

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1927.

## Baptist Workers Council Meets Here January 2

Program for Worker's Council of Sweetwater Baptist Association to convention with Merkel Baptist Church, January 2, 1928.

10:00 a.m.—Song and praise service—W. I. Taylor.

10:30—Christian Stewardship—M. A. Jenkins, D. D.

11:15—Sermon—J. C. Burkett, D. D.

Noon—Lunch

1:00 p.m.—Board meeting and meeting of W. M. U.

1:30—Prayer and Praise Service—J. W. Martin.

1:45—West Texas Baptist Sanitarium—S. F. Baucum.

2:00—Ministerial Courtesy—V. W. Tatum.

2:30—How May the Pastor Enlist the Women of His Church in the W. M. U. Work—Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley.

3:00—What it Takes to Make a Great Association—J. Perry King.

3:30—Place of Denominational Papers in the Work of the Kingdom—Sam Malone.

## CLASSMATE OF HICKMAN CHARGED IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—Clifford Thomas, 19-year-old jewelry clerk who claims to have been a classmate of William Edward Hickman, Californian slayer, was charged late with assault to murder Miss Wright near here Christmas.

Miss Wright is alleged to have struck with a monkey wrench using a kiss. She is said to have signed an admission that he frightened her into telling her uncle on return that the coupe had been attacked by a robber. The uncle grew suspicious, however, and put detectives on the case.

Miss Wright's head was gashed by the wrench but her injury was not serious.

## HICKMAN DISOWNED BY HIS FATHER

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 28.—"Let him be punished according to his crime. He is no longer a son of mine." This was the declaration tonight of Thomas Hickman, father of William Edward Hickman, confessed slayer of little Marian Parker.

"He had just been guilty of kidnapping I would have helped him," the 50-year old father, who has become white haired since his son's capture near Pendleton, Ore. "But since he has confessed to this awful crime, I disown him and the law can have him."

## 42 PRESENT FOR FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Higgins, splendid family of the Salt Branch community, were made happy during the holiday, when they had 42 relatives present for a big Christmas dinner.

All of their children except two were present for the occasion, and three sisters and one brother of Mrs. Higgins were also present. The brother, whom Mrs. Higgins had not seen for twenty years, was among the visitors, coming from the state of California. Also a sister, Mrs. Alice Woodard, of Roscoe, was in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and children, Burneal and Nancy Jane of Merkel, have returned to their home here after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Scott. In addition to their Merkel guests Mr. and Mrs. Scott had with them for a Christmas tree and turkey dinner on Sunday their daughter, Mrs. Jentry Holmes, and Mr. Holmes and two children, Jentry Scott and Paul Holmes, and their son, J. C. Scott, all of Abilene.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. J. S. Thomas and family are among the many in this city to have with them during the holidays members of the immediate family. Those visiting in the Thomas home were J. B. Thomas and son J. S., Jr., from Fort Worth, Hugh Brewster and family of San Antonio, Texas, Dewey

## A New Chevrolet; Bigger and Better

Mr. Hughes, a member of Brackeen—Hughes Chevrolet Company, has just returned from the factory branch at Dallas, where he had an opportunity to look the new Chevrolet models over.

He states that they are beyond his fondest expectations, and indeed a most marvelous low priced car. This company will have four of the new models on display January first. Their invitation to visit the show room will be found elsewhere in this paper.

## J. M. Dunn Buys Two Brick Buildings Here

A deal was recently consummated in this city whereby Mr. J. M. Dunn, for many years residing some five miles northwest, purchased from Mr. Geo. Brown, the latter's two brick business houses on Kent Street, between the Darsey Furniture store and the Krenshaw block.

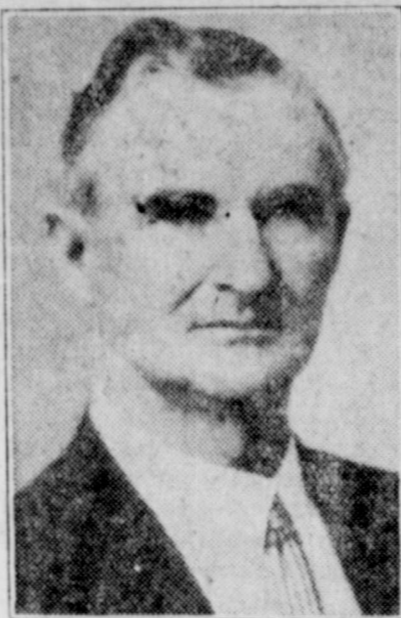
The buildings are now being remodeled and placed in modern and first class condition, and when completed will be occupied by the Dunn Brothers Grocery and Meat Market and the Community Natural Gas Company will also occupy the front half of one of the buildings as an office.

Mr. Dunn, who was one of the many owning large land holdings near the famous Noodle Creek Oil strike, leased considerable acreage at a handsome price, thus becoming well fixed financially. We are glad to have him with his sons become interested in our town and citizens of this city.

## CORRESPONDENTS FOR COMMUNITIES WANTED

In order that we may give our almost 2,000 subscribers the best paper during 1928 ever published in this city, we solicit a correspondent in every hamlet and school community throughout the bounds and confines of our wide circulation, which embraces fully every part of the Merkel Trade Territory. We will be glad to send the paper and furnish stamps and stationery free to any one who will send in the news items regularly from their community. We want to make the Mail just as newsy and interesting as possible, giving all the news of the city and surrounding communities.

We want to publish a paper that has for its aim and purpose the best interest of this community, and you can help us very much by giving us the news. If you know a personal or anything that will be news we will be very glad to have you either send it in or tell us about it. In other words give us the news—all of it.



## Mr. O. J. Adcock Is Appointed For A Four Year Term

Hon. O. J. Adcock, present Postmaster, who received a recess appointment following the untimely death of former Postmaster Taylor F. Davis, has recently received notice of appointment for a term of four years; his appointment by the President having already been confirmed by the United States Senate. And let us say here, we feel sure the appointment meets with universal approval of the patrons of the office. In fact Mr. Adcock seemed to have been the choice of the majority of the people, and now since he has held the office for almost a year, and has so ably demonstrated his ability for efficiency and accommodating service, the entire community rejoices that he has been favored by the department with a four year term.

For many years Mr. Adcock served faithfully and efficiently as one of the Rural Letter Carriers from this office. Not only is Mr. Adcock accommodating in every way possible to the patrons, but maintains very able and efficient assistants, who are also accommodating. Yes, we are proud of our Postmaster, and join the patrons of the office in extending to him congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Swann were very happy to have with them during the Christmas holidays all their children but one, a daughter who lives at Tulia. Those coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Forest Sears of Snyder, Miss Willie Swann of Snyder, Louis of Galveston, Irene of Roswell, N. M., James of Amarillo and Miss Nell of Fort Worth. The annual Christmas dinner was greatly appreciated by every one.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp, of Fort Worth, were up during Christmas for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

## Mr. A. C. Browning Retires From Road

Mr. A. C. Browning, who for the past eighteen years has been making the many towns and hamlets throughout West Texas as representative for Casket companies of Dallas and Fort Worth, has retired from the road and expects to enter business for himself in some city in West Texas.

During this long and successful service Mr. Browning has become perhaps one of the best known traveling men making this section of the state, having traveled hundreds of thousands of miles during these years. For the past few weeks he has been here for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs, as well as mixing with many friends.

## ENJOYS BIG BIRD HUNT IN KENT COUNTY

Mr. T. I. Harwell, one among the splendid citizens of this community dropped in yesterday and renewed his subscription to the Mail and Abilene Morning News for the next year, for all of which we are very grateful.

Mr. Harwell and family had as their guests during the holidays, their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lucky, of 1607 Garden Drive, Dallas, also their daughter Miss Sue Harwell of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Montgomery and Mrs. Katie Burr and family of Rotan were visitors in the Harwell home during the holidays.

Mr. Harwell also reports that he, accompanied by Mr. E. L. Lucky and Mr. A. R. Patton, spent a few days bird hunting last week in Kent county. He said the county was literally full of quail and they had splendid success.

## ELDER CYPERT MARRIES NUBIA COUPLE

On last Sunday, Christmas Day, Elder W. G. Cypert pronounced the words that made man and wife Mr. Clarence Crumpler and Miss Leona Cargill, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Cargill, in the Nubia community.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Parrack, aged wife of Rev. J. B. Parrack, and mother of Rev. Ira L. Parrack, who for the past month has been seriously ill at the home of her son in this city, is yet in a serious condition. We join many friends in the sincere hope that she may immediately improve and regain her former good health. She is 76 years of age. All of her children have been at her bedside the last few days. Those residing at a distance were: Mrs. Effie Johnson and Mrs. Aggie Marsh, of Spur, Guy and Horace Parrack, of Ganado, Texas.

## Brown Dry Goods Quits Business Here

The Brown Dry Goods Company, for the past eleven years one of the popular and well known business firms of this city, after a month's announcement that they would quit business here, making one of the largest and most successful advertising campaigns ever put on in this city, closed their doors on last Saturday night, and will sell the remaining remnant of stock to some other dry goods firm.

Eleven years ago this company was established by the late E. N. Brown, then an experienced and well known dry goods man from Cleburne, and since his death some few years ago the business has been in the hands of his sons, Messrs. W. S. J. and E. Yates Brown, who carried same on in a successful manner. Not a year since the opening of the store has the firm failed to pay a fair dividend to the stock holders, we are informed.

This paper, with the entire citizenship, regret that the Messrs. Brown decided to quit business in this city, and trust that they will each remain in some kind of business in our city. Announcements along this line will be made at a later date however, we are informed. The Brown Dry Goods Company has always been a believer in advertising, for a number of years they never missed an issue having an advertisement in this paper, and have always been one of our big advertisers. For all of which we extend to them our thanks and appreciation.

## Winter Rains and Their Relation to the West Texas Crops

Ever so often we see newspaper statements that West Texas, having had abundant winter rains, is pretty sure to make a big cotton crop. Or that since winter rainfall was very light in West Texas, the chances are that a poor cotton crop will be made.

As a matter of fact, if winter rainfall were the determining factor in West Texas cotton production, as some would have us believe, the crop would usually be poor in that area, for it is an area of very scant average winter rainfall. Roughly, West Texas may be generally considered as that part of the state lying west of a line drawn north and south through Abilene. In the following table is given the winter rainfall (December, January and February) for first, Shreveport, La., and Jackson, Miss., and then for typical stations in West Texas:—

Jackson, Miss.	4.53	4.46	5.53	14.52
Shreveport, La.	4.43	4.16	3.72	12.31
Abilene, Texas	1.10	0.85	0.99	2.94
Midland, Texas	0.69	0.53	0.62	1.84
Big Spring, Tex.	0.46	0.42	0.54	1.42
Lamesa, Texas	0.69	0.32	0.80	1.81
Lubbock, Texas	0.90	0.34	0.62	1.96
Plainview, Tex.	0.53	0.44	0.47	1.44

It is plainly evident from the above figures that average winter rainfall in West Texas is significant, and cannot be any great factor in cotton production. As a matter of actual fact, the large crop of 1926 in West Texas followed a very dry winter, and it can be proved that it is summer, rather than winter rainfall that the West Texas cotton crop most largely depends upon. With a monthly rainfall of 2 to 2½ inches from April to September, West Texas really has an excellent summer climate for cotton production; but its winter rainfall is a much over-rated factor.—The Progressive Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles of this city had as their guests during the Christmas holidays their children, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman of this city, A. M. Giles and family of Abilene, L. D. Giles of San Angelo, J. A. Giles, Jr., and wife of Sherman. A delicious Christmas dinner was enjoyed by every one present.

WILL PREACH AT COMPERE  
Rev. Ira L. Parrack announces that he will preach at Comperre on next Saturday morning at eleven o'clock and Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and take part in the service.

We are thankful to Mrs. G. M. Sharp for a subscription to the Mail which she sends to her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Barnes, in Louisiana, formerly Miss Ola Sharp. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were also happy to have all of their children with them during the holidays except Mrs. Joe Owen, who could not come.

## P. A. Diltz Out of Commission

The Merkel place in our name of the county Commission re-election to the July Primary.

Mr. Diltz, having capacity for the performance of his splendid record in the past; always looking to the voters of this community from us, but that he has been honest and diligent in the performance of his duties and should the people see fit to re-elect him to the same position he will be in the future that he has in the past; always looking to the best interest of the very best of his ability, with special favors to one and all alike; working always for the best interest of the entire community.

Before casting your vote in the coming primary election, this paper asks that you give his claims due and fair consideration in making your decision for County Commissioner.

## Bob Martin Grocery Buys Out Leslie and Middleton, Stock

The Bob Martin Grocery Company one of our oldest and best known business concerns, has this week moved their stock of goods from their old location to the building formerly occupied by Leslie & Middleton Grocery, the former company, composed of R. A. Martin and William M. Elliott, having purchased from Leslie & Middleton their stock of groceries and building.

Read the announcement in this paper concerning their removal to their new location. May they have continued success in their new home.

## MISS OLA SHARP BECOMES BRIDE OF MR. D. C. BARNES

At nine a.m. on Christmas Day at the home of the bride, there was solemnized a wedding, the contracting parties being Mr. D. C. Barnes and Miss Ola Sharp.

The wedding was attended by happy group of friends and relatives and took place in a room decorated with Christmas colors and a Christmas tree with many presents for the bride. The Rev. Mr. rack, local Baptist pastor, officiated with a brief but impressive ceremony.

Miss Ola Sharp is the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp and has made for herself a warm place in the hearts of Merkel people. She has been a faithful worker in her church and has many friends in every part of our community. Mr. Barnes of Ida, Louisiana, formerly lived in Merkel and is well and favorably known to many of our citizens. The happy young couple left Thursday morning for their future home in Ida, La., and their friends join in wishing for a long and happy life.

Misses Lorena and Loyce former a teacher in the Ennis School and the latter in the employ of the Clarksville Times, have been here for a few days visit during the holidays, with their mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry. The Misses Dry have hosts of friends here and are among the many Merkel young ladies who are succeeding and making good in the professional and business world.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McRee, of Lubbock, have been guests this week in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee, of Merkel, route two. Young McRee, by hard work and the constant burning of the midnight oil, received his degree from the State University last year, and he is in the Texas Technological Lubbock, an instructor in engineering. You hear it is the young men and women are not receiving education while, but when we little and watch the young men as Mr. H. find there is not much statement.

Messrs. Leoney, students of College, with the J. M.





**CHURCH?**

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of existence.

Every non-attendant upon reli-  
gious services virtually votes  
for the elimination of the  
church from his community and  
from the world.

If you believe that the world needs  
the Church, you have but one clear,  
unmistakable, unanswerable way of  
stating your position: that is, by reg-  
ular Church attendance yourself.

Worship is the highest func-  
tion of which human nature is  
capable. The world does not  
know much about creeds, but  
when it sees a person attending  
divine worship it understands  
him to say by his action, "I be-  
lieve in God."

START THE NEW YEAR, 1928,  
RIGHT. GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AND CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

Your friend,  
W. J. MAYHEW.

Samson was one of the earliest big  
advertisers, and got amazing results  
by using two columns.

**COMMUNITY SUICIDE**

One of the strangest phenomena  
witnessed in most towns and small ci-  
ties is the apparent eagerness with  
which many otherwise good citizens  
contribute to the tendency to commit  
community suicide.

These citizens will often show un-  
common zeal in boosting any move-  
ment to obtain civic improvements, to  
promote the location of new industries,  
to secure better educational facilities,  
and so on. Yet many of these same  
proud boosters will deliberately en-  
gage in a practice which nullifies all  
their otherwise laudable efforts—and  
then they wonder why their town  
doesn't go ahead.

We refer to the suicidal habit of  
buying away from home, which is  
largely responsible for the failure of  
many communities to make the pro-  
gress which their natural advantages  
should make possible. The money that  
ought to be kept at home for the ex-  
pansion of local trade and industry  
is sent away to distant cities, never  
to return, through the indifference or  
thoughtlessness of the very persons  
who should set an example of local  
pride and loyalty.

A trifling saving here and there,  
usually more imaginary than real, is  
sufficient to cause the average citizen  
to forget his duty to his community  
and to himself, which if performed  
would mean more in the direction of  
local prosperity than all his other  
boosting efforts put together.

Why boost in one direction, while  
committing community suicide in a-  
nother?

Miss Dixie Blair had as her guest  
during the holidays, Misses Zoe Scott  
of Denison, Mildred Roddy of Abilene  
and Dolores Pitzer of Childress.

Miss Pauline Chinn left Friday  
night for Dallas to be a guest of Mr.  
and Mrs. R. C. Soxman during the  
holidays.

Mr. J. J. Russell, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. J. J. Russell, Sr., is home for  
the holidays from the Oklahoma State  
University at Norman.

M. J. Shaw, Jr., son of Mr. and  
Mrs. M. J. Shaw of the Stith com-  
munity, is visiting his grandparents  
at Bomarton, Texas, during the holi-  
days.

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

**NEW YEAR'S SERVICES  
AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUN.**

Start the new year right by go-  
ing to Sunday School and remaining  
for the preaching service. Many who  
have become careless about church  
attendance ought to make a resolution  
to be more regular in this matter.

In the Sunday School we are be-  
ginning a new series of lessons and  
any one looking for a good time to  
start will do well to start now. The  
lessons in the departments where we  
use the uniform lessons will be in  
the New Testament for all the year  
of 1928. Sunday will begin this se-  
ries of lessons. Be on hand and get a  
book and start in on an even footing  
with the rest of the class.

The services through the day will  
be in keeping with the season.

On Monday the workers meeting  
for our association will meet with us  
in an all-day meeting beginning with  
a devotional meeting at 10 a.m. and  
continuing thii 4 p.m. with lunch served  
in the basement of the church for  
our visitors. We will expect people  
from every community in the associ-  
ation.

Monday evening we have our own  
local workers meeting when each de-  
partment in our Sunday School will  
fill out sign up and approve the ap-  
plication for the 1928 standard. Every  
worker should be in this meeting.

Training classes will meet after  
the workers meeting.

Our church extends a cordial in-  
vitation to any one in the community  
without a church home to come and  
worship with us.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Mayhew had  
as their guests during the holidays,  
their son, H. M. Hayhew, of the  
Brownwood News.

W. O. Boney, popular Real Estate  
and Insurance man, accompanied by  
his family, spent Christmas with re-  
latives in Roscoe.

The Merkel Mail takes subscriptions  
for all Daily Newspapers.

Some people deny the existence of  
a Devil or any power that promotes  
evil in the world. If any readers of  
the Star really believe that the Devil  
is a myth; conjured up to scare folks  
they should read the story of the  
horrible murder of little Marian  
Parker 12 year old school girl in Los  
Angeles, California. The details of  
that shocking crime are so horrible  
that it makes one's blood run cold  
to read them. The people of Los An-  
geles are so wrought up over the hor-  
rible affair that one hundred thou-  
sand dollars reward has been offered  
for the arrest of the one who com-  
mitted this horrible deed. Only a  
fiend incarnate, in human form,  
could do such a deed. If there never  
was a Devil before last week, Cali-  
fornia must have created one. Yes  
there is, according to God's word, as  
much evidence of a Devil as there is  
of God himself. Only a Devil could  
perform such a deed as reported  
from Los Angeles in Monday's pa-  
pers.—Baird Star.

Jesse Roberts, St. Louis salesman,  
returning home from a regular trip,  
paused at the threshold of his home  
to listen to his wife, a minister and  
a lodge brother discussing plans for  
his funeral. They were not plotting  
to kill him, however. The body of a  
tornado victim had been "identified"  
as that of Roberts.

Oklahoma farmers are being in-  
structed in a "meat short course."  
Some boarding-house keepers appear  
to have graduated from a short meat  
course.

Anyway, the new freedom for youth  
requires less prevarication than was  
necessary to establish the old-time al-  
bis.

The octopus squirts a cloud of  
black ink at its enemies. Quite similar  
to some of our human ink-slingers.

A press agent says of a lecturer  
that he never visits the same city  
twice. Maybe he doesn't dare to.

**PALACE**

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to when the last feature Saturday night will begin. The feature will  
be managed to end exactly at midnight.

—SPECIAL PATHE COMEDY—

**MONDAY and TUESDAY**

**Dorothy Gish in  
"TIPTOES"**

with WILL ROGERS and NELSON KEYS

—NEWS and COMEDY—

**WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY**

**Reginald Denny in  
"FAST AND FURIOUS"**

—PATHE NEWS and AESOP'S FABLES—

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ers in One Year—  
His Letter Tells Why**

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November 28, 1927.

Mr. J. E. Fields,  
Vice President in Charge of Sales,  
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are continuously adding more Chryslers than all other makes combined, should be com-  
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lion miles annually by literally hundreds of thousands of drivers with the varying road  
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D. C., and from Milwaukee to Mobile, Alabama.

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for us to develop accurate and standardized cost accounting methods.

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dred dollars under to three hundred dollars higher than the Chrysler.

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of Chrysler. In fact, in our business, the economy of operation would be of no avail  
without sustained popularity of the car with the general public.

Yours respectfully,  
**SAUNDERS DRIVE IT YOURSELF CO., INC.**  
By JOE SAUNDERS, Vice-President.

Reasons given by Mr.  
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ling, cheap. See S. F. Haynes. 1tp

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it yourself—if you send to Baker &  
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**EFFECT ON TEXAS  
FARMERS.**

The entire Texas shipment of hogs  
to Fort Worth for one year would  
just about make a good two week's  
run for Chicago. In other words, the  
Corn Belt farmers would suffer as  
much during two weeks of low prices  
as we would on a whole year of low  
prices. That is not all of the story.  
Hogs from the Corn Belt repre-  
sent the major crop of the farm-  
ers of that section. The few hogs  
that we send to market are just a  
sideline. But the pity is that it is a  
sideline with about one farmer where  
it should be a sideline with 10 or 15  
farmers. Texas could easily market  
10 times as many hogs as she does,  
simply by putting a brood sow or  
two on the farms that, as present,  
do not have any sows. We could fur-  
ther increase our income from hogs  
by adding a sow or two to some of  
our farms that need a few more  
sows and cows to turn into profit  
the feedstuffs that they should be  
producing, in order to make the  
farm better balanced in its opera-  
tion and income.

Texas could further augment its  
hog production 30 to 50 per cent by  
better care and management of the  
swine herds that she now has.

Last, but not least, the cost of  
swine production could be decreased  
30 to 50 per cent by using proper  
feeding methods.

When the Texas farmer is produc-  
ing his own pork with his own feed  
it does not matter a great deal  
whether hogs are selling for 8 cents  
or 15 cents; that is, if he has the  
hogs. If he has not the home-grown  
pork it may mean the cost of sev-  
eral bales of cotton to supply the  
family table with meat. Inasmuch  
as the average family in Texas con-  
sumes annually approximately 600  
pounds of pork products and there is  
going out of the state, each year,  
\$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 of Texas  
money for pork products for Texas  
folks to eat, it appears that we are  
safe in recommending that Texas  
farmers not only hold on to the brood  
sows that they now have, but lose  
no time in getting more brood sows  
on their farms.—A. L. Ward, in The  
Progressive Farmer.

**HEARST GETS HIS FOOT  
IN THE FIRE**  
W. R. Hearst has got his foot into  
it at last. He published in his news-  
papers documents to show that the  
Mexican Government had sent a large  
sum of money to influence members  
of the U. S. Senate. This publication  
purported to be part of the official  
documents of the Mexican Govern-  
ment. Many believe these documents  
are forgeries. Four Senators were  
named, but Hearst left their names  
out in the publication, but gave the  
names to the Senate investigating  
committee, Norris, Borah, La Fol-  
ette and Heflin. Hearst admitted to

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these senato-  
ney or that any of  
been approached. All the  
senators named have been active in  
opposing aggression by this govern-  
ment against Mexico. Senator Norris  
denounced Hearst as dishonest and  
devoid of honor in the publication of  
these documents. All senators named  
denied any knowledge of any such  
fund.

Many Congressmen say, that even  
if these documents were known to be  
genuine, that their publication at this  
time was wrong, owing to the strained  
relations between the two govern-  
ments, over matters growing out of  
the many revolutions in Mexico in  
which Americans have suffered loss.  
Hearst has a large ranch in Mexico  
and has also suffered loss, which is  
given as a motive for publishing these  
documents. If that is really true, then  
Hearst is beneath the contempt of the  
sorrowful negro of the south. Hearst  
well knows penchant for sensational-  
ism has made him unpopular with  
many Americans, but he has not heret-  
ofore been accused of trying to pro-  
mote a war between America and  
some other nation to promote his own  
interest. It looks like William Ran-  
dolph has put his foot in the fire this  
time. Congress should probe the mat-  
ter to the bottom.—Baird Star.

**HEBRON NEWS**

Health in this community is very  
good at the present time.  
Everyone is preparing for a big  
time Christmas.

The party given by Miss Eva Knotts  
Saturday night was attended and en-  
joyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were vi-  
sitors in the Blackwell home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Blackwell and  
Granddaughter, Ruby Lee Williamson  
returned home last Saturday after a  
week's visit in Gladewater.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson, and  
Miss Bernice Clark were visitors in  
the E. M. Dean home last Sunday.

Mr. James Harris spent Saturday  
night with home folks.

Miss Evelyn Pannell returned home  
last Saturday from Dallas to spend  
the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Douglas and  
children of Shiloh and Messrs Bern-  
ard Clark and Clements Carey visit-  
ed Mrs. Skidmore and children last  
Sunday.

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**FRIDAY and SATURDAY**  
January 6th and 7th  
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entertainment. You owe it to yourself to see this wonderful picture.  
Also Fox Comedy—"HER BLUE BLACK EYES"

Mullins and sister, Gladys motored to  
Buffalo Gap last Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles West of Mer-  
kel visited Mr. J. H. Clark and fam-  
ily last Sunday.  
Being old-fashioned, we still feel  
that a girl should not propos to a man  
except as a last resort.

Mr. J. A. Sears, the very popular  
proprietor of the Sears Variety Store  
returned Wednesday from Dallas,  
where he had been to buy additional  
stock for his growing business here.  
Mr. Sears only opened his store here  
a short time before Christmas, but  
reports a fine business. He is enlarg-  
ing his stock very materially.

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ear Admiral William S. Sims is  
 among those who believe aircraft will  
 decide future wars. He says: "In  
 another war the best thing to do with  
 our battleships would be to send them  
 as far as possible up the Mississippi  
 River out of harm's way."

There are many kinds of graft-  
 ing, but Atlanta furnishes a unique  
 example of a modern sort. Miss  
 Edna Barnett's ear had to be remov-  
 ed after being severely burned when  
 she yanted and fell into an open fire-  
 pit. Surgeons have grafted on a  
 new one, fashioned from cartilage  
 a rib and skin from another part  
 her body.

Speaking of graft, Dr. C. E.  
 dentist, of Shreveport, La., has  
 said that it is a word not to be used  
 dly. He wrote across an alimony  
 check sent to his wife the words  
 "September graft." A judge fined  
 him \$50 and sent him to jail for 10  
 days for contempt of court.

Jason Wetherell, 61-year-old negro  
 of Kinston, N. C., is a persistent if  
 not reliable prophet. Each year since  
 1917 he has predicted that he would  
 die on a certain date. His last set  
 date having passed more than a week  
 ago, he now asserts that he will  
 shuffle off not later than next Aug-  
 ust, and has invited his friends to  
 stand by to witness his exit. He is in  
 excellent health at present.

little more than 27  
 ew of the strained re-  
 lations between the United States  
 and Mexico it would not be a bad  
 idea to keep him there a while. He  
 could make more good will than our  
 whole diplomatic corps.

Courtesy usually has its reward,  
 although not often in such substan-  
 tial manner as that which came to  
 Alfred Cronberg of Chicago. Years  
 ago, when employed by a gentlemen's  
 club, Cronberg had been particu-  
 larly attentive to Robert Forsyth, a mil-  
 lionaire who died recently, leaving  
 him \$100,000 as a token of appreci-  
 ation.

What is the trouble with our young  
 people? That question has agitated  
 many solicitous persons for quite a  
 while. A recent writer answers the  
 question to his own satisfaction, at  
 least, thus: "Two things are the mat-  
 ter with young people. First, they are  
 young. Second, they are contaminated  
 by association with their parents."

Rev. G. A. Leichter of Buffalo  
 recently made a nomination for a  
 new title, if an address before the  
 Kiwanis Club of that city was cor-  
 rectly reported. He said: "We have  
 the greatest number of star spangled  
 jackasses in the world, and the jack-  
 ass-in-chief is Mayor Thompson of  
 Chicago."

Henry Ford's weekly newspaper,  
 the Dearborn Independent, will cease  
 publication at the end of December.  
 Public confidence in the paper was  
 seriously impaired through its un-  
 just attacks on the Jews, and even  
 Ford's abject apology was unconvinc-  
 ing to many, so he has wisely decided  
 to scrap it along with the famed  
 Model T.

NUMBERS  
 TO THE U. S. C.

First Counting of Noses Was  
 Done by Moses.

Washington.—All Turkey stayed at  
 home one Friday recently while 50,000  
 officials took the first census of the  
 Ottoman empire.

"Turkey has made up for tardiness  
 by asking questions far more thorough  
 than appear in the famous first census  
 of history," says a bulletin from the  
 Washington headquarters of the Na-  
 tional Geographic society.

"Take ye the sum of all the con-  
 gregation of the children of Israel,  
 after their families, by the house of  
 their fathers, with the number of their  
 names every male by their polls; from  
 twenty years old and upward, all that  
 are able to go forth to war in Israel."

"Thus spoke the Lord to Moses, and  
 Moses, with Aaron's assistance, col-  
 lected the figures for the first census  
 report, which may be found in prac-  
 tically every home and hotel room. It  
 is appropriately entitled 'Numbers,'  
 the fourth book of the Bible.

"By its breadth of scope the census  
 William of Normandy ordered for his  
 new kingdom of England, resembles  
 modern surveys. He commanded his  
 minions in 1085 A. D. to record every  
 lord and peasant, every acre, every  
 ox, every mill, every manor, every  
 weir and every plow, the value there-  
 of and—this is forward looking—the  
 natural resources, woods, fields and  
 streams capable of development and  
 revenue. The report to William the  
 Conqueror became the Domesday  
 Book, unreadable today except by  
 scholars, yet protected in the public  
 record office at London as one of the  
 most precious possessions of England.

Russia's First Count in 1897.  
 "The United States, although a  
 newcomer in the ranks of civilization,  
 was one of the first nations to estab-  
 lish the modern periodic census. Swe-  
 den took the lead before our first cen-  
 sus in 1700, but England, France and  
 Prussia did not see the necessity of  
 regular counting of noses until ten or  
 twenty years later. Russia took no  
 census until 1897.

"Deeply religious settlers of Amer-  
 ica nearly upset our first census when  
 they harked back to another less  
 fortunate Bible census. 'Satan stood  
 up against Israel,' our ancestors point-  
 ed out to the marshals, 'and provoked  
 David to number Israel from Beershe-  
 ba even to Dan.' What happened?  
 'God was displeased; therefore he  
 smote Israel. The Lord sent pestilence  
 upon Israel; and there fell of  
 Israel 70,000 men.'

"Fears that our first census would  
 bring similar destruction upon the na-  
 tion did not materialize, so the mar-  
 shals delivered their reports to Pres-  
 ident Washington within nine months  
 for all the original states, except Ver-  
 mont, Rhode Island and South Caro-  
 lina. Vermont and Rhode Island en-  
 tered the Union later. The marshal of  
 South Carolina found workers scarce  
 at \$1 per 150 heads counted.

"Today a visitor at the census bu-  
 reau may see the names of famous  
 Americans and the answers given to  
 the first census takers' simple ques-  
 tionnaires. John Hancock's family  
 consisted of two 'free white males of  
 sixteen and upward,' three white fe-  
 males, seven other persons (servants  
 no doubt) and no slaves. Progress in  
 70 years presents a contrast with data  
 for Abraham Lincoln collected in  
 1800: 'Age, fifty-one, married, law-  
 yer, value of real estate \$5,000—per-  
 sonal estate \$12,000, Kentucky, place  
 of birth.'

"From one census every ten years  
 the census bureau has increased to  
 104 censuses, in addition to many spe-  
 cial surveys such as that made to  
 supply data to congress for immigration  
 quotas. One census collected every  
 week shows the number of babies  
 born. Using these figures the bureau  
 sets up its large calculator at an ex-  
 hibit and every 20 seconds announces  
 to the world that the millions of  
 Americans has been increased, for ex-  
 ample, by baby No. 118,972,331.

Statistics About Buying.  
 "Not content with counting men,  
 women and children, where they work,  
 whether they are in school and if so,  
 how long; not satisfied with tabulat-  
 ing the value of wheat grown and  
 tons of manganese ore dug out of the  
 ground; not resting even with sum-  
 ming up the business of hats and  
 hammocks, shoes and sulphuric acid  
 manufactured in the United States,  
 the census bureau proposes to 'com-  
 plete the picture.' To finish the por-  
 trait in figures of the whole United  
 States, it is necessary, they say, to  
 have a census of distribution. That  
 means an accounting of what is sold  
 to the housewife over the grocery,  
 drug and meat counters, and of what  
 the wholesaler sells to the retailer.

"Recently the census bureau released  
 its first experimental distribution sur-  
 vey, for which Baltimore served as a  
 laboratory specimen. The weavers of  
 figures found that in Baltimore 253  
 people are required to support one  
 neighborhood grocery; that Baltimore-  
 ans spend \$45.72 per year in stores;  
 that the department stores take the  
 most; that Baltimore spends more on  
 automobiles than on furnishing its  
 homes and that in the average family  
 purchasing budget food requires 31  
 per cent, clothing 20 per cent and the  
 family automobile comes next with 9  
 per cent. The same survey has been  
 extended to ten other cities: Chicago,  
 Atlanta, Denver, Fargo, N. D.; Kansas  
 City, Providence, San Francisco, Se-  
 attle, Springfield, Ill., and Syracuse,  
 N. Y. E. S. will be extended  
 to the whole country.

DIDN'T RISE

ation of the pitiful  
 eration which still  
 exists in these United States was fur-  
 nished by the recent death of "King  
 Ben" Purnell, leader of the house of  
 David cult at Benton Harbor, Mich.  
 After his swindling and debauch-  
 ing of his "disciples" for nearly thirty  
 years, the more credulous still be-  
 lieve him to be divine, and waited  
 confidently for his resurrection on  
 the third day after his death.

But King Ben failed to come thru.  
 They then begged the health authori-  
 ties to delay his burial another day,  
 still hoping that he would yet rise  
 from the dead. The request was  
 granted, but as the laws of Michigan  
 do not recognize the possibility of  
 miracles, a further extension was re-  
 fused after the fourth day likewise  
 ended without any sign of a come-  
 back from the corpse.

Through his leadership of this  
 colony which he had duped into ac-  
 cepting his peculiar religious and so-  
 cial program, Benjamin Purnell had  
 amassed considerable wealth. Many  
 persons of means had turned over to  
 him all their possessions and he ruled  
 the community like a despot.

Like many other founders of a fanta-  
 stic religion, Purnell provided in  
 his scheme that he should possess a  
 number of women adherents. His  
 carryings-on in this respect were re-  
 cently the subject of an official in-  
 vestigation and the colony had been  
 ordered to disband.

Even in the fact of the fiasco  
 which attended his scheduled resur-  
 rection, it is likely that most of his  
 followers will still believe that as a  
 prophet he was the real thing.

But by the skeptical his career will  
 be seen as confirming a saying of  
 Sophocles: "All prophets are lovers  
 of gain."

Mrs. R. C. Shoop Flick Taylor  
 Judie Learn Trimmer Chronister of  
 York, Va., is only 37, but has had  
 seven husbands, four of whom met  
 death in accidents. In spite of her  
 tragedy-filled life, Mrs. Chronister  
 is still optimistic and declares that  
 her present husband is the best of the  
 lot.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis are hap-  
 py over the arrival at their home on  
 the 23rd of a bouncing baby boy.

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 ronage and beg of every one to visit us at our new loca-  
 tion. Also we want to assure Mr. Leslie and Mr. Middle-  
 ton's customers and friends that we will appreciate their  
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 in the same courteous and efficient manner that they are  
 accustomed to.

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 rington of Mineral Wells December  
 24, 1927.

Miss Washburn has been visiting  
 in Caddo the past three weeks and  
 it was surely a surprise to this com-  
 munity as well as "home folks" to  
 learn of her marriage.

They will make their home in Cad-  
 do where Mr. Harrington is employ-  
 ed by the Prairie Pipe Line Company.  
 The happy couple came to Merkel  
 visiting Lottie's mother and father  
 as well as many friends. They re-  
 turned to Caddo Wednesday. Miss  
 Grace Washburn, the bride's sister,  
 returning with them.

It is coming to Merkel soon.  
 An organization you will gladly  
 welcome.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

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1. Introduction by Juanita Harmon
  2. Satan, the father, lies, Hima-  
 laya Swafford.
  3. Same with illustration of line,  
 Vernie Derrick.
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 Moore.
  5. The sin of Sapphira, Harold  
 Boney.
  6. Lying by actions, Maurine White
  7. Big Lies, Gerald Derrick.
  8. Little Lies, J. T. Darsey.
  9. Sentence sermons to remember,  
 Louise Booth.

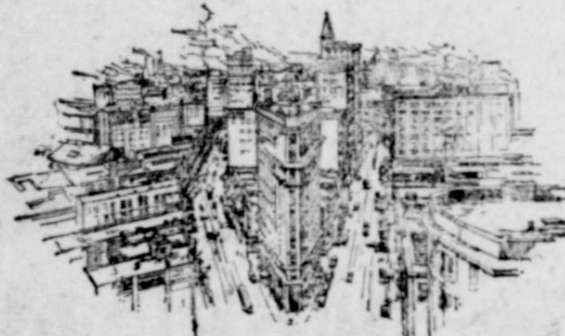
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Plow, standard make, at a bargain.  
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A bargain if sold at once. Call at Blue  
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cheap for cash. Geo. T. Moore at F.  
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Ford touring car in good condition,  
and priced to sell. See H. C. Reid at  
Magnolia Station. 1tp

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ling, cheap. See S. F. Haynes. 1tp

**FOR SALE**—Two young rat dogs.  
See Angus Garvin, Merkel, route No.  
one. 1tp

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roadster at a bargain. See Sid Cris-  
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**LOST**—Through an error my cap  
was taken by some one at Aaron  
Horton's Wednesday night. See C. S.  
Higgins and exchange. 1t

**STRAYED**—A large, dark colored

Jersey cow, from  
week ago. Pier  
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**EFFECT ON TEXAS  
FARMERS.**

The entire Texas shipment of hogs  
to Fort Worth for one year would  
just about make a good two week's  
run for Chicago. In other words, the  
Corn Belt farmers would suffer as  
much during two weeks of low prices  
as we would on a whole year of low  
prices. That is not all of the story.  
Hogs from the Corn Belt represent  
the major crop of the farmers  
of that section. The few hogs that  
we send to market are just a sideline.  
But the pity is that it is a sideline  
with about one farmer where it  
should be a sideline with 10 or 15  
farmers. Texas could easily market  
10 times as many hogs as she does,  
simply by putting a brood sow or  
two on the farms that, as present,  
do not have any sows. We could fur-  
ther increase our income from hogs  
by adding a sow or two to some of  
our farms that need a few more  
sows and cows to turn into profit  
the feedstuffs that they should be  
producing, in order to make the  
farm better balanced in its opera-  
tion and income.

Texas could further augment its  
hog production 30 to 50 per cent by  
better care and management of the  
swine herds that she now has.  
Last, but not least, the cost of  
swine production could be decreased  
30 to 50 per cent by using proper  
feeding methods.

When the Texas farmer is produc-  
ing his own pork with his own feed  
it does not matter a great deal  
whether hogs are selling for 8 cents  
or 15 cents; that is, if he has the  
hogs. If he has not the home-grown  
pork it may mean the cost of sev-  
eral bales of cotton to supply the  
family table with meat. Inasmuch  
as the average family in Texas con-  
sumes annually approximately 600  
pounds of pork products and there is  
going out of the state, each year,  
\$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 of Texas  
money for pork products for Texas  
folks to eat, it appears that we are  
safe in recommending that Texas  
farmers not only hold on to the brood  
sows that they now have, but lose  
no time in getting more brood sows  
on their farms.—A. L. Ward, in The  
Progressive Farmer.

**HEARST GETS HIS FOOT  
IN THE FIRE**  
W. R. Hearst has got his foot into  
it at last. He published in his news-  
papers documents to show that the  
Mexican Government had sent a large  
sum of money to influence members  
of the U. S. Senate. This publication  
purported to be part of the official  
documents of the Mexican Govern-  
ment. Many believe these documents  
are forgeries. Four Senators were  
named, but Hearst left their names  
out in the publication, but gave the  
names to the Senate investigating  
committee, Norris, Borah, La Fol-  
ette and Heflin. Hearst admitted to

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These senators  
they or that any of  
been approached. All the  
senators named have been active in  
opposing aggression by this govern-  
ment against Mexico. Senator Norris  
denounced Hearst as dishonest and  
devoid of honor in the publication of  
these documents. All senators named  
denied any knowledge of any such  
fund.

Many Congressmen say, that even  
if these documents were known to be  
genuine, that their publication at this  
time was wrong, owing to the strain-  
ed relations between the two govern-  
ments, over matters growing out of  
the many revolutions in Mexico in  
which Americans have suffered loss.  
Hearst has a large ranch in Mexico  
and has also suffered loss, which is  
given as a motive for publishing these  
documents. If that is really true, then  
Hearst is beneath the contempt of the  
horriest negro of the south. Hearst  
well knows penchant for sensational-  
ism has made him unpopular with  
many Americans, but he has not here-  
tofore been accused of trying to pro-  
mote a war between America and  
some other nation to promote his own  
interest. It looks like William Ran-  
dolph has put his foot in the fire this  
time. Congress should probe the mat-  
ter to the bottom.—Baird Star.

**HEBRON NEWS**

Health in this community is very  
good at the present time.

Everyone is preparing for a big  
time Christmas.

The party given by Miss Eva Knotts  
Saturday night was attended and en-  
joyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were vis-  
itors in the Blackwell home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Blackwell and  
Granddaughter, Ruby Lee Williamson  
returned home last Saturday after a  
week's visit in Gladewater.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson, and  
Miss Bernice Clark were visitors in  
the E. M. Dean home last Sunday.

Mr. James Harris spent Saturday  
night with home folks.

Miss Evelyn Pannell returned home  
last Saturday from Dallas to spend  
the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Douglas and  
children of Shiloh and Messrs Bern-  
ard Clark and Clements Carey visit-  
ed Mrs. Skidmore and children last  
Sunday.

Messrs Melvin Gunter and Horace

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**WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY**  
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**"SWIM GIRL SWIM"**  
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Also Fox Comedy—"HER BLUE BLACK EYES"

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Mullins and sister, Gladys motored to  
Buffalo Gap last Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles West of Mer-  
kel visited Mr. J. H. Clark and fam-  
ily last Sunday.  
Being old-fashioned, we still feel  
that a girl should not propos to a man  
except as a last resort.  
Mr. J. A. Sears, the very popular  
proprietor of the Sears Variety Store  
returned Wednesday from Dallas,  
where he had been to buy additional  
stock for his growing business here.  
Mr. Sears only opened his store here  
a short time before Christmas, but  
reports a fine business. He is enlarg-  
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### COMB MOUNTAINS FOR BURIED GOLD

#### Seek Treasure Hidden a Century Ago.

Alamosa, Colo.—Two faded and crumpled parchments with indistinct lines and markings of trails have led searching parties into the Conejos mountains in quest of gold dust and ingots, believed buried more than a century ago.

The searching parties combed many sections of the mountains during the summer, but early winter rains have forced abandonment of the projects until next spring.

One of the bands of delvers after hidden treasure is known as the "Treasure company," with headquarters at Capulin, a Spanish settlement 20 miles south of here. The other is a partnership between Charles Graesser, rancher, and Jesse Rockstock, Denver prospector. The latter spent the summer digging in a creek for chests of gold. Reynolds, who got thought to have buried the gold, the 70s of the last century located on San Juan mountain, which he claims, romance and the west flank the trails that lead to treasure sites. Legend of treasure was concealed by Ed Spanish mining expedition under attack by Indian tribes.

The tale of the Rock creek cache carries with it a story of vengeance wrought by Indians against an expeditionary force of Frenchmen. The leaders of the explorers, according to the account, kidnaped the daughter of an Indian chieftain and later deserted her. The white men previously had discovered a great deposit of almost virgin gold and were transporting it on burros to the gulf coast. The outraged Indians ambushed and massacred all of the party but one man, who buried the gold, the story runs.

### War to Be Jolly; Guns Will Not Rust

Washington.—Some millions of Americans with vivid recollections of wartime troubles in keeping rust off their rifles, machine guns and "75s" will be interested to learn that future American armies probably won't have same kind of chores to do.

His annual report, made public by Maj. Gen. Clarence C. Wilentz, chief of army ordnance, states efforts are being made to substitute proof steel for the present parts in army fighting equipment. Investigation of stainless steel for use in machine gun barrels and other parts is being carried on with a view to eventually making armaments of this type of material "practicable," says General Wilentz. "Such use, if perfected, will result in far-reaching economy."

### To Install Restaurants on Swedish Airplanes

Stockholm.—Restaurant service is to be installed next season on the air route of the Malmo-Amsterdam route. The well-known airline, Great activity is being shown in 1928 on account of the new line in Amsterdam. Many held in reserve to meet anticipated heavy traffic. It is expected that the increased number of passengers will be a considerable weight have also been considered.

As an example of the efficient role which Swedish flying plays in the European air lines can be mentioned the fact that London newspapers may now be sold and read in Stockholm at 10:30 in the morning the day after

### ABROLHOS ISLANDS MENACE TO SHIPPING

#### Princess Mafalda Added to Long Toll of Wrecks.

Washington.—The Abrolhos or Santa Barbara Islands, off the central coast of Brazil, near the mouth of the Amazon, are a menace to shipping. The Princess Mafalda, a Brazilian liner, was wrecked on one of the islands in the following months since the London headquarters of the Geographic society, the National Geographic Society, South America, the principal shipping lanes between Europe and South America, and the largest North American ports to Brazil and Argentine, touch both at Pernambuco and Bahia and then skirt the coast southward to Rio de Janeiro. These ship routes pass just outside the Abrolhos islands and their clustering shoals. On Santa Barbara, chief of the islets, is a lighthouse to warn ships to keep to the eastward.

Because these islets, rocks and reefs lie so close to frequented ship lanes, they have taken a heavy toll. Several of the more important shoals are named from ships that have met disaster on them, as La France shoal, on which the steamer La France went aground in 1884, and California shoal, struck by the ship California in 1891.

The isles are approximately 30 miles off the nearest point of the mainland, Bahia or Baleine point. The shoals and reefs stretch 12 or 15 miles farther seaward. Just as North American fishermen frequent the Newfoundland banks, so the Abrolhos bank draws the fishermen of Brazil. Scores of fishing boats are usually to be found near the islands, many of them from Port Seguro, 100 miles to the north. This little port was the landing place in 1500 of Cabral, on whose exploit hung the claim of Portugal to the great land that is now Brazil.

**An Isolated Section.**  
"This has remained an isolated section of the Brazilian coast. The nearest town to the scene of the sinking of the Princess Mafalda is Caravelas, several miles up the river of the same name, and a few miles down the coast from Baleine point. The population of the town is about 4,000. It has a short railway running inland to gold mines, but it is not connected with other coastal towns. The nearest sizable towns are Victoria, 200 miles to the south, and Bahia, 350 miles to the north."

### Goose Bone Prophets Say Winter Will Be Severe

Seattle, Wash.—The rush season for long-range weather forecasting by goose-bone prophets has arrived. According to a press clipping bureau here these predictions for the most part revel in forecasting a severe winter.

To date there have been 53 prognostications of winter weather made and each one is different in the silver foreboding. In sizing up the approaching winter one school holds it will be severe because the breast bones of geese are thick this fall; hunters, trappers, and northwest Indians base their predictions on antics of fur, woodland animals, trees, seeds and scarcity of bird life.

Many use the moon's phases of the almanac to forecast cold weeks. Not one, however, has alluded to sun spots on the weather's behavior.

**MRS. BRADY**  
Wednesday, December 28th, the friends of Mrs. S. L. Grayson were invited to a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. Grayson's 40th birthday. She received a number of nice and useful gifts.

At the noon hour there were thirty-six present to partake of the delicious dinner of which there was a bountiful supply. The birthday cake with the 46 lighted candles were all blown out by Mrs. Grayson. All enjoyed the dinner and wished for Mrs. Grayson many more happy birthdays.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Conder, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson and two children of Bovina, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson and four children. Mr. H. R. Grayson and three children, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago and three children, Mrs. Tom Green, Mr. Virgil Riley, Mr. Floyd L. Grayson and Mr. Ernest Hill of Bursleson, Texas, and Miss Clara Marshall. A Guest.

**League Program**  
Subject: "Take Time to Be Holy."  
Leader, W. A. Whiteley.  
Song and prayer.  
Scripture: Psalm 40:8; Luke 11:9-13; 22:39-44.  
Talks: Tuning in, Milton.  
Opening the prison doors, E. L. Turner.  
The one who went a little further, Harold.  
"At the Point of a Question," asked by leader.  
League Benediction.

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Mrs. O. R. White, of McCame here for a visit with relatives friends during the holidays.



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Mrs. Maude Rogers and son, Ma-ben, of McCamey, are guests in the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jack Durham, this week. Mr. Rogers, who is a 1927 graduate of the Merkel High School, is in the employ of the Orient Railway Com-pany at McCamey.

Judson McRee, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee, was here during the holidays for a visit with home folks and friends. He is a third year student at Baylor Medical School at Dallas, and this paper predicts here and now that he is another of Mer-kel's fine young men who, by hard work and ambition to succeed in the world, is destined to make his mark for a good and useful man in his chosen profession.

Misses Eunice and Nina Belle Rus-sell, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell, were among those to spend the holiday season with home folks and friends. The former is teaching in the Hereford schools and the lat-ter is a student at the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon.

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## ANGELINE'S ENGULFED BY FLOOD

### Acadians Again Driven From Their Homes.

Washington.—The United States' sixth Great Lake, the Lake of the Mississippi, larger than Ontario or Erie, has engulfed the Evangeline country.

When it broke the Atchafalaya river's west dikes, the flood lake roiled its shores over and beyond St. Mar-tin and St. Landry parishes.

"Again the Acadians have been driven from their homes," says a bul-letin of the National Geographic so-ciety from its Washington headquar-ters. "And the disaster is greater, by number of sufferers, than that visited upon Evangeline's people in her time."

"Only 8,000 Acadians were expelled from Nova Scotia in 1765 by Massa-chusetts and British bayonets to be scattered over the earth from Detroit to Corsica and Cayenne. Fifteen hundred of them found their way to New Orleans; many pushed on to Bayou Teche, 150 miles west. There they increased to some 150,000, occu-pying 15 parishes, or counties, when the flood spread over their homes, towns, and lands.

Beautiful is the land, with its prairies and forests of fruit trees; Under the feet a garden of flowers, and the bluest of heavens

Bending above, and resting its dome on the walls of the forest. They who dwell there name it the Eden of Louisiana. . . . All year 'round the orange groves are in blossom; and grass grows More in a single night than a whole Canadian summer.

#### Turn to Stock Raising.

"For a poet, Longfellow's geography is fairly good. Basil, the Acadian blacksmith, has become a herdsman in 'Evangeline.' Most of the refugees in 1765 did turn to stock raising with a few cattle given to them by char-itable French merchants of New Or-leans. Descendants of the Acadians save up stock raising for sugar cane when Etienne de Bore, a Louisianian, discovered how to crystallize sugar from cane syrup. They have helped to make Atchafalaya valley the Sugar Bowl of Louisiana.

"The route over which Longfellow takes Evangeline serves very well for a visitor today. Fifteen miles below Baton Rouge, where,

Sweeps with majestic curve the river away to the eastward. They, too swerved from their course; and entering the Bayou of Pla-que mine, Soon were lost in a maze of sluggish and devious waters.

"This bayou admits to the 'takes of the Atchafalaya,' where 'water lilies in myriads rocked on the slight undulations,' and rocked for years until the Mississippi broke through, threat-ening to make the Atchafalaya river its real mouth instead of an aban-doned one.

"How Evangeline got to Bayou Teche, the poem does not clearly re-late. Many swamp lanes communicate. The Bayou Teche parallels the Atcha-falaya, but it is a true river out of the reach of swamps and bordered by Druid oaks. The two early centers of Acadian settlement were Opelousas and St. Martinsville on the banks of the Teche. Now the flood has reached St. Martinsville for the first time in history and swirls at the foot of the 'Evangeline' oak where her boatman landed. An Acadian descendant gave the Evangeline oak, with 150 acres of land, for a state park.

"While to readers of 'Evangeline' the inhabitants of southwest Louisi-ana are still Acadians, to Louisianians they are 'Cajans' or 'Cajuns, a corrup-tion of Acadian. Four kinds of Frenchmen inhabit the state: the Cre-oles, natives of French and Spanish descent; Frenchmen, who were born in France; the San Domingan Creoles, and finally the Nova Scotian Acad-ians, the 'Cajans.

"The typical Creole frequents the city; the 'Cajan remains a country-man.

Raise Perique Tobacco. "The savor of the 'Cajan coast' comes to us even though we never travel there. It rises steaming from chicken gumbo soup—real gumbo soup—a 'Cajan creation. It rides on the blue smoke wreaths from many pipes, for perique tobacco is also a 'Cajan product.

"Under the sad banners of Spanish moss waving on Evangeline's oak at St. Martinsville, one hears a different ending to the story Longfellow has given us in verse.

"Evangeline's real name was Em-merline Labiche, 'Cajans say, and Gab-riel was Louis Arconeaux. They were deported on separate ships, but Em-merline landed in Maryland. Emmer-line heard that Louis was in Louisi-ana, so she set out to reach him, and after many hardships came to St. Martinsville.

"Gabriel had gone, according to Longfellow, but Louis was there. In fact, local legend holds Emmerline rushed to Louis, the first person she saw at the landing. Louis told her, gently, that he had despaired of see-ing her again. He had married. When she heard this her arms slipped from his neck. Her mind became blank. Emmerline day by day grew more frail. She drooped and died. This is the 'Cajan story.

"They buried her in the little church-ward near the tree where she found Louis; the little churchyard where wa-ter now laps at the ancient graves. She has slept there undisturbed be-side the bright bayou where bloom acres of sky-blue water-hyacinths 4 years when there is no flood."

### Professor . . . U. S. . . to Unknown Varieties

Boston.—The story of one of the most enterprising explorations in the interest of science is being compiled in the report of Prof. Joseph F. Rock, of Harvard university, who recently returned from a three-year explora-tion in the wilds of Tibetan highlands, bordering on China. The expedition was sponsored by the Arnold arbore-tum and the Harvard university bot-anical and zoological departments.

Many difficulties had to be overcome during the trip, according to Profes-sor Rock's report. All the marching was done, in the first place, at high altitudes, seldom less than 15,000 feet, with the atmosphere so rarefied that breathing was rendered difficult. Bit-ter cold in the high altitudes contrast-ed sharply with the heat encountered on other marches through sun-stricken desert lands.

Through snow and ice, wind and sleet, mud and sand the expedition finally won, and has brought to the arboretum and the Harvard museums a great wealth of scientific data.

Though the data and specimens col-lected have not yet been completely classified, there is no doubt the trip was worth while, according to the re-port of Professor Rock. The new col-lection consists of some 30,000 sheets of plants, several hundred packages containing seeds of rare plants, sam-ples of trees and wood found in Tibet, 1,000 bird specimens, almost a thou-sand valuable photographs, besides ex-tensive data on scientific matters.

Many rare and even some al-most extinct birds are in the collec-tion. Among these are specimens of the bearded eagle, having a wing spread of over ten feet; Kolonor cranes, black neck cranes, several hitherto unknown species of pheas-ants, bar neck geese, white ibis, her-ons, cormorants, blue tail bush robins, snow cocks, ravens and snipe. Fully 300 different species of birds are to be found in the collection, according to an estimate of Doctor Outram Bangs, now engaged in a final classifi-cation.

The expedition started in 1924. Prof. Charles Sprague Sargent, direc-tor of the arboretum, who died in Bos-ton while the expedition was still in China, was partly responsible for the expedition, and the expenses were borne entirely by the arboretum au-thorities.

### Loss in Attendance for Prussian Schools

Berlin.—There has been a marked decline in the number of children at-tending the public schools of Prussia. While in 1921, when a school census was last taken, the number of pupils was 5,461,594, figures recently pub-lished by the Prussian ministry of ed-ucation show that there are only 4,432,065 in attendance now.

This decline of more than 24 per cent is explained as being due to the great retrogression in the birth rate during and immediately following the war.

Fortunately the number of teachers has declined by only 6.34 per cent. This means that the classes have be-come somewhat smaller and conse-quently more attention can be given to each pupil. While in 1921 each teacher had on an average 47 pupils to look after, he is now responsible for only 38.

### To Cut America's Sugar Bill Over 200 Million

New York.—The \$232,000,000 which America spends annually for sugar will be kept at home within a few years hence, American farmers will be growing that amount of sugar along with other crops if the plan now being worked out by the bureau of stand-ards is successful.

The experiment is largely based upon growing the wild artichokes, says Farm and Fireside. Artichokes, unlike sugar beets, need little cul-tivation and produce their own seed, whereas sugar beet seed has to be imported from Europe.

From the artichoke comes a sub-stance called levulose, 73 per cent sweeter than cane sugar. Chemically it gives the same sweetness as fresh honey.

#### Now Take It Easy

Mecca, Arabia.—Mohammedans no longer approach Mecca weary and footsore. Indians, Turks and Egyp-tians now make the pilgrimage in their own motor cars.

### His Harem to Motor With King of Arabia

London.—A harem on wheels, large enough to accommodate 24 wives, has been built here for the king of Arabia.

The ambulatory seraglio con-sists of two large and luxurious motor cars, each big enough for a dozen of the king's partners in matrimony. The automobiles were ordered so the king can take some of his spouses along on his frequent long trips through desert sections of his kingdom.

As other men are not allowed to gaze on the king's wives, the cars have no windows, and light and air are admitted through the tops.

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### WAR COMEDY ON WAY TO QUEEN

The comic side of the World War, as it appears in many recent war mirthpieces, reaches its hilarious cli-max in John McCormick's produc-tion, "Lost at the Front," which so-stars George Sidney and Charlie Murray under the First National Pictures' banner.

"Lost at the Front," which was produced by Frank Friffin, is to be the attraction at the Queen Theatre Wednesday and Thursday. It is an entirely new type of World War comedy, and it deals with a new lo-cale; the Russo-German front. A-mong its unusual features is the appearance of the famous Russian, women soldiery, one "Battalion of Death," which figures in some of the most fun-provoking scenes.

Del Lord, ace of the two-reel com-

edy directors, megapho- ture, and Natalie Kings- Baby Star for 1927, ap- ing lady in a most in- that of Olga, a Russian se- one of New York's downtown studios. Among other interesting pe- sonalities in the cast are John Kol- and Max Asher. "Lost at the Front" is a riot of hilarious comedy of every kind from slapstick to comedy-drama through- all its rapid sequences. Its mirth-masters, George S. Charlie Murray, with Lord, who won a studded belt as the director, were two far- Gene The of the ye- Try a Classific-

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