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## Annual West Texas C. of C. Convention Plans Completed

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, May 5.—The official program of the Ninth Annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was made public here today by manager Homer D. Wade, of that organization.

Final plans are now being made for the convention which meets in Wichita Falls May 16 and 17. Plans are being made by the most city to care for 50,000 visitors. Based on reports which are being received from all sections of West Texas and eastern New Mexico, the attendance goal will be reached. The program, it is believed, is one of the most educational, constructive, and entertaining that the organization has ever announced.

The two outstanding features of the entertainment program are the Congress of Nations on Monday afternoon, May 16, and the Court of Nations on the evening of the same day. In the Congress of Nations idea, it is planned to have cities and towns to come prepared to represent some foreign country and for their delegates to dress in costumes common to the country represented. Approximately thirty cities and towns have joined in this feature and some unusually unique and colorful features are promised in this parade. In addition to those representing a foreign country, there will be a section of the parade for delegates to the convention who do not represent a foreign country. Already, more than sixty towns have entered one section or the other of this parade. This event will start promptly at 1:30 and it is expected to be concluded by 4:00 p.m. A complete motion picture of the parade will be taken.

At the Court of Nations feature Monday evening, Sponsors from West Texas, as well as Miss West Texas and Miss New Mexico, will be presented formally. This event will take place at Spudder Park, where seating accommodations are being arranged for at least 12,000 people. The stage setting will be a huge globe. This globe will be at least ten feet in diameter. It will be made to revolve and the sponsors will appear on the stage through a door in the globe. In connection with this program, as each sponsor representing a foreign country is presented, the flag of the nation which she represents will be flashed in fireworks in the rear of the park. There is to be considerable comedy in connection with the program. As a climax, Miss West Texas and Miss America will be presented the latter standing on top of the world holding a lighted torch and dressed in American colors. An especially built stage is being arranged for this program.

Some of the outstanding men of the nation are scheduled for addresses. Hon. James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor, in President Coolidge's Cabinet, will speak on the first day of the Convention. Hon. Robt. R. Ellis, who will then be President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, will speak on the morning of the second day. Other outstanding speakers will be: Governor Dan Moody of Texas; Governor R. C. Dillon, of New Mexico and Governor Henry S. Johnston of Oklahoma; and United States Senators from Texas.

Wichita Falls is making arrangements to care for all visitors. Hundreds of homes have been thrown open and, in these, the delegates to the convention will be cared for. In this connection, it is announced there will be no raising of prices in Wichita Falls during the Convention. Already, many thousands of reservations, or requests for hotel accommodations, have been received. The Housing Committee promises a home for everybody.

## BAPTIST CHURCH GIVES FUNDS TO FLOOD AREA

At the Sunday evening service at the Baptist Church the membership contributed the sum of \$90.00 to the Red Cross to be used in their effort to relieve the suffering throughout the flood district in many southern states caused by the overflowing of the great Mississippi River.

Dr. W. M. Gambill, local dentist, will leave Sunday for Austin, where he will attend a state meeting of the Texas Dental Association. He will be accompanied by his family. They will be absent from the city some three or four days.

## Meeting of C. of C. Called For Tonight

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is called to meet at the Rodden Studio tonight, Friday, May 6th, and among other things our attendance at the Annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce held in Wichita Falls May 16 and 17 will be discussed.

It is only through this organization that West Texas will be able to compete successfully with the other portions of this great state. The recent ruling of the Inter State Commerce Commission on the common point freight rate was prejudicial to our interests and it is only through the efforts of an organization representing the entire area will we be able to have this decision modified. We pay a greater proportion of the expenses of Government than is paid by the more populous sections of the state. We are discriminated against in the matter of insurance and there is not a month passes that some question of the highest importance to the growth and development of West Texas, does not come forward which can not be handled in any other manner than by the organized efforts of the entire region. Homer D. Wade, manager of West Texas Chamber of Commerce, is thoroughly awake to the needs of this section and is an indefatigable worker in securing them. It is very important that Merkel have a large delegation at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and that the town be properly advertised. A delegation of twenty-five representative men from Merkel who would care but little for the hilarious part of the gathering, but who would work quietly in advertising our community would be worth much to this town.

## Miss Boog Sears To Represent Merkel At C of C Convention

Mr. L. R. Thompson informs The Merkel Mail that Miss Boog Sears has been selected to represent Merkel at the annual meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Wichita Falls, May 16 and 17. Her sister, Miss Mary Eula, will act as Maid of Honor.

This will be gratifying news to every one in Merkel as the Misses Sears are among the most charming young ladies in West Texas, and very popular with all who know them. They will no doubt represent Merkel with credit.

## Over 40 Bands Play at Wichita Falls

Wichita Falls, May 5.—More than forty bands have already been entered for the annual band contest to be staged here May 16 and 17, the dates for the Ninth Annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Inquiries and announcement of plans to enter the contest, indicate there will be at least seventy-five bands to participate. The Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce have posted cash prizes of \$5,000 for the six divisions.

## THE ALATHEAN CLASS

On last Friday, April 29th, the Alathean Class met at the home of Mrs. W. J. O. Boney, with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bradshaw as joint hostesses. In a business meeting it was decided the class would make shirts for eight-year old boys for Buckner's Orphans Home. After the business session there was a very enjoyable social hour. A number of interesting games were played, one being a guessing contest in which there were several good guesses. After this there was a refreshment plate of ice cream served to Mesdames T. T. Davis, R. A. Parker, Charley West, Frank Hamm, J. T. Dennis, L. D. Matlock, A. M. Giles, W. L. Johnson, J. E. Jones, J. T. Warren, E. M. McDonald, Charley Stevens, E. L. Ash, O. B. Boden and one of our good members from the other department, Mrs. J. S. Swann, and the hostesses, Mesdames W. O. Boney, Bradshaw and Brown.

## THE WHY.

Complaining Customer—That lawn mower I bought has all rusted.

Hardware Merchant—Maybe that's because there's so much due on it.

## BEHOLD THY MOTHER

NO incident of the crucifixion is more pathetic or fuller of heart interest than that which gives us a glimpse of Christ's solicitude for the future welfare of His mother. Standing there in the crowd and powerless to help Him, she had come to be near Him in these hours of agony on the cross. Her mother love had driven her to it. To stand there and see her Son die, this Son around whose head had shined such a strange and beautiful glory at His birth, this Son whom she had held so close to her breast back yonder in the manger cradle at Bethlehem, this Son whose marvelous career had been a matter of increasing wonder to her—to see Him die this ignominious death upon the cross was an unspeakable anguish to her. But be near him she must. That's mother love. That's what your mother and mine would do.

She had come to be near Him and to minister to Him if possible. It turned out that He ministered to her in assigning her to the tender care of His beloved disciples. Pressed down with the weight of the world's sin, tortured with the agony of the cross, yet He did not forget to perform this last piece of ministry for His mother.

This was prophetic of what

Jesus has done for womanhood and motherhood wherever His name is honored. All of life's relations have been glorified by the cross, motherhood most of all. "I defy anyone to find ten square miles on the globe where Christ has not been preached and woman is honored and respected. Wherever Christ has been preached and Christianity established woman is honored and respected." These are the words of a man who had made several trips around the world.

Christian motherhood is the high-water mark of our civilization. Just as the snow rests like a mantle of glory on the highest peaks of the mountains, so does Christian motherhood adorn the tallest structure ever erected by our Christian civilization. Keep her there; keep this highest ideal of the race in her place, and men will ever look up to her and keep their faces turned toward heaven. Degrade her, rob her of her mantle of purity and you damn the race to a doom that is worse than death. "Where women are honored the divinities are complacent; where they are despised it is useless to pray to God."—Texas Christian Advocate.

Honor your mother by attending church with her Sunday, Mother's Day.

## Appeal for Donation From Merkel For Flood Sufferers

An appeal has come through the Chamber of Commerce to aid the "Flood Sufferers" in the Mississippi Valley. And the Banks are urged to display placards in conspicuous places calling attention of their customers that they will receive donations to this fund. The First Baptist Church took a collection last Sunday and has since supplemented it. The other churches of the town are urgently requested to take a collection for this fund next Sunday. It is desired that the names of the contributors be kept and handed to L. R. Thompson, who will see that Merkel has credit for contributing to this worthy cause. Every person in this trade territory should be willing to contribute some thing to relieve the terrible suffering in the flooded region. Wherever services are held next Sunday in this trade territory it is hoped that the collection will be taken so that it can be forwarded with as little delay as possible to the relief committee.

## Geo. W. Truett Heads Southern Baptists

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 5.—Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, was unanimously elected President of the Southern Baptist convention at the opening session of the seventy-second annual meeting of the body here Wednesday.

Dr. Truett succeeds Dr. George W. McDaniel of Richmond, Va., president of the convention for the last three years. He was nominated from the floor by W. S. Wiley of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Dr. J. E. White of Henderson, S. C., seconded the nomination, which was made unanimous by a rising vote following motions by W. D. Nowlin, Arcadia, Fla., and former Congressman Will D. Upshaw of Georgia.

The American Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Nashville, and having for its object the training of negro Baptist preachers, will produce its first graduating class this session when two young men will receive their diplomas, according to the annual report of Dr. O. L. Hailey, secretary of the commission of the Southern Baptist Convention on this institution, to the convention here.

The seminary is operated jointly by the white Baptists of the South and the negro Baptists represented by the National Baptist Convention.

## HELP WANTED.

"Hello," called a feminine voice over the telephone. "Is this the Humane Society?"

"Yes," replied the official in charge. "Well, there's a book agent sitting out here in a tree teasing my dog."

## Rural Mail Carriers To Meet In Merkel

On Monday, May 30th, the Rural Letter Carriers from two and possibly three districts will meet in an Annual Convention in Merkel. There will be more than a hundred in attendance and it is the desire of the members of the Chamber of Commerce that they be entertained during their visit here. To that end it is requested that as many as possible of the members meet at the Rodden Studio at 7:45 tonight, Friday evening, May 6, for the purpose of arranging a program and providing for the entertainment of these guests.

Mr. O. J. Adcock, our Postmaster, and Mr. R. L. Adcock, who is secretary of the organization, will cooperate with us in whatever action is taken. Merkel will furnish free entertainment and a trip to Noodle Dome will be among the features of the day.

It is urged that every member of the Chamber of Commerce attend this meeting.

## Summer School For High School Pupils

In response to numerous inquiries I am taking this opportunity to announce our plans for summer school.

We shall not have a summer school for pupils below high school standing. This is because students in the Grammar grades are promoted by grades—from 5th to 6th, etc.—and if the students can't do the work in a full session he cannot do the work in a summer school.

We shall offer two subjects in high school: Mathematics and English. Students who have failed in these subjects may come to summer school, and make up the credits on which they failed, provided of course that the work done is satisfactory.

Miss Lucy Tracy will have charge of the English and I shall teach the Mathematics. Students planning to do other work must consult the Superintendent before the work will be accepted. Any work done here in town and out side the school cannot be accepted except by examination. Work done in regularly affiliated high schools and prep schools will be accepted upon proof of that work.

The people interested in English should see Miss Tracy for the schedule, time and other particulars.

Those interested in Mathematics can get required information from the undersigned.

The usual fees will be required of all summer school pupils. That is \$10.00 per subject per pupil for the entire summer course. The fees must be paid in advance. It must be understood that paying the fee does not entitle you to a credit. The work must be done. All work done will be equivalent to regular session work, and is up to standard set by the State University. Irvin L. Jackson.

## Paving Bonds Sell For Par and Bonus

From Mayor H. C. West we learn that on last Monday, when some seven or eight bidders were present, the bonds for the paving of ten blocks in the business section, amounting to \$20,000, were sold to Garrett and Company of Dallas for par and \$200 with the bonding company paying for the legal work and the printing of the bonds.

The Mayor also informed us that the purchasing company guaranteed to have the money on hand for the bonds within ten days after approval of same by the Attorney General. He also stated that the City would open bids for the paving construction on the sixteenth of this month, and that three types of paving would be considered, as follows: brick, asphalt and concrete. In all probability the work of paving will begin within 30 days, if the bonds are approved as expected.

## 17th Producer Is Added to Noodle Creek Field

The seventeenth producer is now a reality in the Noodle Creek field, since the Phillips Petroleum Company's Tessie (Walling) No. 4 hit the pay sand at 2,538 feet, a little lower than any well in the field to this time.

Thursday morning, according to Mr. J. R. Walling, the well was standing 1,000 feet in oil and was estimated to be good for at least 150 barrels. This well is a north offset to the Howell No. 2 of the Atlantic Company, which missed production entirely, according to reports.

## Increase Sunday School Attendance

Merkel Sunday Schools of all denominations are showing a steady increase according to the reports of last Sunday.

The blackboards at the different churches this week show the following figures:

Methodist	323
Baptist	362
Presbyterian	71

The boards at the Church of Christ and Nazarene Church did not show their attendance for last week, but it is estimated that there were at least 125 to add to the total between these two. This would make approximately 780 people in Sunday School last Sunday. A fine record for a town of this size.

Sunday will be Mothers Day all over the United States and our churches are trying hard to make this day the biggest day this spring. Attend Sunday School somewhere Sunday morning and do your part toward pushing Merkel over the 1000 mark.

## Mothers' Day At Methodist Church

The following Mothers' Day Program will be rendered at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour.

Opening Hymn.  
Scripture Lesson. Prayer.  
Reading, Mary Joe Russell.  
Reading, Eleanor Mae Hamilton.  
Quartets.  
Reading, Betty Lou Grimes.  
Reading, Cora Lee Hulsey.  
Talk on Mothers' Day.  
Reading, Nell Durham.

## Visiting in Tennessee

Mr. B. C. Gaither left Tuesday for an extended visit among friends, relatives and the scenes of his boyhood home in the state of Tennessee. We join his many friends here in wishing for him a very pleasant visit and a safe return to his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church have just completed the erection of a beautiful new bungalow home in the southwest part of the city. This new home is modern throughout and among the beautiful homes of the city.

Keystone Smithing Coal—just unloaded car. Best from Pennsylvania field. Goes, further. SWAFFORD phone 44.

## Expression Week May 9-15 Offers Varied Programs

The week of May 9-15 will be known as Expression Week in Merkel, with enjoyable programs given on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. The interested public is cordially invited to be with us in the grammar school auditorium each of these evenings at 8:15 o'clock.

The primary children will appear Monday evening in a delightful program of songs, readings and short plays.

On Tuesday pupils of the Grammar grades will present several readers and the one-act play "Caleb Stone's Death Watch."

Two one-act plays will be given on Thursday evening, "The Dust of the Road," and "Jean Marie".

Berdelle Adcock, assisted by other members of the department will appear in recital on Friday evening.

The Expression pupils who plan to entertain during the week are:

Berdelle Adcock, J. W. Adcock, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Horace Boney, Margaret Canon, Missie Dye, Nell Durham, Edna May Gambill, Betty Lou Grimes, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Elizabeth Holloway, Nell Hughes, Doris Jackson, Hazel Leslie, Margaret Miller, Oleta Moore, Vera Richie, Alice Russell, Modyne Sheppard, Marie Stanford, Deshazo Simpson, Dallas Sharp, Thelma Patterson and Mary Zoe West.

## New Presbyterian Pastor to Preach

Rev. R. A. Walker and family of Beardstown, Texas, arrived yesterday afternoon, and according to members of his church here, will deliver his first sermon as pastor since his call some weeks ago. He will also preach at the evening hour. At the morning hour a Mothers' Day program will be carried out. A cordial welcome is extended all to attend and the church membership is urged to be present and extend a royal welcome to the new pastor and his family.

## Many Mothers' Day Gifts Offered By Local Merchants

There is not a week when it will not pay to read the advertisements in this paper, but this week we especially call your attention to every advertisement in the paper. Especially do we want you to read the many Mothers' Day advertisements. Many different firms and concerns have been thoughtful in placing advertisements calling attention to the coming of Mothers' Day, next Sunday, a day set apart by our entire nation as a day to honor and remember our Mothers. This is without doubt one of the greatest days we have the pleasure of enjoying, and from these firms you can purchase suitable gifts for mother which will help you to make the day more enjoyable for her.

## CARLOS MONTANDON TO REPRESENT MERKEL IN CONTEST AT WICHITA

Carlos Montandon, son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Montandon, will enter the "Home Town Contest" at Wichita Falls. Carlos recently won the Taylor County Declamation Contest at Abilene, and will try for a place in the contest at Wichita Falls.

## MISS HILL WEDS E. R. SCHROEDER

The marriage of Miss Mervil Hill and E. R. Schroeder took place Monday evening. After a few days visit with relatives and friends in Kansas and points in Texas, the couple will return to Merkel to make their home. Mr. Schroeder formerly of Wichita, Kansas, is with the Owen and Sloan Oil Company, with headquarters in Merkel.—Abilene Morning News.

Rev. and Mrs. McCarter left Monday for Lubbock to be at the bedside of Mrs. McCarter's father, Mr. B. R. Eaves, who is very ill in a sanitarium there.

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money.



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	4,620.62
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

DEPOSITS	
<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"

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W. L. Diltz, Cashier  
Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier  
Dallas Scarbrough  
David Hendricks

**THURSDAY CLUB**

Mrs. R. O. Anderson entertained members of the Thursday Club and a large number of friends on Thursday afternoon of last week, entertaining with games of 42. The tables were appropriately appointed and arranged in a beautiful setting of flowers and plants. At the culmination of the games piano numbers by Mrs. Olive Shaffer and Mrs. E. Yates Brown were very much enjoyed. As a final hospitality Mrs. Anderson served a most delicious refreshment consisting of salads, tea and ices, which was served by Misses Melba West, Mona Margaret Jones, and Flora Frances Anderson to Mrs. Ollie Shaffer of El Paso. Mrs. Robert Terrell of Xenia, Ohio, Kirby Beckett, Henry West, Emmett Grimes, C. M. Largent, E. Yates Brown, C. B. Gardner, Geo. White, W. S. J. Brown, Tom Largent, Willie Joe Largent, Dee Grimes, R. I. Grimes, F. C. McFarland, F. Y. Galtner, Roy Adams, Charlie Jones, L. D. Scott, Jim West, John West, Booth Warren, Earl Lassiter, S. D. Gamble, Dub Diltz, Robert Hicks, Mona Margaret Jones, Melba West and the hostesses.

**Fish-Soph Picnic**

The annual Freshman and Sophomore picnic was held on Monday afternoon, April the 26th, on Mulberry creek with Mrs. Tom Largent, Miss Mary Cleo Booth and Mrs. Claude Young acting sponsors. Out-door games were very much enjoyed, after which an immense feast was spread picnic fashion and enjoyed by about forty guests.

Mrs. David Wright and her sister, Mrs. Claud Young, had as their guests last week-end Misses Grace Pearl Sudderth and Bernice Sudderth of Leonard, Texas, Mr. David Wright of Itan, Texas, and Mr. Claud Young of Greenville, Texas.

Miss Eleanor Harrison spent last week-end at her home in Abilene.

Mr. John Collins was in Ft. Worth on business several days this week.

Miss Melba West spent several days in Stamford last week, a guest in the home of Rev. Fred S. Rogers.

**Dowell's Auto Beauty Shop**

We Have the Experience and the Right Kind of Material to Make Your Car Look Like New

Seat Covers to match any color car. We do any kind of a job you want—Lacquer or Enamel, and don't forget that we work over any piece of your old furniture and make it look like new; we do all kinds of Upholstering on furniture. We have installed a Duco Shoe Colorer—you can get your shoes painted any color you want here—to match your dress or hose. We do this work with an air brush and guarantee our work. Give us a trial and we will do your work from then on.

Eight Years in Merkel and still Doing Things Like the People Want them whether it Suits us or not.

**DOWELL'S PLACE**  
The Paint and Top Man

On Front Street Merkel, Teas

**Last Meeting of P.T.A. For Present Session Held Last Wednesday**

The Parent-Teachers Association met Wednesday afternoon, May 4, at the Grammar School Auditorium in its final session of the present school year. The meeting was opened with the invocation of Rev. Cypert. A very pleasing musical program was then rendered which consisted of the following numbers:

Saxophone solo, Isadore Mellinger.  
Valencia, Grammar School Ukelele Girls.

(a) Since you came (b) Twilight Hours, High School Choral Club.

The closing number on the program was a vocal solo, "Sunrise and You," given by Miss Mona Margaret Jones, With Miss Edna Marie Jones at the piano.

A short business session followed with Mrs. O. R. Dye, first vice-president, in charge. The treasurer, Mrs. Earl Lassiter, read the year's financial report. Following are the officers elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. James West. First Vice-President, Mrs. C. B. Gardner. 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Lige Gamble. Secretary and treasurer, Mrs. I. L. Jackson.

In closing Mrs. Dye expressed appreciation of the work done by both parent and teachers this year and presented to the Grammar School Library a set of beautifully engraved classics, the second gift of the P.T.A. to the Grammar School Library this year.

**Freshmen Entertained**

Miss Dota Garoutte most graciously opened her new home in South Merkel on Friday afternoon, April 22, complimenting the Freshman class of the Merkel High School. Receiving with her sister was Miss Olive Garoutte, who presided over the register where the arriving guests were registered. In-door games and contests featured the afternoon's entertainment, prizes for which were awarded to Odell Hunter, Nina Vantrees, Gladys Copeland, Nadine Tippett. An added feature of the entertainment was the new and modern version of "Pussy wants a corner," and at the culmination of these happy games a most delicious refreshment of punch and cakes, carrying out the favorite colors of the class. Guests who enjoyed this hospitality were Nadine Tippett, Frances Frederickson, Nina Vantrees, Beryl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Ruby Robbins, Fannie Bell Boaz, Gladys Copeland, Doris Brown, Missie Dye, Vernie Derrick, Lula Miller, Maurine Davis, Ruth Stanton, Pauline Toombs, Milton Case, T. Darsey, Harold Boney, Selma Jones, Earl Watts, George Woods, Vernie Owens, and the class sponsor, Miss Mary Cleo Booth, and the hostesses.

\* Mrs. Ernest Mims of Abilene was the house guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson, this week.

**Great Men's Passion for Odd Collections**

When Whistler was hard pressed for money, he took many of his etchings to the pawnbroker to obtain the wherewithal to buy wine or rare Nankin china, being a connoisseur of the former and a collector of the latter.

Rossettli devoted himself to old furniture and Japanese bric-a-brac with the passion of the true collector. Unlike Whistler, however, he knew how to hang on to money and drove a hard bargain. His house was a combined museum and menagerie where raccoons, armadillos, salamanders and chameleons rummaged amongst rare manuscripts, books, pictures, musical instruments and furniture.

The raccoon was finally disposed of after he had nibbled up some of the poet's manuscript, and a zebra which in the end proved dangerous met the same fate. There is, however, no accounting for tastes; and the collector who specialized in nooses which had performed their duty and to which he attached the names of their former tenants, possessed, if not a more peculiar, certainly a more morbid taste than Rossettli.—Market for Exchange.

**Literature Owes Much to Early Troubadours**

The troubadour was a knight and a poet. A restless knight, eternally on the go, with a musical instrument slung over his shoulder and a sword at his side. Early each spring he sallied forth, wild and fancy directing his stretches from northern Spain to Provence in southern France, and Italy. Provence, carpeted with wild flowers, where thousands of tiny rivulets wind like silver lacings, where the birds sing sweetly and skies are ever smiling.

To the troubadour we are indebted for a vast deal of our knowledge of the thought and customs of the time. His songs, the first lyrical poetry written in medieval Europe, form a valuable supplement to history; 2,500 of them, comprising drama, romances and fables, have been preserved. The language used, Langue d'Oc, now spoken only by a few French shepherds and back country folk, is incontestably the richest and most harmonious that ever graced the literature of a people.—Mestor Magazine.

**"Cherub" Had Own Idea of Grandpa's Thoughts**

A young mother paid a visit to the cemetery to lay a small floral offering upon the grave of her father-in-law. She took with her on this occasion her four-year-old son, who is angelic of countenance but never misses a trick, and registers everything he hears, including swear words.

Passing another family plot where the resting place of a leading citizen was entirely covered with fresh blossoms, the four-year-old demanded to know who it was.

"Why, that is Jack's grandpa," answered the mother.

The small boy waited a moment and then asked: "Do you know what my grandpa would say if he came back?"

"Why, yes," was the cautious response of the young mother, but inwardly quaking. "He would say, 'How is my little grandson today?'"

The golden-haired cherub looking his mother in the eye, replied: "No, mother, grandpa would say, 'Where in — are all MY flowers?'"—Los Angeles Times.

**"Nordic Theory" Based on Race Superiority**

The word "Nordic" is derived from "nord," Scandinavian for north. It was applied by Joseph Deniker, the French anthropologist, to a race of tall, blond people who once inhabited Scandinavia, Scotland and northern England. The ancient Goths, for instance, were Nordics. They are supposed to have been the most highly developed branch of the white race and differed more from the yellow, brown, red and black races than did any other branch of the white race. Some scholars believe that traces of the original Nordic language survive in such English words as "wife" and "house," which are not found in Indo-European languages outside the Germanic group. Popularly the word "Nordic" has been extended to all the Germanic or Teutonic peoples. According to the so-called Nordic theory, people of Nordic descent are superior biologically to all other races.—Pathfinder Magazine.

**Natural Refrigeration**

The natural cold-storage facilities of Alaska have been used advantageously in handling reindeer meat. In areas adjoining the Arctic coast solid ice is reached within three or four feet of the surface and extends downward to great depths. During the winter of 1925 one chamber large enough to hold 100 carcasses was excavated in the underground ice. In the spring the carcasses thus stored were removed in excellent condition for shipping.

**Recalls Seven Years' War**

Torres Vedras is a small town in Portugal, 25 miles northeast of Lisbon, rendered famous by the double line of fortifications constructed by Wellington in 1810. These famous lines protected Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, and gave Wellington's army a sure refuge when hard pressed by the numerically superior forces led by Marshal Massena. When the proper time came, Wellington advanced from behind the lines of Torres Vedras, and drove the enemy out of the peninsula.

**Where Daddy Comes In**

Leon, age two, was in the grocery store when a neighbor said to him: "Hello, Leon, whose little sweetheart are you?" "I'm mamma's sweetheart," he replied. "And where does your daddy come in?" the woman inquired. "Daddy comes in at the doorstep," was Leon's quick reply.

**BANKERS HELPING**

Three banks in South Carolina have inaugurated a plan to provide free of rent for two years a centrally located place to be used by the farmers of Greenville and neighboring counties for the purpose of establishing a creamery, a canning factory and a farm woman's club. The idea is to get the farmers to raise livestock, to raise their own food and feed and to have something extra to sell. The canning factory is intended to utilize the surplus garden and fruit products, and the club rooms for getting the support and co-operation of the farm women.

Georgia bankers have made great strides in furthering a diversified farming program the past year. They induced farmers to sow fifty-five carloads of vetch seed, furnished local prizes in eighty counties for the corn contest, the state prize of \$1,000 being furnished by a bank in Atlanta. A banker-farmer alfalfa demonstration was held at the college and attended by 250 bankers and farmers. Alfalfa acreage has increased from 1,800 to 5,000, the demonstration being credited with 50 per cent of this increase. This year the state has produced 12,000,000 more bushels of corn than last year, has sold 50 cars of truck, \$2,000,000 worth of pecans, and has produced \$60,000,000 pounds of meat and enough corn and hay for its own use.

**AS LABOR SEES BANKS**

Vast sums of money are lost each year by wage-earners through investments hastily entered into. With the confidence of the wage-earners, banks will be enabled to more accurately advise such investors and thus save money which might otherwise be lost by unwise speculation.—William Green, President American Federation of Labor.

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>

Total \$646,356.17

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>

Total \$646,356.17

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.

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**HOW HE KNEW.**  
Tit Bits: Jimmy, who was inclined to be a braggart, was telling his father and mother of his experiences while out camping.  
"And all at once I stepped right on a big rattlesnake," he began.  
"How did you know it was a rattlesnake, Jimmy?" asked his father.  
"I could hear its teeth chattering the minute it saw me."

**INSULT BEFORE INJURY.**  
Auto Salesman—"And what kind of a horn would you like, sir?" Do you care for a good loud blast?"  
Haughty Customer—"No; I want something that just sneers."

**NOT ALWAYS.**  
She—"I think long hair makes a man look intelligent."  
He—"Not always. If my wife finds a long hair on my coat, it makes me look like an idiot."

**UNFAIR.**  
"Pa," inquired a 7-year old seeker after the truth, "is it true that school teachers get paid?"  
"Certainly it is," said the father.  
"Well, then," said the youth, indignantly, "that ain't right. Why should the teachers get paid when us kids do all the work?"



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Caddie Master—Well—there's old Mac over there hasn't smiled for forty years—but, of course, I can't guarantee him!

**MODERN IDEA.**  
Alabama paper, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Wilson of Shadewall, Ga., are visiting their grandmother, Miss Ella Read.

**JAZZ SAINT DISCOVERED.**  
Boston Transcript: "To attain happiness," says a lecturer, "one must vibrate in tune with one's environment."  
According to that, a man with St. Vitus dance at a jazz concert would be in perfect bliss.

**A BORN DIPLOMAT.**  
They were entertaining a visitor at dinner, and when the dessert was being eaten, little Johnnie said:  
"Won't you have another piece of apple tart, Mr. Hobbs?"  
The visitor laughed.  
"Well, Johnnie," he said, "since you are so polite I believe I will have some more."  
"Good!" said Johnnie. "Now mother, remember your promise. You said if it was necessary to cut into the second tart I could have another piece."

**DE MIRACLE.**  
A negro preacher addressed his flock with great earnestness on the subject of "Miracles."  
"My beloved friends, de greatest of all miracles was 'bout de loaves and fishes. Dey was five thousand loaves, two hundred fishes and de twelve had to eat 'em all. De miracle is dey didn't bust."

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

**THE GENDERS.**  
Teacher—Johnny, what are the genders?  
Johnny—Masculine and feminine. The masculine are divided into temperate and intemperate and the feminine into frigid and torrid.

**AGREEMENT REACHED.**  
He—Then we agree on divorce?  
She—Yes, dear. You take the children and I'll take the car—and the chauffeur.

**HIS DESCENT.**  
"Green says he descended from one of the wealthiest houses in America."  
"Yeh! he was painting on the second story and the staging broke."

**LAWYER OR TAILOR.**  
The employer called his secretary and said:  
"Here, John, look at this letter. I can't make out whether it's from my tailor or my lawyer. They're both named Smith."  
And this is what John read:

And I have begun your suit. Ready to be tried on Thursday."

**Senior B. Y. P. U. Program**  
Bible study meeting, "The Book of Ruth." Leader: Gladys Copeland. Introduction by leader.  
A mother-in-law's misfortune, by Helen Booth.  
Character determined by choice, by Yates Brown.  
Ruth ready for work, Bessie Westenhover.  
Boaz, the Generous, Joe Hartley.  
Courtship and marriage, Iris Garrett.  
Lessons to learn from Ruth, Mrs. Bill Haynes.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Walters and Mr. J. H. Laney, all of Wills Point, Texas, are here this week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney.

**Church of Christ**  
Elder W. G. Cyfert announces that on next Sunday he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ at both the morning and evening hours.  
A cordial welcome is extended all to attend both services.

**Musical Program At Grammar School Tonite**  
In appreciation of National Music Week an impromptu program of music and song has been arranged to be given in the Grammar school auditorium on Friday evening, May 6, at eight o'clock. The evening's program with one or two heavy numbers as exceptions, will be on the feature of an entertainment including numbers by the Grammar School orchestra, high school choral club, a brilliant duet arrangement of Chopin's Polonaise Militaire by Mrs. C. B. Gardner and Miss Edna Marie Jones, and solos from a number of voice pupils from Miss Christine Collins' studio. The interested public is cordially invited to attend the following program:  
(a) High up in the Hills, and  
(b) Drifting and Dreaming, by the Grammar School Orchestra.  
A Pastoral, by Mildred Smith.  
(a) The Sandman's Song, and  
(b) Three Little Chestnuts, by Truett Patterson.  
Gypsy Love song, Thelma Copeland  
Danny Boy, Mrs. Rado Archer.  
(a) Some Time, Orchestra.  
(b) Dear Little Girls, Ukelele girls.  
A Dream, Carlos Montandon.  
(a) Jean. (b) Cheer-up Do, Mrs. Royce Dowdy.  
(a) In the Garden of My Heart.  
(b) In the Garden of Tomorrow, by Vennice Bell.

(a) Fairies of the Wind, and  
(b) Sweet Summer Days, by the High School Choral Club.

**Methodist Church**  
At the Methodist church next Sunday morning, appropriate Mothers' Day services will be held, beginning with a program by the Sunday school at the opening, followed by music and talks and then a sermon in keeping with the occasion by the pastor.  
It is hoped and expected that every Methodist and Methodist inclined will be sure to be present, and help to bring the attendance up to the expected number. Urge your neighbors and friends to attend church somewhere, and help make this a great day in honor of the Mothers of the land.  
We had a great day last Sunday, but next Sunday should be a greater day, and will be if every one will do their duty.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holmes are this week for a visit with home folks and friends. Mr. Holmes is connected with the Sante Fe Railway Company at Berger. In speaking of the oil development there he stated that development was at a stand still the same as all over the country.  
Miss Lois Norton of Haskell was the week-end guest of Miss Mary Cleo Booth.

**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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Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard left first of the week for a business trip to Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham and children, and their daughter Mrs. Sie Hamm, returned Tuesday from a visit to their daughter, Miss Dorris, who is a student at C. I. A., Denton. Their visit was indeed a pleasant one, and they came away highly pleased with C. I. A. and the work their daughter is accomplishing there. While there they had the pleasure of a short visit with Dean Ed. V. White, who many years ago was an able Superintendent of the Merkel Public Schools, a man who made good and today is loved and respected for the good work he did at that time in the schools of this city. And today the great girls school of Texas is largely directed by Mr. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eoff had as their guests Monday and Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Newsom of Yuma, Arizona.

Miss Maurine Hearne of Roscoe visited Mrs. Emmett Grimes and other friends here last week-end.

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**Junior Picnic**  
The Junior picnic was held on the Boaz ranch on the afternoon of May the 1st, with Miss Mary Cleo Booth and Mrs. David Wright acting as chaperones. Out-door games were the principal features of entertainment, also a truth party proved a very humorous experiment. The picnic was spread on the banks off the river at a late hour. Juniors enjoying this outing were: Sterling Sheppard, Roy Propst, Rex Roberts, Max Roberts, Blanton McLean, Lester Tittle, Victor Smith, Fred Yandell, Foster Watts, Elizabeth Harkrider, Eunice Bird, Vera Matlock, Mildred Hamm, Iris Garrett, Ruby Joe Higgins, Irene Perry, Nola Neill, Deshazo Simpson and the sponsors.

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**HE CHEATED HIMSELF**

A striking story is told of a rich man who wanted to help a poor carpenter and his family.

He hired the carpenter to build a house on a hillside and then went away on a long journey. The carpenter said to himself: "My boss is away and I can use shoddy materials and neglect the supporting work that doesn't show. The house will be weak, but nobody will know it." So he built a ramshackle house.

When the rich man came back the carpenter said: "Here is your house." "Thank you," said the man, "here is the deed and the key. I am giving

it to you."  
 And the carpenter grieved that he had robbed himself of a good house. We reap what we sow. We have to live in the house of life we build. If we do shoddy work, if we "soldier" on the boss, we pinch ourselves, shrivel up, and lose ability to discern between right and wrong. We have to live in such a house without character. We have to live with ourselves.

It is a tremendous fact that each one of us is building today the house we must live in tomorrow. We can build a palace or a hovel, a mansion or a jail or a pigpen, but we must live in it.—Greenville Messenger.

**Baptist Church**

Sunday is Mothers' Day and will be so observed by churches all over the land. The local Baptist church will have suitable music and readings, and will provide flowers for all who come. Each person will be offered a flower to wear in honor of mother, a white flower if Mother has gone to her Home above, a bright flower if she is still in the land of the living. If you have a flower that you wish to bring along it is all right, but the committee expects to have flowers for all who come.

The Sunday School is seeking a bigger attendance than they have had this year. Things look good as we had our proposed number Sunday with two over. Let every member of the Sunday School be on hand and on time Sunday. Bring your company along. Invite your friends and acquaintances that are not in other Sunday Schools to come and visit the School Sunday.

The pastor will speak both morning and evening on subjects appropriate to the day. Sunday morning the theme will be "Making Mothers Happy." Sunday evening the pastor will speak on the "Glory of Motherhood." There will be suitable songs and music at both services.

All strangers or people without a church home in Merkel will find a warm welcome and congenial friends at any of these services.

IRA L. PARRACK, Pastor.

When you want Meat you can Eat come to the Quality Market & Grocery. We kill only choice young meat.

**Hard to Trace Origin of "Auld Lang Syne"**

The origin of "Auld Lang Syne," invariably sung as the New Year comes in wherever two or three Britons are gathered together, is rather obscure, if Robert Burns can be trusted, and the song really did belong to the "folk" of Scotland. Burns' own account of the matter. In a letter of 1795, was "One song more and I have done—'Auld Lang Syne.'"

"The air is but mediocre, but the old song—which has never been in print nor even in MS. until I took it down from an old man's singing, is enough to recommend any air." According to one Scottish authority, however, the beautiful air to which the song is now invariably sung is not the original one which Burns pronounced to be mediocre, but one adopted from an old lowland melody.

This was entitled, "I Fee'd a Law at Michaelmas," and in Gow's collections of reels it appears as "Sir Alexander Don's Strathspey." As to the words, adds our authority, the probability is that verses two and three—with their note of more tender sensibility—were added by the poet to the older set.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Spanking Was Waived**

"No, Olive," said her father, who was ill in bed, "you mustn't climb up and kiss me. I have a sore throat." The child looked disappointed. "You may wave me a kiss, that will do just as well," he added to comfort her.

The little one's natural activity had to have an outlet and a minute or two later she was up on a chair trying to reach something on the mantel. "Get down off that chair," commanded her father. "You will fall and break something." Olive was not promptly obedient. "Get down or I'll spank you." Olive looked at him and remembering, said: "Wave your spunk, daddy; that will do as well."—Boston Transcript.

**Prune Industry's Growth**

The prune industry was started in the eastern United States in 1854, but failed because the climatic conditions were not favorable for the production of the desired qualities. About 1863 the industry started in California and grew rapidly. In 1910 the annual output was 150,000,000 pounds, of which nearly half was exported. Before the industry grew in California, France was the chief producing nation of the world. Oregon, Washington and Idaho also grow good prunes, as do Serbia, Bosnia, Germany, Spain, Australia and South Africa.

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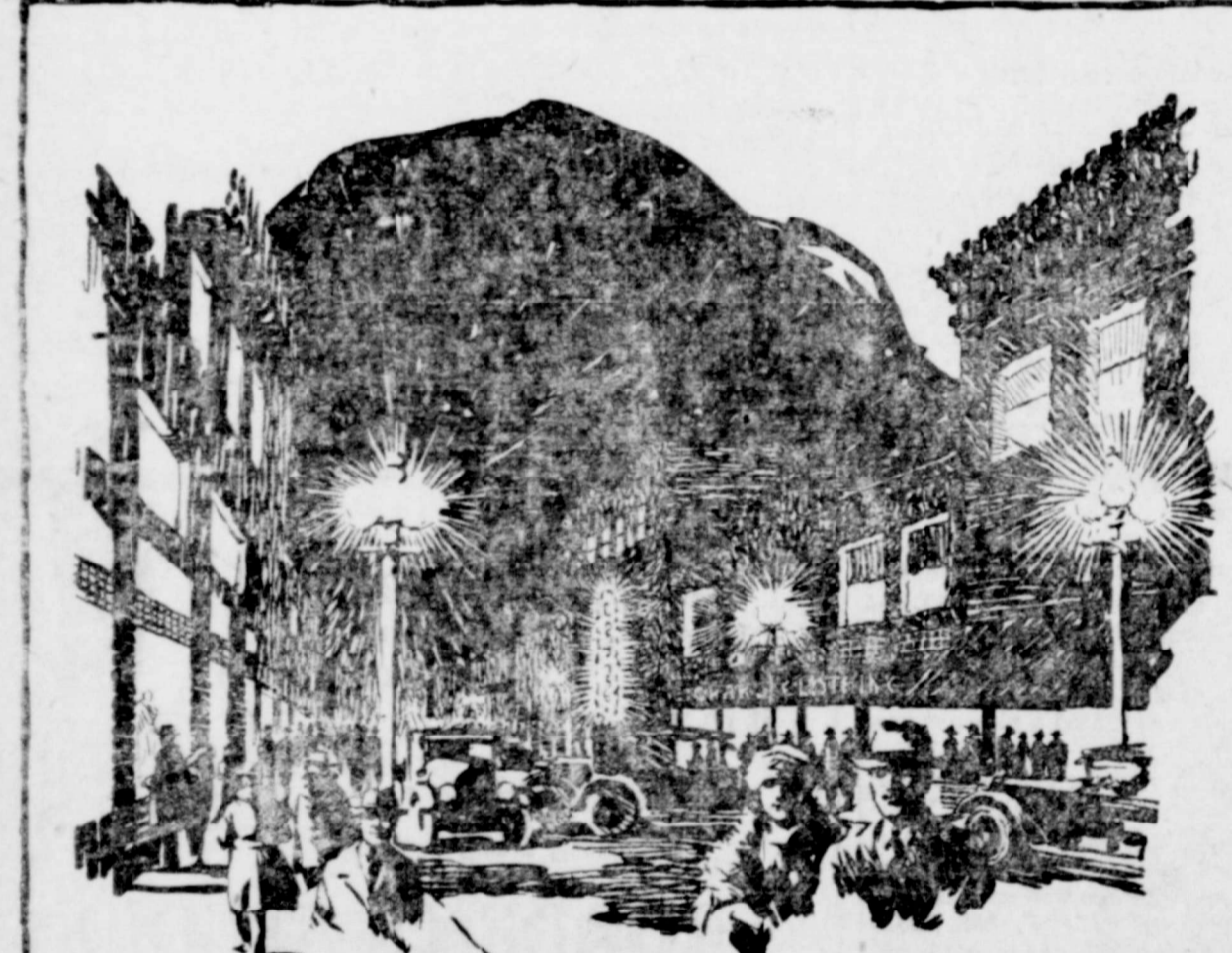


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**When Business is Good**

**S**ATURDAY night is a mighty good time to ask yourself this question: "Is our community sending more money out of town than is coming in each week?" Of course the only safe answer is "NO!"

This means that we folks in this neighborhood must patronize local supply men and merchants if we expect our town to prosper and "stay on the map."

Frankly, it means that every citizen will find it most profitable to read the advertisements in this paper every issue, and to follow their good advice.

Our advertisers are all personally interested in this town—and in YOU. They are helping you build a better home community. When business is good, their profits are being shared with you in an endless chain of co-operative betterment.

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

**Surroundings of Race Always an Influence**

Given one race of people spread over an area as large and varied as this hemisphere, only time is needed to produce a variety of modes of living. In the forests of the east of this country arose the misunderstood and chivalrous Iroquois—dwellers in the "Long House." To the west the prairies produced a somewhat lower nomadic type. In the southern swamps the Seminoles led another kind of life. In the deserts of the Southwest life was harder, and there we find first the cliff dwellers and later the Hopi.

The history of civilization as a whole shows that one particular kind of locale has always been particularly favorable to the development of civilizations—a tropical or semi-tropical aridity with possibilities of not too difficult irrigation. Egypt was that way, and Mesopotamia. Also was probably the equally ancient kingdom of Elam. These were the places where civilization in a real sense first developed, and the same general sort of conditions led to the development of civilization in Mexico and in Peru.—John Murray Reynolds in Adventure Magazine.

**How One Man Replied to Bill Collector**

"For the following reasons I am unable to send you the check asked for:

"I have been held up, held down, hand-bagged, walked on, sat on, flattened out and squeezed. First by the United States Government for federal war tax, excess profits tax, liberty loan bonds, thrift stamps, capital stock tax, merchants' license and auto tax, and by every society and organization that the inventive mind of man can invent to extract what I may or may not possess.

"I have been solicited by the society of John the Baptist, the G.A.R., the Women's Relief, the Navy League, the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Double Cross, the Children's Home, the Dorcas Society, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Boy Scouts, the Jewish Relief, and every hospital in town. Then on top of it along comes the Associated Charities and Salvation Army.

"The government has so governed my business that I don't know who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, examined, re-examined, informed, required and commanded, so I don't know who I am, where I am, or why I am here. All I know is I am supposed to be an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of human race. And because I will not sell all I have and go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I have been cursed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied about, held up, hung up, robbed and nearly ruined, and the only reason I am clinging to life is to see what in h— is coming next!" —Exchange.

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

Don't forget Mother on Mother's Day, May 8th. Give us that order for Candy, Stationery and Mottos. Hamm Drug Company. tf

**Gravyard at Least Had One Advantage**

John James was an old farm hand in Cornwall. For many years he had labored faithfully and silently, with only an occasional day off, and a week's vacation each year after harvest. It was John James' peculiar custom to spend his odd hours off work in visiting old graveyards; and when his annual vacation came around, John James, dressed in his Sunday best, would spend each day of his week in a different graveyard.

On returning from one of his solemn rounds of visitation he was greeted by a busybody woman of the village:

"Well, John James, I see you've got back again."

John James nodded grimly.

"Where you been—same old places?"

John James nodded again—still more grimly.

"Well!" exclaimed the busybody, "whatever you find entertainin' in graveyards I can't see. You're goin' to sit there yourself soon enough, John James, and when you git there you're goin' to stay there a long time. Why under the sun then do you want to go there now?"

John James straightened himself in his black broadcloth suit and bowler hat and gave the woman a stony glare.

"I spend my spare time in graveyards," he said, "cause them be the only places where folks mind their own business."—W. D. Moffatt in Mentor Magazine.



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## The Sandman Story

by **Martha Martin**

### BILLY GOAT, THE POET

"THERE is going to be a great meeting in the barnyard," said Porky Pig. "Grunt, grunt, all come to the meeting."  
"All come to the meeting," said Mrs. Duck. "Quack, quack, all come to the meeting."  
"Yes, cock-a-doodle-do," said Red Top the Rooster, "all come to the meeting."  
"All the old friends and enemies—though I trust there are no enemies—will come and greet each other."  
"It's to be a fine reunion."  
"Yes, squeal, squeal," said Miss Ham. "It is to be a fine reunion."  
"We, of the barnyard, can also have a splendid reunion!"  
"Oh, yes, every one must come to the reunion," said Billy Goat.  
"They must, grunt, grunt," said Brother Bacon.  
"Has every invitation been sent out?" asked Mrs. Ham.  
"Every one," said Mrs. Duck. "Just then a caterpillar crawled along



Everyone Congratulated Billy Goat Upon His Original Song.

through the barnyard, hurrying out of the way for fear he might be eaten or trampled upon or killed in one of the ways creatures had of getting rid of caterpillars.

Billy Goat saw him and sang this song:

The caterpillar only crawls.  
He is not much admired,  
but he'll become a butterfly,  
For with high ambitions he's fired.

Everyone congratulated Billy Goat upon his song which was a quite original one. The words, everyone said, were a little better than the music, but it was all good, all good, they said.

And Billy Goat was delighted with the praise. In fact so delighted was he that he said he had another he'd sing, though he'd have to think a little about it.

While he was thinking, though, he was talking about it.

"You see," he said, "I heard one of the young ladies talking the other day, and it seemed she had gone to town dressed in all her old clothes because it had been a rainy day when she had started."

"Yes, she had on an old hat, and old shoes and rubbers, and an old skirt and coat. And no sooner had she reached town than the sun came out and there was she on this most beautiful day feeling so like an old rainy day."

"So this is the song I'm making up about that:

There's nothing sadder in this world  
Than to have the sun come out  
When you're dressed in all your old clothes  
Because you were in doubt.

"Of course," said Billy Goat, "she had been in doubt as to whether she'd wear her good ones because she had seen a little blue sky in one corner of the sky but she had been afraid that it would rain."

"We see, we see; a fine verse, Billy Goat. We shall have to name you the Poet of the Barnyard. Truly that would be an honor and one that you deserve," the other animals said.

So when the creatures all came to the Barnyard Reunion Billy Goat or Sir William Goat, the Gentleman, was also called "The Barnyard Poet."

Yes, everyone was on hand, or perhaps one should say on foot, for the reunion. Porky Pig and Mrs. Duck helped to entertain.

The song sparrows came and the owl sent word he was sleeping or he'd come. (They hadn't asked him so they were just as glad he couldn't come.) The Dog who had become so brave came along, so did Sharpie Squirrel, Running Rabbit, Mrs. Blue Jay, and all of the ducks and pigeons and hens and roosters and pigs and geese and turkeys.

In fact it was a splendid reunion and there was excellent food, though of course the Pig family forgot about entertaining any but themselves when the food came along!

But there was enough to go around. The Geese weren't quite as polite as they should have been, of course, but taking it all in all it was a splendid barnyard reunion.

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### No Written Records of the Celtic Race

That the Celts, at the time of the invasion by Julius Caesar of what is now England and Wales, had any written records there is great reason to doubt, although there are inscriptions on certain rude stone monuments in parts of Wales, as in the southeastern counties of Munster, Ireland, consisting of long and short lines, known as Ogam characters, the antiquity of which is not well determined.

As far as deciphered these inscriptions throw no direct light on the origin of the Celtic race. Their spoken language, reduced to writing after the introduction of Christianity, is the only key of any importance to their origin. This plainly marks them as an early offshoot of the Aryan family, the common Asiatic stock from which all the western races of Europe have descended.

The descriptions left by the Romans of the aborigines of Britain at the time of the Roman conquest represent them as fierce, cruel barbarians. Neither Caesar's commentaries nor the writings of Tacitus and other historians of the period of the Roman domination convey evidence that the Britons had any knowledge of letters until the Roman and Greek characters were taught them. Neither do these historians preserve any oral traditions of the British bards or druids which might shed light on the early history of the Celtic race.

### How Gilbert Stuart Saved the Situation

Gilbert Stuart almost had his head turned by his success in England, and on his return to America when Hull called to have his portrait painted the artist began telling him stories of his experiences with Lord So-and-So, the marquis of This and the Baroness That, stories meant to show Hull how elegant was the society to which he had been accustomed.

Unfortunately in the midst of this ostentatious chatter, Mrs. Stuart, not knowing there was a sitter, came in from the kitchen with an apron on and her head bound round with a kerchief. "Do you want that leg of mutton boiled or roasted?" she loudly inquired.

Stuart was nonplussed—but only for a second. "Ask your mistress," he commanded sharply.—Boston Transcript.

### Types of Zebras

Zebra is the name in general of all the African striped species of the horse family (equidae) of which four species are usually recognized, viz., the true or mountain zebra (Equus zebra), Burchell's zebra (Equus burchelli), Grevy's zebra (Equus grevyi) and the quagga (Equus quagga). The last-named was only partly striped and is extinct. It was an inhabitant of South Africa, and especially of mountainous districts, where it roved in small bands. It was the smallest of the group, standing a trifle over four feet high at the withers, and had relatively long ears, a comparatively short mane and a scantily haired tail. Its ground color was white (brownish on the face) and the stripes were black. The zebra now most often seen in South Africa and in menageries is Burchell's which Boers call "quagga."

### Drinking Sunlight

Although ultra-violet rays provide us with a satisfactory equivalent to sunshine in winter time, and "bottled sunlight" is to be obtained through the administration of cod-liver oil, science has by no means exhausted its discoveries.

It is hoped that it will soon be possible to obtain regular doses of summer sunlight from a glass of milk. By giving irradiated cattle cake to milk cows, their milk will be made rich in the vitamin conveyed by sunlight.

Milk, to most people, is more palatable than cod-liver oil, and is also cheaper. There is, too, a pleasant suggestion in "drinking sunlight."

### Great Man's Influence

We cannot look, however imperfectly, upon a great man without gaining something by him. He is the living life-fountain, which is good and pleasant to be near; the light which enlightens, which has enlightened the darkness of the world; and this not as a kindly lamp only, but rather as a natural luminary, shining by the gift of Heaven; a flowing light-fountain, as I say, of native, original insight, of manhood and heroic nobleness, in whose radiance all souls feel that it is well with them.—Carlyle.

### Father to the Man

The attitude toward the head of the house varies in different homes. A child's opinion of a parent can generally be accepted at face value.

One evening a guest in a home wished to induce the somewhat timid three-year-old daughter to say a few words. Several attempts to carry on a conversation had failed. Finally the guest, pointing to the child's father, asked: "Who is that man over there?"

"My father isn't a man," said the child. "He is just a great big boy."

### Skin Game

Johnnie had been scolded for playing with a little colored boy of his acquaintance. One day while watching his mother pare potatoes, he said: "Mother, I like Arthur so much. Can't we peel him so I can play with him?"

## Remember Your Mother



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### BLAIR ITEMS

We enjoyed lots of good singing here Sunday. We were glad to have the visitors with us and hope to have them with us again sometime.

Miss Effie Grayson visited her friend, Miss Fairy Orr, teacher of White Church school, this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. P. Nicholson accompanied by their son and his wife of Merkel, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Perry Meeks.

Mrs. Herman Doan has been on the sick list for several days. We hope she will be better soon.

Miss Wanda Scott of Trent was the week-end guest of Miss Florence Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and children, Densil Ray and Billie Jane, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton.

Mr. Joe Abbott, who has been working at Hermleigh, spent Saturday

and Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Elie Brooks spent the past week at Winters with their daughter.

The entertainment given in honor of little Miss Aurilla Sanford in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell was enjoyed by a number of friends last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Sam Clinton was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Terrell, of Rotan, accompanied by Mrs. Silas Scott, visited relatives here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and family left Friday for Cross Plains, to visit their son, Mr. Ernest Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Eddie Farmer visited their son Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jap Clemons and Mr. and Mrs. Tollie Roberts of Buffalo Gap, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clark and family of Abilene spent Sunday with

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield. DEW DROPS.

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Last Sunday was a good day with the Baptists. The attendance was good, 362 in number. A fine spirit existed throughout the entire Sunday School.

Next Sunday, May the 8th, being Mothers' Day, we are to have special services in honor of our mothers. We are hoping to have at least 400 in attendance. Every member is urged to be present and to extend a cordial invitation to those whom they know could and should attend.

Orchestra starts playing at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School starts promptly at 10 o'clock. Bill Haynes, Supt.

### Methodist Missionary Society

The members of the Womens Missionary society enjoyed a splendid meeting last Monday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Touchstone, conducted the meeting, having the regular monthly business session, after which Mrs. George Brown very interestingly gave the report from the annual meeting at Abilene.

For the next meeting Mrs. McCarter will discuss the first chapter in the study book, "Studies in Prophecy." Fourteen members were present last Monday.

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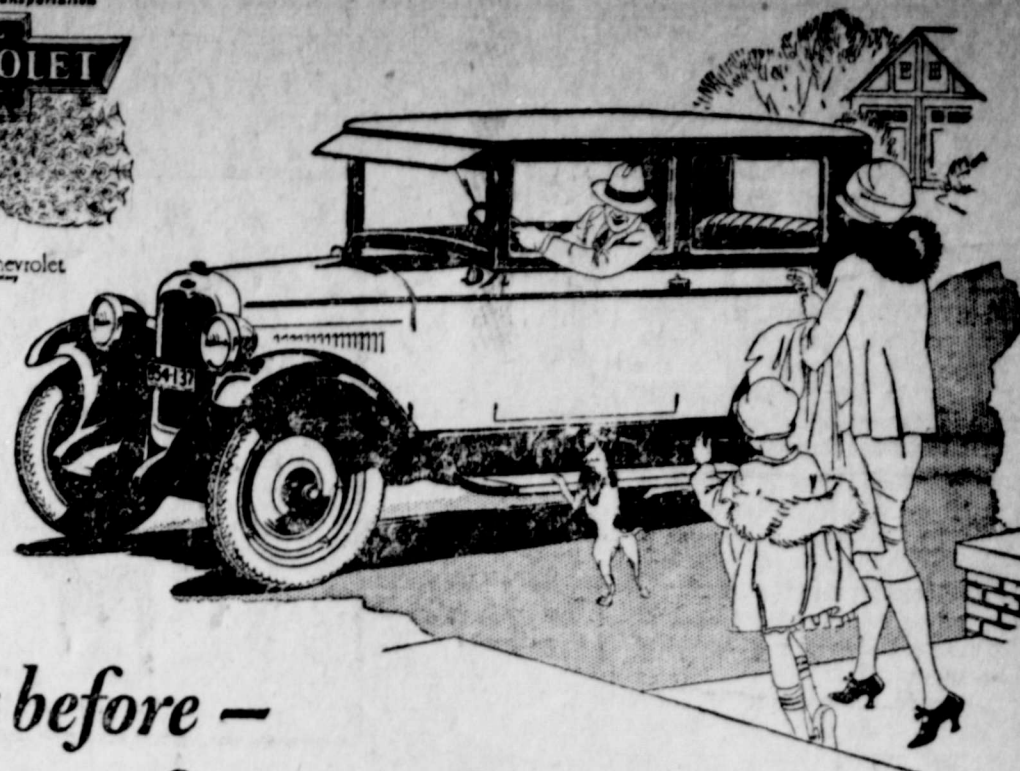
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When we think of ourselves as a community circle, in which each member of the community has a place, we

can visualize the benefits of co-operative action passing from one to another around this circle. When by such co-operative action we increase the prosperity, the wealth of the community, we have increased the prosperity, the wealth of each member of the circle.

A better town means a better market place for the farmers, who are a part of the community, and a better market place means better farm values. A better town means better property values, and this, without increasing, but in reality decreasing, the burden of local taxation, means better schools for our children, better streets, more attractive living conditions for all of us.

Communities in which the individual members are not working together are dying because of a lack of cooperative effort. With each backward step there comes a decrease in the number of opportunities for the individual in the home town. This community cannot afford to be numbered among those that are going backward. We must, and will, keep

in the forefront of those that are going forward. We can do this by working together for the interest of all.

This working together means that our merchants must do all that is possible to supply our needs for merchandise at equitable prices. It means that they must afford our farmers a market place for such of their products as are disposed of through local buyers and sellers. But for the merchant to do these things means that we must give our merchants the opportunity to supply our needs. They cannot carry adequate stocks of merchandise if we do not offer them patronage for such stocks. We must realize that the prosperity of our merchants but adds to the prosperity of the community as a whole, an increased prosperity for each of us as individuals.

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I have the original manuscripts of "Tom Sawyer Abroad," "Pudd'nhead Wilson" and "A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court." This second was written by the author under the title of "Those Extraordinary Twins," and the last one was originally called "The Stranger's Tale."

Confucius Had Right Idea in "Reciprocity"

Five hundred years before the Christian era, Confucius, on being asked to define the law of life, said it was all contained in one word, "reciprocity."

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The disputes between capital and labor, the constant wrangling among politicians, the hatreds and intrigues that reach from nation to nation, could very largely be cleared up if old Confucius could only have his way.

But it is hard to see the other man's viewpoint as clearly as you see your own. It is hard to put yourself in another man's shoes. It is hard to think and feel as the other fellow thinks and feels. But it would be the part of thrift and wisdom to think more of what Confucius said 3,000 years ago.—Thrift Magazine.

Easy to Be Punctual in Washington's Time

The first President was a great believer in punctuality. "Never ask" he told his servants, "whether my guests have arrived, but whether the hour has arrived."

Washington was always on time and believed every one else should be. If he had guests for dinner no matter how important they might be, he always began eating at the appointed hour.

It would be interesting to note how many times Mr. Washington would dine alone if he were living today. He would learn a great deal about traffic jams, delayed trains, street car blockades and the thousand and one other ailments made use of by late comers.

Punctuality is a great thing if you don't happen to live in a crowded city.—Thrift Magazine.

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 8—the day set aside in the United States to honor her, with gifts like these listed below. They're the kind she likes.

A crepe or muslin Gown, silk or mercerized Teds, a linen Table Cloth or Towels; a pretty Rayon or Rippelette Bed Spread; a Dress Pattern from our Silk department or one from our Wash Prints. Leather Bags make lovely gifts too, and we have a nice assortment; also some pretty Beaded Bags. Select yours Early.

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WARREN NEWS

(By Rose Ellington)

The farmers are all busy planting their crops.

The Warren school was out last Friday, and all the school pupils enjoyed a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and family spent Sunday with his brother Mr. and Mrs. E. H. ones.

Miss Ruth Chancey spent Saturday night with Miss Katie Underwood.

Miss Cordie Ellington is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Ellen Williams.

Several around Warren attended the program at Salt Branch Saturday night. All report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs visited Mrs. S. A. Hobbs Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Miss Onite Finch spent last weekend with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson.

Mrs. Barbara McCoy, Buster and Odell McCoy, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy.

Mrs. E. H. ones and Mrs. Rhodes visited Mrs. Underwood Tuesday.

Mrs. Ester Cannon spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Mrs. Oddie Jones spent Tuesday with Mrs. Truman Jaynes.

Mrs. Shouse, Mrs. Juanita Payne of Trent spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick.

Miss Vera Jones visited Mrs. Hollis McCoy Tuesday.

Grandma Hobbs' sister of Abilene visited her Sunday for a while.

Miss Norah Foster visited her sister, Mrs. Herbert Patterson Sunday at Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvell, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Harvell visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvell Sunday.

Mr. H. Gressett of McLean visited in the Warren community Monday.

Florence Nickerson visited Lorene Ellington Monday afternoon.

Miss Lena Mae Chancey spent Saturday night with Miss Floy McKinney.

Keystone Smithing Coal—just unloaded car. Best from Pennsylvania field. Goes, further. SWAFFORD phone 44.

HAD HIS NUMBER.

Monroe was an old country negro in the city for the first time. He found a purse containing \$2.85 and boarded a street car for a ride.

"Good Lawdy," he thought, "dat conductor mus' know ev'ry body in this here town. He calls Washin'ton and Mr. Washin'ton gets off. He calls Jackson and Mr. Jackson he gets off. He calls Jefferson and Mrs. Jefferson an' her two children dey dun get off. Glad he don't know me."

Just then the conductor called "Monroe".

"Yassuh, I'se Monroe. Heah I come."

A car glided up to the curb and the driver asked:

"Is this Monroe?"

"Yessuh, his here is Monroe."

"Good, I'm looking for 285."

"My Gawd," said old Monroe handing him the purse, "dese sho is smart white folks."

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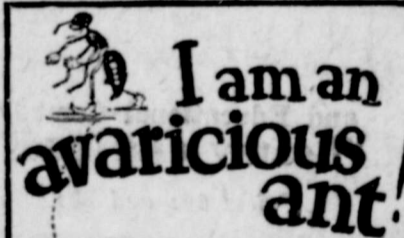
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