" in this case has nothing to do with a horse. It is really a corruption of "Mara," a malevolent creature who, according to tradition, possessed a store or nest filled with wonderful jewels to excite the envy of others.

This particular demon may never have existed, but it unquestionably influenced our speech, for whenever we refer to "nightmares" we are again unconsciously paying tribute to him.

**Sugar Trees**

The bureau of plant industry says that there is no sugar tree in this country. There is a sugar palm which grows in tropical countries. All maples have sweet sap, but from only a few species have sirup and sugar been produced in paying quantities. The sugar maple (Acer saccharum) and the black maple (Acer saccharum nigrum) are practically the only trees used for this purpose. As a tree for the production of sirup and sugar in commercial quantities, the maple tree is confined to the eastern and northern United States and the neighboring western parts of Canada.

**Fierce Mosquitoes**

There are no mosquitoes and very few flies in England. In 1710 a London paper commented upon mosquitoes in the New world as follows: "The New York people are greatly troubled with a little insect which follows the hay that is made in the salt meadows, or comes home with the cows in the evening. This little animalcule can disfigure most terribly a person's face in a single night. The skin is sometimes so covered over with small blisters from their stings, that people are ashamed to appear in pub-

**MISS JOHNNIE HINDS ENTERTAINS FRIENDS**

On last Saturday evening Miss Johnnie Hinds entertained a number of her Salt Branch friends at her home near Tye.

Games were played which caused much merriment. Victrola music was also enjoyed throughout the evening; also piano numbers by Miss Lois Jaynes and Miss Ruth Millard. Little Miss Ollie Mae Hinds gave several readings.

Later in the evening several of the girls made candy and served it to the following: Misses Ruth Millard, Delilah Hinds, Lois Jaynes, Ruth Pinckley, Lenora Mullen, Pauline and Marie Pinckley and Messers Theo. Kincaid, Jarrett Pinckley, Bill Hays, Lane Mullen, Otis Jaynes and Jack Hays.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes left last Sunday evening for El Paso, where they are this week attending the annual meeting of the State Medical Association. They are expected to return home today.

For **MOTHERS** dear



In all the wide world over there is no one that loves us as Mother does. Remember her on Mothers Day—May 8th—the day set aside in the United States to honor her, with a gift like the one below. They're the kind she likes.



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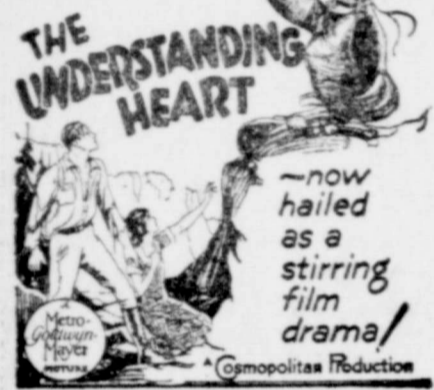
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## Noodle News

The health of the community is good at present.

Every one is busy in the fields after the large rains.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff have returned home after visiting their son, Mr. Naylor Eoff, of Roscoe.

Mrs. T. C. Jenkins and daughter, Mrs. Steel, visited Mrs. W. J. Bicknell a while Friday afternoon.

The party at Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff's Friday night was enjoyed by all present.

Misses Vera and Brookie Justice of Winters spent the week-end with home folks.

There was a party at Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox's Saturday night, every one had a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bell of Hawley were visitors of the Noodle community Sunday.

Some of the people from Noodle went to Comper to the singing Sunday afternoon. Every one reported a fine singing.

Miss Tenie Harris of Hamlin visited in the Noodle community Friday.

Mr. Odell Elder of Birmingham, Alabama, spent last week with his aunt, Mrs. W. J. Bicknell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene of Salt Branch spent last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin.

A dinner was given Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eason in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Herring of Abilene, who will leave this week for South Texas to make their home.

A bountiful dinner was spread and the afternoon was spent in genial conversation. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell and family, Odell Eoff, wife and daughter, Ted Bicknell and wife of Noodle, Otto Bicknell and family, Mrs. D. L. Nicholson and son of Merkel, W. H. Herring and family of Abilene, Henry Eason and family of Union Ridge. All reported a good time.

## BLAIR ITEMS

We have had mammoth rains the past week and the ground is in good condition for planting purposes, and the farmers are very busy in their crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Sanford and children, John Clouis and Arrilla, of Nolanville, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Sanford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin and other relatives here for ten days. Mr. Sanford is a former Sante Fe agent here.

Mrs. Connley of the Plains is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Connely, the past week.

Mr. Will Buekhan of Breckenridge is visiting old friends here for the week-end.

Mr. Pat Addison returned first of the week from Lockheart, Texas, after receiving a death telegram of a relative there.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan and family motored to Ballinger Sunday to the big convention singing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Patterson, went to Caps Sunday to visit Mrs. Meeks' sister, Mrs. Ira Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan and son Donald Ray, motored to Buffalo Gay Sunday.

The party at Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan's Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes are the proud parents of a big fine girl. The young lady has been christened Carlene.

Mr. S. L. Scroggins returned Monday from Ably, where he had been to see his mother, who had been very ill for several days.

The box supper Saturday night was a success. The cooperation was good. About \$45 was taken in, the funds being for the purpose of extending the school a week to complete a seven months term. Dew Drop.

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### Bad Luck.

Visitor—"And how did you happen to be put in prison?"

No. 5079—"Just bad luck, lady. I was a bootlegger. One of my customers didn't go blind and he identified me."

A man traveling to New York by automobile, being near the State line between Virginia and North Carolina wished to know exactly whether he had crossed.

Seeing a negro girl on the side of the road he called out:

"Say, is this Virginia?" She replied, "No, sah; this here's Lucy."

### No Fee, No Ferry.

A colored man of Alabama who ran a ferry was one day thus accosted by a poor white man:

"Uncle Mose, I want to cross, but haven't got no money."

"Doan you got no money 't all?" he queried.

"No," said the wayfaring stranger, "I haven't a cent."

"But it done cost you but 3 cents," insisted Uncle Mose, "ter cross de ferry."

"I know," said the white man, "but I haven't got 3 cents."

Uncle Mose was in a quandary.

"Boss," he replied, finally, "I done tell ye what, er man what's not got 3 cents am jes' ez well off on dis side ob de ribber as on de odder."



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### SCRIPTURE VERSE

"Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."—Prov. 4-23.

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**Billy Expected More**

Little Billy's mother was phoning a friend about the boy's case of chicken pox. She informed the friend that Billy was broken out on his body but his face was still comparatively unaffected.

"Tell her they're still hatching," interrupted Billy.

**Tough Luck**

"So you hiked from Frisco to New York in eight days?"

"Yes. I should have made it in seven, but I had to walk ten miles."—Life.

**"Stone of Scone"**

Scone is a village in Perthshire, Scotland. The stone is the stone on which the kings of Scotland were crowned. According to tradition, it is the same as "Jacob's Pillow." Edward I of England carried the stone from Scotland to England, where it was placed in Westminster abbey.

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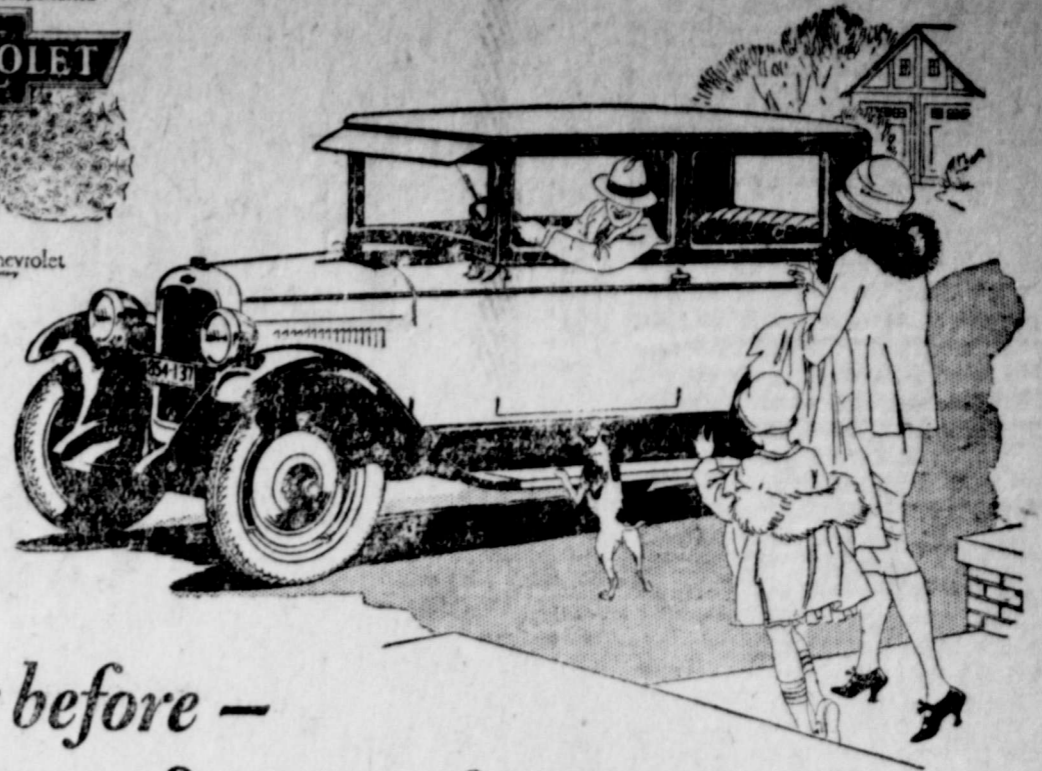
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**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

By F. A. WALKER

**THE OLD HIGHWAY**

IT STRETCHES out before you, packed hard by the millions of tired feet that have climbed its hills as you are climbing to reach the goal; far off there in the hazy distance.

You sometimes strain your eyes in looking forward, and wonder whether your strength will endure until the end of the monotonous journey.

In such moments there are evidences of weakness in your heart, lack of faith, and inclination to loiter a while in the luring shade of the trees by the wayside, where the birds are singing in sheer joy of existence.

Then comes the thought that this is not the time for rest, but the hour for serious endeavor, so you hold your place in the waving throng, call again upon your vanishing courage and press forward determined to win.

You vision the worn, resolute, dust-covered humans who before you were born passed along this same old highway, refusing to falter in their march until they had clasped to their breasts the coveted prizes they were seeking.

You remember how as a boy or a girl you thrilled with eager ambition as you read the stories of these humans' achievements—how you then resolved to emulate their examples and write your name beside theirs.

But now that your dreamings are over you begin to doubt your ability to do.

You realize that to make your way along the ancient highway, you must call up all your power of will, all your patience and hold firmly to your high purpose. You must work, work!

There is no other way by which you can attain your pictured goal. There are no back doors through which you can sneak and grab your prize, for the world is on guard taking note of your smiles and frowns, your deportment and fervor, or laxity and possible craftiness.

And the world and the old highway, in spite of all sayings to the contrary, will give you liberal reward, provide you hold steadfastly to truth, honor, loyalty and diligence, as did the great men and women whose bodies have mingled with the dust, but whose names still live to shine resplendently till the end of time.

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**SAWS**  
By Viola Brothers Shore

**FOR THE GOOSE—**

IT TAKES more than honeyed words to give you a sweet taste in your mouth.

A lover makes life a jewel box for a woman, but he keeps the key.

A woman likes to see the lovelight creep into a man's eye. But she likes to have her best friend see it, too.

**FOR THE GANDER—**

The guy that wants to chase another feller over three fences has got to climb over at least two himself.

No man feels he can really understand a woman—especially if he is married to her. But every woman thinks she can understand a man—particularly if she is married to him.

A lion's skin may be useless, but it ain't cheap.

Why is it the parts of a newspaper written for women is full of articles on How to Hold a Husband, but nobody ever saw a column on the men's page devoted to holdin' a wife?

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It is hard indeed to give up our son so suddenly and unexpected, but it gives us great pleasure to know that we live among a people who are so good and kind, and who proved themselves to be "a friend indeed". May God's richest of blessings rest upon each and every one. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cox and family. 1tp

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**For Meditation**

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

**THE SIXTH SENSE**

A FAMOUS artist had three pupils. The first worked hard and long, earnestly endeavoring to reproduce a copy of one of his master's paintings. In spite of all his efforts he did not achieve success. He was only a copyist, an imitator. The second pupil endeavored to attain success by studying the technique of his art. He listened to great lectures. He read all the literature he could find upon the subject of his art. There was not a great art gallery that he did not visit. He could easily identify the works of the masters. He was splendidly educated in the science of his subject, but he never learned to paint. He could rise no higher than a third-rate artist. The third pupil did all that the other two achieved, but went one step further. He daily sought for opportunities when he could associate with his master and teacher. He studied every movement of his brush. He worked with him long enough to have caught his spirit. He was rewarded by being able to paint with the same skill because he painted with the same spirit. The spirit of the teacher reproduced itself in the works of the pupil.

The person who succeeds in life is the one who can interpret to others the spirit of his task. It is true in the commercial world as it is true in the world of the arts and sciences, that the man who would rise in the ranks of toilers is he who is more than a mere imitator or an abstract idealist. To convince another of the salability of an article of merchandise one must have for sale something more than the article itself. He must impart that invisible "something" that convinces and impels, and persuades the name "to be written on the dotted line." This invisible something might be called the sixth sense for through it there is disclosed to another what is impossible through any of the other five senses. The elements which made up personality are invincible. The person who does not give himself through his works falls. The unreal—imitation and pretense—is shuffled off in the struggle. It can go just so far and no further. It can never reach the summit heights of success. Only the REAL can do that.

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**How It Started**

By JEAN NEWTON

**THE BEAUTY SHOW**

FOR the first beauty show, the original ancestor of that now popular modern institution, we must go to the pages of Greek mythology and the award which caused the Trojan war! It all started when Eris, the Goddess of Discord, enraged at not being invited to a certain wedding, threw among the guests a golden apple marked, "For the most beautiful." Juno, Venus and Minerva each made claim, and Jupiter, who was expected to make the decision wisely passed the buck to Paris, the beautiful shepherd.

All three goddesses went to Paris, on Mount Ida, where he tended his flocks. Juno promised him power and riches, Minerva glory and renown in war, and Venus the fairest of women for his wife. It was Venus who got the golden apple, and, under her protection, Paris went to Greece as the guest of Menelaus, king of Sparta. It was Helen, the wife of Menelaus, whom Venus had destined for Paris. And now Paris, aided by Venus persuaded her to elope with him, and so started the Trojan war, the subject of the greatest poems of antiquity.

Speaking of modern beauty shows, the one held at Spa, Belgium, in September, 1888, appears to have been the first. There were three hundred applications, we learn, and a French girl took the prize.

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"If there's got to be any insinuations about driving mules in this family, I can be just as mulish as anybody,"—Queen Theatre, Thursday evening, May 5.

Messrs. Delma Compton and Jack West made a trip to Wichita Falls last Sunday.

Mr. Alton Walker, of Kansas City, was here first of the week, guest of Messrs. W. J. and Roy Largent.

**Mother's Cook Book**

With the same letter heaven and home begin,  
And the words dwell together in the mind:  
For they who would a home in heaven win  
Must first a heaven in home begin to find.  
—Joseph Very.

**SUITABLE FOODS**

AS THE apple is now almost a year-round fruit, because of cold storage and better transportation, it finds a place in some form in almost every day's menus.

Cover the bottom of a buttered baking dish with a layer of sliced apples, sprinkle with one tablespoonful of cinnamon well mixed with one-half cupful of brown sugar, dot with bits of butter. Alternate these layers until the pudding dish is full. Cover and bake until the apples are soft. Remove to brown the top. Serve hot or cold with lemon, hard or cider sauce.

**Springtime Sandwiches.**

Press the yolks of four hard-cooked eggs and finely chop the whites. Chop fine small red radishes unpeeled—there should be one-half cupful—also chop enough green onions to make half a cupful. Season with salt and pepper and moisten with salad dressing. Spread thin slices of bread with butter, cover with a lettuce leaf that has been dipped into French dressing and drained. Spread an equal number of slices of bread with the egg mixture and put together in pairs. Trim off the edges and cut into triangles.

**Date, Fig and Prune Sandwiches.**  
Remove the stones from dates and large fancy prunes. Have an equal weight (one-half pound of each) dates, figs and prunes. Pass them through the meat chopper. For each cupful of the mixture allow half a cupful of walnuts, chopped. Moisten with orange marmalade and use as a filling for buttered brown bread sandwiches. Cut into triangles and serve with afternoon tea.

**College Girl's Sandwiches.**

Grate rich cheese or mash three Neufchatel cheeses with a wooden spoon and mix with enough creamed butter to make a paste. Add one dozen finely chopped olives, chop three pimentoes and put through a sieve; add the pulp to the cheese mixture. Now add one-half cupful of nutmeats, season with salt, paprika and cayenne. Spread on white bread, trim and cut in any desired shape.

*Nellie Maxwell*  
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