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NOTICE TO FARMERS

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Bob Steele, the "movie" star, has been trained since childhood in outdoor activities which go to make a star worthy of the name. Both his father and mother were well known on the legitimate stage when he was a youngster. Now, just twenty-one years of age, Bob will play his first starring role in "The Mojave Kid."

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

NOT BREAD ALONE

JOHN RUSKIN, in the fifth volume of his "Modern Painters," in the chapter on Peace, writes: "No amount of pay ever made a good soldier, a good artist or a good workman. Examine your writers and artists; for ten pounds you shall have a 'Paradise Lost,' and for a plate of figs, a Durer drawing. For love of country, or their duty, men will fight steadily; but for massacre and plunder, feebly."

Three motives may control one's actions in life. Pleasure, power and service. "Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die," is the spirit of the first. The testimony of many of those who have made this their life's motive is that there is nothing in it. The peril of the second motive, self-preservation first, is that it inevitably ends in failure. Success in life cannot be inspired by a motive which subjects higher spiritual ends to material needs. The deepest satisfactions and most enduring successes are realized only as we give ourselves in sacrificial and altruistic service to others.

Altruism, however, alone will fail. A person cannot give of his poverty. He must first possess before he can give away. The motive of service presupposes that we possess something that will be of help to others. Service requires possession.

Bread acquired for the purpose of "Being merry today for tomorrow we die," is an epicurean philosophy of life, which, it has been demonstrated many times, brings only tragedy and failure. Bread acquired for the mere sake of solitary possession, which is power, also ends in failure. John Holland in his little volume, "Katherine," writes: "Of all dead, dull weights man ever bore, sure none can haunt the soul with discontent like the consciousness of power unused." Service means that we acquire that we may give—succeed that we may help others to succeed—make such an investment of character that the world shall be enriched by the contribution which we shall have made.

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Too Bad

Restaurant Owner—Doesn't it seem too bad that this little lamb had to die for us.
Customer—Yeah; mighty tough!

THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says eugenic marriages are undoubtedly the wisest, though some young people get married without a cent and get along all right.

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Curative Power Long Ascribed to Flowers

The forget-me-not was formerly known as scorpion grass, because the flower buds were thought to resemble the coiled-up serpent, and our forefathers, believing in the doctrine of signatures, supposed this to indicate that they would cure venomous stings. Vying with the forget-me-not in its sentimental associations is the lily of the valley, which also blooms in May, and is indeed sometimes called the May-lily. In the old herbalist's heyday it seems also to have vied with the forget-me-not in curative properties. In the world of legend, however, the forget-me-not seems to have a distinct advantage, for whereas an angel scattered them for us, the lily of the valley sprang from the tears of a mere mortal, Eve, as she left the Garden of Eden.—Chicago Journal.

God's Greatest Gift

The Pall-Mall restaurant is a famous establishment in the Hay Market section of London. All prominent men and women go there at least once, it is only to inscribe their names in the "Album of the House," Patti was there once and wrote beneath her name: "A beautiful voice is one of God's highest gifts." Some time after Yvette Guilbert was there, and having read Patti's inscription wrote down: "An ugly, but expressive voice, is also one of God's highest gifts." She thought, no doubt, to have the last word. Chance would have it that Sir Rider Haggard dropped in one day at the Pall-Mall and started leafing the album. He smiled and in turn wrote something beneath his name. This was it. "Silence is God's greatest gift!"—Pierre Van Paassen, in Atlanta Constitution.

Philosophy

There is no peace in hymns of hate, nor in the road that isn't straight; there is no joy in lifting fobs nor pertrating hold up jobs; there is no gain in drilling holes in men and letting out their souls. The good-for-evil stunt is great! Heap burning coals upon the pate of the guy who has done you dirt, and then stand back and watch it hurt! There may be profit in red gold, in robbing men but when you're old, and you've lost even self-respect, you know indeed your life is wrecked, and all the schemes you've put across have brought you nothing else but dross. The good will of your fellow men and love are better than much yen, and peace, when life's noon turns to shade, beats all the kopecks ever made.—Judd Mortimer Lewis in the Houston Post-Dispatch.

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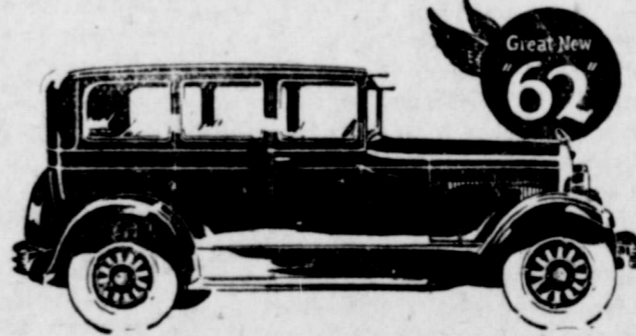
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5. The doctrine and other doctrines, Rev. Ira L. Parrack.
6. The spiritual and personal combined, Mrs. J. N. Teaff.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

"CAT O' NINE TAILS"

THE whole idea of corporal punishment is fast going into the discard. Yet we still hear children threatened, on occasions, with the "cat o' nine tails," for centuries the accepted medium of punishment wherever whipping was the order of the day. As late as the first half of the Nineteenth century, we are told, in our own navy, delinquent sailors were lashed to a gun and whipped with the cat o' nine tails. In the parlance of the sea, this form of chastisement was jocularly known as "Marrying the gunner's daughter." It was only in 1850, when congress abolished corporal punishment, that this practice ceased.

For the origin of the form of the "cat o' nine tails" itself, we must go back further to the days of the inquisition, that prolific progenitor of methods of torture and abuse. In those days it was the conventional weapon of the jailer and the executioner, its strands numbering nine, because the number nine was credited with having supernatural powers in bringing about confessions and repentance of offenders!

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Did Without Music

The choir at the Swedish mission at Muskegon, Mich., did not sing during a revival campaign. Because the members were dressed in fashion, with short skirts, rouge and bobbed hair, they were forbidden by the evangelist to take part in his services. Indianapolis News.



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THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

DIVINING BY BOOKS

A RATHER common practice with those who "seek for a sign" is to open the Bible at random and find their answer in the passage upon which their thumb rests as they part the leaves. In pagan times this divination was accomplished by placing the finger at random on a passage of Homer, Virgil or some other great author. Virgil was an especial favorite in this connection and the practice of consulting him continued down to modern times, though the Bible is the book generally used.

During the Middle ages the historic Virgil became so enveloped in a mist of tradition and superstition that he was alluded to by the uneducated as "Virgil the Wizard"; and in the unpoplar estimation the chief value of the Aeneid was as an oracle. As late as the time of Charles I the Bible had not entirely supplanted the Aeneid for purposes of divination, as is evidenced by the well-known story of how that monarch learned his fates by the "Sortes Virgillianae," as it was called.

This practice of divination by books is said to have "originated in the respect and veneration of certain books arising from their wisdom and reputation"; and it is easy to comprehend the psychology which induced the people of the Middle ages to consult "Virgil the Wizard" and leads men of a superstitious trend of mind today to turn the Bible into an oracle. But the incipency of the idea dates back to the first introduction of letters when, to the common mind, there was something supernatural in the power of a few marks made in a certain way to convey from one person to another not merely ideas but whole speeches, word for word; a feeling which is displayed today by remote tribes of savages when they see, for the first time, the use of the printed or written word in communications.

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Court Backs Satan

Protection to Satan is now legally given in Poland. A priest was tried in a Bromberg court for preaching an irreligious sermon, in which he "denied the existence of the devil." He was sent to prison for 80 days. It is believed to be the first occasion for many centuries on which the devil has been recognized by a European law court and protected against scoffers.

ELKO GLEE CLUB

The Elko Glee Club, colored entertainers to be in Merkel next Tuesday evening and possibly another date, under the auspices of the High School Library committee. The troupe is widely known and have entertained the best audiences in schools and churches in the biggest cities in the United States. The people of Merkel are fortunate to be able to hear them.

Read what some of the other people have to say about them: "We have been favored with singers and entertainers from different parts of the world, but the Elko Glee Club gave us the best entertainment last Friday evening that we ever heard," signed Ray Nesbit, president Citizens National Bank; President Board of Elders First Presbyterian church, Dallas, Texas.

"I believe they are the greatest company of their age," Wm. Rosebrought, pastor First Baptist church, Bedford, Va.

And a number of other testimonials These people are juveniles and orphans, yet this does not keep them from being real negro entertainers. If you enjoy this kind of entertainment come out and hear them. They will give short programs at the school building at 10:30 Tuesday morning and one on the streets Tuesday afternoon. Hear these and then decide.

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The State Highway Commissioners have let the contract for hard surfacing Highway Number one from Sweetwater to the Taylor county line, and are ready and anxious to let the contract for hard surfacing from the Nolan County line to Mulberry as soon as sufficient funds are voted to take care of the expense. When bonds are voted the contract will be let with out waiting for the bonds to be sold. It would appear to be the part of good business sense and wisdom to vote the bonds as speedily as possible and have the roads completed before January the first. The commissioners court and the State Highway Commission are working harmoniously together and for what we believe to be for the very best interests of the county. With Judge Ely as a member of the State Highway Commission, Taylor County has the best opportunity to secure good roads that it has ever had or will have for many years to come. It will only be a few years until the county will be compelled to raise half of the cost of roads rather than one third as now required.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

Senior League Program

Subject: Two educated men of the New Testament.
Leader, Anna Lou Russell.
Hymn 178. Prayer. Hymn 225.
Talk, Can an educated man be a devout christian? Cora Lee Hulsey.
Talk: What are the values of an education, Imogene Hayes.
College life, Mrs. Tom Allday.
Business; Benediction.
Talk: Dangers of High School and Every one is invited to attend the Epworth League at 7 Sunday evening.

Baptist Missionary Society

The Baptist Women's Missionary Society met in Bible study at the church on Tuesday, Sept. 13, with a good number present. Please each woman remember that on each Tuesday the women meet. On the first Tuesday the women will sew for Buckner Orphans Home.

C. A. Collins and family left Thursday for a few days visit at Thorp Springs Christian College, where his son Glenn will be placed in school for the year.

Mt. Pleasant Items

The farmers of Mount Pleasant are all very busy with their cotton.
The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Roland is improving nicely after several months of illness.
Mrs. Tom Wood of Hawley visited her son this last week-end, Mr. John Wood.
Mr. F. T. Hogan and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Saturday night.
Mrs. Wilburn Keesee and little son E. W. of Nugent are with her parents this week, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Sedberry.
Mrs. C. R. Roland visited Mrs. John Wood Monday evening.
The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Belon Sedberry, is staying this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Sedberry.
Mrs. Price and family visited near Merkel Sunday.
Mr. Foy Hill of Abilene and Mr. Davis of Wilcox, Arizona, and the Misses Sedberry, Oddie Mae and Lennie Attended a party near Abilene Saturday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. John Wood are announcing the arrival of their little son, Buddie. The mother and baby are doing nicely.
Bro. Parden failed to fill his appointment at the Mount Pleasant Baptist church Sunday.
Had a good Sunday school, every one come to Sunday School at 10:30 and be on time. "Bobbie."

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject, The kind of Union I like.
1. Introduction, by J. R. Lassiter.
2. A union 100 per cent in attendance, by J. E. Lassiter.
3. A union of daily Bible readers, by J. W. Adcock.
4. A union of Reverent members, by Ruth Davis.
5. A union that keeps Good records, by Thelma Matthews.
6. A union that renders good programs, by Gerald Derrick.
7. A union that backs the pastor, by D. O. Huddleston.
8. A union that makes others happy, by Garnette Robins.
9. An A-1 Union, by Vernon Davis.

Married.

Lloyd Perry and Lela Bush, of the Canyon community, were married on Sunday, September 4, the Rev. R. A. Walker, Presbyterian pastor, performing the ceremony at the Manse.

NOW

is a good time to have those portraits made before the Fall Holiday rush

Make an appointment today

"Should you die tomorrow, would you leave a good portrait for your family?"

RODDEN STUDIO

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. (Hugh) McRee who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee, have gone to make their home in Lubbock where Mr. McRee will be Adjunct Professor in Civil Engineering at Texas Technological College.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Judkins and children and Mrs. Luella Conway of Walnut Springs, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Ida Robbins of the Tourist hotel.

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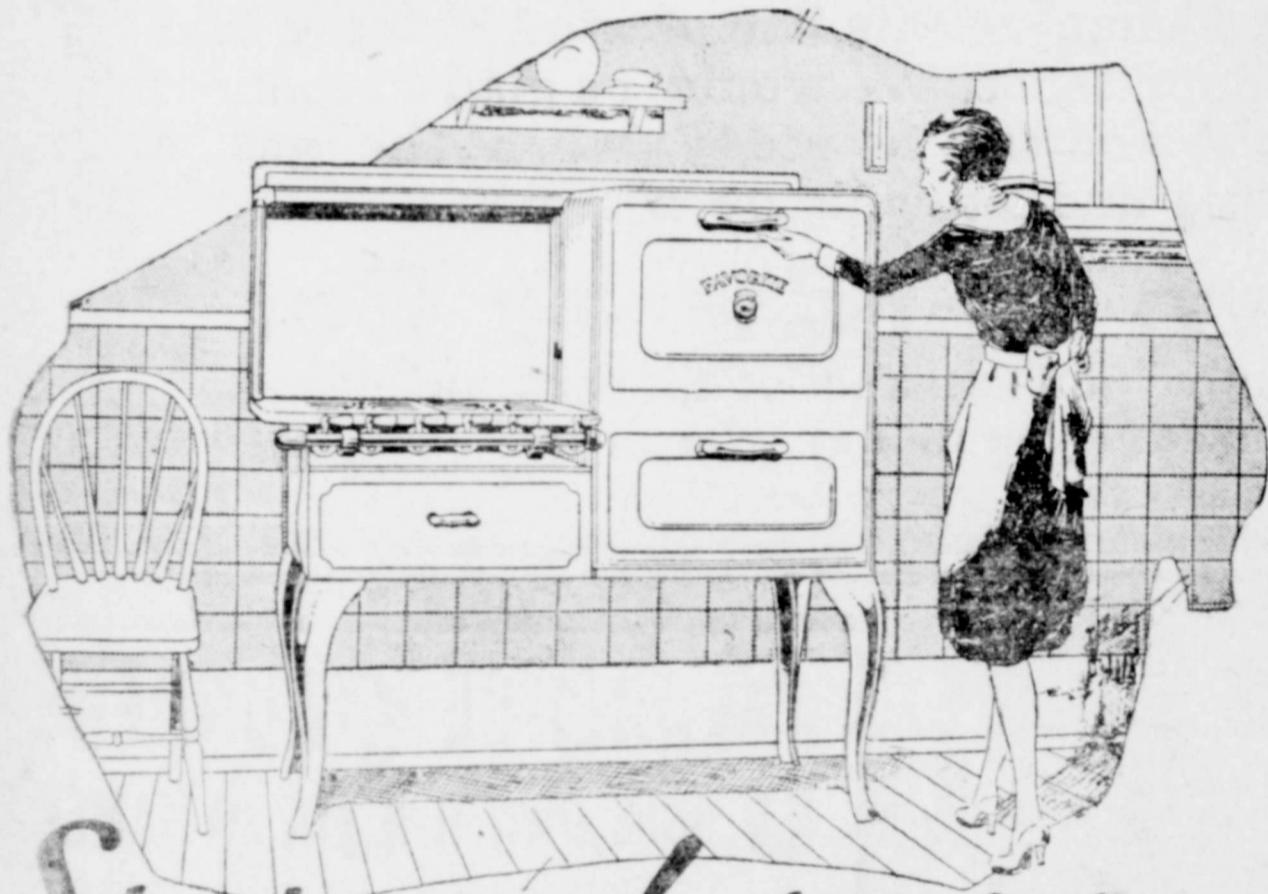
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The pastor will speak at both hours 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Gospel, what it is and what it does." Evening subject, "Love's Prodigality."

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30 with opening exercises all together.

Come and visit in one of the unions Sunday evening.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one to come to any or all these services. Especially do we invite the strangers and new comers to the services, but no matter how long you have lived in Merkel if you have no church home you are urged to come worship with us.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The attendance last Sunday was good. How many who were there can get somebody who is not in Sunday School to attend with you next Sunday.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.

Preaching at 11 o'clock. Ordination of S. L. Russell and Harry Barnett as deacons at that hour.

C. E. at 7 p. m.

Preaching at 8. Glad to have all members of the church present at all the services. Visitors welcome. If you are a stranger at work in town come worship with us.

R. A. Walker, pastor.

Methodist Missionary Society

Mrs. McCarter taught a very interesting lesson from the new study book last Monday at the Missionary Society meeting, using the first chapter for a text. The second chapter will be used for a lesson next Monday. The Missionary ladies will have a market Saturday at the Hamilton and Case Grocery. They will have cakes, pies and live chickens for sale.



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God bless you.

Mrs. J. B. Bell and children.

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

Intermediate League Program

Leader, Ethel Hamilton. Song No. 144. Scripture: Acts 22: 3-5 and 34.

Life of Paul, Odell Hunter. Can an educated man be a devout Christian, Beryl Hunter. Business: Benediction.

Mr. Pat Christmas and Miss Bess Jones were united in marriage last Saturday, Sept. 10, by Rev. R. A. Walker, Presbyterian pastor.



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By EVELYN GAGE BROWNE

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How everything should be done;
Who points out this one's failures,
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Who boasts how he'd have done it,
And criticizes the way,
The Doer of Deeds is working—
Who counts in the world today.

It's the man who's in the struggle,
Whose face is grimed and worn,
Who keeps on fighting bravely,
Though battle-scarred and torn.

He may fall—but gets up gamely,
And, striving, never heeds,
The ones who sneer and slander,
But dares to do the deeds.

He gives himself, unsparring,
And never counts the cost;
But knows the joy of fighting,
Although his cause is lost.

To him belongs the credit,
And the victor's laurels, too;
For the world today is needing
The man who dares to do!

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ELMORE FUNERAL

Friends and relatives were called upon to pay last respects to James C. Elmore of White Church Community, in Millery Canyon, on Sept. 2.

Bro. Elmore was born in Hopkins County, Texas, Feb. 5, 1844. He departed this life Sept. 2, 1927. Being eighty-three years, six months and 27 days of age. He is survived by a wife, two daughters, Mrs. E. L. Frazier, of White Church community, Mrs. C. M. Galbreath, of Wichita Falls, and one son, George Elmore, of Wichita Falls.

James Elmore spent his childhood on the farm in Hopkins County. At the age of sixteen he volunteered to don the Gray uniform, shoulder the muskett, and fight for his beloved Southland. The story is best given in his own words, as he told it to the writer just eight days prior to his death.

It was during the first year of the War, I volunteered. I never wanted to be a Conscript, but preacher what I want to tell you now is that we had a Methodist preacher in our company. He hadn't much education but my how he could preach. One day as he stood on an old stump he called for those who would "put on the whole armour of God, and fight in the good fight, for which the reward is a crown of righteousness, that shall be given unto us in that last day, by the Lord, that Righteous Judge, and not unto us only, but unto all those that love his appearing." Again I volunteered.

I made a good Soldier for my states; I never retreated and never surrendered. When the war was over I just quit and went home.

I have fought just as bravely for my Heavenly Captain; never retreated, and never surrendered, but now life's last battle is fought, and I'm ready to go home.

In just eight days he went to that long home, to rest from all his labors. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the writer, at White Church. Interment was in the White Church Cemetery.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns returned this week from a visit to their son, Minor, at Canton, Texas.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

THE LOGICAL SEX

ABOUT the oldest tradition in the world is the one that describes the "race of men" as the logical sex. The masculine human being is convinced that he solves his problems by reasoning with himself about them.

On the other hand, he is convinced that the female of the species is simply guided by instinct.

This is in spite of the fact that all over the world, from China to Peru, when it comes to the question of feminism, the men lay down a general proposition and then proceed to evade it.

In a word, women and men are "equal." But man's prejudices must not be interfered with. He still reserves to himself the right to protect and regulate the other half of humanity.

Women have the right to vote at elections all over the continent of North America. They may be admitted to the bar and plead before the courts. But the question whether or not they should be allowed to sit on juries is not yet settled in most of the states.

Various reasons are given by those who oppose the change.

When it is examined the opposition is found to be based on the theory that the gentle sex must be regulated as it has been in the past.

An interesting example of masculine logic is supplied by the German republic.

In the constitution of that state it is provided explicitly that men and women have the same rights and, apart from fighting, must perform the same duties.

Yet when the proposal to make women eligible for jury duty came up before the federal council in the form of the proposed draft of a law, it was negatived.

The explanation given by Herr Von Preger, the Bavarian representative, ought to be framed and hung up in every woman's club in the world as an example of how not to reason.

"The Bavarian government," he said, "maintains the principal standpoint that women are not suited to judicial office. The admission of women would result in a softening of justice, which is most undesirable just at this time."

So it all comes to this: Women may elect those who make the laws; they may expound the same laws, but they are not fit to decide simple questions of fact arising in connection with the administration of the laws.

When Mrs. Poyser made the tart generalization that the women were made fools "to match the men" she was really unnecessarily severe on the long suffering sisterhood.

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Mrs. R. I. Grimes was the charming hostess on Sept. 8th to the Thursday Club members, entertaining in her lovely home on Oak street. Cut flowers graced the house in massed profusion, providing a beautiful setting for the tables arranged for 42 games. Many guests made the games progress happily for the Club members and at their culmination Mrs. Grimes delighted her guests with a most delicious salad plate. The guest list included Mrs. L. R. Thompson, S. W. Johnson, Len Sublett, Emmet Grimes, Kirby Beckett, H. B. Cookston, Miss Mary Cleo Booth and Club members were Mrs. R. O. Anderson, T. E. Collins, Ross Ferrier, S. D. Gamble, Dee Grimes, T. L. Grimes, Charlie Jones, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, John West, Jim West.

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"The Poor Nut" was written by J. C. and Elliott Nugent. The latter played the title role in the New York State production. Then Jess Smith purchased the screen rights and proceeded to put it on the screen for First National release.

Smith decided that as it is a college picture, college men should predominate on his producing staff. Paul Scofield was selected to write the adaptation. Richard Wallace was chosen as the director. Henry Hobart was selected as supervisor, and an entire university, the University of Arizona, was secured as a location.

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Senior Notes

On last Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 the dignified Seniors held a meeting in their holy sanctuary located in room 12 on the second floor of the Merkel High School building. At present there are forty members of the class with prospects of several more. Miss Martha Bird, class sponsor, presided over the meeting with great pomp and dignity. The following officers were elected for 1927-28: President, Tolbert Proctor. Secretary-Treas., Elizabeth Harkrider.

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FOR SALE—250 acres of land, 200 in
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with the assurance of receiving the
same good quality as if you came for
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FOR SALE—4-burner New Perfection
oil range with oven, only slightly
used for \$30.00. This stove cost
\$55.00, and you can't tell it from a
new one. Was taken in on an electric
range. West Texas Utilities Co. tf

FOR SALE—Half horse General
Electric Motor, single phase, 60 cycle,
220 or 110 volt. This motor has just
recently been overhauled; reason for
selling, putting in larger motor. Priced
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We have several good second-hand
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FOR SALE—My 160 acre farm, 3
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LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—About the 15th of April
bay and black two year old horse
mules. Strayed first of June a 3 year
old bay mare mule 14½ hands high.
Notify H. R. Horton, Merkel, Route
one. 19t2p

LOST—Wednesday morning, a leath-
er money sack containing about \$40
in silver. Finder please return to the
Quality Market & Grocery. 1t

FOUND—A watch. Owner may
have same by paying for this ad. S.
R. Fleming. 1tp

STOLEN—Fifty dollar reward for a
black metal suit case with nickel plate
latch and catches, stolen from the
Pence rooming house. Will pay the
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WANTED—Sewing to do. Call Num-
ber 119-W. 1tp

WANTED—Young milk cow with
young calf. Phone 9006F11. Sam
Mashburn. 1t

WANTED—clean pint bottles, must
be clean. 30c dozen. Hamm Drug
Company. tf

WANTED—Cotton pickers; first
picking and near town. Will carry
parties to and from field. See Bill
Haynes at the Merkel Motor Co. 9t2

WANTED—Farm and ranch hand
by the day or month. Cotton pickers
wanted; have a good cotton house,
wood and water. Have seed barley
wheat and red oats for sale. Sam
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WANTED—Car owners of all makes
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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—rooms, close, modern
conveniences. See F. J. Smith. z 1tp

FOR RENT—Two nice bed rooms,
close in. C. L. Eoff. 1t

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping
rooms, close in. Mrs. H. C. Williams. 1

FOR RENT—Three rooms unfurnish-
ed. Also some kindling for sale. S. F.
Haynes. 1tp

FOR RENT—Two nice, clean light
housekeeping rooms. East front,
lights and water in house; or would
rent as bed room to men only. See
B. M. Black. 1tp

We kill home-raised meat and try
to keep Merkel money in Merkel.
Baker & Wheeler Market. tf

We are glad to report Mrs. Denny,
who last week underwent an opera-
tion at the Merkel Sanitarium for
Appendicitis, as doing nicely at this
time.

"The Happy Hour Minstrels,"
colored entertainers, Saturday
matinee & night, PALACE—
pictures too! Regular prices. 1t

Optimism vs. Pessimism

The talk was of the pessimism of
the young. "I do not understand
why," said one. "You would think
that young people would be all opti-
mism with the future before them.
You would think they'd see life as a
rosy path. It seems to me the mid-
dle-aged and the old have more rea-
son to be pessimistic. They have seen
their illusions and their enthusiasms
go one by one."
"Because they are middle-aged and
old is the very reason for their opti-
mism," said another. "They have
learned by the time they reach mat-
ure years that nothing is so bad as it
seems and that this is a pretty good
old world after all."—Springfield
Union.

Satisfied

A short-sighted man who was also
very inquisitive was walking in the
country one day when he saw a notice
board nailed on a tree that stood in
a field. As he could not read the no-
tice at that distance, curiosity prompt-
ed him to climb over the fence and
walk across the field toward the tree.
A few moments later he managed to
scramble back over the fence just in
time to escape the horns of a raging
bull.
"Well," he gasped breathlessly, "I
had the satisfaction of finding out
what the notice was."
It said, "Beware of the Bull."

Flowers at Weddings

It is impossible to state when
flowers were first used at a wedding,
since this is a very ancient custom.
Orange blossoms were worn and car-
ried by brides from the earliest times,
as they portend luck and happiness.
Spencer and Milton were of the opin-
ion that the orange was the golden
apple presented to Jupiter by Juno
on her wedding day. It was cus-
tomary for the Anglo-Saxon bride to
give her friends small knots and rib-
bons to wear or carry on the wed-
ding day. This custom still survives
in the bouquets of the bridesmaids.

Antiquity of Baggipes

Jacques de Morgan, during his ex-
cavations in Persia, found some terra
cotta figures, dating from the Eighth
century B. C., playing on what ap-
pear to be bagpipes. Again we find
the bagpipe in Persia in the Sixth
century A. D. on the great arch at
Takht-i-Bostan. While crude, the
representation serves as evidence
that the bagpipe was in use during
the 14 centuries which elapsed be-
tween the time the terra cotta figures
discovered by De Morgan were
molded and the carving in the rock
at Takht-i-Bostan.

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STATE FAIR MAY SHOW BRONZE STATUES OF THE PIONEER WOMAN



The men and women of Texas, descendants of pioneer mothers, may have a chance to see and vote upon the twelve models of "The Pioneer Woman," the gigantic bronze statue, which is to be erected upon the plains of Oklahoma by E. W. Marland, public-spirited oil man, of Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Mr. Marland, noting that statues and memorials had been erected to such pioneer heroes as Sam Houston, Davy Crockett, Dan'l Boone, Kit Carson and others, but that no one had thought of a fitting memorial to the brave women who labored, fought, prayed and conquered at the side of their husbands during the winning of the West, decided to erect such a tribute to the heroic mothers of pioneer America.

He set aside \$400,000.00 to be used in the erection of a bronze statue, about 60 feet high, to be placed near a national highway running through the plains of the Cherokee Strip, the last public lands opened to settlement. He commissioned 12 of America's most eminent sculptors to make, each a model of his idea of a statue typifying his conception. These 12 models are now finished and, through the kindness of Mr. Marland, are being shown in several of the large Eastern cities. Those who view them are asked to vote upon which one he or she believes to be the best design. President Harry Olmsted, of the State Fair of Texas, which opens at Dallas October 8, has requested Mr. Marland to send the statues to the State Fair, where a million of the descendants of the same type of pioneer mothers may have a chance to see them and vote upon them.

Mr. Marland, who wishes the choice to be a popular rather than a purely artistic one, at once saw the point of Mr. Olmsted's request and promised to try and rearrange the route of the models so that Texas may have them for at least two weeks. It is hoped that definite announcement may be made soon.

THE FARMER AND HIS WIFE GET THE MOST GOOD OUT OF THE STATE FAIR



"The farmer and the man and woman from the small town are the only persons who really see the State Fair of Texas," is the rather startling statement made by one of the fair officials in a recent interview.

A little thought will show that this official is right. The man or woman from Dallas jumps in his auto and goes out to one of the big football games or to the New York show in the Auditorium. After the game or after the show he hurries home—and thinks he has seen the State Fair!

"It is no wonder that some of such people say that they can find little that is new at the fair," continued the official. "On the other hand, the man or woman from the farm or the ranch or from the cities and towns surrounding Dallas, comes to the fair to make a day of it. Many of them make two or three trips, for they find, at the first trip, that there is far too much to be seen to take in and properly study in a single day.

"The farmer and his wife get the most good out of the fair. They come in to study the exhibits. They spend all the time they can in the agricultural building, always finding something new and always learning, learning, learning. They go on to the live stock building, and they see everything, absorbing valuable knowledge at every stop.

"Or the woman visits the domestic science exhibits and there learns how to improve upon her skill at canning, and the many other household arts. Between times, they visit this or that show or amusement and at the end of the day they have found that their trip has been not only pleasant but highly profitably as well."

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Miss Ruth Davis, of El Paso, was a guest this week of Miss Mary Alice Johnson of this city.

NOTICE

All members of the Woodmen Circle, Grove No. 563, are urged to be present at the regular meeting, Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers. It

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Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt left last week for Hermleigh, where she will teach school during the present term. Miss Hazel Lee is one of our very finest and most capable girls, and will no doubt make good in her position.

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A FRUIT SUPPER

The fruit supper at Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rosson's was enjoyed by several of their friends Saturday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sanduskey and little son Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Campbell and two sons, John and Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris and little daughter, Mary Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Carter and three daughters, Lola, Velmer and Gladys, Henry Jackson, Joe Terrell, Bell Coats, Campbell Baker, R. B. Campbell, Loyd West, Paul Reed, Ivy Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Privitt, Margie and Leon Coats, Mildred and Marie Pressley, Gracie and Marvin Lindsley, Vernon Wilson, Monta J. Moore and J. R. Bryant. All reported a nice time.

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RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF T. J. TOOMBS

Whereas, after long and honorable life, death has claimed our Brother, T. J. Toombs,

Be it resolved: That in his death this lodge has lost one of its oldest and best loved members. This community a respected citizen who lived a life worthy of emulation; His family a devoted husband and father.

Be it resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, a copy be sent to the Merkel Mail for publication, and a copy given to the family of the deceased.

MERKEL LODGE I. O. O. F.
L. R. Thompson, Wm. Elliott, E. L. Wilson, Committee. It

Don't forget your Green Stamps when making purchases at Brown Dry Goods, Grimes-Smith Drug, A. R. Booth Grocery or Magnolia Filling Sta. It

Dr. George L. Miller, for many years a popular practicing physician of this city, now residing in San Diego California, is here this week looking after his property interest and other business matters.

Mrs. O. R. Rodden and son Robert Jr., returned this week from a two months very pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Detroit, Mich.

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