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10,000 Bales Cotton Received To Date

According to information obtained by the Mail there has been received, and weighed at the different cotton yards for this season a little more than 10,000 bales of cotton.

At the cotton yard, Thos. A. Beard, weigher, informs us that 7,200 bales had been weighed there up until Thursday night. Mr. H. B. Robertson in charge at the Farm Bureau platform, reports 1,400 bales received there up to the same date. And there has been 3,000 bales ginned at the gins here and at Noodle ginning round bales, making 1,500 whole bales, a total of 10,100 bales in all.

This is perhaps the largest number of bales ever received here this early in the season. We do not have the figures for last year, but in 1925 according to the files of the Mail, there had only been slightly over 6,000 bales received for that year up to October 23 a week later than the report of today.

It is expected that from 3,000 to 5,000 bales more will be received here this season. The total for last year was about 18,950 bales.

A REMARKABLE SETTLEMENT

Among the many fine tributes paid to the life and character of T. J. Toombs, deceased, the finest, in the opinion of the writer, was the manner and spirit of his children in the distribution of the large landed estate which Mr. Toombs through faith, industry and sound judgment had accumulated.

Since this settlement is so at variance with the usual distribution of property in which so many children are involved, we believe that a detailed statement of it should be published as a tribute to the heirs as well as an example worthy to be followed.

Hurley, John, Will, Leon and L. T. Toombs, sons of the deceased, and J. M. Toombs, a nephew who is affectionately regarded by all the heirs, met and placed a value on the different tracts of land and totalled these values. They then took the list to Mrs. Toombs, the widow and mother, and told her to select whatever lands she wanted which as valued would be equal to one half the estate. J. M. Toombs, or Jimmy as his friends best know him, divided the remainder of the lands into three blocks, each of two blocks was divided into four shares and the third block into three shares of nearly equal value making a total of eleven shares. He numbered the shares in the blocks from one to eleven and placed corresponding numbers in envelopes—no one but himself knowing what numbers were on the blocks or in the envelopes. All the children met at the home of Mrs. T. J. Toombs and before the drawing Will Toombs offered to buy the shares of any who were not satisfied at \$4,400 per share. The envelopes were placed in a hat and the girls were given the privilege of drawing first. When all the numbers were drawn the numbers of the blocks were announced and the one holding the corresponding number was awarded the land.

Each heir felt that he or she had received full value for his or her share of the estate. Aside from the sadness that lingers after the death of a husband and father, it was a very happy occasion because these men and women had been taught to beware of dissensions and to act in fairness one toward the other. After the drawing a very substantial present was made to Jimmy Toombs by all the heirs, and then they were all children again housed under one roof, recounting the incidents of childhood and telling of the advice and reproofs of him who was their father and friend until far into the night.

These heirs have set an example worthy to be followed in the settlement of estates, and have indicated what might be done by communities, which should be as big families, if each one would be willing that the others have full shares of the comforts and conveniences of life.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hollaway and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Mrs. N. D. Cobb returned this week from attending the Dallas Fair. While there they visited relatives.

Mrs. C. K. Russell and little daughter, Mary Joe, left Monday for a visit with relatives at Dallas and incidentally will attend the State Fair while there.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston were Abilene visitors on Wednesday.

Big Water Well Going Down Assures Abundant Water

Although Merker has never known what it is to be without plenty of good water, our most worthy Mayor and City Councilmen are making certain that there is an abundance of City water not only for domestic use, but plenty for fire protection; hence they are having dug a mammoth well just east of the cotton yard. The well is twelve feet across at the top and will be ten feet across at the bottom, and around seventy feet deep. Some time ago a well was drilled just a few feet from where the big well is being put down, and a great flow of very fine soft water was found, and this is the reason for putting the big well so near.

The writer in company with Mr. W. N. Hall, the clever and capable superintendent of the water system, and Mr. L. R. Thompson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, visited the new wells, and can testify as to the fine soft water.

HOME TALENT PLAY COMING NEXT FRIDAY

A home-talent play, "Help Yourself," sponsored by the Thursday Club and the Idlewild Club of this city for the benefit of the local Boy Scout organization is now in the making, according to club leaders, and is expected to be ready for presentation on next Friday night at the Palace theatre.

The quota of the local Boy Scouts as a member of the Chisholm Trail Area Council, is \$250.00, and must be raised in order to maintain their affiliation with the national organization.

The cast is to be all home talent, and the play was written by the author of "Mr. and Mrs. Polly Tick," which proved a sensation by local performers some time ago.

TRENT REVIVAL HAS SUCCESSFUL CLOSING

The revival meeting that has been in progress at the Trent Methodist church under the leadership of Rev. W. M. Bowden of Dallas closed Monday night. It was a very successful meeting despite the busy season. There were several professions and nine accessions to the church with others to follow. The town and community gave their cooperation regardless of denominational affiliation. Most of the business houses closed for the day services. During the meeting practically all of the deficit of the financial budget for the present year was raised. This will make it possible for Trent Methodist church to make one of the best reports in its history. The Abilene District under the efficient leadership of Rev. W. E. Lyon as Presiding Elder is planning to make a 100 per cent financial report at the Annual Conference at Big Spring in November. So Trent determined to do her part. During the meeting the pastor's family received a wonderful pounding of good things to eat, valued at about forty dollars and the preacher's wife received a twenty dollar silver shower. Everybody seems well pleased with the results of the meeting and will be glad to see the Bowdens again. We say "Bowdens" for the very presence of Rev. J. W. Bowden, the father of the evangelist, was a benediction to all. He preached several times during the meeting to the delight of all. The old folks service conducted by him on Monday was one of the best services of the meeting. The pastor extends his heart-felt thanks to all who helped in any way to the successful culmination of the revival. The parsonage family is especially grateful to all who lended a hand in the pounding.

A special service for the reception of members will be held next Sunday. J. A. Wheeler, pastor.

TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

One hundred fifteen in Bible study last Sunday morning. Help us make it one hundred fifty. All of our work is growing at every service.

Bible study 10 a.m. Sermon 11 a.m. subject, "Follow Christ." Communion at 12 M.

Young people's service 7 p.m., subject for discussion, "Life of Joseph," continued.

Sermon 7:30 p.m., subject, "Evidences of Pardon."

We need you and you need us. Come and help us grow.

Carl A. Collins, Minister.

Largest Herd Wins Most Prizes at Fair

Mr. C. M. Largent, who with his family had just returned Wednesday from the Dallas Fair, reported that the Largent fine Hereford show cattle came very near winning all the Blue Ribbons and premiums offered in their line. They won twelve blue ribbons out of 14 and won grand champion and senior and junior champion bulls and cows.

Paving Work Progressing Nicely Now

The work of paving the ten blocks of the business section is now progressing nicely, after several weeks of hindrances from bad weather and lack of material. The block on Lamar street between Front street and Elm street has been finished and by Friday it is expected that a block on Elm street from Lamar to Edwards will have been completed. With fair weather it is stated that about three weeks more time is needed to finish the work of paving the ten blocks.

COLE-THOMAS MIDDING

The marriage of Miss Exa Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Cole, and Mr. Alfred Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Thomas, was solemnized at the home of Rev. Clyde Campbell of Abilene, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the presence of relatives and friends. Rev. Campbell officiated.

The bride was dressed in a lovely frock of fallow tan crepe-back satin with accessories to match. The bride is a former student of the College of Industrial Arts of Denton, and of Simmons University. Mr. Thomas is prominent among the younger set of Tye. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will make their home near Tye.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING

Trusting it is all o.k. with our noble president, Mr. E. L. Eason, I'll call your attention to our Fifth Sunday singing convention that meets at Blair October 30th, or Sunday two weeks. So please let's arrange our Sunday schools, Bible students and all other lines of different worship so as not to conflict in any way with starting our singing at 10 o'clock and try to make this the greatest day of our convention. If we do it sure will be a great singing school and Bible study at Blair. Start at 9 o'clock and get ready for the singing at 10.

Would be glad to see as many classes present as possible and if you have books be sure and bring them. Bring enough for class work and do not be uneasy about the Vaughn book, the best in the state for I'll have them for class work and also for sale. So bring your lunch and your best friends get there by ten o'clock. You need not bring any coffee; we'll try and arrange for that.

Salt Branch will have singing next Sunday evening at 2:30. Go if you can. Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett of San Angelo were over last week for a visit with the latter's mother and other relatives and friends.

Highway Board Not 'Broke' Says Auditor Sykes

AUSTIN, Oct. 12.—The highway commission is far from being "broke," according to a financial statement issued Tuesday by department auditor J. D. Sykes.

Yesterday a member of the commission charged that the highway department was nearly "broke" and that the commission could not safely take in new highways by designation for state maintenance.

The statement revealed that on September 30, the highway fund balance was \$5,632,493, and to show that new highways can be safely brought under state supervision the commission today allotted about \$55,000 state and federal aid to three counties.—Ex.

BAKER-BROOKRESON

On last Sunday, Oct. 9, 1927, Miss Letha Brookreson and Mr. Andrew Baker were solemnly united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride by the Rev. Nanzant. He very impressively pronounced the ceremony, which took place in late afternoon, the wedding being a very private affair, only a few of the immediate relatives were present.

Shortly after the hand-shaking and congratulations were over a most delicious six o'clock dinner was served. The charming young bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brookreson of Buffalo Gap. Miss Brookreson has been teaching school at White Church school the past school year and has a host of friends where she goes.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baker of Merkel and is a progressive young farmer of the community. His friends are limited only by his acquaintance.

They will soon be at home in their new, modern and up-to-date bungalow home about one mile south of Merkel.

This paper joins their hosts of friends in wishing the young couple much happiness.

Dr. S. W. Johnson is leaving today for Dallas to attend a meeting of the Alumni association of Vanderbilt University and to be a guest at the Vanderbilt Alumni banquet at the Adolph Hotel on Saturday night. While there he will attend University clinics. Mr. and Mrs. Mims of Abilene will accompany Dr. Johnson to Dallas.

Mr. W. Z. Harris of this city is among those to whom we are thankful for the renewal of their subscriptions. We regretted to learn that Mr. Harris has not been in the best health for several months, and that Mrs. Harris has been on the sick list since last August.

We are grateful to Dr. C. B. Gardner for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail for another year.

We are thankful to Mr. R. L. Proctor for a subscription to the Mail which he had us send his daughter, Miss Mary, who is teaching school at Wheatland, Wyoming.

Mrs. S. W. Johnson left Monday morning on the Sunshine Special for Oklahoma City, for a two weeks visit with her brother, F. F. Freeman. Mrs. Mims of Abilene is spending this time in Merkel looking after the Doctor.

C. of C. Notes

By L. R. Thompson, Secretary

I have before me a map on which, by a heavy, black line, tourists are directed from Lubbock through Stamford, Anson, and Albany to Fort Worth. We have lost this year three fourths of the tourists because of the breaks in the Bankhead Highway. We will lose them altogether if we fail to close up the gaps. We have running through the county from east to west two great trunk lines, and two roads traverse the county from north to south. If we vote the road bonds we will have a system of highways that will be more complete and hardly less important than our railways.

The State and Federal Governments say to us: "If you will vote one third of the money to build a complete system of highways through Taylor county we will appropriate the other two thirds and in addition to that we will contract to maintain them for all time."

Taking our present valuations, we find that thirty cents on the one hundred dollars will be the maximum cost for the first year, and we further find that Abilene and precinct one pays seventy per cent of the taxes assessed in Taylor county. If Abilene grows as she has each year for the past several years, her increase in wealth will greatly reduce the tax rate. If she does not grow we will have the additional values created by the pipe line through the county, by the gas line through the county and in the towns which are to be supplied with gas.

The railroads are not fighting the bond issue, although they are the largest taxpayers in the county. They know that, sooner or later, these highways will be built, and, knowing that, they want them built while two thirds of their cost is borne by the state and federal governments.

ALL AGREED.

We are all agreed that a hard surfaced highway across the county from east to west to be maintained at government expense would be a valuable and much needed improvement. We are all believers in the paving that is soon to be completed. We are so constituted mentally that we desire things that will contribute to our comfort, our convenience and our pleasure.

If we were not so constituted, there would be no progress. If Henry Ford, or some other very wealthy man were to offer to furnish these improvements without expense to us there would be no protests against such a generous offer. We would hail him as a public benefactor and would hold celebrations in his honor. We have a proposition nearly as generous. The state and federal governments offer to pay for two thirds of the cost of the highways and to forever maintain them if we will but pay the other one-third.

CONE JOHNSON.

Cone Johnson's complaint that Judge Ely and R. S. Sterling are favoring the sections of the state from which they come in the allotment of money to build roads proves but two things: West Texas has a man on the commission who will see that her interests are properly represented and that the allotment of two dollars to one will have soon passed into history. There are but three men on the commission. Granting that they are all honorable men, it is reasonable to suppose that a proposition for which two are in agreement is likely to be right. The rule of the majority is good democratic doctrine.

IN PROSPECT.

Last week we stated that we held in prospect a new station, a laundry, and bottling works. One of these enterprises—we will not say which—is looming on the borderland of reality. The other two will arrive in time.

ANGER AND ABUSE.

Abuse never won an argument, and anger is an acknowledgement of defeat. We can be earnest in the advocacy of whatever we believe to be for the best interest of all, or opposed to what we believe to be to our individual hurt, without giving or taking offense. Some of the writer's best friends are those with whom he most frequently differs. Differences should sharpen our intellects rather than arouse our anger.

FIGURED IT FOR ME.

A prominent farmer who lives not far from Merkel said: "My farm is assessed at \$2400. A tax of 30 cents would cost me \$7.20 per year or 60 cents per month. I am frequently called to jury service, or have other business at the county seat. If I can be

Gas Mains Completed at Expenditure Of Around \$55,000

According to those in charge of the work here, the Community Natural Gas Company of Dallas, has about completed the task of laying mains for furnishing this city with natural gas, and it is expected that before many weeks the same will be turned into the mains, since work is said to be progressing nicely on the main line now being built from Abilene to this city.

According to an employe there has been used in this city about \$40,000 feet of main line pipe, and, notwithstanding the fact that much bad, rainy weather has prevailed, the workmen have made very fine time in completing the job. And we would also say in behalf of them, so far as this paper knows, they have each acquitted themselves in a very gentlemanly manner and have the respect and kind feelings of the citizenship at large.

According to Messrs. H. F. Tickle, Superintendent, and H. G. Rike, time-keeper, they have enjoyed their stay in Merkel and that they never met a finer, more sociable and friendly people than they have found in this city. Bring on the gas, yes, rush the gas!

Dunn Brothers Buy City Market

Messrs. W. F. and Johnnie Dunn, well-to-do and well known farmers for many years residing some five miles northwest of the city, this week closed a deal for the purchase of the City Meat Market, located on Front street, and for the past year owned by Leonard L. Willis.

The Messrs. Dunn are now in charge of the market, and stated to a representative of this paper that they expected to not only improve and equip their market as one of the best in this part of the country, but expected to add one of the best and most complete lines of grocery to be found in the city. The building to be remodelled and placed in first class condition, and with the new equipment the new firm will no doubt enjoy their share of the business in this line.

These young men are believers in printers' ink and state that they will use the columns of the Mail liberally to tell their patrons and the public of the bargains and goods they have to offer.

BAPTIST PASTOR UNITES COUPLES IN MARRIAGE

Rev. Ira L. Parrack pastor of the First Baptist church of this city reports the following marriages.

I. F. Barnes and Miss Ruth Toles at the parsonage on October 8th, at 3:00 p.m.

George Goode and Miss Opal Rister both of the Comere community were united in marriage, at the pastor's home on October 8 at 8 p.m.

And at four p.m. on October nine, Rev. Parrack pronounced the words that made man and wife Mr. Chas. McCain and Mrs. T. P. Pearce, both of this city. Mr. Pearce had two great grandchildren present for the wedding.

PLAINVIEW BUILDING MORE THAN DALLAS

The Plainview Herald says: Building permits in Plainview for the first week of October exceed permits granted in Dallas by \$27,004, in excess of fifty per cent. This is an unusual situation, but an actual one.

Dallas issued permits for \$43,296 for the first week of the month and records in the office of City Secretary George Saighing show that permits have been issued in Plainview for \$70,400 in the same period. And the secretary estimates that building permits for the year in Plainview will reach the two million mark.

assured of an all weather road for sixty cents per month I am for it.

Another prominent farmer said: "I have owned a farm not very far from Merkel for 20 years and the assessed valuation has not varied a cent within that time."

IN THE CONCRETE.

A dog lumbered through the fresh concrete on Elm streets and his tracks remain a monument to his effort. F. Clark, the superintendent, remarked that he likes dogs in the abstract but not in the concrete.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

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NOTICE.

Every one buy an ANNUAL now. Why wait? Buy an Annual and help elect your favorite. Be loyal to your class, to your friends and to your school. Come on boys, and vote for some one. The quicker you buy your annual the better for every one.

—M.H.S.—

A very enthusiastic pep meeting was held last Friday morning before the boys left for Cisco. As a result of a very stirring talk by Miss Booth several peppy songs were sung and much school spirit manifested. Now is the time to show your loyalty to our school and our team. Just because we are not winning all the games is no reason for us to slack up on our pep. Now is the time we need it more than ever and if you are a loyal student you will take part in these meetings.

—M.H.S.—

CISCO 74—MERKEL 0

Last Friday the Cisco Loboes defeated the Merkel Badgers to the tune of 74-0. The Loboes had an easy time winning from the Badgers, as they have a class A team and about 75 men out for football. The Loboes' second string played about half the game but from the sideline the second string looked better than the first.

The Cisco backs were not put to any trouble to make any long gains and returned several kickoffs from 35 to 90 yards. On the offense the Badgers did better than on the defense. Several first downs were made and passes were completed for gains of about 20 yards each. The Badgers tackle Anson today and are expecting to play a very tight game, if not a win.

BASKET BALL GIRLS.

We wonder why in this day of Women's rights, that the girls are not given the same privileges as the boys. The girls take a great interest in athletics; they are willing to work hard for the honor of the school; yet they are not allowed to leave the school for one period during the day, not even the last period, although they have no classes then, and their leaving could not, therefore, interfere with their work. Besides this is the only period the instructor could take them.

The football boys are given every consideration; their work is made lighter, at least once a week they get a half day off for a game; they are given the benefit of every doubt.

The girls do not object to this—it is only as it should be—but why not give us a chance too? Why not elect, each year, some teacher who is interested in girls athletics? Why would the boys say if they started to school and found no coach had been hired? If they did hire one what would the boys say if no allowances were made for the time this person must give their team? Why not give the girls' a coach and give this coach the same consideration as the other coach?

With only half a chance the girls could have a basket ball team that the whole town would be proud of. We only ask that those who have authority give us a few of the rights that the boys have had for years.

(signed) BASKET BALL GIRLS.

—M.H.S.—

SENIOR CLASS ENTERTAINED.

The Senior Class was entertained last Saturday evening at the home of Miss Irene Perry with a "Kid Party." As the guests arrived they were served with all-day suckers and chewing gum. The games of winkum, post office, blowing the feather and flying Dutchman were greatly enjoyed by every one. An Animal Circus was planned, but as it was late Roy Propst refused to serve as substitute. Quite a bit of excitement was caused when one of the most popular senior girls was knocked out and dragged to a nearby house by one of the young cave-men of the class.

Then the guest turned to the more sober entertainment of a Truth Party. It was learned through an impromptu program that Miss Sloan could read, Miss Bird play and Mr. Jackson could smoke a pipe. After this program delightful refreshments of punch and cake were served to the following: Tolbert Proctor, Wyatt Miller, Sterling Sheppard, Nola Neil, Pauline Toombs, Roy Propst, Mildred Hamm, Bessie Westenhover, Venice Bell, Estelle Terry, Berdelle Adcock, Max Roberts, Fred Yandell, Monetta Adcock, Eunice Bird, Iris Garret, Victor Smith, Elizabeth Harkrider,

Ruby Joe Higgins, Miss Roberta Sloan Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson and Doris, Miss Martha Bird, Miss Willie Toombs, and the hostess, Irene Perry. We, the Senior Class, want to thank Mrs. Perry for her kindness in allowing the class to have their party at her home.

—M.H.S.—

PEP SQUAD MEET

The Pep Squad met Thursday night for the purpose of learning new songs and yells. There were several boys present and we want to thank them for coming and we cordially invite any one to come that is in any way interested in the work.

The Squad is planning to go to Anson next Friday and if the Saturday rain does not come on Friday we are going.

The skirts are here and we are expecting the sweaters on every train. With these new suits the team and the school should be proud enough of the squad to carry us anywhere.

The Pep Squad depends on their friends and patrons of the school for ways to go to the games, so you men and ladies do not wait for the committee to come and see you about cars but call and volunteer to carry six or eight in your car. It will advertise the school and the town as much as any other one factor.

—M.H.S.—

6th and 7th Grade News

Mr. Duke, one of our seventh grade teachers, received the sad news last Wednesday that his grandmother at DeLeon was dying. Mr. Duke left immediately for DeLeon, but returned Sunday. During his absence his place was filled by Mrs. Jackson. Having Mrs. Jackson back seemed like old times, but we are very glad to have Mr. Duke back with us. We greatly sympathize with him in the loss of his grandmother.

We had chapel Friday morning and we had a very interesting program. The Sixth Grades were very glad that some of the sixth grade pupils took a part on the program. We can hardly wait for another Friday.

The pupils of the Seventh Grades are studying for six weeks exams. Red cards aren't desired.

The Seventh grades are going to have to work very hard if they expect to make higher averages than the Sixth Grades.

The Ukelele Girls played for us at chapel Friday morning. They are working to make this year's club better than the old one.

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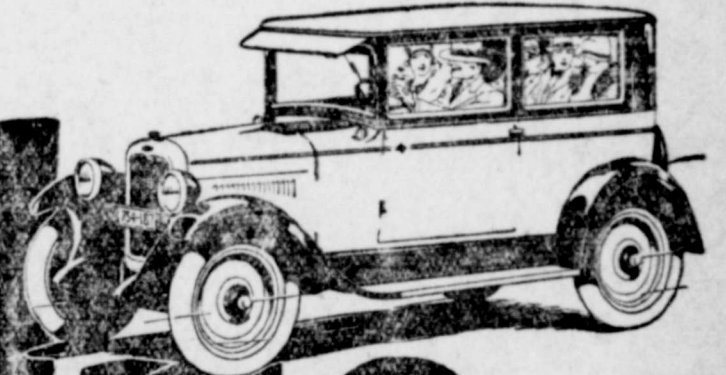
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CHAPTER 2

For two days we continued westward. By this time all of the boys and five fourths of the girls had blisters on their hands caused by the constant and continued contact with pump handles and tire tools. That is, all except Roy and Ima, who were always to be seen sitting at the side of the road, where Roy was telling Ima of his ambition to be a movie star, she being the only one present who would listen to him.

Finally after pushing our gas wagon up about a thousand long, rough, steep hills and carrying it through as many mud holes, beneath the scorching rays of the western sun, we entered the village of El Paso. We came to a stop in front of the Muddy Water Hotel, into which we wearily filed.

When we awoke the next morning we discovered that Mr. Jackson and Beans were mysteriously absent from the hotel. Upon inquiring, we learned from the clerk that they had left early in the morning after inquiring the way to Juarez. (To be continued next week.)

—M.H.S.—

Senior Notes

SENIOR BOYS CLUB.

Monday afternoon at three thirty the Senior boys organized a club. The following boys were present: Archie Clark, John D. Coats, F. J. McDonald, Wyatt Miller, Clark Monday, Tolbert Proctor, Roy Propst, Max Roberts, Rex Roberts, Sterling Sheppard, Victor Smith, Burnis Tucker, George West, W. A. Whiteley and Fred Yandell. Max Roberts was elected president and Victor Smith as Secretary-Treasurer. Sterling Sheppard, Fred Yandell and John D. Coats were appointed to draw up the constitution and by-laws.

We expect this last year to be our best and jolliest year in High School.

SENIOR JOKES.

Fred: "What would you do if you say Miss Young being washed out to sea?"

John: "Throw her a cake of soap."

Fred: "Why a cake of soap?"

John: "To wash her back."

Tolbert: "Are you married?"

Miss Young: "Yes."

Tolbert: "Got any children?"

Miss Young: "Five."

Tolbert: "All living?"

Miss Young: "Three are."

Tolbert: "Where are the other two?"

Miss Young: "In Omaha."

Mr. Jackson: "That let's me out."

Victor: "What?"

Mr. Jackson: "The door."

Tolbert: "Don't you think Miss Bird

looks just like a flower?"

Roy: "Yes, just like a century plant Blooms once every hundred years."

Miss Booth (to her students): "You are spreading a lot of lies about me and my doctor. It'll have to be stopped."

J. D.: "It is lucky for you that they don't spread the truth."

Visitor: "How many students in school?"

Freshman: "Don't know. Haven't looked at the demerit book since yesterday."

—M.H.S.—

JUNIOR NOTES

The Junior class has chosen as their class beauty Norma Shannon, and what I mean she is a beauty too. She is not only the most beautiful girl in the junior class but she is the most beautiful in all Merkel High School. The whole junior class is behind her and we intend to shove her over the Merkel High School. So come on Jun-top as the Most Beautiful Girl in Jiors, let's go!

Mr. Jackson said this would prove to the school, to the town and to the world as a whole, which class has the most pep. So let's show him and everybody else that the Junior class does have some pep and plenty of it too, even though heretofore we haven't done as well as we can and are going to do. So juniors get behind our candidate and push this thing a little. Let's be the first class to become a hundred percent and get that extra 500 votes.

Junior Beauty.

Norma is the girl we chose.

For she's pretty as a rose,

Pretty eyes, hair that curls,

Goodness gracious, what a girl.

She's going to win, that we know, For the Juniors are every one on the go,

For a girl as pretty and sweet as she

The beauty of hour high school must certainly be.

—M.H.S.—

NOW YOU TELL ONE.

By David Cannon.

Miss Young has adopted a policy of giving five demerits to every student she sees chewing gum and some of the larger students or cows reported getting demerits for chewing their cud.

I went to Whiteside to see Mr. Wayside with the red burnside and when I got to Whiteside, Mr. Wayside with the red burnside had moved to Northside. So I went to Northside to see Mr. Wayside with the red burnside and when I got to Northside Mr. Wayside with the red burnside had moved to Westside so I went to Westside to see and when I got to Westside Mr. Wayside with the red burnside had moved to Eastside. So I went to Eastside to see Mr. Wayside with the red burnside and when I got to Eastside they told me that Mr. Wayside with the red side had moved to Southside so I went to Southside to see Mr. Wayside with the red burnside. I stopped on the outside and called for Mr. Wayside with the red burnside, they told me that Mr. Wayside with the red burnside was on the inside and if I wanted to see Mr. Wayside with the red burnside I would have to come from the outside to the inside to see Mr. Wayside with the red burnside. And when I got on the inside they told me that Mr. Wayside with the red burnside had stabbed himself in the side and committed suicide and they wanted me to bury Mr. Wayside with the red burnside down by the riverside and I said not by a dam cite.

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Miss Booth: "William, if a fat hog came to \$25, how much would a poor hog come to?"

William: "I don't know."

Miss Booth: "Slop of course."

Miss Sloan: "What is the difference between a soldier and a woman?"

Lester: "I don't know."

Miss Sloan: "A soldier faces the powder and a woman powders the face."

—M.H.S.—

SOPHOMORE NOTES

On last Tuesday afternoon a class-meeting of the members of the Sophomore class was called to decide upon our class motto, flower and colors. A committee of four of the members who were, Carlos Montandon, Missie Dye, E. L. Turner, and Francis Frederickson, had been appointed by the class president to select various colors flowers and mottos and submit them to the class to be voted upon. The motto chosen was "To the Stars, through Bolts and Bars." White and green were chosen as colors and a white carnation was decided upon as the class flower.

Forest keeps us guessing—who his next girl will be.

Missie wants us to pay class dues because she's secretary of Treasury.

Tula Miller says Catherine II threw Peter the Great off the throne. We wonder how hard he was thrown.

Guess Who? Blond, you bet, pretty too, windblown bob, eyes of blue; just fourteen, four feet six, modest, sweet, flapper—nix. Can't you guess who she is? Why Missie Dye, sure, all the time you knew 'twas her, but acted

blind. Who else could take the place she has? Who else could be our candidate? Who else would have half a chance? Why, not another in this state. So here we come with votes and—more, to heap upon our girl galore; Just watch her win this contest folks, and if she doesn't we're all jokes.

Earl: "She asked me for Lincoln's Gettysburg address and I had to tell her that he never lived there."

Miss Booth on street car: "Stop sniffing little boy. Can't you do something with your nose?"

Little boy: "Yes'm, I can keep it out of other folks' business."

Forrest: "Dear tell me that one little word—just that simple little word that I have waited for so long."

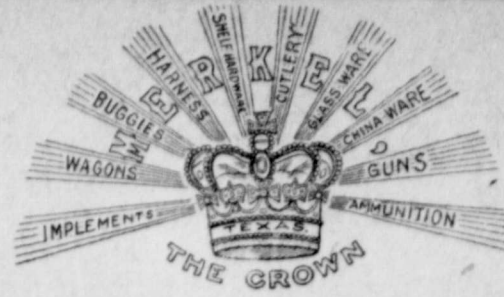
Ruby S.: "Idiot."

J. E.: "My 'sweet potato', do you 'carrot' all for me? My heart 'beets' for you. You are the 'apple' of my eye. If we 'cantaloupe', 'lettuce' marry, for we would make a happy 'pair'."

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Earl: "Well, I showed up the teacher before the whole class today."

Weldon: "Wise? Wise us up."



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Intermediate League Program

Subject: Our Epworth League and our community. Leader: Ouida Mae Hulsey.

Song: Prayer.

Scripture reading: Romans 15:1-7; 16:1-2. Talk, "The need of our community," Odell Hunter.

2. Talk, Our obligation to our community, Beryl Hunter.

3. Talk, putting and finding Christ in our community, Mrs. Brown.

Poem: You may count that day, Nadine Tippett. Business. League Benediction.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject, "Talking to God."

1. Scripture reading: Matt. 7:7-11, by Modyne Sheppard.

2. What is prayer? by Rosemary

Lassiter.

3. The one to whom we pray, by Sarah Sheppard.

4. When and about what should we pray? by Cullen Tittle.

5. How shall we pray.

(a) believing, by J. E. Lassiter.

(c) We Should mean what we say when we pray, By J. W. Adcock.

(d) We must work as well as pray, by Wilma Gardner.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and in the evening at 7:30. Come early for Sunday School.

Subject at the eleven o'clock hour: "Why did God Establish His Church on Earth."

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Harmonizing colors were displayed in the tallies, table decorations, and room adornments. At the tea hour beautiful white roses and dainty linen added to the other attractions of the afternoon. Miss Melba West assisted the hostess in serving a delicious salad plate to the following: Misses Ruby Hamm, Mary Cleo Booth, and Lucy Tracy; Mesdames Jack Durham, Kirby Beckett, Bill Brown, Sie Hamm, Emmett Grimes, Roy Largent, Johnnie Camp, Mat Dillingham, Warren Smith and Harry Cookston.

Presbyterian Church

Regular services Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a.m. If you are a member of the school we would like for you to be present. If not a member of any Sunday School we would like to have you with us. W. M. Elliott, Supt.

Preaching at 11 and 7:30. C. E. at 6:30. Prayermeeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Come worship with us. R. A. Walker, pastor.

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Methodist Church

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The new Sunday school year has started off well with some new classes and older ones reorganized. This is a good time for new students to join our school. Had a few to join our school. Hope to have a number of new students Sunday. All visitors will be welcomed to our school and given a place in some class.

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Renee Adoree again proves that she is one of filmdom's leading stars. She is a remarkable actress and possesses a pert and fascinating French personality which fits in well with her French-Canadian role in this Universal production.

Robert Frazier is equally deserving of praise for his successful efforts in a difficult part. Mitchell Lewis, whom we have long known as a deep-dyed villain, plays a sympathetic role in this picture and does astoundingly well, proving that a good actor can essay any type of characterization. Walter Long glowers and plots well as the unscrupulous ship captain.

The production as a whole is a triumph of direction with credit for this going to Irving Willat, the man who has made more big productions in his career than possibly any other director.

James Oliver Curwood has served up a story which is an intensely dramatic tale of the snow country, whirlwind in action and arousing in emotional power.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Stanley King was the charming hostess to the Friendship club in her home on Kent street.

After an hour of chatting and visiting with each other the hostess started some very enjoyable contests. The winner in these were Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. Roy Adams, while the consolation went to Mrs. B. A. Lark and Mrs. George Woodrum.

Mrs. King assisted by Mrs. Stella King served a lovely refreshment plate to Mesdames: Len Sublett, Frank Golladay, Earl Thornton, Luke Huddleston, Arthur Lark, Roy Adams, Tye Sublett, George Woodrum, Bishop Hunter, Herbert Patterson, Vernon Sublett and Mrs. Tom King.

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T.E.L. CLASS NOTES

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Sunday School met in a business and social meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. R. Bohn, with Mrs. Roscoe Bland, Mrs. A. C. Bland and Mrs. Andy Brown as assistant hostesses.

Mrs. Sam Swann read the devotional with prayer by Mrs. Collins. After this Mrs. Andy Brown conducted a short business meeting.

Officers for another year were selected and other plans for future work were discussed. Halloween decorations were carried out throughout the afternoon as well as the pretty lighted candles and the cheering glow from the fireplace formed a beautiful background for the afternoon social hour.

The delicious refreshments carried out the Halloween decorations also.

Those present were Mrs. Toombs, Angus, McFarland, Lassiter, Beard-en, pogue, Sheppard, Swann, Deavers, Derstine, Scott, Collins, Miller, Fulton, Huddleston and Brown. Guests were Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Jewel Cauthern.

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The president appointed assistant class reporters, those chosen being Eris Ash and Margaret Turner.

Miss Sloan says "Don't be too sure the Seniors will win this year."

Miss Sloan made this statement in eighth grade algebra class: "When you wear a diamond on your left finger you are engaged." But we notice she is wearing a diamond on her left finger.

Did you hear about the confusion in the fifth study hall Wednesday? Just ask J. D. for further information.

Mrs. Young: "Senorita Diltz, usted pasa a la pizarra."

Phala: "It is the last bit of chewing gum I have, but I will throw it out."

If they would cross mosquitoes with fish they might bite sometimes.

Ruby: "I want to be honorably married. What shall I do?"

Patsy: "Go to the justice of peace."

Mr. Jackson: "Do you think that absence makes the heart grow fonder?"

Mr. Camp: "No, just try staying out until one a.m. and see."

NEW STUDENTS.

Many new students have entered high school for the 1927-28 term. Those queer looking creatures moving about are known as J. D., Cecil Williams, F. J. McDonald, Leon McDonald, Estell Terry, Forrest Bridges, Ruby Stevenson, Irene Rister, Christine Rister, Opal Scott, Helen McCormick, Robert Riney, Arnold Brink, Roger Armstrong, Roy Kelsoe, Kath-

line Hogan, John Meeks, Horton Williams, Clark Munday, Willie Maye Reddin, Vivian Berger, Ruby Lee Rister, Erma J. Wilson, Archie Clark, Marjorie Bradley, Gertrude Byrom, Patsy Lewis, Alice Reed, Mary Click, Baylor Amason and Robert Sumpter. The greenness is about to wear off and they are rapidly becoming an important part of our school.

—M.H.S.—

C. OF C. BAND.

With Mr. Joe T. Ward of Tuscola instructor, the Chamber of Commerce Band is endeavoring to become a unit of Merkel. This band meets every Tuesday and Friday nights for rehearsals in the Max Mellinger building. The members of the band are: O. B. Boden, trombone; Harold Linton, clarinet; Claude Cash, clarinet; Harold Cash, cornet; Sterling Sheppard, saxophone; Milton Case, trombone; Yates Brown, bass drum; Isadore Mellinger, saxophone; Meyer Mellinger, alto; David Cannon, snare drum; Lynn McSpadden, baritone; Byron Patterson, saxophone.

—M.H.S.—

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Adult B. Y. P. U. Program

Leader and introduction, Mrs. Hudson.

1. Mrs. Griffin. 2. Mrs. Causseaux. 3. Mr. Matthews. 4. Bro. Parrack. 5. Mrs. Hartley. 6. Mrs. Daily. Program for Oct. 16.

Messrs. J. T. Warren, W. O. Boney, Dr. M. Armstrong, H. H. Toombs and L. R. Thompson were in Abilene Thursday on business and also guests of the Lions Club at their noon day luncheon.

Mr. Lloyd Elliott of the Modern Tailors is in Corpus Christi, having left two weeks ago for his health. He will probably be away several weeks. He was accompanied by Mrs. Elliott and children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott, who is also in poor health.

Miss Gladys Watts spent the weekend in San Angelo with relatives and friends. 1t

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Married Saturday.

Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiated at a wedding at the parsonage Saturday evening, Oct. 8, at which Mr. R. V. Jones and Miss Ruth Chancey were made man and wife. The young couple live in the Warren community.

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Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker and family accompanied by Mr. W. L. Diltz, Sr., left here last Thursday week for Breckenridge to attend a state meeting of the Presbyterian Synod. Rev. and Mrs. Walker received a message just before leaving of the death of a cousin, Miss Golden Barr, at Paris, Texas, and proceeded on to that city to attend the funeral. They also visited Mr. J. C. Mason, who is in the sanitarium, and report that he is improving some and is expected to recover by attending physicians. Rev. and Mrs. Walker returned early Sunday morning.

RENEE ADOREE in "BACK TO GOD'S COUNTRY" the star of the "Big Parade," "the Show," and "Mr. Wu." Don't miss her in her latest picture. PALACE, Friday and Saturday.

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Waste Poisons in the Blood Make One Tired and Inefficient.

Do you rise lame and stiff? Drag through the day, listless and depressed? Evening find you all worn out?

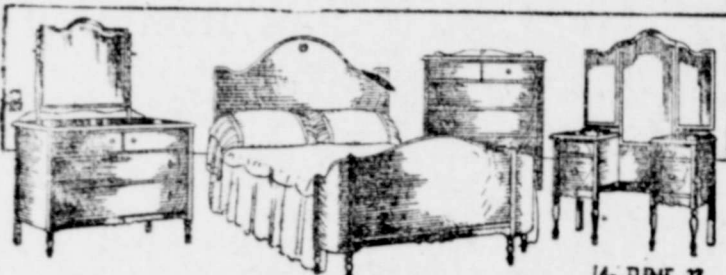
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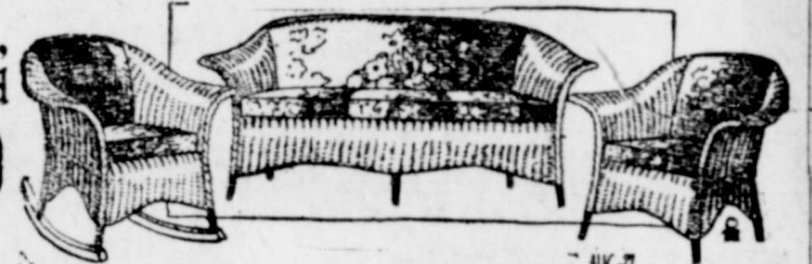
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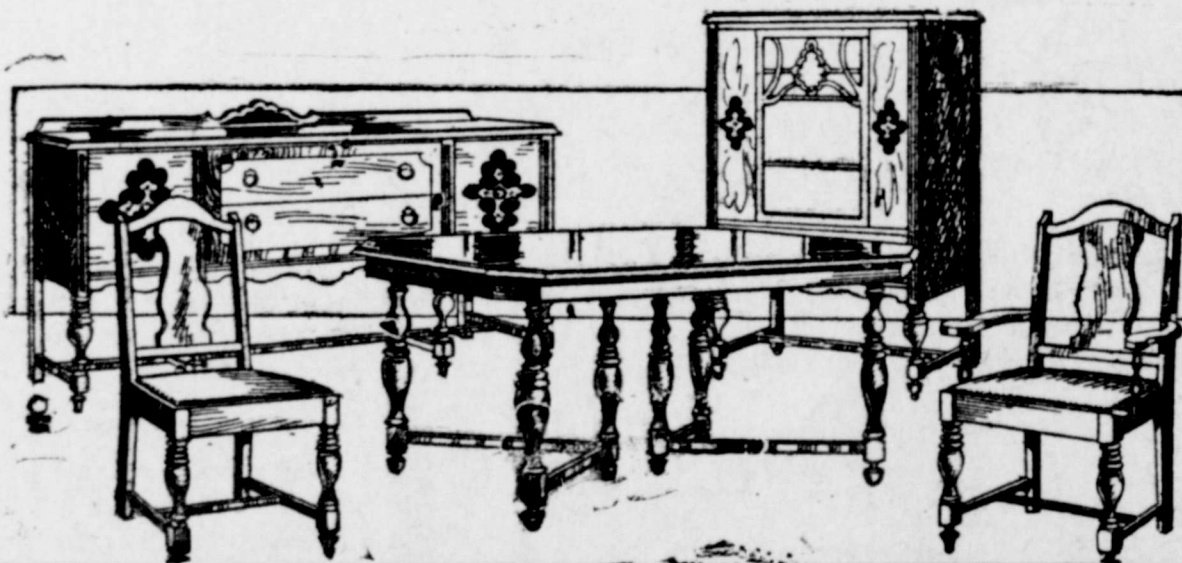
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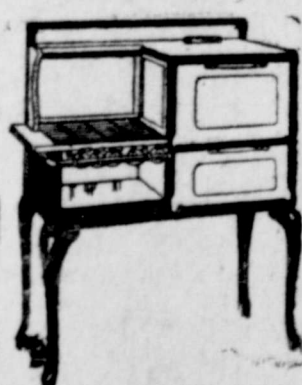
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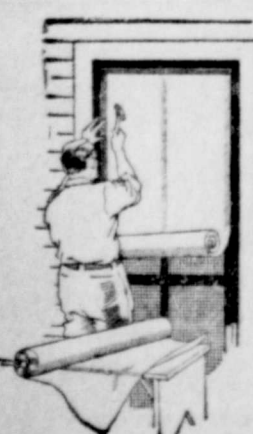
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T. N. T.

(Truth—Not Tact)

We are fairly well pleased with the progress of school up to this time. The classes are all pretty well organized, and the fish are becoming acclimated. It looks as if a bright school year is ahead of us.

BUT—
We have noticed several things around here that are not as they should be. For instance—the grading of our notebooks and exam papers by "student-teachers" who do not rank above us. We have heard complaints of this from certain lower classmen.

FURTHERMORE—
To satisfy the needs of the entire student body, there should be at least two librarians and the library should be open every period in the day. Already the teachers are urging us to do more library work, which in some cases is almost impossible. At certain periods during the day the library is very crowded, and students have been refused admittance when that is their only study period during the day when the library is open.

NOT ONLY THAT BUT ALSO—
We wish to applaud Coach Camp's excellent work with the football boys, but he cannot make a team without material. There are plenty of boys in high school who could come out for football if it were not for lack of grit. **THIN KIT OVER.**

AND—
Another great need of the school is a good pep squad. One of the football boys was heard to remark that he firmly believed that Merkel could have won the Rotan game if we had had a good pep squad there to boost them. We heard many comments on the fine spirit displayed by the Rotan pep squad and student body and their cooperation in all student projects and activities. **ALSO** think this over.

AND ANOTHER THING—
Some of the students are beginning to realize that chewing gum should not be used in school. It is absolutely against Mrs. Young's principles, as the demerit book shows.

BY THE WAY—
Had you noticed that the clean, white pages of the demerit book are rapidly becoming disfigured by the scribbles of various members of our beloved faculty?

AS USUAL—
We made strong resolutions at the beginning of school to keep our notebooks and mapbooks up to date. And as usual, the resolutions are already broken.

WE'RE WONDERING—
If there's a sophomore class here this year, we haven't heard anything about it.

HOW ABOUT—
A little more club work in the school? Miss Sloan has already started the good work by organizing a Senior Girls' club. Who will be the first to follow her lead?

IS—
The spirit of old M. H. S. dead? If not, let's prove it by backing the annual staff and helping them to make the best annual in the history of our school. **ALSO—** by helping the teachers to keep and enforce the rules of the school. Each of us can do this by behaving as he should. The teachers have enough to do in trying to make us learn about Chaucer's contemporaries, tetrahedrons, binomials, Archimedes' principles, the meaning of H₂O the paleolithic and neolithic ages, and Columbus' dove, without having to direct their attention toward preventing our childish pastimes, such as writing love notes to freshmen girls. (Scored a hit that time didn't we?)

IF—
We have misrepresented anything in this column we assure you that it was entirely unintentional and we are sorry.

HOPE YOU DON'T FEEL HURT (P.S. Watch this column next week.)

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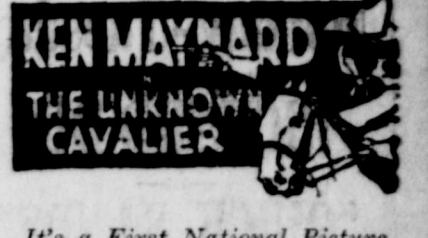


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PLAINVIEW BUILDING MORE THAN DALLAS

The Plainview Herald says: Building permits in Plainview for the first week of October exceed permits granted in Dallas by \$27,004, in excess of fifty per cent. This is an unusual situation, but an actual one.

Dallas issued permits for \$43,396 for the first week of the month and records in the office of City Secretary George Saigling show that permits have been issued in Plainview for \$70,400 in the same period. And the secretary estimates that building permits for the year in Plainview will reach the two million mark.

Why feed high priced cottonseed? Buy Hulls and meal; car on track. SWAFFORD, phone 44, south side. It

Mrs. C. K. Russell and little daughter, Mary Joe, left Monday for a visit with relatives at Dallas and incidentally will attend the State Fair while there.

CHILDREN TO HAVE TWO GREAT DAYS FREE AT THE TEXAS STATE FAIR

State Fair Directors are urging every parent to bring the children to the fair this year. There are two days free at Dallas Day, Oct. 11, and Children's Day, Oct. 14. There is a world of amusement for the youngsters and parents can enjoy themselves too in taking the children about and entering into the spirit of fun with them. There are free shows and entertainments galore, together with all the carnival shows, the rides of every description, all of which the youngsters enjoy to the fullest. There will be music, day and night fireworks, parades on Dallas Day, funny clowns and many burlesque stunts, plenty of pure food to eat and oceans of delicious drinks. There will be pop corn, peanuts, ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade and everything that one can think of to help the youngsters and those who come with them have the time of their lives.

"Come to the State Fair this year with all the family," is the invitation sent out by the directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case and son Milton spent last Sunday with friends and relatives in Winters.



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School Notes

LITERARY.

We hope that the folks at home read the following theme and let it soak in then maybe the high school pupils will have better themes.

"How the Family Regard My Theme Writing Night"

The night for the writing of themes if any such night ever comes, is one that is not regarded with any cheerful thoughts, especially by me. On other nights all seems to be extraordinarily quiet but when time to study and think arrives pandemonium seems to break loose. Dad starts up the Victrola, and plays it for hours at the time, while mother comes into my room about every five minutes to find some relic she has forgotten she ever had. When dad has finished his playing my sister usually starts banging on the piano. When they have all done as many things to make unnecessary noise as they are capable of doing, a few minutes of quiet and solitude are mine. My brain begins to think of deep mysteries and of interesting narratives which I believe would revolutionize the writing world. However, the peace and quiet are too good to last. There is a resounding knock on the door and I hear some of the next door neighbors entering. A confusion of the highest order follows. Perhaps a domino game is begun or perhaps it's just a continual stream of chatter of no importance what so ever. To try to accomplish so useless a task is worse than not trying at all. I give up without reluctance and journey to town where I can have peace and quiet.

—Roy Propst.

—M.H.S.—

English 3 and 4 had a very interesting theme topic last week. The following is one of the best:

"The Why and Wherefore of It."

Upon being asked why I went to school last year, why I'm going this year and what I intend or expect to get from an education, I shall answer as my mind and conscience dictate, not expecting it all to be true or royally said.

I went to school last year because, for the nine preceding years I had not found it an exceedingly hard task. There was some fun, some work and some other things. There was a time when I went to school to keep "out of the ditch," to get an easy job. I find, however, that one cannot even be an English teacher these days with only a high school education. Last year I lacked two years being where I really needed an education, so I went to Merkel High School.

This year I started to school to finish up high school work. I hope to finish better than I started. Some say that the higher one goes in education the more he realizes how little he knows. I believe that there are some smarter people in the world than I am, so I go to school. These days the average is a high school education, and an A. B. degree is not much above the average, so I go to school.

I am not sure that I shall get anything out of an education, however, I hope to. I will have had some experience at least. Maybe with an education I can understand life better, more thoroughly fill my place in this world, and end with a "balance brought forward." A Senior.

NOTE—It was the author's request that I sign "A Senior" to this theme. We do appreciate his modesty.

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THREE "BIG LEAGUE" FOOTBALL GAMES AT STATE FAIR OF TEXAS



Three "big league" football games are "on the slate" of the State Fair of Texas this Fall, one each Saturday afternoon.

The first game will be held on the opening day of the fair, Saturday, October 8th, and will be between Texas A. & M. and Sewanee. The second game, between the University of Texas and Vanderbilt, will be held on Saturday, October 18, and the final big game, S. M. U. vs. University of Missouri, will be held on the last Saturday of the fair, October 22.

Lovers of the sport from all parts of the state and alumnus of the various colleges and universities interested are already applying for tickets. Two train loads of Vanderbilt University grads are slated to come to the game on Vanderbilt Day all the way from Nashville. The entire student body of Texas A. & M. and Texas University plan to be present on the days when their respective teams do battle.

MORE EXHIBITS FOR THE WOMEN THAN EVER BEFORE AT TEXAS STATE FAIR



Probably never before in its 41 years of history has the State Fair of Texas booked as many exhibits of interest to women as are slated to be shown at the 1927 fair, which opens Oct. 8.

Many patrons can remember when the only exhibits interesting to the housewives were those in the domestic arts and textile departments. Hardly anything was shown in the way of labor or time saving machinery for the household, beyond sewing machines and some crude, back-breaking washing machine, hand operated. This year, in the Exposition Hall, however, there will be shown literally hundreds of new household appliances each designed to lighten the burden of housekeeping, to save time, money and energy, just as the farm machinery saves the time, money and energy of the men.

A trip through Exposition Hall, with its many free shows and entertainments, its free samples and souvenirs and its great display of modern household appliances is well worth any woman's time, even if she does not get into another building on the grounds.

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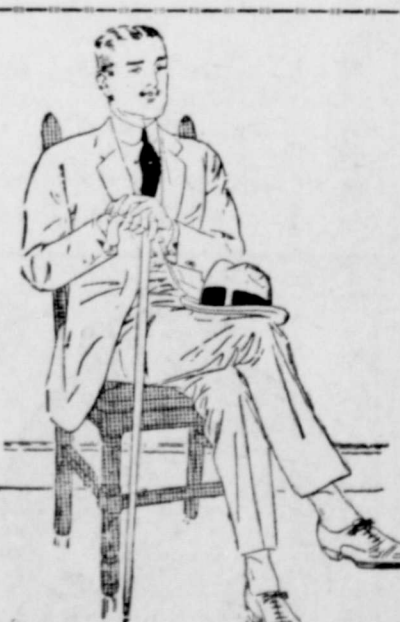


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Mr. Frank Demery dined with Mr. Hugh Campbell Saturday.

Reden, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell, celebrated his twenty-first birthday Saturday. Several of his friends participated in this hospital-ity.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks and family motored to Abilene Monday.

Miss Effie Grayson was the week-end guest of Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mrs. Fay Doan and children, Wal-lace and Annie, spent the day with Mrs. Mattie Addison Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meek and chil-dren, J. L. and Dora Mae, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson spent Saturday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. illie Wilson.

Roy Abbott returned from an extend-ed visit on the Plains Tuesday.

KEN'S STUNT RIDING HAS CIRCUS THRILL

If you miss the circus this sum-mer, you needn't mind—just go to see "The Unknown Cavalier" at the Queen Saturday.

For in this First National picture production by Chas. R. Rogers you will not only see a former Ringling Brothers circus star, Ken Maynard, now a star on the screen, but you will see one of the most exciting "Roman rides" that you ever witnessed.

In one sequence of the picture May-nard, as the hero, Tom Drury, offers to do some Roman riding for four ruffians whom he wishes to shake. He starts stunt riding one horse, adding another to his team at each turn of the course, until he is standing on the outside steeds of four horses abreast.

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These scenes were taken on the edge of the far-famed (for heat and thirst) Death Valley, and if it had not been for the August heat, Ken would have enjoyed the riding thoroughly, as it took him back to the days of the "big top" and the cheering throngs to which he used to play "in person." "The Unknown Cavalier" was direct-ed by Albert Rogell.

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RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF SISTER KATE GARNER

Whereas the great and supreme Ruler of the Universe has in his infinite wisdom seen fit to remove from us an affectionate mother, and one of our faithful, loyal and much loved members, Sister Kate Garner, on Aug. 7, 1927, makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of her; therefore be it

Resolved: That the sudden removal of such a christian life from among our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply felt by all the members and friends of Hebron church.

Resolved. That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be over-ruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved: That a copy of these res-olutions be spread upon the records of our church, a copy be printed in the local paper, and a copy forwarded to the family.

Signed by committee: Mrs. E. M. Dean, Mrs. Houston Clark and Mrs. W. L. Whatley. 1tp

Senior League Program

Subject: "Our Epworth League and Our Community."

Leader, Mrs. Tom Allday.

Scripture: Romans 15:1-7; 16:1-2.

Part 1, "The needs of our commu-nity," Imogene Hays. (page 94 and 114.)

Part 2, "Our obligation to our com-munity," Tom Allday. (page 94 and 114.)

Part 3, "Loosing Ourselves in our Community," Coralee Hulsey. (page 94 and 115.)

Part 4, "Putting Christ in our com-munity," Joe Riney. (page 95 and 115)

Part 5, "Finding Christ in Our com-munity," Mrs. Touchstone. (page 95 and 115.)

Benediction.

ANOTHER CAR OF APPLES

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