

The Hedley Informer

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MISSION NOTES

The Study Class of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Scales Jan. 21st. Program as follows:

Scripture, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-18.

Prayer in concert. Subject, The Bulu and God 1st Discussion, Bulu Traditions of a Creator.

2nd, The Bulu Struggle with Supernatural.

3rd, The Bulu Encounter with the "Good News."

Question, Have We Claimed Our Right to Be Free from Fear? Supt. Publicity.

Headquarters for Candies and all kinds of Chewing Gum at Kendall's Racket Store.

Mrs. J. A. Moreman, and daughter, Miss Clotele, left last week for Savoy, Fannin county, in answer to a message stating that Mrs. Moreman's father was seriously ill of pneumonia. A message from Mrs. Moreman brought the sad news that her father died last Friday night. Hedley friends of the family deeply sympathize with the bereaved ones. Mrs. Moreman and daughter are expected home today.

For insurance that insures, see C. E. Johnson.

ELECTION CALLED

Commissioner J. G. McDougal was in Clarendon Monday, attending a regular session of the commissioners court.

The petition asking for an election to vote bonds for road improvements in Hedley precinct was acted upon favorably, the election date being set for February 23rd, as may be seen in the notice published elsewhere in this issue.

The stock law election will be held on same date.

Let's see to it that these measures carry, especially the road bond issue, which means much to Hedley and vicinity.

See the new Chevrolet auto at Moreman & Battle's. Ask for demonstration.

The Informer is in receipt of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Myers, 106 Chester avenue, Brooklyn, enclosed in which was a card announcing the arrival of Sharrette Davis Myers Jr. The young man arrived on January 4th, and weighed seven and a quarter pounds. We congratulate the happy parents, and trust the youngster will enjoy health and happiness and bring much joy to his father and mother.

Many lines in Spring Goods are due to arrive at THE DIXIE.

MORE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS MEMBERS

The following citizens of Mc Knight community joined the Red Cross Christmas

The following subscribed for two memberships each:— I C Haynes, E T Watkins, F S Bales, W H Moreman, R L Lamberson, J C Hickerson, T N Messer, J G Willis, J P Haynes.

These for one each:— J P Neely, W S Malone, R E Watkins, W H Moss, W E Mullins, W L Cauthers, J E Willingham, Mrs J G Willis, Olive Willis, Aaron Willis, Celestial Willis, Virgie Willis, J A Willis, Mrs J P Haynes, Miss Birdie Haynes, E E Bankhead, Tom Tate, W H DeBord, C L DeBord, H F Fortenberry, C F Doherty, J E King, Mrs E T Watkins, L A Jamar, M C DeBord, Mrs M C DeBord, C W Williams, A H Alsher, R M Webb, J W Parnley, Mrs W H Moreman, L E Moreman, Harley Moreman, T A Bales, J H Nannery, O G Johnson, C H Lowery, Odos Oller Mr. Cook.

Bray next week.

The Hedley branch of the American Red Cross has changed its place of meeting from the basement of the church to the Woodmen hall. They have also decided to meet twice each week instead of only once. Hereafter the meetings will be on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We are working on the mailin surgical dressings at present, and have a good supply of materials on hand and more ordered. So there will be ample work for all the workers that may come.

We wish the people could realize more fully the necessity of this work and would make greater effort to come to every meeting. Remember that unless the weather is very unusually bad, and it is almost impossible to get to town, there will be the regular meetings, and that we have a good stove and can have a warm, comfortable room. We would be glad to have the country ladies who happen to be in town on these days come up to the work room and help, even for an hour or two, if you are waiting in town or have the time. It isn't at all necessary to be a member of the organization to help with the work.

First Vice Chairman.

CRAWFORD-HUDSON

The Informer has just learned of the marriage some two weeks ago of Jim Crawford and Miss Hudson, two splendid young people of McKnight community. The wedding occurred at the home of Rev. W. H. DeBord, that gentleman performing the ceremony. The young people are now at the home of the groom's father H. M. Crawford.

The Informer joins their other friends in extending congratulations and good wishes.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Patrons of McKnight School District No 23 are notified that the compulsory attendance period begins Feb. 1st 1918.

Bear in mind the date and be governed accordingly

F. M. Messer,
W. S. Malone,
J. C. Bales,
Trustees.

J. M. Shannon was in town Saturday, greeting friends and attending to business.

A letter from N. A. Simmons requests us to change the address of his paper to Logan, New Mexico.

PLANTING SEEDS ARE BADLY NEEDED

Mr. T. G. Marks, lecturer and organizer for the State Department of Agriculture, was here the 15th inst. for the purpose of locating planting seeds of various kinds to supply the drouth stricken area of Texas.

It will take all of the available seeds of the grain sorghums to supply this much needed demand.

Now all who have seeds of any character, and are willing to let them go to these people, will please report what they have, with the amount and price, to Mr. J. P. Pool. He will tabulate the same and report to Commissioner Fred W. Davis, who will at once proceed to get it to these people at the least possible cost.

In many other towns the citizens of town and surrounding country are making liberal donations of seeds—some as much as a car load—to these worthy people. Now, as we have been blessed in this section, why cannot Hedley render a patriotic duty by following the example of these other localities that have not made as good crops as the Hedley country. Let us get busy.

You can save money picking up BARGAINS at THE DIXIE this week.

B. W. M. W.

The B. W. M. W. meets next Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. J. L. Tims.

We are taking up Bible questions again, beginning with the minor prophets. Begin with question No. 777 and include question No. 803.

All members are urgently invited to attend.

Press Reporter.

BAPTIST CHURCH

I. W. Archer, Pastor

Preaching each Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting each Thursday at 7 p. m. Business meeting each first Saturday at 11 a. m. You are cordially invited.

Ed Kinslow, one of Hedley's soldier boys in training at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, came in Thursday of last week on a ten days furlough which he will spend with his home folks and friends. Ed is looking fine and dandy. He says the Hedley boys are all doing well and like army life. We're glad to have him with us.

FORD CAR FOR SALE—A 1917 model Ford, in good condition. U. J. Boston.

Marshall Long was in town Saturday, from his home out Quall way, and stopped at the Informer office to renew his subscription to this paper, the Dallas News and the Kansas City Star.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Rhode Island Red Roosters. Chas. W. Kinslow.

Mark Justice, who has been here some two months visiting his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Smith, left the past week for his home at Forreston.

FORD FOR SALE—A Ford car in A1 condition. All or part cash. Call Informer office.

In Business for Your Health

---that's the reason we buy none but the purest Drugs and Medicines.

We hope you can get through the year without sickness, but at the same time we're prepared to take care of you if you need us. At your service, any time.

HEDLEY DRUG CO.

In Business for Your Health

CITY TAX NOTICE

Citizens of Hedley are hereby notified to call at the Guaranty State Bank and pay their City Taxes and Poll Taxes for 1917.

This is an important election year and you cannot vote unless you pay your poll tax by Jan. 31. And penalties are added to all unpaid taxes after that date.

P. C. Johnson, Mayor.
J. D. Swift, City Tax Coll.

Big shipment Wall Canvas received at THE DIXIE. Call and see grades and get prices.

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday school at 10 a. m. O. B. Battle, superintendent.

Services at 11 a. m.

Preaching at 3 p. m. at Bray school house.

Union Services at 7:15 p. m.

You are invited to worship with us. Cal C. Wright, Pastor.

Rev. Cal C. Wright was a business visitor to Wheeler and Amarillo the past week.

A. A. Stewart of Quall was in town Saturday. He tells us that he has bought some more land, adjoining his farm, and is getting ready to feed his share of the home folks and our allies. His son, Fleagle, is still with the U. S. S. Salem, stationed in the vicinity of Boston.

SPECIAL SERVICES

A union service is prepared for next Sunday evening, at 7:15, at the Methodist church. The purpose of this service is to discuss the conservation of our supplies, and how we can best secure "bit" in this world crisis.

You are urged to be present and take part in this service. Special music by combined choirs, and Miss French will sing a solo.

I. W. Archer, Baptist Pastor.
Cal C. Wright, Methodist Pastor.

FOR SALE—Second Hand Machine, in good condition. Mrs. R. S. Smith, at The Dixie.

J. P. Alexander, J. Walker Lane and P. C. Johnson went to Clarendon Monday, they having been called to serve as grand jurors. The latter was excused, the other two accepted.

You know what the Chalmers car is. If not, let us show you. Moreman & Battle.

Van Boone, B. L. Kinsey, and John Lemmons of Giles were among those who went to Clarendon Monday, as petit jurors in district court.

Best line of California Buck Gloves at Kendall's.

Bank Checks

ARE CLEAN, CONVENIENT AND BUSINESSLIKE

They add to your security; they form a receipt for bills paid; they obviate the necessity of carrying currency around and of making exact change; they form a written record of expenditures.

This bank offers the convenience of a checking account and of an affiliation with a modern financial institution.

The First State Bank
OF HEDLEY, TEXAS

GUARANTY FUND BANK

Here's for 1918

TO HAVE A LITTLE MONEY LAID BY for emergencies—to possess "The Wherewith" for meeting promptly his financial obligations—is one of the most satisfying things in a man's life. More than that, it's a sacred duty he owes to himself and his family, not to mention his creditors.

Start a bank account today, and resolve that throughout 1918 you'll acquire the thrift habit and save a part of your earnings. It's likely they'll "come in mighty handy" sometime. Let's talk it over.

Guaranty State Bank
HEDLEY, TEXAS

Miss Mariana's Family

Hilda Morris

(1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Mariana Winn's old house on Shannon Square, Shannon, was not large. It was one of those blessed bits of green that offer playgrounds for children, shade on hot days, and sunny benches on the crisp, cool afternoons that come in the late September.

There were always plenty of people in Shannon Square, for below it was a poorer section of the city, crowded with children. The children sought the park as ducks seek water, and older people followed—big sisters to look after the children, old men who liked to sit and watch life go past, and sometimes young people who anxiously scanned the "Help Wanted" columns in the papers.

Miss Mariana liked to open the long white shutters at her front window and watch the people in the Square. She had no veranda, and the little park was her front yard. She loved it at all times of the year, but especially in autumn, when the leaves piled up for children to play in and the branches, half unveiled, traced delicate patterns against the sky.

In truth Miss Mariana was sometimes a little lonely and she found comfort in the people outside. She used to imagine things about them; make up romantic stories about their apparently sordid lives. Her own life had been so quiet, so remote from romance, that it thrilled her delicately even to think of romantic things, such as love affairs and travel and adventure. Miss Mariana was only twenty-eight, but she had spent her life in a quiet round of duties that was like a still back-water in the city's busy life. Her mother had been an invalid, requiring constant care, and when she died Mariana was thin and a bit faded, with a spare figure and plain coiffure that were far from girlish. Yet there was a look of innocent youth in her eyes, shy, and a bit wistful. There was no one to notice it, however, and she continued to live alone in the old house, watching the people in the park and filling her days with dreams.

There was one young man in particular who sat in the Square very often. He brought a little boy with him—a fine, sturdy child of about four, who romped on the patch of lawn with the other children. The young man himself always seemed to be busy. He would write steadily for several hours at a time, only looking up now and then to call the child, or going after him if play became too rough. Sometimes the little boy would come and climb upon the bench with his father, snuggling a curly head against his shoulder. And the young man would pat the child and go on working, now and then looking down to smile at his little son. They seemed to be good pals.

Mariana tried vainly to imagine what the young man might be doing. Also, she wondered where the mother was and why there was no one else to care for the boy. She often hoped that the young father, who must be a widower, would notice some of the pretty girls who sat in the park. It was a shame for such a pleasant man to look so lonely. But he never did notice any of the girls. After all, he looked quite like a gentleman, and they were not his kind of girls. He was probably an author; she had heard that they were usually poor.

"I wonder that child doesn't get into mischief," thought Miss Mariana. "I guess it's a good thing I'm sitting here wrapped up in that book, or whatever it is he's writing."

And then as the young man looked up, gazing abstractly, apparently toward the window where she sat, Mariana leaned forward eagerly to notice his fine, clean profile. Her eyes were bright with an innocent interest. It never occurred to her that he might be looking at her—nobody had ever cared much about looking at her, even when she was very young. Unconscious of his gaze, she sat there, rocking gently, between her long white shutters, the very picture of homely peace and quiet. After that the author's eyes strayed often from his work, as though he must seek inspiration in the walls of a red-brick cottage or the long white shutters at its windows.

The day after this the young man did not come into the park at all. Mariana, having finished her simple household tasks, took her place at the accustomed window, eager for a sight of the life that moved about outside. If she was eager for the sight of one particular person she did not know it herself. Her heart was unused to even the first throbs of that emotion called love. Love as she had read about it was a thrilling thing, that came upon one suddenly, usually in some picturesque environment, and she had never imagined that it could steal over any woman like a gentle warning tide of happiness. However, she was happy; there was a shine in her eyes and a budding smile upon her lips. Although she did not know it, Mariana Winn was looking younger than usual.

But as the afternoon went on the smile faded a little. She wanted to see the little boy. She searched eagerly

among the throngs of children. Ah, there he was! A stout, rosy-faced young girl had him firmly by the hand. She was leading him toward the bench where the father usually sat. Miss Mariana craned her head to look at the young woman. Somehow she had never supposed the little boy's mother would look like that. He was adorably brown-curlled, but she wore flaxen frizzes that looked suspiciously artificial. She was a bit untidy, too, and her soiled white shoes were run down at the heels. A long sigh of disappointment escaped Miss Mariana, and some frail thing of the spirit seemed borne away from her on its faint breath. The shine had left her eyes, but she sat watching.

Being comfortable established on the bench, the blonde-haired young woman drew out a novel and began to read. The little boy danced away to play, and the autumn afternoon shadows lengthened visibly. At last it grew very dark and chill at Miss Mariana's window.

Suddenly the air was rent by a child's shrill scream—shrill enough to be heard above the sounds of traffic and the noise of children's play. Mariana Winn looked out quickly to see the little boy—his little boy—with blood streaming from a hurt on his forehead. He had fallen perhaps, or—Miss Mariana did not wait for conjectures. She rushed out into the park and gathered the weeping child into her arms, smoothing the dark curls from the cut on his head. It was not a serious injury, but she bore him into the house, followed by a troupe of curious youngsters.

She had completely forgotten, the blonde-haired young woman, and it was not until she had washed the cut and bound it up, and established Tommy on the sofa with a ginger cookie, that an angry ring at the door proclaimed the fact that the young woman was in search of him. Moreover she was not alone. The father, white with anxiety, stepped in first.

"Where—?" he began. Then, seeing Tommy, he hugged the child and turned to Mariana with eager, anxious questions.

"He isn't hurt much," she assured him, "only he was frightened, and there seemed to be no one near—"

"Where were you, Theresa?" he asked sharply, turning to the rosy blonde.

"I—why I was just over by the gate talking to a fella. I—"

"That will do for you, then. I hired you to look after Tommy. If you can't do it better than that you may go."

"All right, I'll go then," she retorted pettily. And Miss Mariana's door slammed after her, leaving a strange quiet behind it.

The young man sat looking at her with wistful eyes, that made Miss Mariana drop her own, and a warm blush filled her cheeks. He was speaking something about being very grateful to her for looking after the child, something about being very lonely, and having no one to care for Tommy. Whatever it was he said, it sent strange thrills of ecstasy through Mariana Winn. When she spoke she looked so young and eager one would scarcely have known her.

"Bring him here again," she was saying. "I'd love to take care of Tommy sometimes. I've nothing else to do, and I love children. Bring him when ever you like; but please don't leave him to any such nursemaids again. I'd so much rather you'd bring him here."

"I will, then," he agreed, "if you really mean it. And I wonder—could I come again some time, too?"

"Oh, yes," she nodded lightly. "Of course. Only I don't believe I know your name."

"Henry Moore. And you are Miss Winn, I know. I will come again."

He said this as if he meant it. And Miss Mariana knew that he meant it. She went about her work singing after they were gone. For deep in her heart she knew.

Portable Telephone.

"This is only the eleventh time I have been up and down stairs to answer that telephone this morning," sighed a physician's wife. "I should like to sew just one hour in peace."

"Why don't you have a portable telephone?" suggested the sympathetic seamstress. "Mrs. X has one, and my! you have no idea the steps it saves her. You know she is quite a club woman, and has so many calls. The arrangement is simply an ordinary desk telephone with a very long cord. When she goes up to the den at the head of the stairs to sew or write, it seems funny enough to see her go telephone in hand. In the kitchen she has it handy on the cabinet, and when resting on the living porch she does not even have to get out of the hammock to answer a telephone call. Your telephone being stationary at the stairway landing, a similar arrangement could be effected."

Impertinent.

"I wish to report the clerk in your office," said the irate spinster of mature years to the manager of the seaside hotel. "She's most impertinent."

"How so, madam?"

"I inquired whether my rooms had been reserved, and she called out to the porter, 'Do you think this lady's sweet sixteen?'"

And it took the manager a quarter of an hour to convince her that "suite" 16 was meant.

Congratulation.

"Allow me to congratulate you," said the mild stranger.

"What for?" asked the grumpy man.

"Oh, anything—nothing—the glorious weather, the green fields, the birds, the fact that you are well and strong. Don't that something?"

"No."

"Then congratulate me for not having a disposition like yours."

What Well Dressed Women Will Wear



PROMINENT IN THE WINTER STYLES' PARADE.

People are flocking South in winter like the birds. Railroads have annihilated distance so that the journey between lands of snow and lands of sun is measured by a few hours. The wonder is that anyone can possibly help it endure the sting of Northern winters for months and months, especially as the genial South has many allurements besides its climate. Among them are the smart clothes that the fair Southern tourist indulges in.

This business of furnishing apparel for winter tourists' wear has become an important factor in establishing fashions and all womanhood is interested in the parade of styles at Palm Beach, Coronada and other centers where people of wealth assemble. The best things that money can buy are seen in these places and they tone up the dress of women all over the land.

For instance, the hat and bag to match shown in the picture above is one of many beautiful matched sets made in anticipation of the demand for smart and novel dress accessories which come into a rush just about Christmas time or immediately after the holidays. Of course milady of fashion is accompanied everywhere by her knitting bag, and she may have several of these indispensables made to wear with several hats. This set will be just as appropriate in the North as in the South. The small hat is of black taffeta and is a simple affair,

medium length, are the best-liked like the birds. Railroads have annihilated distance so that the journey between lands of snow and lands of sun is measured by a few hours. The wonder is that anyone can possibly help it endure the sting of Northern winters for months and months, especially as the genial South has many allurements besides its climate. Among them are the smart clothes that the fair Southern tourist indulges in.

One of the cleverest new scarfs is made of Hudson seal, and is about a yard and a half long and in the neighborhood of fifteen inches wide. At each end of the scarf there is a small pocket, hardly discernible, but quite equal to keeping the hands warm. Along the edge of the scarf, on one side, there is a band of martin fur, four inches wide. It is only half as long as the scarf and therefore does not reach to the ends on either side. It protects the back of the neck and proves a becoming addition to this novel neck-piece.

Another novelty in the same combination is a short sleeveless mantle of sealskin with a wide shawl collar of martin. The mantle is merely a square cape at the back and front, joined at the shoulders.

In the group of neck-pieces shown above, it will be noticed that short tails of fur, along with legs and claws, have returned to favor as a finish; also that neck-pieces are scarfs that



BEST-LIKED STYLES IN FURS.

shirled over cords. It is faced with a color and bound about the edge with gold braid. The small blossoms applied to it are made of ribbon and are lovely examples of millinery art.

The bag, in the shape of an old-fashioned basket, is made in the same way and its lining matches that of the hat. Its handles are of the gold braid lined with silk and it is flower-trimmed like the hat with ribbon flowers. The shape is a happy thought of the designer giving a quaint flavor of old times to a most up-to-date accessory.

Next to the natural shape of the fox pelt, with head, tail and legs, square capes and straight, wide scarfs of

look like capes, or capes that look like scarfs, lending themselves to a casual adjustment that is considered very chic. The square cape of kolinsky at the left has a narrow flat collar of the same fur. The scarf at the center is of Hudson seal with fox collar. At the right a longer flat scarf is shown, and this is developed in fox fur. It is liked for all the rarer furs as well as sable, mink, martin. Ermine is at its best in small scarfs and collars or as a trimming on other fur wear.

Julia B. Bromley

BEEF CATTLE BARN AND PEN FOR BULL

Designed to Provide Plenty of Hay Storage With Large Feed Room.

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These Include an Automatic Food Hopper, Covered Barnyard and Breeding Box—Suggestions for Handling Bull.

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 187 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for reply.

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.

The beef cattle barn shown in the illustrations is designed to provide a considerable storage for hay with convenient feeding arrangements for a good many cattle. The construction follows the plank frame type which utilizes only stock sizes of lumber which can be obtained in even the smallest of lumber yards. This type of construction has become very popular in all parts of the country and it has many advantages, which are now generally known and accepted.

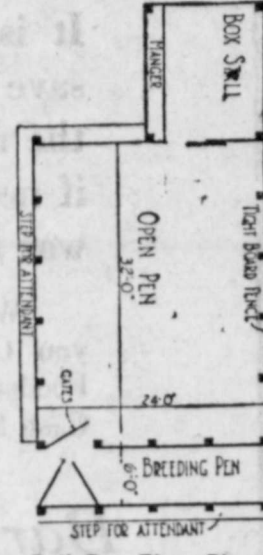
This design provides for a basement under the whole barn with windows along four sides. A gambrel roof on the self-supporting plan covers the main building, with the peak of the roof pushed up high enough to make an extra large storage mow. On the east side of the barn is a shed open at the front, but closed in completely at one end and partially at the other. This part of the barn is commonly called a covered barnyard.

The foundation under the main barn is a 12-inch concrete wall, with 24-inch footings. The wall is high enough to make a 9-foot basement. With the

In connection with this stable arrangement and the covered barnyard with its feed racks and watering trough, which keep the cattle under cover when the weather is rough and stormy, there should be a system of outside yards and paddocks where the cattle can be aired and exercised when the weather is fit.

This plan also includes a well designed bull pen. Very often a valuable bull, one that is prized very highly, commences to show signs of bad temper when he is about three years old. Breeders of live stock recognize that aged bulls of known propretency are almost priceless to a breeder.

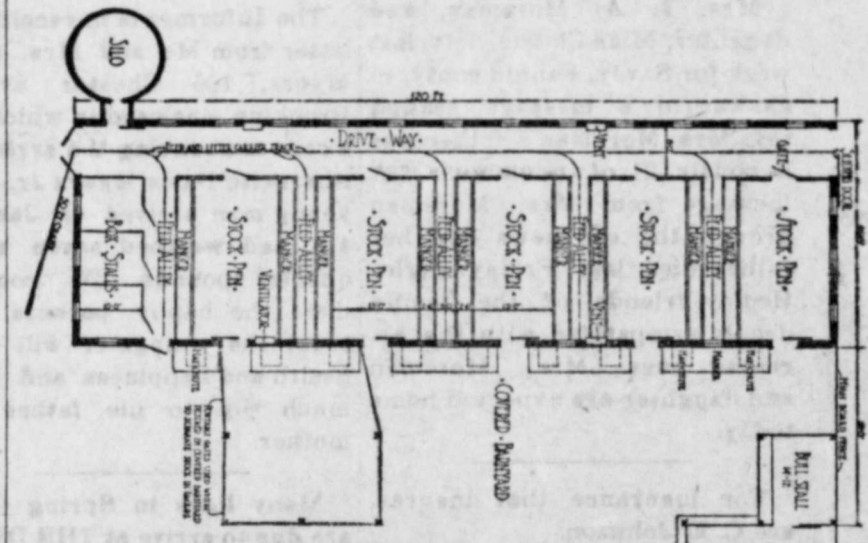
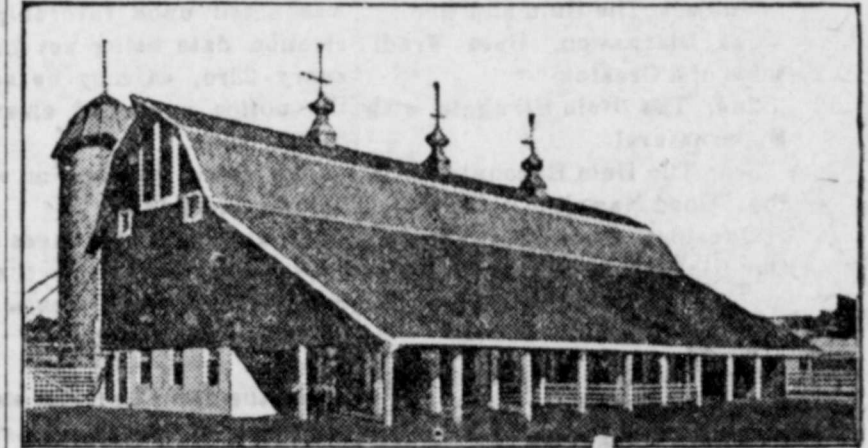
A bull must not be closely confined, because he needs exercise, fresh air and companionship. Solitary confinement has ruined many good bulls. The small plan drawing shows a suggestion



Bull Pen Floor Plan.

for a bull pen to be built in connection with this barn. It is built along the north side of the barnyard, as an extension to the stock shed. In fact, the bull stall is built in the end of the stock shed and the yard extends 38 feet beyond.

Good solid posts are planted 6 feet apart on the north line of the barnyard and a tight board fence is boarded on the outside and battened to make a wind break. The bottom of the wind break is made of coarse concrete, extending from post to post, the concrete being made flush with the outside of the posts, so that the boarding can be lapped down over the concrete to make



Floor Plan of Cattle Barn.

concrete floor in place there is 8 feet 6 inches in the clear above the feed alley floors.

There are rows of mangers in this basement running crosswise, so that each alley opens into the covered barnyard. There are feed racks in the shed and a watering tank at one end, so the cattle can feed and drink at any time.

There are chutes from the storage mow to carry alfalfa hay directly to the feed racks in the covered barnyard. These chutes may be stuffed full of hay and it will feed down automatically into the racks, feed hopper fashion. As the cattle eat the hay from below it keeps sliding down.

This arrangement is scientifically correct. The hay is not mused over until it is eaten. The chutes are full of hay, which prevents an upward current of air from carrying the breath of the animals to contaminate the hay in the chutes. As an extra precaution, a slide door may be arranged at the upper end of each chute to be closed each time after the chute is filled with hay. This method of feeding alfalfa to beef cattle is one which should be carefully considered, for it has many advantages over a less systematic and easily-handled system of feeding.

Beef cattle to grow and lay on fat in the winter time must have great quantities of fodder. Concentrates are all right in making up rations, but they must be diluted with roughage. By keeping fresh alfalfa hay and nice bright straw before the cattle within reach all the time and richer feeds given regularly in the stable, they will help themselves and mix up a ration that will keep them growing continually.

a wind-proof joint. Metal battens are used and the entire surface is afterwards painted.

Along the north side fence is a shed roof to give further protection against wind and also to keep one side of the yard dry during a rainy time. The south fence, on the barnyard side, is made of heavy boards, four and one-half feet high.

The bull stall is only about eight feet square, made like a box stall with a manger across the front. A drop door across the whole length of the manger may be opened and hooked up at feeding time or during pleasant weather. This door is also used to reach in to snap the bull lead into the ring in his nose. There is a plank extending along the front side of the exercising yard fence, so that the attendant may lead the bull to the breeding pen without entering the yard.

The plan of arranging three gates at the far corner of the bull pen is an ingenious safety device. There are two gates between the bull and liberty, both opening in. If by any chance the fasteners should be unhooked, the weight of the gates would shut, as the incline of the hinges pitches towards the posts. The fasteners on all three gates are bolts that may be reached from the raised plank steps.

The exercising yard is 24 feet by 32 feet. This makes good quarters for the bull during the greater part of the year. The small box stall is made warm and comfortable for cold weather. A sliding door operated by a lever from the plank step opens or closes the bull stall. When it is necessary to clean the stall or the yard, the bull is fastened into the breeding pen.

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NOTICE.—Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Informer will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publisher.

Abbe Martin says: Some fellers are so jealous o' ther rights that they fergit t' make a livin'.

M. H. Wolfe, chairman of the state executive committee of the prohibition forces, will call a mass meeting in Dallas within the next sixty days to outline a prohibition campaign for 1918.

Senator Morris Sheppard has announced his candidacy for reelection to the U. S. Senate. He pledges his support of every measure for the effective prosecution of the war, and will continue to oppose the liquor traffic at every opportunity.

Lieutenant Governor Johnson of Memphis has gone to Austin to look after a number of state matters. Among other things, he will confer with the Governor and Attorney General relative to accepting from the contractors the new state school for the blind which is now completed at a cost of \$350,000.

Captain Bill MacDonald, long famous as a Texas ranger, U. S. marshal and bodyguard to Presidents, died Tuesday in Wichita Falls of pneumonia. He was, beyond doubt, one of the nerviest and most competent peace officers in the nation, and had a host of warm friends. A prominent man once said that Bill McDonald would charge hell with a bucket of water. Captain Bill's creed was: "No man in the wrong can stand up against a fellow that's in the right and keeps on a comin'." He did his work well. Peace to his ashes.

A new year is here. It is a time for invoice. Business men take an invoice of their stock. Would it not be business for you to take one of yourself? Life, each life, is a business. Have you gained or lost last year? Have you used the talents that have been given you so as to gain other talents? Is there any prospect of your being placed over ten cities, or five cities, or one city? Have you declared any dividends in the way of loving and helping others and have you added anything to the capital stock of your character? These are pertinent questions that press us all for an answer.—Ex.

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Don't forget that poll tax.

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Political Announcements

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
H. C. BRUMLEY

For Judge 47th Judicial District:
HUGH L. UMPHRES
(Re-election)
HENRY S. BISHOP

For County and District Clerk:
W. E. BRAY

Every year our people are learning to study the advertising columns of their home paper more and more, and they will find out that it pays them to trade at home.

Listen to this gospel as recorded by The American Thresherman and Farm Power: The war now being waged for freedom from tyranny is going to be won largely by American bullets, fired from American guns by American soldiers, your boys and mine, many of whom will fall in battle and many others of whom will suffer from wounds and otherwise. Among these may be your boy or mine. What are you doing to help win the war? Have you subscribed liberally to the various auxiliaries, the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A., and are you urging others to do likewise? Are you knitting sweaters and socks for the soldiers, ladies? If not, after reading this, go to your closet and kneeling there ask God's help to guide you in doing everything in your power to help win this war. And then start the work and God will guide you in the right. The war has been forced upon this nation, the best in the world, and if we lose in this struggle, then God help you and me and those who come after us. You think you are being taxed now and called on to subscribe for many funds, but you'll bend your back under the tyrant's yoke all the days of your life, and you will leave a more galling yoke for your children and for your children's children to bear than has ever fallen to the lot of the oppressed of any nation on earth, if we do not win. This is not fiction, it's as true as holy writ. Watchman, what of the night?

See the new Corner Rugs at
Thompson Bros.

BRINSON-BEACH

Tuesday evening two more of Hedley's popular young people decided to travel life's road together when Graham Brinson and Miss Frances Beach were united in wedlock's holy bond.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Penn Dishman was the scene of the happy event, Rev. I. W. Archer the officiating minister.

The Informer wishes them abundant happiness and prosperity.

In district court at Clarendon Jim Morgan was acquitted on a charge of killing W. M. Sparks some months ago. We are told that the jury was out only a few minutes.

The War of All Nations

booms away, and still you are interested in home affairs and mid-west events. Take your home paper, The Hedley Informer, and the Weekly Kansas City Star and keep up also on the big war news.

Two Papers for Price of One

Many nations at war, millions of armed men involved, greatest navies of the world concerned, the very face of the earth may be changed, and you and your folks will want to know all about it. Send, bring or mail us \$1.25 for one year's subscription to both papers. New or renewal

NOTICE OF ELECTION

For Issuance of Road Bonds in Commissioners Precinct No. Three, Donley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DONLEY

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 23rd day of February, 1918, at the several voting boxes of Commissioners Precinct No. Three, in Donley county, Texas, which said Commissioners Precinct No. Three is described as follows: Commencing at the center of the county as same is established by law; thence south in a line running thru the center of the county north and south, to the south boundary line of the county; thence east on the south boundary line to the S. E. corner of said county; thence north on the east boundary line of the county to the center point of said east boundary line; thence on a line running thru the center east and west to the place of beginning; to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property tax paying voters of that Commissioners precinct desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said Commissioners precinct in the amount of \$30,000 00, the bonds to be of the denominations of \$500 00 each, numbered consecutively from one to sixty, both inclusive, payable 40 years from their date, and bearing five and one half per cent interest per annum, payable semi-annually, on the 10th day of April and 10th day of October, each year to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing, maintaining, and operating graveled or paved roads and in aid thereof, and to determine whether the Commissioners court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds or any of them are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within said Commissioners precinct sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity. Also to determine whether the qualified tax paying voters of said Commissioners precinct No. Three, in Donley county, Texas, as the same is above described, desire a road tax of fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars worth of said property in said precinct subject to taxation, for the upkeep of said roads.

All persons who are legal qualified voters of this State and this county and who are resident property tax payers in said precinct shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the Commissioners Court of this county by order made on the 14th day of January, 1918, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. A petition bearing the requisite number of signatures praying for said election was filed with the Court before said order was entered.

J. H. O'Neall,
County Judge of
Donley County, Texas.

See our stock of Mirrors and Picture Frames. We are equipped to make you any size picture frames from six inches to six feet square. Thompson Bros.

Thrift clubs are being organized all over the country and wastefulness is being eliminated by rich and poor alike. Thrift is one of the good things that are coming to us as a result of the world war.

LOST—Last Thursday morning from back, somewhere between town and the school building, a dark gray bed blanket. Finder return to the Informer office.

SCHOOL OVERCROWDED

At a meeting of the School Board yesterday it was decided that all under the scholastic age would have to be dropped from the rolls. The trustees regret very much to take this action, but something had to be done to relieve immediately the congested condition, and this seemed the only thing to do.

Our school and our teachers are still overburdened. In Miss Helm's room there were 86 pupils, and all the grades are crowded beyond the limit. \$50 pupils with eight teachers is the situation. We must surely enlarge our facilities for another year.

In this connection it was brought to our attention that a Kindergarten class of good size could be secured now, if a building is available, and we understand there is one that can be had. We hope some one will take up the matter and give our little folks a start on the road to knowledge.

Two carloads of new Furniture on the way. Thompson Bros.

BISHOP FOR JUDGE

The Informer is authorized to announce this week the candidacy of Hon. Henry S. Bishop for the office of Judge of the 47th Judicial District of Texas, subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic primaries.

Mr. Bishop has lived in this district 25 years, taught school, was admitted to the bar, began the practice of law, and for 14 years served the people faithfully and well as district attorney. He promises the same sort of service as District Judge, should the people see proper to honor him, and that he will fulfill this promise none who know him will question. He is a man who appreciates the support of his friends, and shows that appreciation by never ceasing effort to render just and faithful service. Consider his claims when you go to vote next July.

For insurance that insures, see C. E. Johnson.

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Glasses and Lenses Properly
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CHILDRESS, TEXAS

Dr. Johnson will at Nippert Hotel
Jan. 19th and 22nd and 23rd
Hedley, Texas

Dr. F. B. Erwin, veterinarian of Memphis, was a business visitor in Hedley Tuesday. Frank is a Clarendon-raised boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Erwin, whom we have known several years. We are pleased to hear excellent reports of him, both as a veterinarian and citizen. He is enjoying a large practice, and offers his services to Hedley people through a professional card which may be seen in this issue.

Buy Thrift Stamps!

STRAY NOTICE—There has been at my place the past three months a coming two year old heifer, pale red, no brand, right ear cropped. Owner can get same by paying for this notice and other damages. T. F. Brown,
Nine miles N. W. of Hedley.

Everything in Hardware and Furniture—at right prices.
More nap & Battle.

THE DIXIE

A Strictly Cash Store

During our period of business here we have not considered a credit store, but have had some things to go out, charged for a time, which usually ends in trouble and a times loss of customer. Considering the high price for goods and expense in running our store, we start out this year on

Strictly Cash Terms

to one and all. Cash in hand. No 30-day accounts nor continuation of small charges as has been our custom heretofore. Articles of sizes will be sent out on approval and can be returned, if in a short time and in good condition, and price paid refunded. When the articles are fitted in our store to customers, they are accepted in return only in exchange.

In future we will also discontinue the practice of allowing children to take out goods not ordered by parents. We believe our principles laid down in this work are well founded and will be better for our customers as well as ourselves. About all the annoyance we are subject to is over some petty account or misunderstanding. Our aim is to give our customers the very best values for the money, and to do so we must begin to lessen the expenses, which have increased about one-third over one year ago, and the same business requires that much more capital.

Assuring you we appreciate your patronage, and our stand is not taken on account of loss on accounts, but because we can serve you better and have a better and nicer line to select from. Thanking you for last year's favors,

O. N. STALLSWORTH

NOTICE

J. W. Atkins, the expert Hatter, is in town. Bring in your old hats and have them cleaned and blocked and made as good as new. At Clark's Tailor Shop.

The State Department of Agriculture continues to agitate the use of jack rabbit meat, especially throughout the duration of the war. In fact, this meat is now used extensively in various forms, and is very palatable. Recipes for cooking or canning the meat in many ways are being sent out, and it seems to us that people should take advantage of this opportunity to obtain a good food and at the same time rid this county of a pest. Get after the rabbits!

New Mattresses, a car load, at \$5 to \$20. Thompson Bros.

Ed Gerner of Lelia Lake was a visitor in Hedley last Sunday morning.

We have the agency for Chalmers and Chevrolet autos. New models, superior in many ways. Demonstration cars on hand. Moreman & Battle.

J. E. Blankenship was a Clarendon visitor last Saturday.

LOST—Maxwell wheel with 80x3 casing. Notify S. Jackson, Clarendon, Texas, and receive reward.

Mr. and Mrs. Jet Brumley and little son spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Memphis.

Writing and Roll Top Desks, Office Chairs, Revolving Chairs. See our line. Thompson Bros.

Willie Johnson, son of Mayor and Mrs. P. C. Johnson, is confined to his room this week with measles. This is the first Willie has ever missed a day from the school room since he first started to school some years ago.

J. P. Pool had business in Clarendon Tuesday.

Fire insurance, this world only
C. E. Johnson.

New style Kitchen Cabinets and new style Beds at
Thompson Bros.

J. R. Benson and J. K. Caldwell attended to business in the county capital Tuesday.

SUDAN GRASS SEED

for sale. Pure and clean. No Johnson grass on farm where it was grown. Will show samples. Hedley Realty Co.

For insurance that insures, see C. E. Johnson.

Today the South has invested in 777 cotton mills, with 9,300,000 spindles, \$225,000,000. Twenty-five years ago she had only \$21,000,000 invested. That's fine progress, and we hope to see more along the same line.

R. A. Bayne, who is farming this year on the Gentry Bros. ranch, was here Saturday.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Until December
1st for
\$5.00

SEE THE INFORM-
ER MAN

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THE KITCHEN CABINET

Under spot on earth? on the hearth, try rug and small picture on the wall, table and a light, all shaded and bright, hollow lacy chair, With cushions plump to spare, A jewel of a book— My cosy reading nook.

ECONOMICAL DISHES.

To make a small amount of meat go a good ways, try

English Hash.—Put three tablespoonfuls of olive oil in a frying pan, when very hot add a half pound of chopped beef and stir it with a fork until it is well seared, then add three cupfuls of boiled rice, one small onion chopped, a teaspoonful of salt and a fourth of a teaspoonful of paprika, with a few dashes of cayenne. Cook until the meat is well done, stirring all the time. Serve at once.

Buckwheat Gems.—Beat one egg, add a half cupful of sugar and three tablespoonfuls of melted shortening. Add a cupful of milk and a cupful of buckwheat, a little at a time, until well mixed, then add a half cupful of wheat flour, into which has been sifted one and a half teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a half teaspoonful of salt. Bake in gem pans. These may be split and served with honey or maple syrup.

Apples Stuffed With Rice.—Core six red apples and fill the centers with boiled rice mixed with cinnamon and sugar. Put in a pan and add a little water and bake as usual. Serve hot with cream.

Washington Salmon Salad.—Mix together one and a half cupfuls of flaked salmon, half a cupful of celery cut fine, two tablespoonfuls of chopped green peppers, one small onion, minced, and mayonnaise to moisten, with salt and pepper to season. Garnish with slices of tomatoes. Arrange on a bed of lettuce and garnish with mayonnaise.

Peanut Rice Salad.—Wash three tablespoonfuls of rice and cook ten minutes in boiling salted water. Drain and cover with a cupful of orange juice and cook in a double boiler until tender. Cool, mix with a half cupful of finely chopped peanuts, make into balls as little cream cheese, serve as a garnish on lettuce.

Three Ice Cream.—Take three oranges, three lemons and three bananas, mash the bananas and use the juice of the other fruit, put all together, add three cupfuls of sugar and three of water, cooked together for ten minutes, and cooled and let stand an hour. Add a half pint of cream and freeze as usual.

WAR FOOD.

Our soldiers need wheat, we can use corn, oats, barley, rye and rice. Our soldiers need butter and lard, we can use peanut oil, peanut butter, cotton seed products, corn, coconut oil and drippings. They need sugar, we can use honey, molasses and sirups. They need ham, beef, mutton, we may eat chicken, nuts, fish, perishable meats that cannot be shipped like liver, kidneys and sweet breads, eggs and cottage cheese.

Corn cannot be shipped as it does not carry well as cornbread and there are no mills abroad for grinding such grains, the people do not know how to use it and we cannot try a new untried food upon those already overburdened with the horrors of war. We are asked to do a very little in conserving one-fourth of our fat, one-fourth of our wheat, one-sixth of our sugar and one-seventh of our meat. If in every home of the twenty million in our country this is done we will save enough to feed the people across the water. If we can by giving little better measure, by doing a little more than is asked of us, we will be helping for some who will not and some who can not.

Barley Yeast Bread.—Take one cupful of milk, or water one tablespoonful of sugar, a tablespoonful of fat, a teaspoonful of salt, one and a sixth cupful of barley flour, two and a third cupfuls of white flour, and a half yeast cake, or a quarter of a cupful of home made yeast. To make this use a cake of dry yeast, a pint of potato water two mashed potatoes, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and a teaspoonful of salt, let stand overnight, add two tablespoonfuls of flour and put away in a covered jar. It will keep for two weeks in a cold place.

Fifty-Fifty Rye Yeast Bread.—Take a cupful of milk or water, potato water is good, a tablespoonful of fat, two of sugar, a teaspoonful of salt, two and a fourth cupfuls of wheat flour, the same of rye, and a half cupful of home made yeast. Do not add all of the flour in the above breads until the time for kneading.

Let not a crumb of any food be wasted. If your family does not like

corn meal try to present it in such a manner that they will like it. "Conversion is patriotism in this case." We do not like war, but we will have to bear it, we may not like many kinds of foods, but we must eat them to save, that there may be no more war.

True hospitality consists in having what you were going to have anyway, and not changing the cloth unless you were going to anyway.

CORN, THE AMERICAN FOOD.

As we wish to save every ounce of white flour possible in our food in these days of pressing need, it is well for us to remember that our forefathers had little else but corn for bread in the early days. In 1588 Harriot in his account of the Virginia colony writes of maize as follows: "The graine is about the bigness of our ordinary English pease, it yeelde white sweete flowre; being used according to its kind, it maketh a very good bread."

As cornmeal or corn flour lacks the tenacious substance (gluten) present in wheat it is impossible to make a good yeast bread from it alone; but by using the flour in the sponge, cornmeal may be used as substitute from one-fourth to a third of the flour used in kneading, in this way saving a large amount of flour for our country's need. Bread which has corn flour or cornmeal added should be longer baked to be palatable.

Fifty-Fifty Biscuits.—Take two cupfuls of white flour, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two teaspoonfuls of salt, three tablespoonfuls of shortening and two of sugar, liquid to mix to the proper consistency, about one to one and a half cupfuls. Milk, potato water or other vegetable water of little flavor may be used, in this way much mineral matter is taken into the body.

Fifty-Fifty Griddle Cakes.—Take one cupful of sour milk, three-fourths cupful each of flour and corn meal, a half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of baking powder, a half teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful of molasses and one beaten egg. Get a few pounds of flank fat, try it out, saving the scraps, mix the fat white hot with lard and it will keep it soft as butter. Use the scraps finely chopped to stir into a cornmeal mush, well seasoned with salt, and a few dashes of cayenne. Pour into a bread pan to mold. Unmold and slice, fry in the hot flank fat, for a most fitting breakfast dish.

War calls women to national service as well as men. The nation needs well developed men and women and diet is a great essential for proper physical development.

GOOD ECONOMICAL DISHES.

In these days with a desire to have a small portion of meat do double duty, the following will appeal to the thrifty housewife.

Beef and Potato Roll.—Take a pound loaf and put it twice through the meat chopper, add a teaspoonful of salt, a few dashes of pepper, one egg, and a half pint of cold boiled potatoes finely chopped, form into a roll about six inches long and bake for half an hour, basting it once or twice during the baking. Serve either with tomato or brown sauce. It may be rolled in oiled paper and baked over the paper while cooking.

Where there is a small family a three-pound chicken will serve for several meals. Cook the wing tips and giblets, chopping the giblets when cooked and adding to the broth, this making sufficient gravy to serve with the fowl for two or three meals. Make the gravy by using any sweet fat brown with flour, then add some of the broth with a spoonful or two of the chopped giblets, cook until smooth, change the flavor, using celery salt, onion, or parsley, with a dash of tobacco or Worcestershire and kitchen bouquet.

A serving of the second joints and drumsticks parboiled and the liquid added to the gravy broth then brown the pieces in a little hot fat will make a fine meal with baked or mashed potatoes, then the rough pieces, neck and back in a stew with dumplings and gravy, making a little meat and much dumpling and gravy answer for the meal. Then there will be a little of the breast left which may be used in a few dainty sandwiches or mixed with apple in a salad or finely minced and served in a sauce either of the broth or a white sauce on toast. All the bones carefully saved may be crushed and covered with cold water and will make another cup or two of good broth which may be set away and used after a day or two. A chicken costing 80 cents may thus serve a family of two or three with three or even four good meals, and they need not come in succession so that one tires of the flavor.

Neenie Maxwell

OLD STONINGTON



Billings-Burtch House, 150 Years Old.

BY THE peaceful waters of Long Island sound, ancient Stonington sits and dreams of the victorious conflicts of the past. The summer visitor is now the only invader and even he is oftentimes conquered by the beauty of sea and shore. If he loves the flavor of antiquity, his fate is sealed and Stonington has added one more to the list of her conquests.

What other Connecticut town was ever the scene of an American victory over the British? Stonington twice defeated the naval forces of England; once in 1775 and again in 1814!

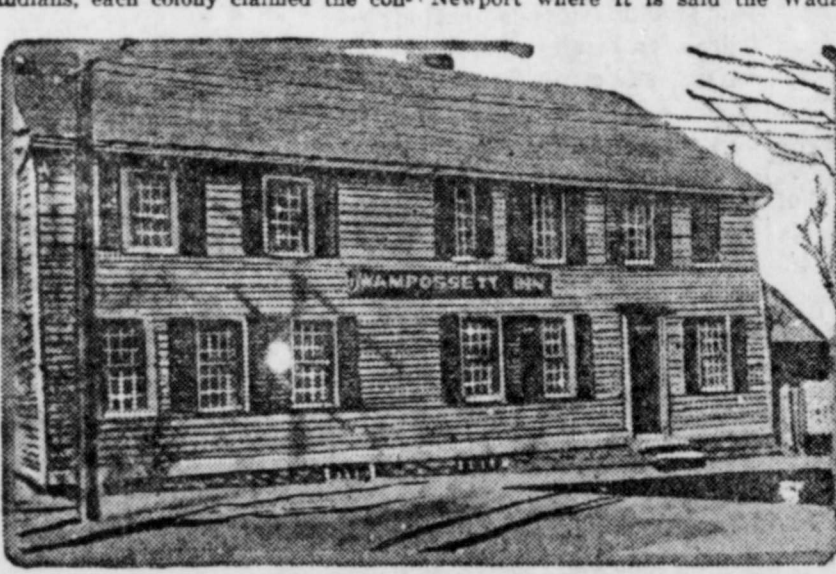
The conquests of the old town were not, however, limited to battle alone. The sea was hers, traversed as it was by her whaling and sealing ships as well as by her passenger packets. The unknown corners of the earth acknowledged her supremacy, for a Stonington captain was the first to see the Fanning Islands, and Capt. Nathaniel Palmer discovered the Antarctic continent.

In the world of art, James MacNeill Whistler was a pioneer spirit, and Whistler lived at two periods of his life in Stonington.

After the long series of conquests, beginning with the Indian and ending with the summer visitor, Stonington now enjoys the fruits of victory. In peace she sits under her ancient elms, while the harbor waters lap her shores and surge beneath the ruined wharves. It is recorded that Rufus Choate once said of Stonington that it was the only place he had ever seen that was entirely finished.

Spirit of Its Early Settlers. The spirit that moved Stonington to defy the British on the 20th of August, 1775, more than ten months before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, was indigenous to the community. In fact, the earliest settlers of the region, in 1658, published their own Declaration of Independence.

After Massachusetts and Connecticut had united to overthrow the Pequot Indians, each colony claimed the con-



House of Capt. Nathaniel Parker.

quered territory, which extended from the Thames river to Connecticut to Weekapaug in Rhode Island. The settlers of Stonington (then called Mystic and Pawcatuck) applied to the general court at Hartford to be set off as a separate town, but the opposition of New London led to the refusal of the application.

In 1657 the petitioners sent an urgent message to Massachusetts, which colony had a claim to the area in dispute, but Massachusetts likewise refused the request of the little settlement in the wilds.

Whereupon a miniature republic was evolved under the name of "The Association of Poquatuck People."

In the same year, however, the commissioners appointed to settle the dispute between Massachusetts and Connecticut returned their decision. They divided the conquered territory equally, with the Mystic river as the boundary line. Thus the little settlement of "Mystic and Pawcatuck" was not left alone "to defend the peace of the place."

Lottery for a Church.

These settlers on the borders of the wilderness had for the most part sprung from the better classes; indeed, a large part of them could trace their descent through a line of knights and gentlemen. Yet in this new country they were proud to become good farmers, blacksmiths, shoemakers or weavers.

In 1774 the residents of that part of Stonington borough known as Long Point (now Stonington village) were in dire need of a church edifice. As

"30 BUSHELS OF DATES"

Amount Oldest Mortgage in World; Banking in Ancient Babylon

By S. W. STRAUS (Prominent New York and Chicago Banker)

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How many people realize that the familiar mortgage of today has been handed down to us from generation to generation in practically unchanged form since the time of ancient Babylon?

Yet this is a fact. The mortgage is one of those few things which has survived through the long centuries—meeting the needs of Bel Bullitsu and Sha Nabu Shu, Babylonian agriculturists, and John Jones, the modern American farmer.

This interesting discovery was made when the Archaeological expedition of the University of Pennsylvania dug up, in the ruins of the ancient city of Nippur, Babylon, a mortgage dated 430 B. C., more than 2,300 years ago.

The following is an accurate translation of the inscription on the brick made by a noted Assyriologist of Chicago:

"Thirty bushels of dates are due to Bel Nadin Shun, son of Marashu, by Bel Bullitsu and Sha Nabu Shu, sons of Kirebiti, and their tenants. In the month of Tashri (month of harvest) of the 34th year of King Artaxerxes I, they shall pay the dates, thirty bushels, according to the measure of Bel Nadin Shun, in the town of Bit Balatsu. Their field, cultivated and uncultivated, fief estate is held as a pledge for the dates, namely, thirty bushels, by Bel Nadin Shun. Another creditor shall not have power over it."

The mortgage is the most ancient form of investment, the first known mortgage having been used by the Babylonians about 2,000 years B. C.

It will be noted that the document, which is trust deed and note in one, is a first mortgage, as shown by the final sentence, "Another creditor shall not have power over it."

It will be noticed, also, that a specific place, as well as time, for payment

FROM SLAVE TO BANKER

Pasion Rose to Greatest Banker in Greece; How Greek and Roman Banking Was Carried On

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The ancient world, too, had its "captains of industry and finance," and the story of their struggles for success is every bit as inspiring as modern "business romances." Then, as now, difficulties of humble birth and caste meant nothing to the determined, able man.

There was a slave in ancient Greece who rose to be the greatest banker of his time. His name, Pasion, is constantly mentioned in documents and other records. While the extent of his business was then considered enormous, today we dismiss it as inconsequential. Pasion is said to have held \$13,405 on deposit from customers, to have loaned \$60,935 and to have owned land worth \$24,375. His income was \$2,000 a year.

His deposits and loans appear small in comparison with modern figures, but the rate of interest customarily charged does not—30 per cent.

Banking in Greece originally consisted of changing money for foreigners. Later, the Greeks commenced allowing interest on deposits. Demosthenes is said to have kept a banking account.

Greek bankers were also notaries and witnessed contracts between others. They were familiar with letters of credit and invented a form of endorsement. As an example of this, we read that one Iceratus drew, in Athens, a bill on his father in Pontus, which was guaranteed by Pasion and then purchased by Stratocles. In Greece the banks were located in the temples and the latter were often used as national treasuries.

They had an instrument corresponding to our check. They started the practice of "discounts"—that is, deducting the interest at the time of making the loan.

The Greeks appear to have introduced banking in Italy. The Roman bankers soon became very important and Roman comedies contain many allusions to them. These were not always of a complimentary nature, but it is a fact that banking in Rome stood high as a profession. All money transactions among Romans were carried on through bankers and account books of customers were kept.

In 352 B. C. the senate appointed persons to lend a portion of public funds, on security, to the Plebians. The Romans were even more prone than the Greeks to charge high interest rates. They sometimes reached 50 per cent.

Later the rate was fixed by law and in Cicero's time the legal amount was 12 per cent. In the law passed under Emperor Justinian, 528 A. D., the rate was fixed at 4 per cent for notables,

of the debt is provided, just as our modern mortgages or mortgage bonds state that principal and interest are "payable at the Tenth Trust Co., or some other bank."

The amount of interest is not stated, but on all documents of this sort a legal rate of interest was customary, which ranged in times of peace from 12 to 20 per cent and in times of war to almost any amount.

The note matured in the month of harvest, exactly as American farmers, getting loans from their banks, have their notes mature in October and November.

Notice the words "son of Marashu" in the above document. Marashu Sons were a great firm of bankers in the Babylonian city of Nippur. They made loans of all kinds and often were called upon to help the King of Babylon with money.

This mortgage, together with many other records of the firm of Marashu Sons, was discovered in 1893. The story of its discovery is one of great interest.

The Babylonians were the Americans of antiquity. They were a nation of business men. Their mortgages, notes, deeds, wills and other documents were drawn with great care and along the same principles as the similar instruments we use today. Lawyers did a flourishing business in Babylon, as these people were fond of going to law and made all transfers of property a matter of record. Not only did they invent mortgages, but leases also.

One interesting lease demised a field and fish pond for the term of a year. The lessee made a first payment of one talent of silver and in addition, as ground rent, agreed to furnish the lessor with a mess of fish for his family table every day.

Another lease transferred a piece of improved property for sixty days, the ground rent being paid in advance and the tenant being guaranteed against all claims of whatever nature.

All these documents were inscribed on bricks made of clay by means of a wedge-shaped instrument, the various combinations of wedges making up the alphabet. These wedges have given the name to this particular style of writing, which is called "cuneiform," from the Latin word "cuneus," a wedge.

I suppose if the Babylonians had safely deposited vaults they would not have considered it necessary to insure the preservation of their records thus.

6 per cent on commercial loans and 8 per cent for loans not under the first two classifications.

Perhaps the high rate of interest mentioned previously was justified when it is considered that the law gave every advantage to debtors. Losses to bankers were frequent and the high rate charged was more as a measure of protection. Pompey, Brutus and Cato all lent money at 50 per cent.

It is often assumed that the rate of interest depends upon the abundance of gold or silver. This is not the case, as in California and Australia the rate of interest was extremely high during the height of the gold activity. In Mohammedan countries interest is forbidden in the Koran. But this has not succeeded in keeping down rates, as in these countries interest is three or four times greater than in Europe. In some parts of the Orient rates have gone as far as 100 per cent.

Several centuries before the Christian era a bank of deposit existed in Byzantium. In 900 A. D. a bank of deposit was established in China, although some form of banking existed in that country many centuries before. About 1200 A. D. a bank of deposit was established in Damascus; in 1345 one was founded in Geneva; in 1401 Barcelona started its first banking depository; the bank of Amsterdam was founded in 1608; bank of St. George in 1407 and the bank of Stockholm in 1608.

One of the earliest banking firms of which we have any account is said to be Egibi & Co. It was in ancient Babylon. Evidences of its existence were discovered in an earthenware jar, in the neighborhood of Hillah, a few miles from Babylon. These documents, recorded on tablets, are now in the British museum. Egibi & Co. are believed to have acted as the national bank of Babylon, and the founder probably lived in the reign of Sennacherib, about 700 B. C. Below is a translation of one of the tablets:

"Loan of five manna of silver of Nabu-zer-iddin, chief of the dagger-bearers (rab-nas-patru), to Betnaser. The money to be repaid in installments of a shekel and a half, beginning in Nisan."

"15th day of Tebet, 34th year of Nebuchadnezzar."

Records of this kind were deposited in the government office.

The Broader Thrift.

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One person out of every ten who dies today in our large cities is buried in a Potter's field.

If the American people cannot learn to be thrifty, they cannot remain a great nation.

PRUDENCE SAYS SO

By ETHEL HUESTON Author of "PRUDENCE OF THE PARSONAGE"

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CAROL GOES TO THE ASSISTANCE OF LARK WHEN DEEP EMBARRASSMENT THREATENS AND A NEAR-PAINFUL INCIDENT BECOMES A COMEDY

Synopsis.—The story opens in the house of Rev. Mr. Starr, where Prudence, his eldest daughter and feminine head of the house, consisting of her father, herself, her sisters, Fairy, the twins—Carol and Lark—and Connie, the youngest, are awaiting the arrival of their aunt Grace. Liveliness of the smaller members of the family results disastrously for their appearance. Carol and Lark investigate Christian Science. Prudence postpones her wedding when Carol catches measles. Then Carol tries to convert the town roughnecks.

CHAPTER V.

Substitution. The twins came in at dinner-time wrapped in unwonted silence. Lark's face was darkened by an anxious shadow, while Carol wore an expression of heroic determination.

"What's up?" Connie asked, when the rest of the family dismissed the matter with amused glances.

Lark sighed and looked at Carol, seeming to seek courage from the Spartan countenance.

Carol squared her shoulders. "Well, go on," Connie urged. "Don't be silly. You know you're crazy to tell us about it, you only want to be teased."

Lark sighed again, and gazed appealingly at her stout-hearted twin.

Carol never could resist the appeal of those pleading eyes.

"Larkie promised to speak a piece at the Sunday-school concert two weeks from tomorrow," she vouchsafed, as unconcernedly as possible.

"Mercy!" ejaculated Connie, with an astonishment that was not altogether complimentary.

"Careful, Larkie," cautioned Fairy. "You'll disgrace the parsonage if you don't watch out."

"Nonsense," declared their father. "Lark can speak as well as anybody if she just keeps a good grip on herself and doesn't get stage fright."

Aunt Grace smiled gently.

Connie frowned. "It's a risky business," she said. "Lark can't speak any more than a rabbit, and—"

"I know it," was the humble admission.

"Don't be a goose, Con," interrupted Carol. "Of course Lark can speak a piece. She must learn it, learn it, learn it, so she can rattle it off backwards with her eyes shut. That's the whole secret. Of course she can speak."

"How did it happen?" inquired Fairy.

"I don't know," Lark said sorrowfully. "Nothing was ever farther from my thoughts, I assure you. The first thing I knew, Mrs. Curtiss was thanking me for my promise, and Carol was marching me off like grim death."

Carol smiled, relieved now that the family commentary was over. "It was very natural. Mrs. Curtiss begged her to do it, and Lark refused. That always happens, every time the Sunday school gives an entertainment. But Mrs. Curtiss went on to say how badly the Sunday school needs the money, and how big a drawing card it would be for both of us twins to be on the program, one right after the other, and how well it would look for the parsonage, and it never occurred to me to warn Lark, for I never dreamed of her doing it."

"I thought it wouldn't hurt me to try it once," Lark volunteered in her own defense.

Aunt Grace nodded, with a smile of interested approval.

"I'm proud of you, Lark, quite proud of you," her father said warmly. "It's a big thing for you to make such a plunge—just fine."

"I'm proud of you now, too," Connie said darkly. "The question is, will we be proud of you after the concert?"

Lark sighed dolorously.

"Oh, pooh!" encouraged Carol. "Anybody can speak a silly little old piece like that. And it will look so nice to have our names right together on the program. It'll bring out all the high school folks, sure."

"Yes, they'll come to hear Lark, all right," Fairy smiled. "But she'll make it go, of course. And it will give Carol a chance to show her cleverness by telling her how to do it."

So as soon as supper was over, Carol said decidedly. "Now, Connie, you'll have to help me with the dishes the next two weeks, for Lark's got to practice on that piece. Lark, you must read it over, very thoughtfully first to get the meaning. Then just read it and read it and read it, a dozen times, a hundred times, over and over and over. And pretty soon you'll know it."

"I'll bet I don't," was the discouraging retort, as Lark, with pronounced distaste, took the slip of paper and sat down in the corner to read the "blooming thing," as she muttered crossly to herself.

Connie said Carol did up the dishes in dreadful silence, and then Carol returned to the charge. "How many times did you read it?"

"Forteen and a half," was the patient answer. "It's a silly thing, Carol. There's no sense to it. The wind went drifting o'er the sea."

"Oh, that's not so bad," Carol said helpfully. "I've had pieces with worse lines than that. 'The imprint of a dainty foot,' for instance. When you say, 'The wind went drifting o'er the sea,' you must kind of let your voice glide along, very rhythmically, very—"

"Windily," suggested Connie, who remained to witness the exhibition.

"You keep still, Constance Starr, or you can get out of here! It's no laughing matter I can tell you, and you have to keep out or I won't help and then—"

"I'll keep still. But it ought to be windy, you know, since it's the wind. I meant it for a joke," she informed them. The twins had a very disheartening way of failing to recognize Connie's jokes—it took the life out of them.

"Now read it aloud, Lark, so I can see if you get the proper expression," Carol continued, when Connie was utterly subdued.

Lark obediently but unhappily read the quaint poem aloud and Carol said it was very good. "You must read it aloud often, very often. That'll give you a better idea of the accent. Now put it away, and don't look at it again tonight. If you keep it up too long you'll get so dead sick of it you can't speak it at all."

By the evening of the Sunday-school concert—they were concerting for the sake of a hundred-dollar subscription to church repairs—Lark had mastered her recitation so perfectly that the minds of the parsonage were nearly at peace. She still felt a deep resentment toward the situation, but this was partially counter-banced by the satisfaction of seeing her name in print, directly beneath Carol's on the program.

Recitation..... Miss Carol Starr. Recitation..... Miss Lark Starr.

It looked very well indeed, and the whole family took a proper interest in it. No one gave Carol's recitation a second thought. She always recited, and did it easily and well. It was quite a commonplace occurrence for her.

On the night of the concert she superintended Lark's dressing with maternal care. "You look all right," she said, "just fine. Now don't get scared, Lark. It's so silly. Remember that you know all those people by heart, you can talk a blue streak to any of them. There's no use—"

"But I can't talk a blue streak to the whole household at once," Lark protested. "It makes me have such a hollow feeling—to see so many white faces gazing up, and it's hot, and—"

"Stop that," came the stern command. "You don't want to get cold feet before you start. If you do accidentally forget once or twice, don't worry. I know the piece as well as you do, and I can prompt you from behind without anyone noticing it. But you won't forget." She kissed her.

"You'll do fine, Larkie, just as fine as you look, and it couldn't be better than that."

Just then Connie ran in. "Fairy wants to know if you are getting stage fright, Lark? My, you do look nice! Now, for goodness' sake, Lark, remember the parsonage, and don't make a fizzle of it."

"Who says fizzle?" demanded their father from the doorway. "Never say die, my girl. Why, Lark, I never saw you look so sweet. You have your hair fixed a new way, haven't you?"

"Carol did it," was the shy reply. "It does look nice, doesn't it? I'm not scared, father, not a bit—yet! But there's a hollow feeling—Have the boys come?"

"No, but they'll be here in a minute. Jim's late. I do get sore at Jim—I'd forty times rather go with him than Hartley—but he always puts off asking us until the last minute and then I have a date and you get him. I believe he does it on purpose. Come on down."

And Grace looked at the pale sweet face with gratified delight, and kissed her warmly. Her father walked around her, nodding approval.

"Aunt Grace," he said solemnly. "It's a wretched business, having a parsonage full of daughters. Just as soon as they reach the age of beauty, grace and charm, they turn their backs on their fathers and smile on fairer lads."

"You've got me, father," said Connie consolingly.

"And me—when hebble's in Chicago," added Fairy.

"Yes, that's some help. Connie, be an old maid. Do I implore you."

"Oh, Connie's got a beau already," said Carol. "It's the fat Alien boy. They don't have dates yet, but they've got an awful case on. He's going to make their living by traveling with a show. You'll have to put up with auntie—she's beyond the beaming stage!"

"Suits me," he said contentedly. "I am getting more than my deserts. Come on, Grace, we'll start."

"Remember the parsonage," begged Carol. "Think of Prudence. Think of papa. Look, there he is, right down there. He's expecting you, Lark. You must!"

Lark tried to rise. She could not. She could not see her father's clear encouraging face for those queer flashes of light.

"You can," whispered Carol. "You can do anything, if you try. Prudence says so."

People were craning their necks, and peering curiously up to the second row where the twins sat side by side. The other performers nudged one another, smiling significantly.

"I can't," Lark whispered. "I'm sick." "Lark—Lark," called the superintendent.

Carol sighed bitterly. Evidently it was up to her. With a grim face, she rose from her chair and started out on the platform. The superintendent stared at her, his lips parting. The people stared at her too, and smiled, and then laughed. Panic-stricken, her eyes sought her father's face. He nodded quickly, and his eyes approved.

"Good!" His lips formed the word, and Carol did not falter again. The applause was nearly drowned with laughter as Carol advanced for her second recitation.

"The wind went drifting o'er the sea," she began—her voice drifting properly on the words—and so on to the end of the piece.

Most of the audience, knowing Lark's temperament, had concluded that fear prevented her appearance, and understood that Carol had come to her twin's rescue for the reputation of the parsonage. The applause was deafening as she went back. It grew louder as she sat down with a comforting little grin at Lark. Then as the clapping continued, something of her natural impishness entered her heart.

"Lark," she whispered, "go out and make a bow."

"Mercy!" gasped Lark. "I didn't do anything!"

"It was supposed to be you—go on, Lark! Hurry! You've got to! Think what a joke it will be."

Lark hesitated, but Carol's dominance was compelling.

"Do as I tell you," came the peremptory order, and Lark arose from her chair, stepped out before the astonished audience and made a slow and graceful bow.

This time the applause ran riot, for people of less experience than those of Mount Mark could tell that the twins were playing game. As it continued, Carol caught Lark's hand in hers, and together they stepped out once more, laughing and bowing right and left.

Lark was the last one in that night, for she and Jim celebrated her defeat with two ice cream sodas apiece at the corner drug store.

"I disgraced the parsonage," she said meekly, as she stepped into the family circle, waiting to receive her.

"Indeed you didn't," said Fairy. "It was too bad, but Carol passed it off nicely, and then, turning it into a joke that way took all the embarrassment out of it. It was perfectly all right, and we weren't a bit ashamed."

"And you did look awfully sweet when you made your bow," Connie said warmly—for when a member of the family was down, no one ventured a laugh, laugh-loving though they were.

Curious to say, the odd little freak of substitution only endeared the twins to the people of Mount Mark the more.

"By ginger, you can't beat them blooming twins," said Harvey Reel, chuckling admiringly. And no one disagreed.

Circumstances induce Fairy to reveal her life's romance. The twins for a short period enjoy themselves hugely.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Puts it Up to the Judge. One of the city judges, who was up for re-election, made a speech in New York, and after he had touched on patriotism and the various questions of civic virtue and the keeping of a good man on the bench, he said at the close of his speech that he was ready to answer any question propounded.

At this point one of the members of the club arose. "Judge," began the questioner, "there's one thing that has always bothered me, and I hope you can settle it for me so that the other members of this club will see that I am right. This is it: Does or does not a straight flush beat four of a kind under any and all circumstances?"

British Columbia Shipbuilding. The steel steamer War Dog, the first ship of its type to be built in British Columbia, was recently launched at Vancouver. The War Dog, with a length of 315 feet, is also the first steel cargo vessel to be built in that province. The contract was placed by a Japanese steamship company through an English firm. Since the steamer was launched she has been sold to a British firm.

DAIRY FACTS

BUILDING UP A DAIRY HERD

Essentials Are Careful Selection, Intelligent Breeding and Skillful Management.

Careful selection, intelligent breeding and skillful management are fundamental in the profitable upbuilding of the dairy herd. By the use of economy and good judgment the improvement of a herd need not be expensive.

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FEED CALF SEPARATOR MILK

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The milk should be given to them warm and never when it is frothy. Never allow a calf to drink all of the milk that it wants at one meal. It is a bad practice to allow several calves to drink out of one trough, some of them will get too much. Care in feeding calves is of vastly more importance than "cures" for calf scour.

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"Mother, is that the reason father hates parrots?"

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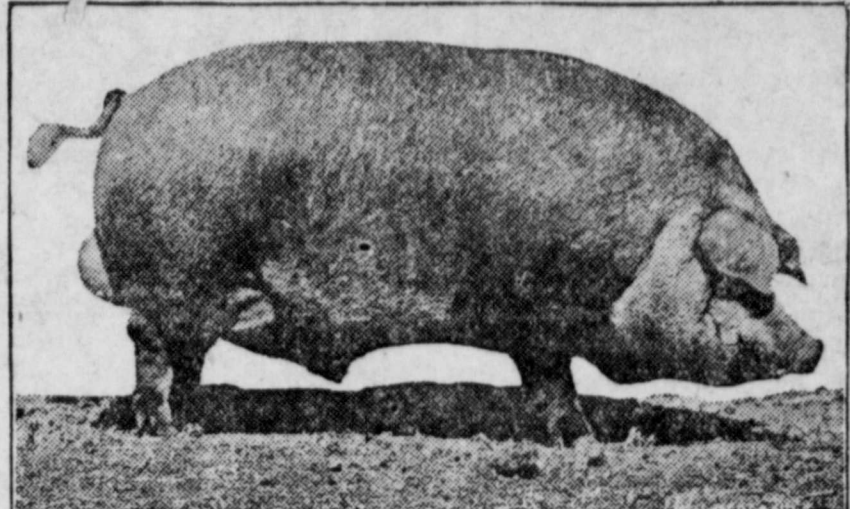
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Quiet Man Had a Few. There was the usual collection of drummers in the smoking room, and among them the inevitable quiet man. Conundrums had been the order of the evening and the fun waxed fast and furious.

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COWS KEPT FOR PRODUCTION OF CALVES



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(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Although there are a number of factors that govern the profitability of the calf-growing enterprise, an investigation carried out by the United States department of agriculture in the corn-belt states during the last three years shows that losses on calves usually are due to excessive maintenance costs of the breeding cows.

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ELECTION NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DONLEY.

Be it remembered that at a regular term of the Commissions Court of Donley County, Texas, held at the court house in Clarendon, on January 14th, 1918, being the second Monday in said month, a petition duly made and filed praying that an election be held to determine whether horses, mules, jacks, jennets, cattle, hogs, sheep and goats should be permitted to run at large within the terminal limits of Commissioners Precinct No. Three, in Donley County, Texas, as same has heretofore been duly established by said Commissioners Court, was presented to said court, and whereas it was ordered by said court that said election as prayed for be held, and that such election be held on Saturday, February 23rd, 1918.

Now, by virtue of said petition, the action of Commissioners Court thereon as aforesaid, and the authority vested in me by law, it is ordered that an election by the freeholders who are also qualified voters within said Commissioners precinct, be held on the 23rd day of February, 1918, at the various voting boxes in said Commissioners precinct, as same have been heretofore established, to determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks, jennets, cattle, hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the territorial limits of Commissioners Precinct No. Three in Donley county, Texas.

J. H. O'Neil,
County Judge,
Donley County, Texas.

New Rugs, all kinds—velvet
rugs, linoleum and congooleum
rugs. Thompson Bros

The Informer enjoyed a visit Tuesday from T. G. Marks, of the State Department of Agriculture. Mr. Marks was here principally to agitate a question to which we gave considerable space last fall—that of furnishing seed to the drought stricken sections of Texas for this year's planting. An article from his pen may be seen elsewhere in this issue. We hope all will read it. Those who able should donate something to this worthy cause, and those who are not able to donate should make it a point to conserve as much as possible and thus create a small surplus to sell to them. If each one will do a little it will be a great blessing to those who made nothing whatever the past year.

Fire insurance, this world only
C. E. Johnson.

E. A. Childers and family arrived a few days ago from Denton county and are now at home on their splendid farm which they recently bought from Claud Nash. In company with R. E. Newman, Mr. Childers paid this office a pleasant call Tuesday and is now a paid up reader of the Informer. He also took out membership in the Red Cross, thus showing indisputable symptoms of being a good citizen. We extend to them the hand of fellowship and bid them welcome to God's own country.

Cane bottom chairs at Thomp-
son Bros.

A war comet is coming this way at the rate of more than a million miles a day, says an exchange, but at that rate it can't equal the speed with which auto-cracy is rushing to its doom. So be it.

Miss Pearl Newman came down Sunday morning from Amarillo to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Newman.

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UMPHRES FOR JUDGE

The Informer is authorized to announce in this issue the candidacy of Hon Hugh L. Umphres for re election to the office of Judge of the 47th Judicial District of Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in July.

Judge Umphres is now holding this office and has made a most enviable record in that capacity. Although quite a young man, he has a knowledge of the law possessed by few men in the Southwest, and has established a reputation for fair and impartial decisions in the trial of cases which come before him.

There is no shadow of doubt that he is in every way fitted for this important office, and he asks your consideration of his claims when you go to cast your ballot in the primary.

New line of window shades at
Thompson Bros

Dr. W. R. Smith returned the past week from a visit of several weeks to his daughters in Wichita Falls El Paso and Gotebo Okla. Mrs. Smith remained for a longer visit.

LOST—Last Thursday morning from hack, somewhere between town and the school building, a dark gray bed blanket. Finder return to the Informer office.

BRAY FOR CLERK

W. E. Bray authorizes the Informer man to place his name in the announcement column as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Donley county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

For more than three years Mr. Bray has been a prominent citizen of Hedley and vicinity, two years being spent in the drug business here, the past year on the farm west of town. The first of this year he moved to a farm a few miles north of Clarendon. Before coming to Donley county he lived at Paducah, and that Cottle county people regarded him highly is attested by the fact that they elected him their county judge, which office he filled most honorably and satisfactorily.

Competent, fair and square in his dealings, a high minded courteous gentleman at all times, his many friends will tell you that you can make no mistake in giving your support to W. E. Bray.

All lovers of good music will be delighted with the Kohler & Campbell Pianos sold by us. They are first class in every way, and we sell them at about half the price asked by agents.
Moreman & Battle.

T. B. Norwood have moved from Memphis to their ranch home near Hedley. Mr. Norwood retains his office in Memphis and will make trips back and forth in his car.

Mrs. H. T. Sturdivant was a pleasant caller at the Informer office last Saturday, and left her subscription with us for the Informer and Kansas City Star. The Sturdivant family have recently moved here from Eli, Hall county, and occupy the Sam Dixon farm near town. We welcome them to Hedley.

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Hedley, Texas

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I am not a surgeon nor a physician, but if you want scientific massaging, call and see me.

Dr. H. S. Dowda,
Scientific Masseur.
Clarendon, Texas.

STRAY NOTICE—There has been at my place the past three months a coming two year old heifer, pale red, no brand, right ear cropped. Owner can get same by paying for this notice and other damages. T. F. Brown,
Nine miles N. W. of Hedley.

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Are more valuable than you might imagine.

To have them properly cleaned, pressed and repaired means they will last a longer time and we make them look like new ones.

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May we call for some of your old clothes?

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Hedley, Texas

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I will have no phone. Come and see what you're getting and pay for it.
HEDLEY, TEXAS

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Naylor Happenings

School at this place is progressing nicely. Several new pupils have been enrolled.

Miss Louise Hodges spent the week end with home folks across the river.

Carol Beach visited his folk in Memphis the latter part of the week.

T. F. Brown and family spent Sunday with the W. E. Browns.

Roy Kendall was called to the bedside of his son, Wilbur, in Kansas City, where he is attending an auto training school. He is doing nicely at present.

Miss Eunice Kirkwood was the guest of Miss Elsie Kempson a few days last week.

Several cases of measles reported in our community.

Mrs W. E. Brown and daughter, Bessye Mae, were on the sick list last week.

Walter Scott, from west of Hedley, has moved to his new home recently bought from W. E. Brown. Mr. Brown will move to Alanreed where he bought a dairy farm. We welcome the Scotts to our community, but dislike to part with the Brown family. Hope they will do well and live their new home.

Miss Elsie Kempson visited in the Roy Kendall home Sunday.

Oscar Kempson, Roy Brown and sisters, Bessye Mae and Bessie, were guests in the W. L. Espey home Sunday.

W. E. Brown and son, Roy, Mrs. W. L. Espey and son, Oliver, were Hedley visitors Saturday.

Meddlesome Kid.

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