

## VESTAL NO. 1 COMES IN FOR 300 BARRELS

Completion Is Regarded As One Of Most Important Since Field Came In Last Sept.

Noodle Creek's Seventeenth producer has been added by the Phillips Petroleum Company. The well, one of the most important completions since the discovery of the field last September, is good for 250 to 300 barrels daily.

The addition is Phillips' Vestal No. 1, which topped the Winter pay level late Monday. It is 330 feet from the north and east lines of the west 80 acres of the southeast quarter of section 18, block 19, T. & P. survey, and is the farthest west production in the field.

### Important Extension

The vestal is the first important extension of the field in five months or more and is the first well brought in in several weeks. Because of its distance to the west of the field, its development is regarded as very important, since it extends the field in that direction.

The well is west of the Midwest Exploration Company's Thornton No. 3. The initial production probably will lead the Marland Oil Company to sink an offset to it with another Mason well. This offset would be one location west of Marland's Mason No. 3, which has been the largest well in the field, both for initial and settled production.

The general trend of the field has been south and west since the Phillips' Joe Winter discovery well tapped the pay last September. There is but one producer north of the discovery. This is the Joe Winter No. 2, the north offset.

The field has never been extended east of the first producer. Instead, development has been in the other direction and an area a half mile south and fully a quarter mile west has been proved.

Phillips' addition is the 17th producer of the field and the 16th to find commercial production from the Winter level just below 2,500 feet.

Phillips now has nine producers in the field. Northwest Exploration Company four, Marland three, and Atlantic-Landreth one. Only three dry holes have been drilled to the 2,500-foot level, and one of these found a second pay at 3,035 feet. Phillips' Joe Winter No. 3 is being drilled to test the second pay and is now under way.

## RETURN FROM TRIP TO GRAND CANYON

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King returned last week from a two weeks vacation trip which included a visit to Grand Canyon in Arizona and Colorado. In going they went by way of East aughn, New Mexico, where they were joined by the former's brother, Mr. Shilrey H. King and Mrs. King, and the entire party report a very delightful trip.

We are also glad to report that Mr. Shurley King who has been in the drug business in East Vaughn for several years, has sold his interest there and for the present he and his wife are making Merkel their home. Mr. King was Postmaster in Merkel during the Wilson administration, and made an efficient and accommodating official. At present he is with the Merkel Drug Company during the absence of Mr. S. D. Gamble, the proprietor, who is at San Antonio attending the Druggists' Association.

## MRS. TURNER HONORED

Miss Mary Ellen Ashby entertained on Wednesday afternoon, June 16, with a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. R. C. Turner, who was until only recently Miss Lola Maye Riddle. Garden flowers were used as the house decorations and games of 42 were followed by a very unique contest in which the honoree was blindfolded and allowed to find a beautiful display of useful gifts. A delicious refreshment of fruit punch and angel food cake was passed to Mesdames Turner, Riddle and W. L. Johnson, Misses Bessie Westenhover, Maurine Davis, Mildred Hamm, Helen Compton, Azilee Gilbert, Fannie Belle Boaz, Gladys Copeland, Mildred Smith, Doris Brown, Reba Demere and the hostesses.

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## District Meet of W.M.S. Here Tuesday, June 28

The members of the local Missionary Society of the Methodist church are planning for the entertainment of the all-day district meeting of the Womans Missionary Society which meets here Tuesday, June 28. About 100 delegates and visitors are expected to attend this meeting. The new district Secretary, Mrs. Jennings of Abilene, will have charge of the meeting which will occupy the entire day.

Lunch will be served at the church. Every member of the Methodist Church is especially invited to attend this meeting. Members of other churches will be welcome. A splendid program has been arranged and the meeting will open at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Methodist church.

## Latimer Well Drilling Around 2,200 Feet

With a hole brim full of salt water the drill continues to go down in the M. P. Latimer well twelve miles south of Merkel. According to reports several oil showings have been found in this test, and drillers and citizens of that community still are very optimistic regarding the finding of oil in this test.

## J. M. Varner, 69, Passes Away

J. M. Varner, aged 69 years, one of the splendid citizens of the Stith community, passed away on last Friday, June 17, following an extended illness. His remains were laid to rest in the Stith cemetery, Elder W. G. Cypert conducting the religious ceremonies, with Masonic Order in charge of burial rites.

Deceased was born April 8, 1858, in Macon county, Tennessee, but for many years had been a citizen of this state and the Stith community. He was married in 1885 to Miss B. J. Toles, and to this union seven children were born, four boys and three girls. All of these died in infancy except two, J. S. Varner and Mrs. Pluvira Wells, both of whom were present when the last summons came. There were also eleven grand children with only four living.

Deceased was a member of the Christian Church, having been baptized in that faith some 32 years ago. He also joined the Masonic Lodge 33 years ago; being a member in good standing at the time of his death. It was said of him that he was not only a true Mason, but a true and affectionate husband and father, and a good neighbor and citizen in the community in which he resided.

## Will Drill Smith Well West of Noodle Soon

We are informed that work is well under way making preparations for starting the drill on the Smith tract west of Noodle, by the Douglas Oil Company. Mr. W. A. Brown is the drilling contractor, and he states that it will only be a short time now until drilling will be under way. The well will be about twelve miles north of Merkel.

## ENJOY PICNIC OUTING

On Tuesday evening of last week, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox chaperoned a number of young people on an outing to Mulberry Creek where a most appetizing feast was spread picnic fashion and very much enjoyed by all present. Those fortunate enough to enjoy Mr. and Mrs. Cox's hospitality were Misses Willie Toombs, Ethel Wilson, Mabel Toombs, Doris Pike, Rose Laney, Emma Toombs, Hallie Pike, Addie Holler and Madeline Berry, Messers Kenneth and Cyrus Pee and Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Cox.

## Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Missionary Meeting: a Modern Miracle, a Missionary Healed of Leprosy. Leader, Dorothy Higgins.

- Introduction by leader.
1. Lepers in Palestine, Mary Ellen Ashby.
  2. Mary Reed answers the call, Ted McGehee.
  3. A problem that baffled the Physicians, Elsie Richie.
  4. A new home on Chandag Heights, Rosa Gilbert.
  5. After seven years, Yates Brown.
  6. Back to her task, Mildred Hamm.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson returned this week from Dallas after an extended visit with relatives there.

## Grand Jury 104th Dist. Court Returns 13 Indictments; Adjourns

Judge W. R. Chapman opened the 104th District Court Monday in Abilene for a six weeks term, immediately swearing in members of the grand jury for the term. Mr. J. T. Warren, president of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel was named as foreman, and from reports of the splendid work already accomplished by that body, there is evidence of fast and efficient work, thirteen bills of indictments having been returned during the first three days work, when adjournment was taken until Friday morning at nine o'clock.

Others from this city and part of the county who are also ably serving on the grand jury are: John R. West and A. B. Patterson of Merkel; E. H. Cordill, Merkel, route 5; and L. E. Adrian, cashier of the Home State Bank of Trent.

Up to Thursday morning four arrests had been made upon parties indicted by this grand jury as follows: John Thomas, Andrew Schulze, and George Schulze, all charged with the manufacture and possession of liquor, and J. B. Markum, charged with burglary. Their cases are set for trial June 28.

## MONEY RECEIVED ON PAVING BONDS

Mayor Henry C. West reports that the money for the paving and water works extension bonds has been received and is now deposited in the local banks.

He also reports a message from the Panhandle Construction Company, of Lubbock, which company has the contract for these improvements, and states that material and supplies are being shipped to Merkel with the view of starting work immediately.

## Colquitt Sues Davidson And Adherents

DALLAS, June 22.—O. B. Colquitt, former Governor of Texas, filed suit in District Court here today for \$350,000 damages against Lynch Davidson, of Houston, democratic candidate for the nomination for Governor at the 1926 State election, and a number of Davidson's adherents.

J. S. Hale of McLennan County, Karl A. Crowley, Clark Cooke, L. A. Turner, B. W. Owens, Walter B. Sloan, Al Levy, Shelby Owens, A. J. Johen, Dave A. Reeves, Sam M. Wheat, Scott Teal, A. C. Barber, Clyde Penry and K. H. Muse, all of Tarrant County, are the other defendants.

Colquitt asks \$250,000 actual and \$100,000 exemplary damages. The suit is based on alleged libelous statements printed in a Fort Worth paper last July and reprinted by a Fort Worth Publishing company.

They were made, the petition recites, by Clay Cooke over a Fort Worth radio station and were given newspaper circulation.

## IDLEWISE CLUB

Misses Evelyn and Ruby Hamm entertained on Tuesday afternoon of this week with a Bridge, complimenting members of the Idlewise Club and a number of friends. Their spacious home on Oak Street was beautifully decorated with all the summer blossoms, zenias, shasta daisies and pot plants were used in profusion. Tables arranged for bridge were perfectly appointed and the games progressed happily until a business meeting was called by the Club president, Mrs. Emmett Grimes. The hostesses then served a most dainty refreshment of chicken salad sandwiches, orange ice and olives to Misses Jess Sutphen, Lorena Dry, Bill Swann, and Edna Marie Jones, Mesdames George Coker of Dallas, Harry Cookston, E. Yates Brown and F. C. McFarland, Misses Lucy Tracy, Mary Eula Sears, and Mesdames Earl Baze, Emmett Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, George White, Sie Hamm, and the hostesses.

Our good friends and excellent citizen, Mr. Marvin Smith, is boasting ripe melons, right from his own garden. He stated from "his" garden, but from what we learn the big fine melon came from his "wife's" garden—that is, she did the work of raising the melon, which was pulled so early as June 22nd. He also stated that to gain entrance to this melon patch one would be compelled to enter through the front yard. No. chance.

## WEST TEXAS' OUTLOOK FINE SAYS OIL MAN

Party of Thirty Western and Eastern Capitalists Inspect Reagan County Field.

SAN ANGELO, Texas, June 22.—From a standpoint of oil, I feel that West Texas today has prospects perhaps unequalled in the world," said M. L. Benedum of Pittsburgh, dean of wild catters, here Tuesday after he and more than 30 Pittsburgh, New York, Baltimore and Chicago bankers and brokers, most of them stockholders in the Plymouth, Transcontinental or Big Lake oil companies, had inspected the Big Lake oil company's part of the Reagan county field. "That's optimistic, but true," added Mr. Benedum, whose 38 years search for petroleum virtually has covered the globe. Associates seated with him about a table in a private car echoed his opinion. Over 115 wells of the Big Lake oil company, all on land owned by the University of Texas, had produced 15,668,078 barrels of oil through May 31, between 250 and 300 locations remain to be drilled on the 16 sections and the extent of the proven area to the northeast and northwest not yet has been determined definitely, yet Mr. Benedum said he considered that the shallow but heavy producing Yates pool in eastern Pecos County has greater potentialities than the Big Lake field.

## Mrs. J. P. Sutphen Erecting New Duplex Home on Oak

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen last week let the contract to Mr. T. H. Christopher for the erection of a beautiful and modern five-room duplex home on her lots on Oak street just South of the Mrs. T. V. Touchstone home, which when completed will be one of the nicest and most up-to-date homes in the city.

## OIL SITUATION IMPROVING

The price of crude oil has not materially improved but the lull of the last few months has not been wasted by any of the big companies. Their field men have been busy leasing up territory and their legal department has caught up on perfecting titles and everything is set for the big campaign that is certain to come, and that in the not far distant future. Opinions differ as to the time of renewed activities. Some are certain that nothing will be done until spring and many predict that September will mark the beginning of a campaign that will not cease until these four counties are thoroughly explored for oil.

We have no reason to be discouraged as our time can be employed getting ready for the big pay that is certainly near us if not right against us. Certainly we have learned some lessons. If another boom should come we will not charge prohibitory prices for the absolute necessities of life.

Should supply houses offer to locate here we will not demand prices that are utterly ridiculous. Rentals will be held to a reasonable return on the money invested and all of us will be offering inducements to get people to locate here permanently rather than demanding what they have for a night's lodging.

Instead of pulling against each other we will all be leaning in the same direction in a mighty pull for Merkel.

Our paving will then be completed and our water system extended and we will all be so pleased that we will be ready to insist on marking our streets, parking our vacant spaces, beautifying our homes and settling down to the deep satisfaction of living in the best and prettiest town in West Texas.

This paper is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Finis L. Anderson, M. D., Springfield, Mo., enclosing an order for a year's subscription to the Mail, in order that he might keep posted on conditions in this section, and more especially regarding the future oil developments in the Merkel section. Dr. Anderson states that he owns some land near this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Lay and family have just returned to their home in Coahoma, Texas, after an extended visit in the home of Mrs. Lay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell. On their return they were accompanied by Miss Venice Bell, who will remain for an indefinite stay.

## Search Held Illegal By Majority of Bench

AUSTIN, June 22.—For the first time in the history of Texas the Court of Criminal Appeals split Wednesday on the requisites of a liquor search warrant sworn out on information of "two creditable persons."

The one-year liquor prison sentence of Roy Chaplin, Shackelford County, was reversed and remanded in an opinion by Presiding Judge Morrow, Justice Hawkins concurring, holding that the warrant for search of Chaplin's tent where a gallon of whiskey was found, was not legally sufficient as based merely on affidavit of two persons "with reason to believe" he was violating the law.

Justice Lattimore, in a lengthy dissenting opinion, declared the major opinion would set up a "hydra headed, unprecedented substitute" for present rules governing issuance of search warrant.

Justice Morrow and Hawkins held that "belief of two affiants on undisclosed information does not show" the probable cause deemed necessary for search. They ruled in effect that "belief of the affiants must be supported in the affidavit by some definite information. The federal rule to this effect was cited.

"Exemption from unreasonable search," Justice Morrow said, "is a cherished right which makers of the Constitution and laws have been zealous in guarding and the courts in preserving."

Justice Hawkins declared that Texas now has no valid law authorizing liquor search solely on unsupported "belief."

The majority rule, Justice Lattimore said, "will mark the beginning of at least one, perhaps two or three new rules" regarding affidavits for search warrants. "One," he explained, "would make more rigid the rule for search for a thing than the rule for seizure of an individual seizure."

He declared that hereafter separate forms probably will be necessary for search warrants for private residences and for warrants for premises not private, with probably still another form when the search is for liquor.

The Legislature did not intend that the requirements for search warrants to "show" probable cause, should be construed as demanding evidence and proof, he further held.

## Mrs. E. C. Davis Buried

Mrs. E. C. Davis, mother of Mrs. Arthur Jones, of Warren community, was buried Sunday, June 12, in the local cemetery, services being conducted from Merkel Baptist Church, pastor Ira L. Parrack officiating.

Mrs. Davis was born Jan. 3, 1854. At an early age she was converted and joined the Old Salem Baptist Church in Polk county, Texas, and had led a consecrated Christian life for nearly sixty years.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Mr. Jno. Davis, a sister, Mrs. Bess Hutto of Pauls alley, Okla., and six children. The children are Frank Davis of Winters, Ed Davis of Lueders, Mrs. Florence Jones, of Merkel, Mrs. Tamsie Winkles of Burk Burnett, Mrs. Eva Robertson of Hamlin, and Mrs. Ella Lininger of Toledo, Ohio.

While Mrs. Davis was a stranger to most of the people of the community, the friends and neighbors of her daughter did all that earthly friends could do and accompanied the family to the service and to the last resting place of the departed loved one.

The floral offering was beautiful and the expressions from the bereaved husband and children were a wonderful tribute to wife and mother. It was true of her as of the woman mentioned in the Bible, "Her children rise up after her to call her blessed".

Mrs. Ira Callahan, of Fort Worth, is here this week for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. and Earl Baze. Master Kenneth Crane, also of Fort Worth, is a guest in these homes.

Mrs. C. B. Smith enjoyed a visit last week from her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Whitaker, of Houston, and son F. P. Smith, who also resides in Houston.

In our rush last week we failed to mention the return of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell from an extended vacation trip. On their trip they were accompanied by their daughters, Misses Mary and Ouida, who stopped over in Canyon, where they attend summer school at the State Teachers College.

## PAVING WORK TO START WITHIN WEEK ON NO. 1

Construction To Be In Full Blast In 20 Days Declares County Judge Eplen

The Abilene Morning News Says; Paving work is to be started this week on the Bankhead Highway from Abilene east to the Callahan county line and the work will be in full blast within 20 days, Tom K. Eplen, County Judge, said last night on his return from Austin.

Contract for paving the road was awarded last Monday by the state highway Commission to the McClung Construction Company of Fort Worth. The 5.84 miles in the strip will be paved with concrete for \$25,000 per mile.

Assurance that the work would begin immediately and that it would be pushed to early completion was given him by the contracting company, Judge Eplen said. The contractors expect to have all the pavement down by September—ready for use before the opening of the West Texas Fair.

### To Start at Once

"I was assured by Mr. Hoffman, of the McClung Company, that he would have work started the latter part of the week," said Judge Eplen. "He expected to begin moving material here immediately and to be pouring concrete in 20 days, at the outside.

"The probability is that McClung will use new machinery on the work in this county. It is also likely that a branch office will be established here, as the company also has the contract for paving the strip on the Bankhead in Callahan county from the hill west of Baird to Clyde."

Four bids were entered on the project and that of McClung was the lowest, Judge Eplen said. It was \$525 less than that of the Womack Construction company, which is constructing the new reservoir on Cedar creek for the city of Abilene. McClung's bid for paving the strip was \$146,786—a cost of \$2.40 per square yard, which is regarded by engineers as very reasonable, especially as some fine grading must be done before the concrete is laid.

### Bates Type Concrete

Specifications for the project call for the Bates type of concrete. Surfacing material will be a mixture of one part cement to two parts sand to three and one-half parts coarse aggregate or crushed stone. This material will be laid six inches thick from the center to within two feet of the edges of the road. From that point it will be thickened to nine inches at the edges. A wing-joint or steel bar will be built into the middle of the 18-foot concrete ribbon. Laid edge-wise in the pavement, it is designed to strengthen the pavement. Steel bars will be set along the edges to bind the road.

## WESTBROOK-RISTER

Married at the Baptist Parsonage at 7 p.m., June 11, was the happy experience of Mr. Otis Westbrook and Miss Birdie Rister. These are popular young people in their respective communities, Mr. Westbrook in the Nubia community, and his wife in the Comper community. They will make their home in the Nubia community.

## Party Given Honoring Miss Maurine Tyler, of Abilene

Mrs. Frank Golladay and Mrs. B. T. Sublett gave a party and shower to Miss Maurine Tyler of Abilene, announcing her marriage to Mr. Howard Collins of Abilene. They will be married in July. A chair decorated with colors of pink and white was reserved for the bride-to-be. The rooms were decorated with cut flowers of pink and white. Several contests were enjoyed. Mrs. S. M. Hunter, Mrs. N. E. Wood and Mrs. Deck Tyler winning prizes. Quilt pieces were prepared and each one present was asked to piece one block. The quilt was given to Miss Tyler. A delicious refreshment plate was served to the following: Miss Maurine Tyler, Mesdames W. B. Burleson, W. C. Grey, Bob Denton, Miss Virginia Grey, Mrs. Deck Tyler, all of Abilene, Miss Minnie Coats, and Misses Lola Hays, Opal Patterson, Eunalea Gilmore, Mesdames J. H. McDonald, N. E. Wood, S. M. Hunter, S. J. Roberts, Geo. Woodrum, Rolfe Wagner, W. L. Johnson, Jr., V. B. Sublett, B. T. Sublett, and Mrs. Golladay.

Miss Tyler was presented with a gift from each of those present. Others sending gifts were Miss Gussie Jamerson of Abilene and Mrs. Pet Touchstone. The gifts were presented by cupid Jim Sublett.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Bal-linger, are guests in the home of Mr. J. S. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble left first of the week for San Antonio. While away they will also visit friends and relatives at Houston and other points in that part of the state.

Mr. S. A. Coats returned Wednesday from a business and pleasure trip to Dallas. He reports fine rains all the way from Clyde to Dallas.

## LOCATING THE FINANCIAL LEAKS THAT TAKE THE PROFITS OUT OF FARMING

By DAN H. OTIS

Director Agricultural Commission, American Bankers Association

INDUSTRIAL lines suffer because of inefficient firms, whose officers cling to old methods and place goods on the market, even at a loss, to compete with the more efficient institutions. Agriculture, too, has this problem to face. We find farmers who fight new methods. They retard the prosperity of other farmers by throwing on the market poor quality products, frequently produced at a loss.



D. H. OTIS

The nature of the banker's business places him in a position to help this type of farmer as well as the more progressive farmer. At the same time the banker can assure himself of good loans based on the farm as a going concern.

A study of the investments, sources of income and expenses of the successful farmers in his community will give the banker a measuring stick by which to gage the hazard entailed in furnishing loans to other farmers. This study is readily accomplished through the use of summaries of farm records. In the absence of good records, survey blanks which can be obtained from the agricultural colleges, may be used for collecting the information.

A banker in a dairy district would use data similar to Farmer A's summary in the following table as a measuring stick to judge the condition of Farmer B:

	Farmer A	Farmer B
Farm receipts	\$2,465	\$2,214
Farm expenses	2,122	1,979
Receipts above expenses	\$3,343	\$1,235
Interest on total investment @ 5 per cent.	1,070	589
Net income after deducting interest	\$2,273	\$146
Acres	127	130
Total investment	\$21,400	\$19,772
Operating capital (machinery, live stock, equipment)	5,852	4,473
Number of cows	18	11
Investment in cows	\$2,302	\$1,205

The total investment of Farmer A is moderate with a large percentage (27 per cent) of operating or working capital. Farmer B is low in operating capital. The number of cows is also low, which is reflected in the farm receipts, these being \$3,251 less than those of Farmer A. The expenses of Farmer B, although about one-half of those of Farmer A, are, nevertheless, high in the ratio to receipts.

The only way to safeguard a loan to Farmer B is to consider assets and not income. Before any loan should be considered at all the banker and the farmer should go over the situation, uncover the leaks and outline a definite program of improvement.

#### Diversity of Business Good Sign

	Farmer A	Farmer B
Income from crops	\$1,475	\$553
From dairy products	2,942	722
Sale of livestock (including increased inventory)	1,656	230
Miscellaneous income	327	181

A good diversity of income serves to protect the farmer against years of over-production of any one farm product. Farmer A has a good diver-

sity of income. Notice that the leading source of income, dairy products, constitutes less than one-half of the total income. The various enterprises that make up Farmer B's diversity of business all show marked decreased income.

#### Quality of Business Shows Leaks

	Farmer A	Farmer B
Receipts per cow	\$130	\$68
Receipts per livestock unit other than cows	94	32

Under the heading, "Quality of Business," Farmer B shows that his cows are bringing in \$62 less per year than Farmer A's. The \$68 a year which they are producing is undoubtedly below the cost of feed and keep. The income per live-stock unit is still worse, and while this farm needs more cows to increase its volume of business, it would be financial suicide to invest in the same type of cow. This poor farmer must weed out his poor cows and feed the balance properly to get results before money is loaned to him to increase his herd with good stock.

An analysis of the farmer's records will bring out many other leaks which the farmer may not have noticed. He may be paying high prices for feed when less money spent for fertilizers and lime may enable him to raise the right kind of feed on his own farm and stop this drain on his pocket-book.

Barring temporary emergencies, farm loans handled on the basis of income, indicating a going concern, would hasten tremendously the day of a permanent and prosperous agriculture.

### Killer Whale Has No Equal for Ferocity

The killer whale is the undisputed champion of the sea, declares Mack Sennett, who, as a hobby, has made an exhaustive study of marine life in Lower California seas. "If there is anything that can lick the killer whale, I have never heard of it," Sennett says. "Everything that swims the waters of the earth dreads the terrible killer whale.

"Strictly speaking," the writer explains, "it isn't a fish; it is an air breathing mammal about 35 feet long. It has huge jaws and heavy fighting teeth. Its head suggests the head of a bulldog, as does its disposition. What makes it more terrible, than other big sea monsters is its great speed. Nothing can escape it.

"The favorite dish of the killer whale is the succulent tongue of the real whale," the writer continues. "Its method of killing the whale is curious. When the big fellow comes up to breathe, the killer fastens its jaws on the whale's blowhole and does not let go. Finally, dying of suffocation, the whale thrusts out its great, agonized tongue. The killer nips this off and goes blithely on its way. It is a common sight to find a tongueless dead whale floating in the water."

### Find New Evidences of Coal Formation

Evidence that coal was formed at the bottoms of ancient lakes, and not in vast swamps or bogs as commonly supposed, is advanced by Prof. E. C. Jeffrey of Harvard university in an article in Science. Professor Jeffrey's studies were conducted on coals from geological formations of tertiary age, which is much more recent than the source of most of the coal in this country, but which supplies remains of plants more like those growing today and hence more significant to the botanist as far as their habits are concerned. Earlier studies of similar coals had disclosed wood structures which were taken to be of cypresses, and since cypresses are swamp trees this was taken as evidence for the classical theory of coal formation. Professor Jeffrey's investigations, however, have shown that these supposed cypress-like woods were really from redwoods and similar trees that normally grow on well-drained upland soils and never in swamps. His conclusion, therefore, is that these coal beds are the remains of great masses of water-logged vegetation washed down from the hills by rivers and deposited in the bottoms of huge lakes.

### HORSE ON MAIL ROUTE 21 YEARS

Old Bay Mare Still Gives Faithful Service.

Kokomo, Ind.—The old bay mare is still what she used to be, 20 long years ago.

Daisy is twenty-three. Ever since she was two she has traveled a rural mail route out of Kokomo. She has seen her equine kin give way to motorized service, and she has tilted an ear skyward at the hum of an airmail plane, roaring from New York to Chicago in less time than it takes Daisy to make her little circuit twice a day.

But Daisy disdains the thought that any motor car or airplane could take her place. She could almost deliver the mail alone.

She is credited by Ben Boughman, her present owner, with having twice saved his life, when he failed to see trains at grade crossings.

Throughout the years Daisy has pulled the same tiny and ancient mail cart with which she started. She has lost but 18 days at work, and that because she hurt a leg in the line of duty.

The carrier who trained Daisy is long since dead, but the horse passed to succeeding carriers without a break in her service record.

Faithfully she plods around her route, and when she gets home she refuses to go another step. When her owner loiters on the homeward trip, Daisy goes on home to supper and lets her master leg it.

She has one complex. Circus day has scared her ever since the ringmaster rode down Main street ahead of the parade shouting "Hold your horses, the elephants are coming." When the big top is spread in Kokomo, Daisy is skittish all day.

Right now Daisy is on her annual vacation. Each summer she spends an outing in a familiar pasture. But she'll be back at the old grind in the fall.

#### Patent Information

In making application for a United States patent, an inventor must distinctly state under oath that the invention has not been patented in any country, foreign to the United States, or application filed by himself or his legal representatives or assigns, more than 12 months prior to his application in this country; therefore, if a person has secured a grant of a foreign patent more than 12 months previous, he is not entitled to apply in the United States.

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Merkel, Texas

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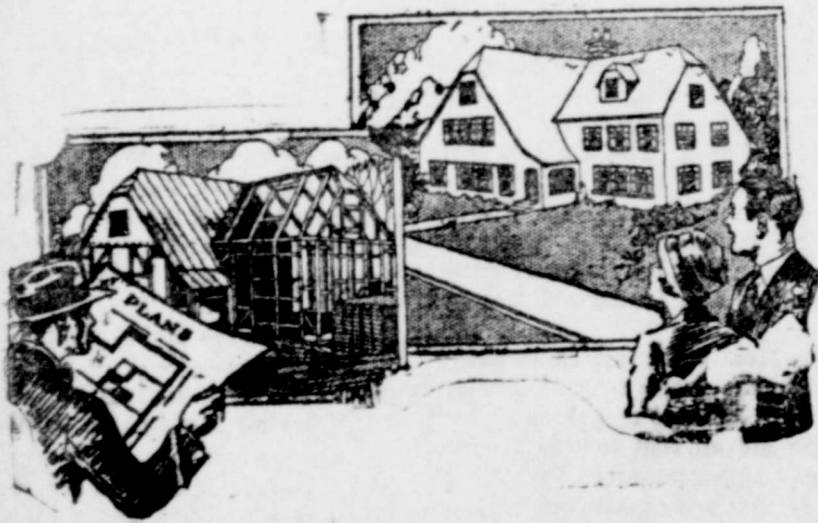
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**Y. M. F. CLUB**

Thursday afternoon, June 16, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., was hostess to the members of the Y. M. F. Club. In a short business meeting officers were elected and rules and regulations were voted on.

Those present were: Mesdames Tom Allday, Gilbert Boswell, Billy Cobb, Claud Dye, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Harry L. McCandless, Geo. T. Moore, Boots Smith, J. R. Wagner and one visitor.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our gratitude to all our friends and neighbors who have been so kind and thoughtful of us during my sickness and especially the following men and boys for planting and working out our crop, thus enabling us to make a living: Matt Doan, H. E. Addison, Arthur Addison, Dock Wilson, W. A. Wilson, Dock Doan, Howard Brown, John Cavitt, Glen Abbott, M. Patterson, Emmette Morris, John Neighbours, Mr. Scrogins, Grady Meeks, Leonard Moore, W. A. Campbell, Adriaan Farmer and any others whose name may have been omitted. May God's blessings be upon you all—is our prayer.  
Mrs. J. H. Wilson and daughter, Blair, Texas. 1t

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**Gleaner Class Meets**

The Gleaner Class of the Methodist church was entertained on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. L. R. Thompson. Others assisting in hostess duties were Mrs. Etsel Church, Tom Largent, Ross Ferrier and Roy Harrell.

Sweet Peas in pretty placing added to the attractiveness of the entertaining rooms. After the opening Scripture reading by Mrs. Herbert Patterson and reading of minutes by the secretary, a business session was held at which time the class decided to clothe an orphan from the orphans' home for one year. Other business was disposed of, the meeting being then given over to a special hour and a delightful refreshment plate was served to the following guests: Mrs. Vernon Sutphen of Weslaco, Mesdames D. O. Huddleston, C. K. Russell, R. J. Grimes, and class members were: Mesdames Fred Guitard, Reece Hale, Len Sublett, Eli Case, W. M. Gambill, Rush Buford, Bishop Hunter, J. E. Richardson, Elmer Lowe, Herbert Patterson, Oscar Buford, Earl Thornton, Tom Toombs and A. Morton and Robert Hicks.

You saw "Douglas McLean" in "Let It Rain"—he is far better in "Hold That Lion". Don't miss it. Palace, of course. 1t

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**WHY WIDOWS ARE THE SPECIAL PREY OF CONFIDENCE MEN**

By W. R. MOREHOUSE

Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association

WOMEN are often easy victims for the high-pressure promoter. Widows are especially sought out by the confidence men. Even before their deceased husbands, protectors and counselors are buried the wolves of high finance are waiting outside their doors. They know the defenseless widows will be easy prey. Many a woman today is penniless as a result of making poor investments. "Getting rich quick" for the widow without investment experience is in reality getting poor quick. Once a sharp promoter gets the confidence of a rich widow he has a "Bonanza" as he calls it. Eventually he gets the estate and the widow gets the experience. Widows with estates should be on guard every minute. They are marked persons, with promotion crooks hot on their trail. The best thing that every woman investor can do is to consult her banker before investing.



W. R. MOREHOUSE

Properly cut and set, crystals sparkle in realistic imitation of diamonds. The same is true in the field of finance. There is that which is fraudulent parading as the genuine. Don't buy investments simply because they sparkle. In the realm of wild-cat financing, fictitious credentials, testimonials, and references are employed to give setting and genuine appearance. Some are such rank imitations that they are easily recognized, but others defy detection except on the closest investigation by an expert. The only safe procedure is to investigate under competent advice.

Literally millions of dollars are lost to American savers annually as the outcome of buying into something—a fraudulent farm promotion, a business or a job that is nothing more or less than a set-up to catch suckers.

Often the savings of a lifetime are lost by buying unimproved farm lands with the understanding that the seller, or a service company promoted by him, will plant the farm to trees or vines, care for them, market the crop and turn the profits, which, it is promised, will be big, over to the owner. But this dream never comes true. The so-called guaranteed big profits are never realized. If people would only stop long enough to consider all angles of an offer like that before investing they would see the folly of plunging blindly into such a proposition. Let them ask themselves only this one question: "If it is true that such big profits are to be made, why

is the seller so eager to part with his property, even to the extent of making it easy for a new owner to farm it?" The answer is that the land is not worth the selling price, nor will the profits derived from it be anywhere near as large as promised.

Buying into the fox business, the poultry business, the dairy business or any kind of business is risky unless you deal with reliable persons or firms whose word is as good as gold. Watch the seller who is insistent in forcing a sale upon you. Look at his proposition from every angle. Just because he makes glowing promises is no assurance that he is not the world's champion exaggerator. Extravagant and exaggerated claims are the earmarks of the fake investment. If you want to go into farming or buy into a business, investigate before you invest. Write to the National Better Business Bureau, New York, or consult your local banker. If they are without information on your proposed investment, wait until they can get the facts and report to you. They have no interest at stake except to forestall crooked games.

**Hunger Supreme Motive**

Hunger is a more compelling motive than either mother love or the desire for companionship, Dr. F. A. Moss of George Washington university, discovered when he made a series of tests with rats. The reactions of the rodents, he believes, fixes rules that also will apply to other animals, and possibly, to man. Doctor Moss used a cage built in three parts, with the center section so wired that a rat passing through it received a slight electric shock. Ten rats were placed in one end and food in the other. Within 72 hours eight of the 10 risked the shock to reach the food. In the next experiment mother rats were installed in one section and their young in the other, but only three of the ten mothers would pass the charged wires.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

**Social Discipline**

Society is the true sphere of human virtue. In social, active life, difficulties will perpetually be met with; restraints of many kinds will be necessary, and studying to behave right in respect of these is a discipline of the human heart useful to others and improving to itself. Suffering is no duty, but where it is necessary to avoid guilt, or to do good; nor pleasure a crime, but where it strengthens the influence of bad inclinations, or lessens the generous activity of nature.—Philadelphia Record.

**Prepared**

A Harley street reader tells of an old friend whose mother had a new maid who had never seen gas. On the occasion of a dinner party she was instructed as to what to do in the drawing room, and towards the end of the dinner her mistress asked her if she had lit the gas.  
"No, ma'am," was the answer, "but I have turned it on already." Doubtless if her mistress had not interfered, everything would have gone off splendidly.—Weekly Scotsman.

**Hunters' Greed Blamed**

The biological survey says that market hunters are probably the direct cause of the extinction of the passenger pigeons. These birds were so-called "colony birds," and nested in great quantities in certain localities. This made it possible for hunters to wipe out great numbers with very little effort. There are many traditions accounting for the extinction of these birds, one being that forest fires in woods where they roosted destroyed great numbers.

**Book of Revelation**

The last book of the Bible is variously called the Revelation of St. John the Divine, the Book of Revelation and the Apocalypse. Roman Catholics prefer to call it the Apocalypse, while Protestants usually call it the Book of Revelation. It is frequently but erroneously called the Book of Revelations. The word Revelation in this connection is singular, not plural.

**Left Splendid Record**

**in War and Council**

John White Geary, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1819, seemed to do things in pairs; he studied both civil engineering and law; was territorial governor of Kansas and governor of Pennsylvania and won fame in two wars.

At the outbreak of the Mexican war he was chief engineer and superintendent of the Allegheny Portage railway. He helped to recruit the Second Pennsylvania volunteer regiment, in which he became lieutenant colonel and served through the war. After the capture of the Mexican capital he was promoted to colonel and was placed in command of that city.

Later he settled in San Francisco, where, in 1849, he was appointed the first American postmaster. In 1850 he was appointed by President Pierce as territorial governor of Kansas. At the beginning of the Civil war he raised the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, of which he became colonel. In 1862 he was made brigadier general, and three years later received the brevet rank of major general. In 1896 he was elected governor of Pennsylvania; was re-elected in 1900 and served until within eighteen days of his death, which occurred February 8, 1873, in Harrisburg.—Kansas City Star.

**Darkness Thought to**

**Herald Judgment Day**

Famous dark days have occurred in history when great fear seized the people because of abnormal darkness in the middle of the day. May 19, 1780, is famous as "Black Friday," or "The Dark Day" in the history of New England. Schools were dismissed, work ceased, barnyard fowl went to roost, ordinary print could not be read at noon without artificial light, and candles were lighted. Many over-scientious people thought the Day of Judgment had arrived. The Connecticut legislature, which was in session at Hartford, adjourned at 11 a. m. It is related that in the council, which was also in session on that day, a motion to adjourn having been made, Col. Abraham Davenport of Stamford rose to his feet and said: "I am against adjournment. Either the Day of Judgment is at hand or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I wish to be found in the line of my duty. I wish candles to be brought." No satisfactory explanation for this extraordinary darkness throughout New England has ever been given by scientists.

**Too Good**

A middle-aged childless farmer and his wife resorted to prayer, that their loneliness might be relieved. After a time they were receiving congratulations on the birth of triplets.  
"Prayers are always answered!" exclaimed a piously enthusiastic neighbor.  
"Yes, but I never prayed for no bumper crop like that," replied the farmer.

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**Methodist Church**

All the regular services at the Methodist Church Sunday. Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching by the pastor at both hours, 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Would appreciate the full attendance of all the members of the church at both services. All visitors welcomed, and the public invited to worship with us.  
W. R. McCARTER.

**Church of Christ**

I will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour. Everybody is invited. This is my last appointment here for this year, as I go into the Evangelistic work for the summer. There will be singing at the evening hour, Nathan Woods having charge of the song service. Let all lovers of good singing come and enjoy it with us.  
W. G. CYPERT.

Miss Mary Ellen Ashby is spending the week-end in Anson the guest of Miss Francis Collins of that city.

**Baptist Church**

All regular services Sunday. The pastor will speak at both hours as he is not out of town as announced last Sunday. Let's fill the house at both services. Remember the Lord's day is a day for worship. Fine crowds and good services last Sunday. Almost a hundred awards were secured during our recent training school. At an early date it is hoped that we will have another school when every teacher and officer will secure the needed credits to bring our school to the advanced standard. The officers of the Sunday School are looking into the matter of bringing our equipment up to the demands of this higher standard and it is hoped that it will be found practical. Come find a place to serve.  
IRA L. PARRACK, Pastor.

Mrs. H. P. Hill of San Antonio, is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. B. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble are vacationing on the coast this week.

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**Hard to Escape From  
Tyranny of Custom**

There is scarcely a spot in the modern American home, outside the kitchen and the bathroom, which is not an example of the esthetic perversion of the machine. The floors are a flagrant example. In the large and draughty rooms of an older generation, on floors trod by heavy-booted feet, a heavy carpet or rug added to the warmth and quiet, and, in a big room, served to draw its various parts into a unity. So matters stood, let us say, in 1880. Today the greater part of our newly housed population needs early lives in small rooms. With all the imperfections of present-day house design these rooms are well heated; usually, indeed too well heated. The people who use them—at least the city people—wear light shoes with rubber heels. The need for the rug or the carpet has disappeared, and the only place where a little rug has even the shadow of an excuse is by the bedside during winter months. But what has happened? Do we take advantage of this economy? Do we adapt our floors to these conditions? Not by a long shot. The rug manufacturers, the vacuum cleaner makers and the interior decorators have all combined tacitly in a drive to put rugs and carpets and the instruments to clean them in every apartment—and all for the purpose of providing a needless and archaic element of decoration.—Lewis Mumford in the American Mercury.

**Famous Iron Crown  
Many Centuries Old**

The historic iron crown of Italy has played a romantic part in the history of the peninsula. It was made in the year 594 by the command, it is said, of Theodolinda, the widow of a Lombard king, on the occasion of her marriage to a duke of Turin. The crown is of iron, overlaid with gold, and its significance was supposed to lay in the fact that the weight of royalty could never be lightened by its splendid exterior. The iron of the inner portion was traditionally held to be one of the long nails used at the Crucifixion. For a long time the crown was in the keeping of the famous monastery at Monza. In 174 it was brought forth to be placed upon the head of Charlemagne as "King of the Lombards," and on later occasions it figured in the triumphs of Frederic IV and Charles V. Finally, in the presence of all the representatives of state, the foreign envoys and princes and officers, Napoleon Bonaparte solemnly united it to the crown of France.

**WARREN NEWS**

The farmers were all glad to see the rain which fell last Monday morning and night.

Health of this community is not very good at present.

On last Sunday morning this community was made sad when the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and took away Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Davis, who had been very low for quite a while. Mrs. Davis was the mother of six children, two boys and four girls, all of whom were with her at the last, beside her children she leaves an aged husband, who has been blind for five years, to mourn her loss. The bereaved family have our heart's sympathy.

Later in the day Sunday we were again made sad when the news went out that Mrs. Tom Harvell has passed away after a short illness of one week. Suffering Mrs. Harvell's going are a husband and two sons, her aged mother and father, two sisters and one brother, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her departure. She was a consistent member of the Christian Church and loved by all who knew her. Those who were with her at her last hour were her sons, Sewell and Neil Harvell, and her husband, Mr. Tom Harvell, two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Foster and Mrs. Walker, and brother, Mr. Hayden Turner of Arkansas, and father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Turner. The bereaved family have our sympathy in this sad hour.

Miss Vera Jones, who has been very ill this week is better at present.

We are very sorry to learn that Mr. Truman Jaynes of Salt Branch community is very low.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McCormick and family, and Grandma Jones spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family visited Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and Ella Hobbs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Decker, Sunday.

Miss Ollie Hobbs spent Saturday night with Rose Ellington.

Miss Nora Foster of Abilene was called home Sunday to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Tom Harvell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones spent Tuesday night in Hamlin with friends.

Miss Ruth Chancey spent Saturday night with Miss Artie McCormick.

Misses Cordie Ellington and Fannie Mayfield and Messers Jim and Arbee Decker visited Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy a while Wednesday night.

Mrs. Stella Dobbs and Wilbren Thompson visited Mr. and Mrs. How-Garnr Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Jones spent Tuesday night with Grandma Jones.

Miss Irene Rhodes spent Saturday night with Miss Katie Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes, of Salt Branch community.

Miss Onita Finch of Hodge visited her sister last week, Mrs. Emmette Patterson.

You saw "Douglas McLean" in "Let It Rain"—he is far better in "Hold That Lion". Don't miss it. Palace, of course. It

**CARD OF THANKS**

We are thankful for the good things our good friends and neighbors did for us during the long illness of our loving mother and wife. May God's richest blessings be upon each and every one of them is our prayer. We can't express how thankful we are to them all. There are here husband, Mr. J. W. Davis, six children, Mr. Frank Davis of Winters, Mrs. Eva Robertson of Hamlin, Texas, Mrs. Ella Geninger of Toledo, Ohio, Mrs. Tomsie Winkles of Burkburnett, Texas, Mrs. Florence Jones, of Merkel. It

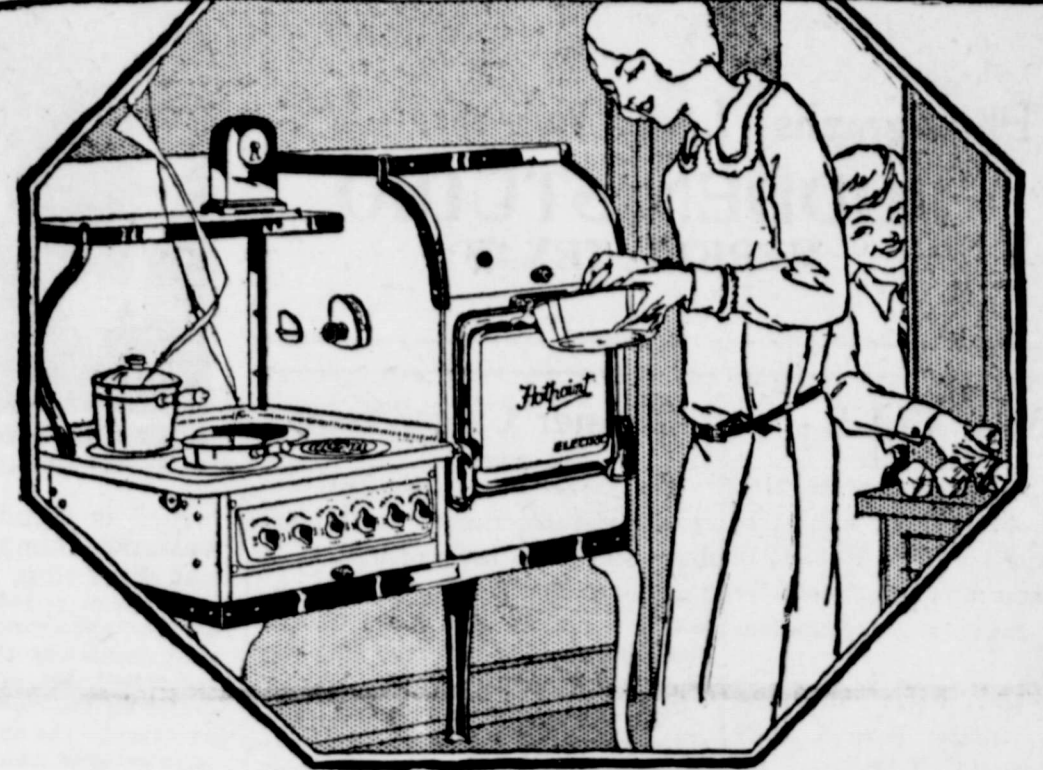
L. R. Thompson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has a complete itemized statement of receipts and expenditures of his office on file in the office for the inspection of any contributor to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. T. W. Collins, formerly of this city, now residing in Anson, Texas, was here last week on business, and incidentally mixing with his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West left last week for an extended visit with friends and relatives at Wichita Falls and points in Oklahoma. They will likely be away for several weeks.



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SATURDAY 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!"

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and save yourself money by trading at home**

**Salt Branch News**

Mr. Truman Jaynes, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, is slightly improved.

Dr. Fry, head of the Bible Department of Simmons University, preached last Sunday morning.

Bro. Carpenter, a student of Simmons, preached Sunday night.

Bro. Hale and wife and little daughter were visitors at Salt Branch this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abbott of Cisco, Texas, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Miss Annie Walker of Abilene was the guest of Miss Fannie Mae Reeves Sunday.

Mrs. Fortenberry and Mr. Burl Walker were visitors at Salt Branch Sunday.

Misses Ruth and Pauline Pinckley, who are attending Abilene Christian College, spent the week-end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays and son, Paxton, left Monday for Corsicana, where they will visit her sister, Mrs. Moss, and family. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Phinas Walker of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jaynes last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee visited Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mullen Sunday.

Miss Norah Foster of Abilene Christian College, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster.

All members of the B. Y. P. U. are urged to be present next Sunday at eight o'clock. Officers are to be elected and the unions will render a program. Visitors are welcome.

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**Famous Charter Oak  
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There is one instance on record in which a tree was given a funeral. It took place on an evening in 1856 in Hartford, Conn. Flings and mourning streamers covered the shattered stump of a tree on the hillside, while hundreds stood around with bared heads.

Amid the crashing thunder of a fierce storm the mighty Charter oak had fallen and the entire state of Connecticut was honoring its passing.

There is little of which this state is prouder than its ancient charter granted by Charles II, endowing the colony with liberties far exceeding those of the others.

It was strange coincidence that this charter, which was hidden in an oak for safety's sake, bore the seal of a monarch who himself, years before, had taken refuge in a tree of the same variety.

Visitors to the State library at Hartford today may see a copy of the original charter, its frame containing fragments of the celebrated oak preserved under glass these many years.—Grit

**Subtle Rebuke**

Cupid has shown himself to be utterly indifferent to matters of state and messages of great moment. In 1777 James Wilkinson, who later became a general in the United States army, was an aide to Gen. Horatio Gates and by him was sent to congress at Yorktown in Pennsylvania with the dispatches giving an account of the surrender of Gen. John Burgoyne and the British army at Saratoga. On the way Wilkinson stopped to spend a whole day with his sweetheart at Reading. When he finally delivered the dispatches and they were read in congress, a measure was introduced to reward the messenger who brought such pleasing news. Gov. Samuel Adams thereupon, with grave and solemn face, moved that the young man be presented with a pair of spurs.—Kansas City Star.

**Synthesis of a Bore**

The following recipe for compounding a bore appeared recently in the Atlantic Monthly: "Take a mass of unleavened egotism. Chop a cupful of trite conversational chestnuts, shells and all. Add a quart of dry facts, from which all the juice of humor has been extracted, and a cupful of dates stuffed with statistics. Stir in, very slowly, a pint of personal anecdotes from which all imagination has been strained. Flavor with the essence of complete indifference to anybody's taste but your own. Pour into a mold stamped with your own image and turn onto a platter garnished with plenty of thyme."—Boston Transcript.

**Why Do You Don't?**

Shirley is a youngster who has a penchant for inventing expressions rivaling that which Lloyd George coined when he said, "That is something for which I have nothing but the very slightest use."

Her latest took place in this manner.

She and her adored older sister were discussing the latter's reluctance to take a walk at the time her fiance was to call.

"But," persisted Shirley, "Why do you don't want to for?"—Los Angeles Times.

**Sure Cure**

A member of the Turgemeinde has found a way to handle pests who are forever "borrowing" cigarettes, but never think of purchasing smokes of their own. He takes advantage of the tradition, observed even by the "borrowers," that it is unforgivable to accept the last cigarette in a pack. Accordingly, the man in question always carries, in addition to his regular supply, a special pack with just one smoke left in it. When he is pestered by acquaintances who make a habit of "grubbing" cigarettes, he hands over the prepared pack. Invariably it is handed back with the words, "Thanks, old top, but you only have one left and I won't smoke your last cigarette."



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"Why, child, I haven't the money; It will cost ten dollars or more; But Daddy just bought a new binder; I am sure we are not very poor."

"Oh, Mother! Daddy says we may have 1 If we'll get him some nice Shaving Cream. In it we can cook all our dinner; It sure will be fit for a queen."

"When we come home from school so hungry, We will all let out a big whoop. When we spy on the stove that fine Cooker And know it is chuck full of soup."

**"RESURRECTION"**

That Flesh and Blood Drama of a Man Who Lost His Soul in Disgrace and Found it in Live.

Tolstoy's "Resurrection" is to be presented in film form at the Palace theatre here July 29 & 30. This flesh and blood drama of the great Russian's immortal story grips new and greater millions through this film version. The Tolstoy story of prince and peasant, which has been read in eleven languages and acted in seven stage versions, is a thrillingly emotional narrative splendidly portrayed by Rod La Rocque and Dolores Del Rio in the principal roles.

La Rocque as Prince Dmitri Nekh-ludoff is well cast and succeeds in registering his versatility as an actor in the several stages of Dmitri's retrogression and spiritual resurrection. He was particularly fine in the scene wherein the Prince sits on the jury trying the woman he has desecrated himself.

Dolores del Rio, playing the role of

Katusha Maslova in a film directed by her discoverer, Edwin Carewe, rises to a performance that must be listed among the finest of the year. In a tremendously human and dramatic part that has been the cherished rose of every great actress of the stage and screen, the young Mexican actress reveals herself as one of the screen's finest artists. Following her performance as Charmaine in "What Price Glory?" Dolores del Rio's work in "Resurrection" establishes her definitely among the first flight of dramatic actresses.

The scenario, prepared by Edwin Carewe, who has had the plan of this film in the back of his head for twelve years, and Count Ilya Tolstoy, son of the great Russian novelist, is at all times faithful to the original. The ending leaves the audience in suspense until the last seventy feet of film.

The climax leaves spectators hanging on the edge of their seats until the last flicker. Carewe has been true to his promise to preserve the spirit of Tolstoy's immortal story; so he has made the ending logical—the end-

ing of the book.

Among the supporting members of the cast are Mare MacDermott, Vera Lewis, Lucy Beaumont, Carissa Selwynne, Eve Sothorn and Count Ilya Tolstoy, who portrays his father, the author of "Resurrection," in a prologue to the film.

**"Pickling" in Paraffin Saves Museum Groups**

New York.—"If you think we're waxworks," he said, "you ought to pay, you know. Waxworks weren't made to be looked at for nothing. Nohow!"

"Contrariwise," added the one marked, "Dee," "if you think we're alive, you ought to speak."

Alice's dilemma would no doubt have been considerably increased had she encountered beings who looked very real and almost alive, and yet were indubitably waxworks, in the literal sense of being completely sculptured in wax. This is exactly what two workers at the American Museum of Natural History have done.

G. K. Noble and M. E. Jaekle, confronted with the troublesome fact that frogs and toads and spotted salamanders and all manner of other interesting, but nonfur-bearing creatures cannot be successfully stuffed and mounted by the ordinary methods of taxidermists, have solved the problem by literally pickling them in solid paraffin wax. They first remove all trace of water from the specimens by appropriate chemical means, arrange the little animals in natural positions and soak them for several days or weeks in melted paraffin, until every tissue is thoroughly impregnated and you cannot tell where the flesh ends and the paraffin begins.

By this method reptiles and amphibians can be worked into naturalistic museum groups and made as "alive" looking as birds and fur-bearing animals, instead of being pallid corpses pickled in jars of alcohol. They keep their natural colors indefinitely, except that sometimes their eyes need to be touched up with a little gold paint.

**Play Four-Part Music With Ancient Violin Bow**

Berlin.—A new type of violin bow, or rather rediscovery of a very old type, which permits the playing of four-part music on a single instrument, has recently been demonstrated here by a well-known virtuoso, Herman Barkowski.

The bow is deeply curved instead of straight, as in the usual modern form, and the strings are left very loose. It resembles the bows shown in medieval pictures of performers on the ancient Celtic chrotta or crewth, the ancestor of the violin.

It is stated that the new bow makes possible the rendition of early violin scores which have hitherto been riddles to modern performers because they called for the simultaneous reaching of strings impossible to the straight bow.

**Civil War in China Boosts Chop Suey**

London.—The upheaval in China has brought the Chinese "chop suey joints" into great favor with London's exclusive society set. An after-theater tour of Piccadilly Circus or the Strand at night reveals that the "best people" who formerly sought only the most expensive and most exclusive hotels to enjoy a quiet meal away from "the rabble" are now patronizing Chinese restaurants. It seems that society's latest fancy is to absorb a little Far Eastern atmosphere and to see Chinese at close range.

**Proper Diet Brings Poise**

Persons who lack poise, who are inclined to be nervous and quickly upset or provoked, should be extremely careful of their diet. In the morning they should confine their breakfast to a simple easily-prepared cereal or fruit. If they must have something to drink, they should take nothing stronger than warm milk or chocolate. At noon let them rigidly adhere to a substantial salad or vegetable dinner. Lean, fresh meat, low or fish may be added for variety at times. The evening meal, embracing fruits and nuts blended into an appetizing and attractive fruit and nut salad, with whole-wheat bread and butter, will be sufficient. These foods contain all the elements necessary to nourish the body. They soothe and strengthen the nerves. They calm the blood. Very few veteran vegetarians fly into a rage or lose their poise.—Psychology Magazine.

**Cousin Meets Cousin**

The woman was visiting at a home where two little cousins were meeting for the first time. The visiting cousin from the West had never met any of her relations before, and the mothers of both little girls were anxious that the afternoon should pass off smoothly.

They drank their tea and contributed to the general conversation with half an ear for sounds of strife that might, they were afraid, issue from the nursery.

All was serene, however, and when it was finally time for the guests to leave and the children were called from their play, Jean ran down happily to her mother and said: "Mother Helen wasn't at all like a cousin; she was just like a friend!"—New York

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**Chaney Disguises His Very Soul in "Mr. Wu"**

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Lon Chaney—man of a thousand faces—has given the screen a new disguise. He has disguised a human soul instead of a human face—this is the secret of "Mr. Wu".

Chaney transformed himself into a Chinaman in the stupendous new drama playing at the Queen Theatre Monday and Tuesday. He used his uncanny tricks of make-up of course—but the significant fact was not his face, painted to portray one of another race.

His walk, his every little action—in fact, his very personality, turned Chinese for the picture. It is said that he did it by studying Chinese customs, philosophy, literature, until he actually thought from a Chinese standpoint.

After seeing "Mr. Wu" this is not difficult to believe.

It is a mighty character—this Chinese mandarin, wise in the wisdom of ages of Chinese lore; wise in the newer wisdom of a European college; a grin nemesis pursuing, with implacable hatred and the certainty of doom, the English family from which he had suffered wrong. Walker Whiteside gave the world the character on the stage—but Chaney goes

further in his delineation. He seems the living embodiment of the whole mysterious Orient.

Renee Adoree plays a Chinese girl—his daughter. Her make-up is no less complicated than Chaney's. The big scene is between Chaney and Louise Dresser, playing the English mother, in the desperate duel of wits wherein she pits a woman's intuition against the ancient wisdom of China to save her son's life.

Gertrude Olmsted plays the daughter—and looks beautiful. Ralph Forbes gives a splendidly balanced characterization as the son, whose misdeed precipitates the mighty dramatic situation of the play.

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Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Sutphen, of Weslaco, Texas, were here this week for a visit with the former's mother, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, and other relatives and many friends.

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