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TEXAS MASONRY ON FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL

SKETCH BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY

We are pleased to publish the following sketch on the "Free Public School," same being taken from a bulletin issued by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Orient of Texas, Dallas, Texas, Nov. 30, 1923. It will be recalled that the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Texas have been, and still are conducting one of the greatest campaigns for public education in history. They have erected as a monument along this line at the University of Texas perhaps the greatest girls' dormitory in the Southland. They sent throughout our land a program for the support and maintenance of our free public schools. One of the teams came to Midland, making several eloquent speeches in favor of our free public schools and speaking highly of the soundness and efficiency of our own schools. This sketch is a strong argument for and an eloquent eulogy on the free public school, and will be read by its friends in Midland. The work of this organization for the free school can not be too highly commended. The article follows:

The public schools of the United States of America constitute the nearest approach to perfection, of any government of our national or State character; and as one of the most important and necessary agencies for adequate and efficient control over the affairs of the State and nation, they are unquestionably entitled to the full and unprejudiced support of every patriotic citizen of the country. No institution was ever corrected upon a more humanitarian foundation, nor was ever a more stable fabric woven into any organization than is constantly inculcated in the process of development and expansion applied to the free public school.

To these fountains of unselfish enlightenment, standing as oases in the desert of ignorance and stagnated intelligence, come children of every class, color or creed; and each is assured the same opportunities of knowledge and development, limited only by the capacity and energy of the individual; and from these effervescent springs of learning is always flowing a stream of future citizens, broader in vision, riper in experience, and far more intelligent than would have been the result under any other system of instruction.

The great and crying handicap of the public schools of today is the utter indifference to their welfare and development on the part of a large percentage of our citizenship. It is positively appalling to realize how few of our citizens have the slightest conception of the scope of the free school system as a whole, or even of that small part of it which operates in a particular locality. The vast majority of us view the public school as something already established and successfully functioning, without ever pausing to reflect upon the eternal struggle in which the institution is engaged, not only for its proper expansion and development, but also for its very existence in many instances. The children of our land, the future citizens, are surrounded in the American home by every convenience and safeguard which the intelligent and ardent devotion of each parent can give; and in turn are entered in the public schools of the country with the slightest consideration, in many instances at least, of the conditions existing, the courses taught, the fitness of those in charge to direct the development and instruction of the child. Once entered in school, a child spends by far the greater portion of its hours for the purpose of instruction and enlightenment under the care and control of those in charge of the particular school which it attends; and is, therefore, during the primary and elementary years of its education, more largely influenced by its school environment and surroundings than by those of the home. Depending almost entirely upon the instruction and influences of these fundamental years of its future citizens' lives, should not the nation be gravely concerned about such instruction and influences, and the conditions under which they are administered? The answer is unreservedly that it is; and as the nation can only interest and concern itself in matters of vital import through the individual citizens who

MIDLAND COUNTY CANDIDATES TO DATE

FIVE ANNOUNCE AND ALL SUBJECT TO DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

The Reporter's announcement column was started last week, with five names offering for Democratic preferment, and their cases will be settled in the primary election to be held in July. In the meantime it is our custom to make some introductory comment upon the candidacy of each, and it is our pleasure to take up each as his name appears in the proper column. Therefore:

Chas. L. Klapproth
Judge Klapproth announces to succeed himself as County Judge of Midland County. He is now in the second year of his first term, and friends who were instrumental in giving him this honorable position have never an instant had occasion to regret their choice. Judge Klapproth is conscientious, attentive to duty, and in soliciting your support for a second term, promises a service to all the people that shall be characterized by an honesty of purpose and an impartiality that will be approved. He profoundly appreciates past favors, and The Reporter commends him, most sincerely, to the consideration of all voters.

C. B. Dunagan
Mr. Dunagan, of course, is our very efficient and obliging District and County Clerk. He wants to serve again through the years of 1925-26, and in the event of his re-election, The Reporter feels that, to say the least, no violence will have been done to the county's best interest. No official could be more faithful than this incumbent, no man more obliging and cheerfully accommodating. Mr. Dunagan has served the county well, and should be again be successfully favored by the voters, he promises no less effort and no less fidelity than have characterized his services of the past.

J. M. Gilmore
Mr. Gilmore also wishes to be our District and County Clerk, and he needs no introduction at the hands of The Reporter. He has been a citizen of Midland a great many years, and the people know how honest and honorable he is, and how trustworthy. He also urges clerical ability as further fitness for the office he seeks, and in the event of his election he promises a service that will be acceptable generally and appreciated by those who may interest themselves in his effort to please. He very earnestly solicits your support in the coming primary and will profoundly appreciate all you may do in his behalf.

A. C. Francis
Not many people, not any of our knowledge, will gainsay that Sheriff A. C. Francis has made an efficient, capable, and obliging officer. The duties of his office have been discharged in a way that has been approved. He is conscientious in the discharge of every duty, is painstaking in detail, and in coming before the people for re-election, he pleasurably refers you to a clean slate to date, and promises no less attentive earnestness in his future efforts as an officer. He solicits your support and will appreciate those friends who may interest themselves in the promotion of his candidacy.

Brooks Lee
"Uncle Brooks" is offering again as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer and he very earnestly solicits the support of all voters. He urges that he has been an attentive officer and that the duties of his office have been discharged faithfully and with painstaking care. Should he be re-elected he promises no less fidelity to duty, and that you will always find him on the job, ready and anxious to accommodate you in any way possible. The Reporter cheerfully commends him to your consideration.

J. H. McKinney, formerly of Midland, but now living in Colorado, was here the first of the week on business for the Guitar Gin Company there.

compose it, the remedy is obvious. The free public school is the cornerstone of American freedom, but in order to firmly support such a monument the cornerstone must be eternally imbedded in the heart and mind of our citizenship.

THE INCOME TAX IN A NUTSHELL

WHO? Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more or gross income of \$2,000 or more or married couples who had net income of \$2,000 or more or gross income of \$4,000 or more must file returns.

WHEN? The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924.

WHERE? Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

HOW? Instructions on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT? Four per cent normal tax on the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of the personal exemption and credits for dependents. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of net income. Sur-tax from 1 per cent to 50 per cent on net incomes over \$6,000 for the year 1923.

Tips For Taxpayers

No. 3
If you are single and support in your home one or more relatives over whom you exercise family control, you are the head of a family and entitled, in your income-tax return for the year 1923, to the same exemptions granted a married person. These are \$2,500 if the net income was \$5,000 or less and \$2,000 if the net income was more than \$5,000. In addition the head of a family may claim a \$400 credit for each person dependent upon him for chief support if such person is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective.

For example, a son supports in his home an aged mother and two sisters 14 and 16 years of age. His net income for 1923 was \$3,000. He is entitled to an exemption of \$2,500 plus a \$400 credit for each dependent, a total of \$3,700. While he pays no tax, he must file a return, because his net income was in excess of \$1,000.

An exemption as the head of a family can be claimed by only one member of a household.

J. P. Rankin was in Midland the first of the week from Rankin.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING TONIGHT

COMMITTEE AT WORK TODAY RAISING FUNDS FOR ORGANIZATION

Some 18 or 20 business and professional men met in the Llano Hotel last night for the purpose of again making another effort to cause the Midland County Chamber of Commerce to function. It was a better and far more enthusiastic effort than the one made early in December last, and it bore the "ear-marks" of resulting in success.

Two soliciting committees, one headed by W. R. Chancellor of the First National Bank, and the other by J. B. Wilkinson of the Midland National Bank, are out today, securing pledges for 12 months' support to the institution and they are all hopeful of securing no less than \$500 per month. In this event the Chamber of Commerce will be enabled to function properly and the benefit it will be to Midland in this time when so many are moving out of the east and coming west, cannot be estimated.

We had with us last night Mr. S. F. Johnson, of Philadelphia, who with his associates, are soon to commence drilling for oil in Crane County, on land owned by J. M. Cowden, the location of which will be about 25 miles west of the Santa Rita well. Mr. Johnson and his party will make their headquarters in Midland and he promised his hearty co-operation, together with that of his associates, in securing for Midland a recognition of advantages to oil men in making headquarters here; and he feels that much of the travel to the new oil field may be directed by way of Midland.

In the meantime there is to be another meeting of people interested in Chamber of Commerce proceedings tonight, and again in the Llano Hotel. You are invited. Come out and let's all "carry on" together.

A. R. Franklin was in Midland this week from Abilene.

DISTRICT COURT TO MEET NEXT MONTH

SHERIFF FRANCIS FURNISHES FOR PUBLICATION LIST OF JURORS

At 10 o'clock a. m., January 28th, our county court will meet, and following is a list of jurors summoned by Sheriff A. C. Francis to serve on this occasion:

L. A. Brown
C. W. Crowley
W. E. Driver
Henry Fleenor
W. A. Hyatt
Earnest McCall
E. B. Patterson
W. M. Schrock
W. H. Truelove
Charlie Weathered
R. A. Young

C. P. Benedict
Frank Cowden
Guy Eiland
J. S. Henry
W. L. Locklar
A. F. McKee
Sam Preston
J. H. Shepherd
M. W. Whitmore
R. A. Young

Following is a list of grand jurors summoned to appear at this time and to serve this term:

C. P. Benedict
R. O. Brooks
Joe Caldwell, Jr.
Elliott Cowden
F. F. Elkin
W. A. Hutchison
T. W. Midkiff
W. S. Hill

The petit jurors for this term of district court will not be called upon for service until the second Monday, which will be February 4th. They will appear at that date at the usual hour of Monday morning opening, 10 o'clock, and following is the list, as summoned by Sheriff Francis:

J. S. Henry
Charles E. Lang
D. H. Roettger
R. D. Lee
George Ratliff
Fred Middleton
K. S. Boone
J. T. Moore
Alvin McKee
Dee Montgomery
W. A. Dawson
Byron Gist
Dulaney Ward
R. A. Hyatt
A. K. Murphy
Ben Driver
M. W. Whitmore
Allen B. Tolbert

H. L. McClint
M. E. King
B. W. Floyd
A. Faskin
J. H. Locklar
W. J. Sparks
F. H. Wilmoth
S. D. Stokes
Don Clayton
Stacy Allen
J. O. Nobles
H. B. Dunagan
Neal Stator
C. M. Goldsmith
Lane Dupree, Jr.
John Collins
Foy Proctor
Tom Patterson, Jr.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF MIDLAND LEGION

WOODS W. LYNCH POST TAKES ON NEW LIFE AND PROMISES FINE ACTIVITIES

Last Saturday night 36 ex-service men of Midland met in the lobby of the Llano Hotel for the purpose of re-organizing the Woods W. Lynch Legion Post No. 19. It was a very enthusiastic meeting and a number of matters were taken up, including the election of new officers and the discussion of future plans of the post.

It was decided that a new club room should be obtained immediately and that arrangements be made to completely furnish same. It is the intention of the members of the Woods W. Lynch Legion Post to immediately put on a drive for a large membership and to enroll every ex-service man in the counties of Midland, Ector and Martin. It is also the intention of this post to maintain an up to date live-wire organization; to take an interest in and to help every worthy movement set on foot in Midland; to aid the Civic League in every way possible; to help and assist the Cemetery Association; to agitate and assist and co-operate in every way possible with the Midland Chamber of Commerce, and to bring about its active rehabilitation. It is further the intention of the American Legion of Midland to foster and promote a well organized and well trained Boy Scout movement for the youngsters of Midland.

One of the outstanding features of the plans of this post is the establishment of a publicity committee; it is to be the duty of this committee to not only report the news concerning the local Legion Post but to forward to the daily press all news items of interest that will benefit Midland and surrounding counties. The plans formulated by the Legion practically amount to the making of a young men's business league for Midland.

The American Legion of Midland asks for your co-operation. They did their share during the world war and they did it well, and now they are planning a number of worthy movements for the benefit of Midland and the surrounding counties. They have stated that they do not intend to ask for help from the citizens of Midland until they have demonstrated that they are doing good for our citizens and are entitled to this help. The position taken by the American Legion of Midland is a worthy one. By carrying out their plans it will not only be a help to the boys themselves but it will be of inestimable value to Midland and the Midland community. Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and show the boys we are backing them up and willing to help them "put over" anything they undertake.

MRS. W. W. WIMBERLY ENTERTAINS T. E. L. CLASS

The ladies of the T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church enjoyed a lovely party and business meeting at the hospitable home of Mrs. W. W. Wimberly Tuesday afternoon. After an hour of pleasant conversation and comparison of some fancy work, they were called to order by Mrs. Wimberly, teacher of the class. A prayer was offered by Mrs. Spaulding and the following officers were elected for the new year: Mrs. Clarence Schabauer, president; Mrs. Frank Norwood, first vice president; Mrs. W. H. Williams, second vice president; Mrs. Millard Edison, third vice president; Mrs. W. H. Cosper, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Charles Gibbs, reporter; Mrs. W. W. Wimberly, teacher; Mrs. E. W. Cowden, substitute.

They decided to make this the last year for the class and extend a cordial welcome to all old members who have not been in regular attendance as well as to all new members who wish to join. After the business meeting the hostess and her guests, Miss Pearl, with the aid of Williams and Hill, served a delicious refreshment. The afternoon was given over to the pleasure of everyone, there being no special program.

NOTICE TO ALL EX-SERVICE MEN

There will be a meeting of the Woods W. Lynch American Legion Post No. 19 next Monday night, January 21st, in the lobby of the Llano Hotel. The entertainment committee has a few live-wire numbers on for the night. Be there and bring a Buddy.

W. F. Cowden went out to his ranch, the "M Bar," the first of the week, preparatory to his trip to Mineral Wells, and came back highly pleased with the way Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Crawford are running things. Said all the watering places are in fine shape while the ranch house is kept like a parlor. He was very much pleased.

Word was received yesterday by Mike Garrett that his car which was stolen several weeks ago had been found and was being held by the sheriff at Fannin Lake. He left yesterday and bring it back.

Class No. 18 of the day school will have a candy sale in the afternoon. The Reporter office will be open for the afternoon.

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You will always find our prices the lowest-- For Cash. We expect to make your Cash buy more, for Cash makes no enemies.

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EL DAY MALE QUARTET ON JANUARY 30th

There is no more popular group of entertainers than a male quartet, when it is a good one. The El Day Quartet, which will appear here on Jan. 30th, evening at the Methodist church, is one of the finest organizations of its kind on the road today.

Each member of the quartet is a vocalist of experience in recital fields. Each has attained prominence as a soloist, but all were chosen with the idea of us near a perfect blending of voices as could be obtained. The result is a perfectly balanced group of four extraordinarily fine voices.

Dan Baker, the first tenor and manager, was formerly a member of the faculty of the Louisville Conservatory of Music. His training has been entirely American, and his achievements, both as a recitalist and as a teacher, are a vital testimony of what can be accomplished under the guidance of American voice teachers.

Julius Neihaus, second bass, is a man of striking personality. His voice has fine tonal quality and is of remarkable range, reaching from low D to middle F. He was formerly soloist at the Third Presbyterian Church in Chicago, and lately has done extensive recital work.

Ord Bonamon, second tenor and impersonator, is well known over the lyceum field through his association with the "Bohazons" who toured

the United States and Canada. He has enjoyed splendid training under the finest teachers of Europe. In addition to his vocal artistry, his character delineations are well known and always greatly enjoyed.

Alex Callam, baritone and pianist, is a young concert artist of unusual promise, both in vocal attainments and in piano-forte as well. His playing is one of the most enjoyable features of the program.

TELEPHONE CABLE-MAKING SHOWS BIG DEVELOPMENT

New telephone cable containing 4,350,000 miles of copper wire will be manufactured this year, a figure that breaks all records, according to an electric manufacturing company. That total is 22 per cent higher than last year's.

The year's output of telephone receivers will probably reach 1,750,000, or 500,000 more than in 1922.

With those statistics for 1923, the year 1924 will show even greater expansion, the company's officials declare. Orders for new apparatus are pouring in at a rate that indicates the next twelve months will be the busiest in the history of the telephone industry.

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TEXAS WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL LOG

Country Enters Upon the New Year with Fair Prospects in Nearly all Lines of Industry—Production of Coal Oil, Lumber and Steel on Fair Levels and Building Operations Pushing Well into the Winter—Unemployment not Extensive.

San Antonio—Oil and gas leases are taxable in Texas and the tax must be paid by holder of lease, as a result of final action of supreme court of Texas.

Dallas—Six-story warehouse costing \$100,000 to be erected at corner of Collin and Carter streets.

Breckenridge—Souders & Fisher Company starts construction of \$200,000 gasoline manufacturing plant.

Sweetwater—Construction on \$600,000 county road project to start at once.

Electra—Construction of five miles gravel road north of city to start.

Dallas—Dallas Textile Mills to put new Love Field plant into operation between January 15th and 20th.

Marshall—Building activities in uptown business district steadily increasing.

Brownwood—\$80,000 contract awarded for construction of soldiers and sailors memorial auditorium.

Houston—Building permits issued during past week totaled \$286,400.

Abilene—Bank deposits total over \$6,000,000, largest since peak of post war period.

Commerce—Organization of Commerce Pure-bred Livestock and Poultry Association completed.

Brownsville—New Sharyland packing plant turns out first carload of citrus fruit.

2,000 acres of land leased in various parts of Van Zandt County for oil and gas development.

Tyler—Price-Booker Manufacturing Company contracts for cucumbers from 400-acre tract, erection of huge salting vat assured.

San Antonio—San Antonio Public Service Company to spend approximately \$1,500,000 for permanent improvements in 1924.

Canyon—Construction of \$25,000 cotton gin practically assured.

Houston—Building activities for year 1923 passed \$19,000,000 mark.

Fairfield—Freestone County votes \$1,000,000 bond issue for road construction.

Tyler—Single contract to be let for construction of high school building and Gary grade school.

Dallas—Lone Star Gas Company lets contract for erection of \$175,000 office building.

Wichita Falls—Kentucky Oil Company brings in 900-bbl. well on Wilson lands.

Port Arthur—Kansas City Southern Railroad planning construction of \$1,000,000 grain elevator with capacity of 600,000 bushels.

Dallas—\$2,000,000 vehicular viaduct proposed to link east and west sides of Trinity river.

Cameron—Two bond issues totaling \$175,000 voted for construction of grammar school and sewerage disposal plant.

Eastland—12,000 bales of cotton with value of \$2,000,000 ginned in Eastland County in 1923, a gain of 80 per cent over 1922.

Lubbock—Contract awarded for \$1,000,000 paving project.

Texas City—Knox Process Corporation secures 140-acre site for erection of gasoline manufacturing plant.

Dallas—Construction of Melrose Court, \$2,000,000 apartment hotel, to start at once.

Ft. Worth—Nearly 2,000,000 head of cattle passed through dipping vats of the State during November, according to livestock sanitary commission.

Galveston—Contracts totaling \$620,031 awarded for city school improvement work.

Houston—\$750,000 bond issue voted for county bridge and culvert work.

Every State in the nation except six has made provision for bonuses or assistance to ex-soldiers. These benefits are estimated to total over \$184,000,000. In addition, the national government gave cash bonuses at time of discharge.

That the rise in the cost of attending college is caused by increase in the fixed charges, such as tuition, board, room, and fees, rather than by increase in the amount spent by students for books and supplies, dues, contributions, recreation, and incidentals is the conclusion reached by the St. Louis branch of the American Association of University Women, which has made an investigation of the expenses of women college students at more than 10 representative colleges.

This investigation was undertaken as an aid to prospective college students, to parents, to educational and vocational counselors, to administrators of scholarships and loan funds, and to others who may be hadget an closely

WADLEY-WILSON CO'S. January Clearance Sale

Will Continue Until Saturday Night January 26th.

Nine days of Bargains such as you will not see again soon. Every item in this store is reduced for this JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE. The price is marked in plain figures. You see exactly what you save on each and every article.

Here are just a few items that prove the value this sale is to you from a saving point of view. Remember, every item is on sale regardless.

Hundreds of Dollars' Worth of New Spring Fabrics Go into this January Clearance Sale to Make it the BIGGEST EVER

New Ginghams, Tissues, Cretonnes, Draperies, Lingette, Batis-tes, Linens, White Goods, Long Cloths, Domestic, Sheetings, Outings, Etc.



SHEETINGS

9-4 Brown Sheetings, the yard	45c
9-4 Bleached Sheetting, the yard	49c
10-4 Brown Sheetting, the yard	55c
10-4 Bleached Sheetting, the yard	58c

TOWELING

3 pieces 18 inch, Russian crash toweling, special, the yard	11c
3 pieces 25c quality huck and linen toweling, the yard	18c
2 pieces 35c all linen Glass Toweling, sale price	25c

TABLE DAMASK

2 pieces linen finish Damask, 72 inches wide, regular dollar quality, priced special at the yard	75c
2 pieces 72 inch, good quality, bleached Damask, regular 85c quality, Clearance Sale special, the yard	68c
2 pieces, fast color, Renfrew Table Damask, 72 inch, very popular, regular \$1.35 quality, special, the yard	89c
1 piece, 72 inch, pure linen, \$2.35 quality, the yard	\$1.85
1 piece 72 inch, plain, all pure linen, \$3.50 quality, priced special the yard	\$2.65

NEW SPRING PERCALES
45 pieces of New Spring Percales, every one fast colors, all yard wide and the new patterns are beautiful. This is a very special value that you will not forget, for it will help make this the biggest ever, the yard 19c

CRETONNES AND DRAPERIES
Many New Draperies, Cretonnes, Terry Cloths and Nets go into this January Clearance Sale to make this the Biggest Ever.

3 Beautiful New Patterns, yard wide, double face Terry Cloth, regular \$1.25, special value	95c
1 piece \$1.00 quality Terry Cloth, special at the yard	85c
25c quality, Cretonnes, all yard wide, special	19c
35c quality, yard wide Cretonnes, special	23c
40c quality, yard wide Cretonnes, special, the yard	29c
50c Cretonnes and Draperies, the yard	39c
60c Cretonnes and Draperies, the yard	45c
75c Cretonnes and Draperies, the yard	55c
85c quality Cretonnes and Draperies, the yard	63c
\$1.00 Cretonnes, Nets and Draperies, the yard	75c

YARD WIDE OUTING
It will pay you to buy this and put it away until next fall, for this same material will be worth at least 35c the yard. Special clearance 19c

EXTRA SPECIAL
10 pieces of the Newest Spring Fabric, Gilbrae, drawn thread Tissues; every one fast color, will be one of the most favored cloths for Spring. You will see this cloth advertised up to 85c the yard. Special, Clearance Sale price, the yard 49c

COLORED INDIAN HEAD
Positively fast color, yard wide, the yard 39c

COLORED LINGETTE
All colors in the most popular of underwear materials, priced for this Clearance Sale, the yard 69c

COLORED LINENS
Regular \$1.00 quality in Linen Suitings, priced special, for this Clearance Sale, the yard 78c

36 inch HOPE DOMESTIC, standard the world over, worth 25c the yard today. Special, this sale, the yard	17c
32 INCH BROWN Domestic, a wonderful good quality and a real bargain, the yard	12 1/2c
Berkeley 60, Nainsook, regular 35c, sale price	25c
Berkeley 100 Nainsook, regular 45c, sale price	33c
36 Indian Head Domestic, special at	25c
45 Indian Head, priced special at the yard	35c

GINGHAMS, TISSUES, Etc.
Extra Special, one lot 32 inch, Ginghams, fast color in checks and plaids, the yard 15c
25c quality, fast color, 32 inch Ginghams, reduced to 19c
35c quality, 32 inch, fast color Ginghams, reduced to 23c

EXTRA SPECIAL
One lot of 32 inch, fast color tissue ginghams in the regular 50c and 65c quality, a value that will go quickly, priced special, the yard 33c
50c quality, 32 inch, fast color, imported ginghams, including many of the new spring patterns, the yard 39c

TICKINGS
2 pieces 35c quality, regular A. C. A. striped and a splendid quality ticking, priced special, the yard 28c
2 pieces A. C. A. Feather ticking, regular 45c quality, special value the yard 35c
5 pieces New Patterns in extra quality, floral tick, a special value at 50c, priced for this sale, at the yard 39c

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If it is caused by an error of vision It isn't work that hurts such eyes. It is their inability to focus the light that enters them. If you ask what will prevent such a condition, there is but one answer—glasses. Glasses made especially for the patient after a careful examination. Our service promises the most in accuracy and satisfaction.

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Your patronage solicited and appreciated at the Camp Filling Station, near Camp grounds. Day and night service. Bert Stringer, prop. adv 8-12t

HIDDEN DANGERS

Nature Gives Timely Warnings That No Midland Citizen Can Afford To Ignore

DANGER SIGNAL NO. 1 comes from the kidney secretions. They will warn you when the kidneys are weak. Well kidneys excrete a clear amber fluid. Disordered kidneys send out a thin, pale and foamy or a thick, red, ill-smelling urine, full of sediment and irregular of passage.

DANGER SIGNAL NO. 2 comes from the back. Back pains, dull and heavy, or sharp and acute, suggests weak kidneys and in that case warn you of the danger of dropsy, gravel and Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills are endorsed by thousands. Here's Midland proof:

Mrs. J. W. Barber says: "I had a bad spell of kidney trouble about two years ago. Whenever I stooped, it was hard for me to straighten as pains shot through my kidneys. I had headaches at times and my nerves were unstrung and the least noise made me irritable. The action of my kidneys was too frequent until I started the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. Two boxes of Doan's relieved the pains, regulated my kidneys and made me feel better in every way."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Barber had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 16-2t

DISTRICT CONVENTION OF WEST TEXAS C. OF C.

The following program of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be held at Colorado, Texas, Jan. 22nd, at the First Baptist church of that city:

Morning Session (10 O'clock)
Presiding Officer—Dr. P. C. Coleman, vice president.
Music—Assembled Bands.
Invocation—Rev. M. C. Bishop, of the First Baptist church.
Appointment Committees:
Object of District Convention—Porter A. Whaley, Manager.
West Texas Today and Tomorrow—Hon. R. W. Haynie, Abilene.
Cotton Mills for West Texas—Hon. R. Copeland, Ft. Worth.
Noon Luncheon—Pullman Cafe.
Toastmaster—Homer D. Wade, Associate Manager.
Plan of Campaign—Harve Allen, Organization Manager.

Afternoon Session (2 O'clock)
Call to Order—Dr. P. C. Coleman, Presiding Officer.
Report of Resolution Committee:
How to Prepare Exhibits—B. M. Whiteker, Exhibit Manager.
Beef, Poultry and Swine—Col. C. C. French, of the Ft. Worth Stock Yards Company.
Eradication of Animal Disease—Dr. D. F. Luckey, of the State Live-

stock Sanitary Commission.
Dairying—Prof. J. W. Ridgway, of Mistletoe Creameries.
Selection of next meeting place.
Poultry and Egg Demonstration—J. R. Masterson, of A. & M. College, Stamford, Texas.
Motion pictures on: Livestock Farming, Dairy Farming, Swine Breeding, Trade Trips to Mexico, Cuba and Panama; Exhibits Shown in Past.
Special Prizes—\$5.00 for best dozen eggs exhibited; \$2.50 for 2nd best; \$2 for 3rd best; \$4 for best hen exhibited.

Prizes offered by exhibit bureau of West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

Do subscribers to inter-insurance exchanges know: That they have no power to choose their associates; that the attorney-in-fact has power to bind them on any risk, good or bad; that his commission is deducted from their payment first; that it is only the balance that is set aside for payment of losses and other expenses; that if an assessment is levied to meet the deficit, he is entitled again to take his commission first; that the attorney-in-fact makes the rate, and subscribers have nothing to say if he carries risks of some friends at half the rate he charges others; that if losses occur he decides what to pay and can decline the claim if differences arise; that no matter how distasteful the attorney-in-fact may become to some subscribers, he cannot be removed by them?—Underwriters' Report, San Francisco, Nov. 8, 1923.

Persons insured in this manner would not be a little startled at discovering that by the act of joining the exchange they become parties as insurers to as many several and not joint contracts of insurance as the exchange has subscribers.

Our old friend, S. M. Francis, was in The Reporter office one day this week to pay his subscription for this year. Said he: "I am not one of your pessimists, nor have I ever been. Everything still looks good to me, and I buy some cattle and sell some most every week, and my purchases range from one head up to a train load." Mr. Francis has always been a great stand-by for the man with a small bunch of cattle.

TEXAS COMMISSION UPHOLDS CUSTOMERS' CHARGE FOR GAS

The Railroad Commission of Texas has issued its order and opinion in the case of the Municipal Gas Company involving the service charge of 50 cents a month on each gas meter in the city of Wichita Falls. The hearing on this case was held by the commission November 1st.

The commission did not make a definite value of the gas company's property in Wichita Falls on the ground that it was unnecessary, the minimum values—being those set up by the engineers of the city—showing that the proposed service charge is justified on the record if the gas company is to have the privilege accorded it by law of earning a reasonable return on its property.

The commission set forth as its premise: "It is a requirement of law that a utility devoting its assets to public use is entitled to a reasonable return upon the fair value of its property thus used. If this were not true there would be no incentive to capital to invest in these enterprises which furnish to the public the necessities and conveniences of life."

The order allowing the fifty cents a month customer's charge is limited with the following provision:

"Provided that the use of a minimum charge be discontinued and that the whole of the revenue derived from the charge herein made shall be retained by the Municipal Gas Company, and that if by any contract, decree of court, or otherwise said revenue shall become in any part the revenue of the company or companies which supply gas to the Municipal Gas Company the charge of fifty cents per month per consumer shall be discontinued and this order become void."

The theory of a customer's charge in making a gas service has been set forth by several State utility commissions. In a recent case the Missouri Commission said:

"There are certain costs common to all users which are incurred whether the consumer uses gas in large quantities or no gas at all. It is these costs which the service charge distributes equitably among consumers so that each customer will pay the actual expenses he causes the company, and all customers will pay the same price for gas consumed."

TREE PLANTING DAY AT SIMMONS COLLEGE

The class of 1924 of Simmons College which has a membership of 42, the largest senior class in the history of the college, is sponsoring a big tree-planting day for the college campus. They are working on this in conjunction with the Simmons round table, an organization of faculty wives, responsible for much of the beautifying of the college acres in recent years, and promoters of the Simmons green house. An attempt is being made to enlist all classes in the college in the tree planting day which is to be observed on the annual senior day, February 22nd.

Observance of this day as senior class day has been a tradition in the college life for a long period of years. On this occasion the seniors first appear officially in cap and gown; senior exercises are held at the chapel hour during which time the gift of the graduating class to the college is announced, and a class tree is planted with class ceremonial on the campus. The 1924 class plan to make the ceremony of tree planting general, and to make a special effort along the line of campus beautification this year.

The class is headed by Malcolm Crouch, of Grandview, as president, and Miss Regina Olsen, daughter of Dean Julius Olsen, secretary. Special officers elected for the class day stunts are: Myrtle Barber, of Colorado, historian; U. S. Bird, of Robert Lee, orator of the day, and Gerald Jordan, of Greenville, prophet of the class. Simmons seniors wear distinctive sweaters with Simmons monograms, and have class rings bearing a cowboy figure and the name and foundation date of the college.

To overcome the school shortage in New York City, the board of education is now constructing 50 new buildings and additions. If these were built on adjoining blocks on Broadway, says William H. Gompert, architect of the board of education, the line of buildings would extend from the Battery to Twentieth Street, a distance of about 3 miles. Plans and specifications for 40 more buildings are in various stages of preparation, and if these were added to the 50 the line would reach to 58th street, about 2 more miles. A number of buildings will be built in the next two or three years, and if these were added they would reach to about 135th street, the whole line of buildings extending more than 8 miles.

Mrs. E. P. Cowden left last Saturday for Valentine to visit her daughter, Mrs. M. O. Mean.

LOCATE LLANO HOTEL BASEMENT

The Middleton Tailor Shop is now located in the basement of the Llano Hotel. Enter from the south side walk where you will see my sign, also from the lobby. Don't fail to find us; we are anxious to serve you with the very best that our city affords, and we will be in better position to do so than ever before. Don't hesitate to phone us—we are always glad to call for and deliver your clothes.

Call Us **PHONE 30** We'll Call

Middleton Tailor Shop
Midland, Texas

FACTS ABOUT THE BONUS

The bonus question and tax reduction are the two live issues before Congress. Politicians seeking re-election hate to commit themselves on either measure at the present time. Real statesmen have been trying to work out these national problems and give the people the facts. If the people know the facts, public opinion may be relied upon to bring a satisfactory conclusion.

The three different measures placed before Congress for a soldiers' bonus are the Forney, McCumber and Mott bills. All three bills give ex-service men the option of choosing any one, but only one, of the following plans:

1. Adjusted service pay, cash award.
 2. Adjusted service certificates, insurance.
 3. Vocational training aid.
 4. Farm or home.
 5. Land settlement aid.
- Cost involved in these bills varies as does time in which government must pay.

The McCumber bill has made most progress, as it has been reported on favorably by the senate finance committee. But from taxpayers' standpoint and for good of country, the Fordney bill is considered best, as the government has longer time in which to pay.

In considering McCumber bill, the finance committee believes minimum possible cost would be \$1,560,000,000 if every veteran took the cash plan. The maximum would be \$5,273,000,000 if every veteran took adjusted service certificates (insurance). Under what the finance committee believes would be real operation of legislation, total cost would be about \$4,396,000,000 scattered over a period of 20 years.

Comparing governmental expenditures for 11 months of fiscal year 1921 with whole year 1914, it found that federal expenditures were \$2,700,000,000 more than expenditures for 1914. Proposed bonus would be in addition to these expenditures.

For year ending June 30, 1921, expenditures of federal government alone were about \$50 per capita, or \$250 per annum per family, as against

\$7.97 per capita in 1914. Taking the 17-month period during which we were at war it is found that the various enlisted men received in pay during that time the following sums: United States, \$570; France, \$27.55; Italy \$33.06; Russia, \$7.41; Great Britain, \$138.70; New Zealand, \$138.70; South Africa, \$138.70. It is understood Belgium paid a slightly higher rate than France; Canada paid the same as the United States, while Australia paid approximately \$42 a month, the highest amount of any country.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Seldom has the country witnessed such universal approval of a tax reduction program as accorded Secretary Mellon's proposal.

This is probably due to the fact that the usual talk about tax reduction is confined to glittering generalities which will not embarrass a political candidate or public official hard cold facts which must be stated.

Secretary Mellon has given people the figures from which they can draw their own conclusions, instead of sidestepping the issue, as the government has longer time in which to pay.

This has been a severe blow to political leaders who would have delayed the issue and delayed action after the coming election.

With a definite program for tax reduction before them and with widespread approval of the plan being expressed from every section of the country, it is going to be hard for our representatives in Congress to justify delayed action which will cost the taxpayers of this nation hundreds of millions of dollars.

If tax reduction is actually pushed to final consideration and passage, it will be through the triumph of enlightened public opinion over the preference of individual members of Congress to play personal politics at public expense.

J. W. Hill was here the first of the week from Colorado.

INTEGRITY SERVICE

The 1924 Model Studebaker Special-Six Touring Car \$1350



It is logical that we should ask the prospective buyer to gauge the worth of the Studebaker Special-Six by the measure of its sales success.

Why mention the distinctive motor or any other feature of this unusual car when the American public itself has established the greatest of all selling arguments in its favor by buying it?

Automobile license figures for every state in the Union continue to tell their own uncolored stories of Studebaker popularity.

STUDEBAKER

1924 MODELS AND PRICES—f. o. b. factory					
LIGHT-SIX		SPECIAL-SIX		BIG-SIX	
5-Pass. 112" W. B., 40 H. P.	5-Pass. 119" W. B., 50 H. P.	7-Pass. 126" W. B., 50 H. P.	7-Pass. 126" W. B., 50 H. P.	7-Pass. 126" W. B., 50 H. P.	7-Pass. 126" W. B., 50 H. P.
Touring	\$995	Touring	\$1150	Touring	\$1750
Roadster (3-Pass.)	975	Roadster (3-Pass.)	1125	Speedster (5-Pass.)	1835
Coupe-Roadster (3-Pass.)	1195	Coupe (5-Pass.)	1825	Coupe (5-Pass.)	2495
Coupe (5-Pass.)	1395	Sedan	1915	Sedan	2685

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POWER COMFORT

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Sign Painting and Road Boards

Mr. and Mrs. Ranchman and Mr. and Mrs. Townsman!

We would have you know that we are anxious to serve you when in need of anything in the

DRUG LINE

Let us be your Druggist and you will profit and so will we. None so large nor none so small, but that we would gladly be friends to all.

City Drug Store

The Rexall Store

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1924

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcements given below are for Democratic preferment in the July primaries. Candidates will be required to pay in advance, and at the following rates:

- District and County Precinct Offices \$15.00 7.50
For County Judge: CHAS. L. KLAPPROTH (Re-election)
District and County Clerk: B. B. DUNAGAN (Re-election)
M. GILMORE
Sheriff and Tax Collector: C. FRANCIS (Re-election)
County Treasurer: W. LEE (Re-election)



EDITORIAL

The "Motor Rodeo Dinner," held at the Hotel Plaza, New York, of January 4th, under the auspices of the Highway Committee and the Traffic Planning and Safety Committee of the N. A. C. of C. focussed thought upon some of the outstanding problems of highway transportation in a very interesting way.

RE-UNITED AFTER OVER SIXTY YEARS

MOTHER OF OUR TOWNSWOMAN PARTY TO INTERESTING OCCASION

Two old people met recently in McKinney after a separation of more than 60 years. One of them was the mother of our townsman, Mrs. D. W. Brunson. The story is told in a recent issue of one of the McKinney papers, and we reproduce it as follows:

After a separation of more than 60 years, when they were girlhood friends at Hillsboro, Texas, Mrs. Emma Lane, 76 and Mrs. Amanda Veale, 82, met here recently for the first time since their separation during the Civil War.

Reunion Brings Tears Since that reunion, a happy reunion that brought tears to the eyes of both these grand old women, they have spent happy hours together, living over the life of their younger days, so to speak, and reviewing the hardships encountered in Texas before and during the Civil War period.

Mrs. Lane is the mother of five boys. They are: R. E. Lane, of Cleburne; J. P. Lane, of McKinney; J. E. Lane, of Houston; Jack Lane, of Dallas, and Will Lane, of Dallas. Mrs. Veale is the mother of the following children: Mrs. W. L. Meadows, of Olney; Mrs. D. W. Brunson, of Midland; Mrs. C. E. Rutledge, of Fort Worth; Warren Veale, of Dallas, and one son by her first marriage, John T. Lanham, of Hugo, Okla.

Mrs. Veale is a native of Texas, having been born in Rusk County. She moved in early life to Hill County and resided there for the greater part of her life. She was married before the Civil War to John Lanham. He was killed during the struggle between the states. After the war she was married to Mr. Veale. He passed to his reward in 1912. Mrs. Lane's husband also died several years ago.

Mrs. Lane then told about being in Dallas recently and seeing the "Old Covered Wagon" at the Majestic Theatre. "And oh how it brought back the old pioneer days and made me feel glad that I was here to help blaze the way of civilization. Hurrah for Texas, for the old pioneers and our Pension Commissioner Lon A. Smith," she concluded.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM A MIDLAND BOY

The following letter, although not written for publication, will be of interest to his many friends in Midland. It is from A. J. Florey, who graduated from our high school last spring and who has made good in college this year.

Dear Mr. Lackey: I guess you are somewhat surprised by hearing from your old "Ajax," are you not? Mr. Lackey, I am writing you and asking you an extreme favor. Could I get you to mail me one of these little "Brown Song Books" that has "Come Unto Me and Rest" and "Grant Us Thy Peace" in it? I will pay you any price you ask if you can spare me one.

We are having a great revival here. George W. Truett is holding it. He is the greatest preacher I ever heard. We have one of the largest choirs ever in Texas. It is composed of about 300 voices and we have a 30-piece orchestra. I wish you could be here to hear them and to sing. The meeting is in a big tent that seats about 4500 or 5000.

I made good in my first term of college work but am going to A. & M. in a couple of weeks. I made a sweater here in football, but it is a 2nd team sweater. The coach promised me a position on the first team next year, but I don't think I will be here next year. I wish I had another year in old Midland high. I never learned to appreciate it as much as I ought to until after I left. Carroll Coyle is going to Howard Payne. Virginia went to C. I. A. Thanking you in advance, I remain, your friend.

A. J. Florey, of Ft. Worth, was here the first of the week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Henderson were in Midland this week from Odessa.

Ira B. Cocherham, of Stanton, was in Midland the first of the week on business.

CLASSIFIED ADS

CARPENTER WORK—New and repairing. J. H. Wilhite, phone 261. 5tf
COWS WANTED—I want to buy from 100 to 400 cows on a credit. I have lots of grass and water and expense money to take care of them with. Joe Jay. 9tf

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. All conveniences, sink in the rooms. Apply at The Reporter office. 14tf
FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. J. H. Wilhite, phone 261. 14tf

WANTED—About 400 cattle to pasture. Three miles north of Midland. Wm. E. Wallace. 15-4t
FOR SALE—Section 5 A 30, Andrews County and part in Gaines County. Also 40 acres in section A 30, survey 2, Gaines County, adjoining the other, with 75 foot well. Good for cotton. Sandy and red soil. Offered at \$2.50 per acre bonus; \$2 due the State. Cash or term price. A bargain. Buy now. Address letters to Eugene Stevens, Bisbee, Ariz. 15-4tpd

THE DEAF SHOE SHOP—Opposite Eiland's garage. One door north of John. The Tailor. Appreciates all kinds of work. Gilbert Ragsdale. 15-tf
FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 261. J. H. Wilhite. 16tf
FOR SALE—Two dozen white Leghorn hens. Apply to Mrs. Wm. E. Wallace, Phone No. 312-F.
FOR SALE—Pure bred White Leghorn eggs, per setting \$1. W. H. Spaulding, Phone 372. 16-2t

Notice to Creditors In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, in the matter of Don Clayton, Bankrupt, No. 43 in Bankruptcy. The creditors of said Don Clayton, are hereby notified that he has filed a petition for a certificate of discharge in bankruptcy, and that the same, under an order of said court, will be heard before Ben Randalls, Esq., referee, at his office in Pecos, Texas, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on the 20th day of February, A. D., 1924, at which time and place the creditors of said bankrupt may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. D. H. HART, Clerk, By Deputy. Date January 10, 1924

Advertisement for Studebaker Light-Six Touring Car \$995. Includes image of the car, text describing its features, and a table of 1924 models and prices.

Table with 3 columns: Model Name, Price, and Description. Models include Light-Six, Special-Six, and Big-Six in various configurations like Touring, Roadster, Coupe, and Sedan.

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Sale Janu Ends J

Vertical list of prices: \$35.00, \$30.00, \$27.00, \$25.00, \$22.00, \$18.00, \$15.00, 20, Pan \$17.00, \$12.00, \$8.50, \$5.00, \$4.50, \$3.75, \$2.50

EVERYBODY'S STORE

Sale Opens Thursday Morning,
January 17th, at 8:30.
Ends January 26th.

OUR BIG

Sale Opens Thursday Morning,
January 17th, at 8:30.
Ends January 26th.

January Clearance Sale

Beginning Thursday Morning, January 17,
at 8:30; Ending Saturday, January 26.

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF GOODS GOING ON SALE



A Sale where merchandise will be sold faster and cheaper than you ever saw in your life before. A stirring revolt against the last few years of merchandising, introducing the new purchasing power of the dollar and the new level on our entire stock of Dry Goods, Ladies' Ready to Wear, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Shoes, Hats and Furnishing Goods, all to be sold at Unload-Sale Prices.

This Is Our Final Clearance of Winter Merchandise and We Are Making Profits on Strictly High Grade Merchandise that Certainly Warrant Your Visiting this Sale.

Wool Dresses at a Sacrifice

ABOUT 30 IN THE LOT—ALL NEW WINTER GARMENTS IN GOOD QUALITY PORIET TWILL AND CHARMEENS—MOST ARE NAVYS, SOME BROWNS. THE TAILORING IS EXCELLENT ON THESE DRESSES AND THE STYLES ARE EVERY ONE NEW—NO TWO ALIKE IN THE LOT.

One lot of Sport and Dress Hats, \$1.75 to \$10 values \$2.95

Nothing Sent On Approval All Sales Are Final

Ladies and Girls Shoes

\$8.50 to \$10.00 Grades, sale \$6.95
\$6.00 to \$7.55 Grades, sale \$4.95
\$5.00 Grades \$3.85

Imported Gingham, 32 inch, 65c quality 42c

50c to 75c Brassiers, all sizes 39c

Wool Dresses in Poriect Twill, Navyblue, regular \$12.75 to \$19.75 values at \$9.95

HOSE

Regular \$2.25 to \$2.55 Grade, Silk, at \$1.85

SILKS

\$2.00 Taffetas \$1.45

Navy, Black and Colors, Pongee, \$1.35 quality at 95c

16 Button Kid Gloves, Black and Brown, \$3.00 quality at

\$1.00 Table Damask

\$1.50 Table Damask

\$3.00 Linen Damask

Three Fur Neck-pieces, \$25 special \$

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S

25c Hose 19c

50c Hose 39c

50c Sox 35c

Only 8 Ladies Suits left. All Navy Blue, Twill, Crepe lined. The very suits for the Spring. Sizes from 16 to 42. Six suits formerly sold as high as \$35, now 19.75. Two fine Suits, one 36, one 16, handsomely made, \$69.50, for \$39.75

8 twill dresses in sizes 16 to 40, formerly sold as high as \$16.50 now \$8.95

12 Twill Dresses in Blue and Brown, sizes 16 to 40, were as high as \$29.50, now \$16.50

5 Twill Dresses, \$39.50 values, Blue and Tans \$22.50

Nine Fine Twill Dresses embroidered and hand trimmed, in brown and blue, as high as \$49.50, now \$29.75

A few Skirts left that will be the very thing to wear with the Spring Sweaters that promise to be so good in all tans, browns, grays, and blues.

\$12.50 Skirts for \$8.50

9.75 Skirts for 6.25

8.75 Skirts for 5.95

6.95 Skirts for 4.75

A few brushed Wool Sweaters on sale for \$3.25

All Winter Millinery at two prices.

One Lot of Sport and Dress Hats, \$6.75 to \$10.00, values \$2.95

All other Hats as high as \$25, for \$4.75

Eight Ladies Corduroy Kimonas in blue, rose and purple, all sizes to go at \$3.25

Six Blanket Bath Robes, \$7.95, values for \$4.75

Men's and Boys' Suits

\$35.00 Suits \$27.00
\$30.00 Suits 24.00
\$27.50 Suits 22.00
\$25.00 Suits 20.00
\$22.50 Suits 17.50

\$18.50 Corduroy Suits 13.75
\$15.00 Corduroy Suits 10.75

20 Per Cent Reduction On Men's Dress Pants.

\$17.00 Boys' Suits \$13.00
\$16.00 Boys' Suits 12.00
\$12.50 Boys' Suits 10.00
\$8.50 and \$9.00 Boys' Suits 6.95
\$5.00 Wool Shirts \$3.95
\$4.50 Wool Shirts 3.45
\$3.75 Wool Shirts 2.95
\$2.50 and \$2.75 Wool Shirts 1.95

MEN'S UNIONS

\$1.50 Unions 1.20
\$1.75 Unions 1.35

STAPLES and NOTIONS

Nine-quarter bleached Sheeting 49c
36 in. bleached Domestics 15c
36 in. bleached Domestic 17c
36 in. Nainsook 50c grade 39c
32 in. Gingham, 25c grade 19c
32 in. Gingham, 35c grade 27c
36 in. Colored Indian Head 39c
36 in. no fade Suiting 39c
36 in. Dark Percales 19c
36 in. Light Percales 15c
40 in. Voiles, plain and fancy 39c
36 in. Cretonne, 25c grade 19c
40 in. Cretonne, 40c grade 25c
36 in. Terra Cloth, \$1.00 Grade 79c
36 in. Window Nets, 50c Grade 39c
36 in. Window Nets, 75c grade 55c
36 in. Window Nets, \$1.00 grade 79c

20 Silk Crepes, Taffetas and Satin dresses in sizes from 16 to 42. Blue, Black, and Brown; formerly sold from \$17.50 as high as \$59.50, on sale at \$10.50 to \$32.50

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MIDLAND,

TEXAS

MEBANE PLANTING SEED



Genuine PEDIGREED MEBANE PLANTING SEED are sold only in sack bearing registered TRADE-MARK and signature of A. D. MEBANE, like we cut.

Order to secure the genuine TRADE-MARK MEBANE seed, and red circle trade mark, and in Midland as cheap, or cheaper than if bought direct of agency.

J. E. HILL

1 Feb

THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Mr. Coolidge when discussing the disposition of Muscles in his message to Congress and the manufacture of nitrates at these properties, considered the farmer when he recognized the necessity for cheap fertilizer and also the public interest when he said: "It seems desirable, in order to promote and protect the public welfare, to have adequate covenants that such experiments be made and carried to a successful conclusion." Such covenants are the people's safe-guard if the manufacture of cheap fertilizer is a main consideration for securing a valuable lease of this property from the government.

CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS

The Past Year and the Coming One
By GEORGE E. ROBERTS
From the Bank Letter for January, Issued by The National City Bank of New York and Distributed by The First National Bank of Midland

The year which has just closed has seen production in the United States in nearly all lines either at the highest level ever reached or very close thereto. The yield of farm crops was slightly below that of 1922, but the official valuation for 1923 is \$8,322,695,000 against \$7,449,804,000 in 1922. This increase, however, was largely in cotton and corn, and the figures for these crops are somewhat misleading as indicators of prosperity, inasmuch as in the case of cotton they represent a high price for a small yield grown on a large acreage, and in the case of corn the crop is mainly fed on the farms. Agriculture in many localities is still laboring under difficulties mainly due to unbalanced price relations.

Since the outbreak of the great war the industrial and business situation has experienced many violent changes some of them highly stimulating and some of them very depressing. It is in the nature of things that such violent changes cannot be all in one direction. As we get farther away from the war the natural tendency is to greater stability, and the past year has shown this characteristic. The price movements have been moderate. The Bureau of Labor's average of index numbers for 404 commodities stood at 156 for January, rose to 159 for March and April, declined to 150 for August, rose to 153 for October and declined slightly thereafter. Except for an advance of 1-2 per cent in the discount rate of the reserve banks of Boston, New York and San Francisco in February, the discount rate of all the reserve banks has stood at 4 1/2 per cent throughout the year. The rediscounts and advances of the reserve banks stood at \$628,000,000 at the date of the first statement in January, rose to \$730,000,000 on May 2nd, touched the high point of the year at \$930,000,000 on July 3rd, and on December 19th stood at \$750,000,000.

A better showing of uniformity with business at a high level could not be asked for.

Danger of Crisis Not Passed

The great slump of 1920 and 1921 was the natural corollary of the great rise of prices and expansion of credit which had previously occurred. No business crisis ever has occurred unless preceded by a marked expansion of credit, and none need be looked for until such an expansion has occurred. We are not free from danger of its continuing importations of gold should keep us on our guard. In 1923 they have been greater than in 1922, reaching approximately \$300,000,000.

The greatest achievement of the year has been the demonstration that the United States can enjoy so large a degree of prosperity notwithstanding the unsettled conditions in Europe. The record of 1923 can be repeated if the American people but have the courage to proceed with the development of their resources and the equipment of their industries as they have done in the past year. There is no lack of work to be done. The chief occupation of the American people is that of supplying their own wants, but that their foreign trade is of a stable character the sustained exports of the last two years have shown. Our trade outside of Europe is growing. The balance between agriculture and the other industries is in the way of being restored, and if we will be satisfied with steady business, without a boom, there is good reason to expect that our hopes will be gratified in 1924.

The Industrial Equilibrium

The features of the present situation which are unsatisfactory are all due to disturbance of the industrial equilibrium. The tire industry for example, has been suffering from over-expansion. Fundamentally, the industry is in a

strong position, for the number of automobiles in use has been rapidly increasing, but the tire business has been overstimulated by its own prosperity. It suffered in the general slump of 1921, but the unfavorable conditions of late are due to its overdevelopment. The situation affords an illustration of the industrial troubles for which the various branches of industry are themselves responsible, and which can be remedied by themselves alone.

The copper-producing industry has been in unsatisfactory state in the last half of the year with an output enough over the demand to weigh down the market. One reason for this is that while consumption in the United States is large, world markets do not take what they would if industrial order was re-established in Europe and normal development was going on. Another reason is that increasing quantities of copper have been coming at low cost from new ore bodies, upon which great sums of capital have been expended, and this competition is felt by the high cost producers. The first of these conditions is one of the effects of the war; the other is a condition to which every industry is subject.

The oil industry has been depressed by an extraordinary flow from newly discovered pools. It is characteristic of this industry that production and consumption are seldom closely balanced. The latter steadily increases while the former is affected by the discovery and exhaustion of new fields of supply.

The leather industry is another in which demand and supply are not naturally co-ordinated, because hides, the raw material, are a by-product not produced independently. Cattle have been forced on the market in the last four years faster than hides were needed and prices have been depressed, another case of disturbed equilibrium.

The coal industry is suffering from the effects of over-development, brought about by over-stimulation, resulting in part from heavy war demands but more from wage disputes and repeated suspension of operations. The effect of these suspensions has been to create artificial shortages and to concentrate demands within short periods of time, thus offering inducements for the opening of new mines and attracting more workers to the industry than can have continuous employment in it. As a result wages are based upon the expectation of a large amount of idle time, and coal is made unreasonably dear to the industries and all consumers. It is another case of disturbed equilibrium.

The wheat producing industry was very much disturbed by the war. Previously, an important part of the supplies received by importing countries; the war cut off these supplies, which greatly stimulated production in other countries, notably the United States and Canada. Since the war grain production has recovered all over Europe, and Russia has reappeared as an exporter, with the result that there is an over-supply of wheat. The United States has reduced its acreage in some degree, but not to the pre-war area, while Canada and Argentina are producing much more than heretofore. This is a case where production was increased to meet an emergency and the emergency having passed it should be accordingly reduced.

Cotton Goods Industry

The cotton goods industry has been disturbed by an influence operating in the other direction. An insect pest has seriously affected the production of cotton; with three short crops in succession stocks have been reduced alarmingly low, the price of the raw material has advanced so rapidly that manufacturers are unwilling to make up goods except upon order, and merchants hesitate to give orders at a level much above that to which consumers are accustomed. The normal equilibrium between the raw material and cloth, and between cotton goods and other commodities is disturbed and affects the industry unfavorably. Although cotton brings a high price, the growers are receiving it upon a small yield grown over a large acreage at high cost, and the benefits of the high price are very unequally distributed over different localities.

Wool is usually classed as an agricultural product, although only a relatively small portion of the world supplies is produced on farms. The number of sheep in all countries has been largely reduced and the wool situation is unbalanced by reason of short supplies. As in the case of cotton there is nothing that consumers can do but pay the rising prices, or do without, until supply and demand come into equilibrium.

During the war the demand for beef cattle was so great that prices rose, making beef-production unusually profitable, and beef producers, like tire producers in the past year, strove to increase their output. Tire production is increased by factory extensions, new equipment and more workmen, but beef-production is increased

by the slower process of building up herds. Individual growers, however, were tempted to increase their own production by buying stock cattle from each other, the effects of which were to run up prices and get many of them deeply into debt. When the demand for beef for the armies fell off and industrial depression spread over the world, beef consumption fell off, prices fell, and stock-growers who had borrowed money to pay for cattle at high prices have been obliged to sell their herds in markets overloaded with offerings. The situation was unbalanced one way when the growers were bidding against each other in their efforts to increase their herds and unbalanced the other way when they were trying to sell in markets where sellers greatly outnumbered buyers.

Growth of Hog Market

Corn and hogs are commodities closely related in the marketing process and in values. For several years prior to 1923 the equilibrium between them was lost, hogs bringing relatively high prices. The effect of this situation was to stimulate the breeding of more hogs until in the past year the number marketed was 34 per cent larger than in 1922. This turned the situation over, with the balance the other way.

There are other cases that might be mentioned to illustrate the importance of balanced relations between the various independent factors in industry and to show that the adjustment and regulation of these relations must be managed by the parties immediately concerned. The entire system of interchange by which the wants of society are supplied is regulated by the fluctuation of prices. Over-development anywhere is corrected by a rise of prices, and all this regulation is accomplished far more effectively by the free play of natural forces than it can be done by government regulation. The latter would require a dictatorship not only over prices but over all industry, regulating individual activities and doing away with individual judgment and individual independence.

None of the cases of maladjustment mentioned above have been caused by governmental action, except in the general sense that governments were responsible for the war, and governments cannot cure them. Any attempt by the government to remedy them would interfere with the natural readjustments and delay recovery.

TEXAS SHOWS UP WELL IN EVERY WAY

The close of 1923 found Texas in a position that demands attention from students of business. Everybody knows that Texas stands first among the states in its size and the value of its agricultural products. But at this time its fiscal position is unusually interesting.

The value of the 1923 Texas cotton crop is approximately a billion dollars.

The value of Texas farm and farm improvements is approximately five billion dollars.

The approximate wealth of Texas is sixteen and a half billion dollars. The per capita wealth of Texas is just about \$3,000.

And 1923 has started the greatest and most consistent movement in Texas for increase in the industrial activity of the State that has ever been known here. This movement for industrial development is abetted by the growing strength and efficiency of power plants. The year has shown a strong movement to connect electric power and light companies and for more economical and efficient service of power and light gas, communications, and transportation. Texas railroads have been making improvements and betterments such as have not been since prior to the great war. Their service has improved in the main and their efforts for community building have been increased. There has been greater and more intelligent interest in the public service of transportation and a better understanding seems to prevail among the people as to what constitutes good service by the public service agencies of the State.

Few communities remain in Texas that are not adequately served by the telephone companies and the perfection of this service has united the sections of the State with the entire nation in a system of personal communication that makes it possible for at least one-fifth of the total population of the United States to communicate instantly with each other. All the others are within reach by telephone within from a few minutes to a few hours.

Bilious Headache

When you have a severe headache, a disordered stomach and constipation, take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will correct the disorders of the liver and bowels, effectually curing the headache.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Martin, of Odessa, Texas, in Midland on Tuesday

OLD DOC BIRD



The teeth of our laws are not the only ivory part.

—but the part we have to do is to see that you always get the most value for your money —when you spend it with us.

Of course you have your Favorite Perfumes and Powders—and the place to find just what you want is here.

We have many lines that rare unusual and you will save both time and money by coming here first.

No matter what your natural charm may be (there is always the opportunity of increasing it by the judicious use of our wonderful perfumes and powders.

Neblett's Drugs

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is a pleasant, safe and reliable medicine for coughs and colds. It has been in use for many years and is held in high esteem in those households where its good qualities are best known. It is a favorite with mothers of young children, as it contains no opium or other harmful drug. Try it when you have need of such a remedy. adv Jan 18

J. W. TAYLOR COMPANY

Lands, Stock-farms, Leases, Rentals, Ranches, Cattle, City Property. Money to loan on patented lands. We have some real bargains.

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Not Like a Sack of Flour---

You drop into the grocery store and ask for a sack of flour. "I have a truck load on the way," says the grocer, "and will send it over in a couple of hours."

That is perfectly satisfactory.

You (press the button) (or turn the gas valve) (or lift the telephone receiver.) Suppose the Midland Light Company would tell you that they were out of it just now but would send over a package of (light) (or gas) (or conversation) in a couple of hours.

The difference is that the Midland Light Company sells service and not a commodity. It must be ready to serve its customers when they want the service. It is as reasonable for a light company to be expected to be ready to serve any minute of the day as it is reasonable for the dealer in staple commodities to take two hours to make a delivery.

But this is a factor in the Midland Light Company's service, that many users of the service have not considered when they appraise the service.

Midland Light Co.

W. H. WILLIAMS, Mgr.

Burton-Lingo Company
Building Material
Paint and Varnish
Let Us Figure Your Bills
37 Years IN Midland

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN AMERICA

In 1824—Abraham Lincoln, a lad of 15 years, was working on a ferryboat on the Ohio river for \$6 a month. The Marquis of Lafayette visited America, and was received with tremendous acclaim by crowds of cheering people wherever he went. Steam ferries were operated for the first time between New York and Brooklyn. An epidemic of yellow fever was raging in Louisiana. The manufacture of flannel by water power was first started at Amesbury, Mass.

An English bricklayer named Joseph Aspdin, took out a patent for a material he called "portland cement" naming it "portland," because when it hardened it resembled a gray stone found on the Isle of Portland off the coast of England. The Erie canal, connecting the Great Lakes with New York, was rapidly being completed. The first steamboat passed through the canal from Rochester to Albany.

Anthracite coal was used for the first time in New York. The Colorado beetle, commonly known as the potato bug, made its first appearance in Wisconsin. The first three-story brick house had just been completed in Brooklyn, N. Y. The town had a population of 7,000. The houses had just been numbered.

There was much excitement in the country over the presidential election, due to the large number of candidates. John Quincy Adams represented the East, Crawford the South, and Clay and Jackson the West.

A Good Thing—Don't Miss It
 Send your name and address plainly (written together with 5 cents (and this slip)) to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and receive in return a trial package containing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchial, "flu" and whooping coughs, and tickling throat; Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for stomach troubles, indigestion, gassy pains that crowd the heart, biliousness and constipation; Chamberlain's Salve, needed in every family for burns, scalds, wounds, piles, and skin affections; these valued family medicines for only 5 cents. Don't miss it. Adv. if

"My school, my job, my Chicago," is the slogan of a special high school edition of the weekly bulletin published by the Chicago Association of Commerce. This special number was published to bring the business men of Chicago into closer relations with the high schools. Information about the schools is given for the benefit of the business men and information about business for the benefit of the students.

Mrs. Chas. Kerr and baby were expected to return yesterday from Peos, where they spent a week with her friend, Mrs. R. G. Middleton.

POLISH PATRIOT WRITES OF VISIT

Impressed by the great industrial development, the co-operation in civic life, and the boundless good fellowship in America, Gen. Joseph Haller, noted Polish patriot who was the guest of the American Legion while in the United States, has returned to his native land.

In a letter to National Commander John R. Quinn of the Legion, the great Polish warrior said that his pleasure in his visit was unbounded, and was an experience that he would always recall because of the association with his former comrades of the World War who had fought under the American flag.

General Haller's visit began early in October and continued until a few days before Christmas. His tour started with a visit to the White House and a visit to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington, across the continent to San Francisco where he received highest honors at the hands of the American Legion. As the official guest of the organization, he was presented with the American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal, worn only by two Americans and by but four others—Marshal Foch of France, Admiral Berty of England, General Jacques of Belgium, General Diaz of Italy.

Back across the nation with a party of representative Legion men, sped the great Polish patriot, to visit nearly fifty of America's greatest cities where he was greeted by members of that organization, Polish colonies and many officials, statesmen and prominent persons.

Before his departure, General Haller expressed his deep satisfaction at the outcome of the visit, and deeply thanked the American Legion for the opportunity to see the nation. He said in his letter:

"What has given me the greatest pleasure has been the evidence on every hand that the American soldier who readily gave up his peaceful pursuits to don the uniform of his proud country and help put down oppression in Europe so nobly returned to the industrial and commercial occupations following the signing of the armistice. I have noted the happy homes, the contentment and the prosperity of those liberty-loving and hard-working individuals. It has been a constant inspiration to me. The officers of the many Legion posts, the officials of the organization are all enshrined in my heart."

Britisher Anxious to Be Legion Member

Harold Hall, a veteran of the Boer War, a British officer who served on every British battle front from Mons to the Dardanelles is looking forward to acceptance of his application by the American Legion. Hall was one of the first to begin of the new ruling made by the Legion of the fifth annual convention, which permits those who served with allied armies who were at the time citizens of the United States, or later became naturalized, to affiliate with the Legion.

Hall is a resident of Meriden, Conn., and applied for naturalization papers following his arrival in that city in January, 1923. His next step was to make application for Legion membership, but was told that he would be forced to wait until completion of his naturalization requirements. He hopes that every American Legion post should have a number of the applicants to the 25th annual convention.

Canada Would Have Legion Convention

Montreal seeks to entertain the 25th national convention of the American Legion, according to an invitation from the national headquarters at the veterans' organization through Legion officials in Canada.

The invitation was extended by Mayor Martin of Montreal, who declared that the entertainment of the former comrades of the British soldiers would give great pleasure to citizens of his country, as well as affording a means for more closely linking the people of the two nations.

The invitation was not received in time for consideration, however, as the Legion convention for 1924 had already been authorized for St. Paul, Victoria, B. C., another Canadian city, invited the veterans' organization to come there in 1924, this invitation being extended during the 25th national convention at San Francisco.

Would "Show" Them

Charles R. Edwards, leader of the Yankee division in the World War, and now leading his former soldiers as department commander of the American Legion in Massachusetts, says that the Legion can become the finest body of men in America.

General Edwards, under whose guidance Legion interest has reached a high tide in his state, appealed to his comrades with the words: "Just as soon as you show the non-Legionaire men who are now eligible—that the purpose of the organization is to be behind everything fine in civic life in every town and city, just so soon will you have the endorsement and backing of all your fellow citizens."

Him, Too

In a state of considerable excitement, the circus manager rushed up to Sam, the colored canvasser. "We need a little help, Sam," he cried. "Folks here have escaped from cage five." "Scaped? ejaculated Sam. "Ho! Ho! hammer, boss. Dat's jes' zackly what Ah's awine to do!"—American Legion Weekly.

Fire--Fire--

If your house catches at the bottom it will burn up; if it catches at the top it will burn down. Better have it insured before it's too late. We have been writing Fire Insurance in Midland for 18 years and have never had an unsatisfactory settlement.

Basham, Shepherd & Co
 PHONE 135

Live Stock Exchange, Inc.

"FROM BREEDER TO FEEDER"
 Des Moines, Iowa. Midland, Texas

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY TELLS WHY IT ADVERTISES

A class in a Boulder business college was recently writing on the subject of advertising. A member of the class went to the Boulder division of the public service company of Colorado and asked the question:

"Why does your company advertise?"

"This was the public service company's answer:

"We advertise because advertising is good for our business.

"Because we are a public utility advertising that is beneficial to us in like degree beneficial to our customers—the public."

"We advertise for the reason that the more people know about our business—its relation to the growth and prosperity of their city or town, and how the service we sell, in an increasing number of ways, can be made to promote their individual comfort and prosperity—the more business we will do and the greater the volume of our business the better service we can render our customers.

"We advertise our service, and also appliances for the use of that service in the form of light, heat, power and increased efficiency in the performance of a large number of industrial, commercial and domestic activities.

"But advertising things that can be sold in definite, shape or measure, is but a part of our advertising.

"We also advertise our business as a business.

"This is a very important part of our advertising. It is educational in character because it is designated primarily to create a more intelligent understanding of what a public utility is, and how all who are dependent on the service it supplies—and this itself—are affected by whatever affects the public utility.

"There are a number of reasons why this kind of advertising is both necessary and important. One is that, until recent years, public utilities were all too frequently made targets for political and semi-political attacks, with the consequent false edu-

cation of the public that invariably even more important reason, however, is that public utilities have developed so rapidly within a comparatively few years, the service they supply has become so vital to social and economic life, and the ever availability of that service has caused it to be taken so much for granted, that people generally have not had the opportunity to realize how directly they in their individual capacities are concerned with the success or failure of the public utilities that serve them. We are constantly striving to place these facts before the public."

USE SAVINGS BY VESTING IN INDUSTRIES

The time has long passed when small groups of capitalists can meet the demands for capital to make extensions and additions to industrial enterprises. The growth of the country and of the demands of the people are too rapid for this. The capital of the country must be joined in the building of industry. The dollars are going to work for their immediate owners now rather than through middlemen.

Industry has made it possible for the people to purchase shares and bonds in small quantities. So the people are taking their money from savings banks or other places where it has been earning low rates of interest and investing it in these securities. The idea of becoming a shareholder in the United States Steel Corporation, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, or the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, appeals to thrifty people.

From the public utility company viewpoint the most desirable investors in its securities are employees and customers—employees, because of the beneficial effect that partnership in their relations to the company, and customers, because every one becomes a booster for the company and a constant promoter of its interests.

The more stock held by these two classes of people, the greater the company's chances for achieving business success.

Ford
 THE UNIVERSAL CAR
Looking Ahead
 LAST Spring a total of 350,000 people were disappointed in not being able to obtain deliveries of Ford Cars and Trucks, as orders were placed faster than cars could be produced. The demand for Ford Cars and Trucks this Spring will, accordingly to all indications, be far greater than last Spring. Winter buying has been increasing at a greater rate than ever before. Actual retail deliveries the past 60 days totaled 308,170 Ford Cars and Trucks, an increase of 1,961 a day over a year ago. Over 200,000 people have already ordered Ford products on our purchase plan, the majority of whom will take delivery in the Spring. The above facts are given with the suggestion that you list your order promptly with a Ford dealer if you contemplate the purchase of a Ford Car or Truck for use this Spring or Summer and wish to avoid delay in delivery.

Ford Motor Company
 Detroit, Michigan

You need not pay cash for your car. You can arrange to make a small deposit down, taking care of the balance in easy payments. Or, you can buy on the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan. This puts you on the preferred order list and insures delivery of your car at a time to be determined by yourself.

See the Nearest Authorized Ford Dealer

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT GOOD TIMES in FORT WORTH

The justice of penalizing individual carelessness when it results in fire damage to the property of others, is effectively argued in the following brief bulletin, issued by the Industrial Commission of Wisconsin.

"A crook robs a national bank of one million dollars. The entire police power of the State and nation are put to work to apprehend him."

"A man deliberately sets fire to a grain elevator in which one million dollars' worth of grain is stored. Some fire marshal, alone and unaided, investigates this fire in the hope of discovering sufficient evidence to bring the guilty man to trial before a jury strongly prejudiced against circumstantial evidence."

Constipation

Constipation of the bowels is a complaint of the sewerage system that causes acute misery from the people. It is necessary that your bowels be regular once each day, getting off the waste, as it is that the waste piles up on your home, he left open and carry off the waste from the house. If you would enjoy good health, keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed. Adv. Jan. 18.

WHY PEOPLE HAVE HOMES

In the United States now there are 250 cities each with a population of 25,000 or more. Their combined population is 37,000,000. Forty years ago it was 8,600,000.

It is interesting to note in this connection that forty years ago the service of electricity, gas, and the telephone was just beginning as a public service.

The growth of city population has been largely due to the services of these utilities and the electric railway. Before these utility services were available, people were content with small, self-sufficient, isolated communities. The growth of cities has been largely due to the services of these utilities and the electric railway.

A Wish

"I have taken Cardui for run-downs, worn-out condition, nervousness and sleeplessness, and I was weak, too," says Mrs. Savie Estes, of Jennings, Okla. "Cardui did me just lots of good—so much that I gave it to my daughter." "I complained of a sore throat, ber sides and back. She took three bottles of"

CARDUI
 The Woman's Tonic
 and her condition was much better. "We have lived here, near Jennings, for 26 years, and now we have our own home in town. I have had to work pretty hard, and this country wasn't built up, and it made it hard for us. "I WISH I could tell weak women of Cardui—the medicine that helped give me the strength to go on and do my work."

W. W. Stewart, Jr., of Balmorhea, was a visitor to Midland this week.

STOP THAT ITCHING
 Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by City Drug Midland, Texas

Best Way To Make a Man Contented With His Lot is To
BUILD A HOME ON IT
See us for Building Materials of All Kinds
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Building Material

MIDLAND SOCIETY
MISS LYDIE G. WATSON, Editor
Phone 88

Miss Lydie G. Watson, of Galloway College, Searcy, Ark.; Landon's Conservatory, Dallas, Texas, and the American Conservatory, Chicago, Ill., now has her studios open for 1923-24. Those wishing to study music, phone 88. South Side Studio at Mrs. Robt. Currie.

Impressive Service at Methodist Church

At a beautifully impressive service at the Methodist church last Sunday morning, Rev. L. U. Spellman formally installed the newly elected officers of the Missionary Society for the coming year. The young pastor took for his theme the work of the Missionary Council and the work of the women both at home and abroad, and in his forcible, earnest manner he made the service very sweetly impressive.

The work of our local women is something to be commended. We have observed that when one says they only believe in home missions, that their work usually begins and ends at home. These valiant Christian women of the Midland society have heard the "one clear call" as a trumpet sound to present duty, and they are earnestly following the Gleam. The little orphan girl for whom they have been making dainty garments during her school days, graduated last June and now has a position in the Texas Christian Advocate at Dallas, and is making \$100 a month. The society will now "adopt" another girl and help prepare her for a useful Christian career. "He who gives himself with his arms feeds three, himself, his hungry neighbor and Me."

The following are the officers who were installed:
Mrs. L. U. Spellman, president; Mrs. Stacy Allen, vice president; Mrs. Charley Ulmer, secretary; Mrs. Andy Norwood, recording secretary;

Mesdames O. B. Holt and Frank Cowden are giving the first of a series of parties this afternoon at the attractive home of Mrs. Holt.

Mesdames Benard Hendrix and Edwin Martin, of Odessa, were visiting in Midland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holmesly and little son, of Ranger, arrived Tuesday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holmesly.

Bridge Club Honored with Lovely Party

The McCormick home was the scene of a very gay and unusually attractive party Wednesday evening when Misses Leona McCormick and Clifford Heath entertained the members of the Girls' Bridge Club and a number of invited guests. Pink roses and sycamens with their dainty and fragile beauty were used in the floral adornment and the lights were shaded by the same lovely rose tints, while suggestions of white and green also added their harmonious note. There were seven tables of bridge and the games progressed with interest terminating in Miss Cordelia Taylor winning the high score club prize, a creton floor pillow. Miss Barzak received the high score guest prize, a pair of dainty bed-room candles. Miss Crystal Poole was consoled by getting the booby, a bridge whistle. Mr. Reubin Collins won the high score men's prize, a unique whisk broom, and the booby went to Clifford Hill, a set of collar buttons in a quaint little holder. The tallies were novel and unusual, the girls were designed like bracelets and the men's were beaded. During the games green, pink and white home-made candy in cut glass nappies was passed and the refreshment plate was both elaborate and artistic, and consisted of pressed chicken with olive oil dressing, stuffed celery, potato chips, saratoga flakes, tinted pear salad, coffee and ices.

Mrs. Jesse Prothro, treasurer; Mrs. O. B. Holt, assistant treasurer; Mrs. M. J. Allen, supt. of study; Mrs. J. A. Dowdy, supt. of literary and publicity; Mrs. Roy Johnson, social service; Mrs. C. A. Goldsmith, supt. of supplies; Mrs. B. Frank Haag, supt. of social work; Mrs. O. W. Ligon, chairman of program committee.

Camp Filling Station, near camp grounds, will appreciate your patronage. Service day or night. Bert Stringer, proprietor. adv 7-12t

Pretty Party at Parsonage

The parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. L. U. Spellman was the scene of a very happy gathering last Tuesday evening when the members of class No. 13 entertained in compliment to a few invited friends. Various games and contests cleverly planned gave entertainment for some length of time, after which a delicious refreshment plate consisting of Devil food with whipped cream, coffee and candied mints were daintily served.

Miss Ora Mae Terry is now at home after an extended visit to Abilene and Cisco. Interested friends will be pleased to learn that her mother, Mrs. A. T. Terry, who is in a sanitarium at Cisco is improving some in health.

The Bible study class of the Methodist missionary society, will meet next Monday afternoon at three o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Wein. Lesson Hebrew viii to xiii. The business meeting has been changed to the fourth Monday in each month and the ladies are very desirous that each member shall be present and start the new year with renewed zeal and interest.

Miss Ethel Shepherd, who is teaching in Stanton, spent last week end at home with her parents.

Judge and Mrs. Chas. Gibbs left last Saturday for a week's visit to El Paso.

Mrs. R. M. Clayton, Jr., is convalescent after a few days' illness.

IN HOUSTON NOW STUDYING OPTOMETRY

J. P. Inman, our clever optometrist, jeweler, etc.—in fact, the public's "trouble shooter"—left last Saturday evening for Houston, where, this week, he is attending a State and National meeting of optometrists. He is expected to be at home again today or tomorrow.

It will be remembered that Mr. Inman graduated in optometry a number of years ago in a St. Louis school of optometry and since then has successfully made a specialty of this profession.

A year or so ago the State legislature passed a law that handicapped the peddler of specks, the fakir, etc., and Mr. Inman, with other reputable optometrists, went before the State board and passed an A - examination. In the meantime he has kept steadily abreast of optometry development and experimentation, and his visit to Houston this week is in keeping with his studious intent that Midland people shall in no wise make a sacrifice in looking to him when troubled with imperfect or impaired vision.

This week Mr. Inman has studied and associated with the greatest optometrists and eye specialists of the nation.

SUGGESTIONS BY A COUNTY AGENT

Our friend and townsman, S. H. Basham, chicken fancier and enthusiast, hands in the following article taken from the Carbon Messenger, which is by the Eastland County cooperative farm demonstrator, and suggests that it ought to interest Midland County farmers:

Before attempting to outline a program for agriculture in Eastland County in 1924 let us consider briefly accomplishments for 1921, 22 and 23.

I don't believe there is a business or any other sort of interest in Eastland County that has not felt the prosperity of our farmers this year. Towns in all parts of the county have reported fair business, even better than they expected, and I believe they know a bigger part of it must be attributed to better and more agriculture.

In 1921 Eastland County produced about 1800 bales of cotton, in 1922 6500 and in 1923 it produced 12,000 bales. In 1921 the county had reached such a proportion in the poultry industry that the largest flock had not more than 200 birds. In 1922 the largest flock of birds 738 hens and in 1923 the largest flock numbered about 2050 to 3000. In 1921 the largest hatchery I knew anything about was 600 capacity. Now there are three 1600 capacities, and prospects for at least one more 10364 capacity. The number installed now will permit us to hatch 44892 eggs every 21 days. These are commercial hatcheries and the county has in addition to these a number of farmers who have from 200 to 600 capacities. There are 5 commercial egg farms recently started and before spring we expect at least 6 more.

In 1921 there were less than six completely terraced farms in the county. Now there are 90 or 95 and farmers all over the county are ready to have it done and are doing it as fast as I can assist them.

In 1921 there were less than six good type registered hogs in the county. Now there are more than 300 that no county would be ashamed of. In 1921 there were less than one-half dozen good dairy cows in the county, now there are more than 50.

A thing to be most appreciated was the action taken by the commissioners court in the last year's grass-hopper fight in which the court bought and sold to farmers necessary poison to fight the hoppers with and permitted 141 farmers to produce not less than 750 bales more cotton at a saving of not less than \$100,000 to say nothing of feed and garden crops. I make special mention of this because of the attitude so many courts take in things of this kind. In the past fight against this pest, I am reminded of our adjoining counties that did not see fit to assist their farmers which caused whole sections of them to fail to make anything, whereas by their court's assistance they might have made at least two-thirds of a crop.

W. C. Withers and family are new-comers to Midland, having arrived this week from Childress. Mr. Withers has rented 300 acres of B. F. Whitefield, all of which he will cultivate this year, he and his five sons. He has bought teams and tools and is prepared for the real business of farming.

Mrs. A. W. Briggs, nee Miss Mary Wadley, and little son, Billie, are here from Los Angeles, Cal., to spend two weeks with her parents and other relatives. She will visit in Dallas before returning to her home in Los Angeles.

The new pupils for South Ward since Christmas are as follows: Corene Hart, Troy McGee, Bennis Bizzell, Ordis Walker, A. W. McCarley, Connie Mae McCarley, Louring Millisay, Foree Early, Alice Mae Early, Boyd Flounnoy, Francis Flounnoy.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

High School
S. W. Seale, Principal.
Georgia Kirk Davis, Reporter.

The mid-term examinations are on this week, and the atmosphere is fine. It is a business-like, studious, thoughtful atmosphere. Several are rejoicing over the fact that they are exempt, a just cause for rejoicing since the standard for exemption is so high. To be exempt, a pupil must average 90 or more in his studies, 85 or more in his quizzes, and 95 or more in behavior for the term of 4 1-2 months. Those exempt in all subjects are: Ruth Blakeney, Gladys Draper, Evelyn Estes, Oriel Horton, Ietta Lee, Florence Manning and J. Wiley Taylor, from the senior class; Georgia Kirk Davis, Ernestine Half, Minnie Rita Hutcheson, Gladys Inman, Georgia Mae Lumkin, Warren Skaggs, Thalbert Thomas from the junior class; Mary Flenor, Jessie Mae Estes, Grady Henry, Kitta Belle Wolcott, Dessie Paddock, Louis Thomas, Clinton Dunagan, Nellie Dale and Frances Ratliff from the 9th grade; Dora Wall, Ray Guynn, Iola Lee and Josephine Sken from the 8th grade. Lora Medlin of the 9th grade was exempt in three subjects.

The following were exempt in two subjects: Lela Mary Heard, Ulalia Jones, Lillie D. Midkiff and Ina Fay Young from the 11th grade; Lucile Dowdy and Deonard Ollif from the 10th grade; Othell Wilmoth, Florence Parr and Irene Jay from the 9th grade; Earl Klebold from the 8th grade. The following were exempt in one subject: Lois Brunson, Louise Karkalits, Agnes Willingham and Maureen Winborne from the 11th grade; George Buchanan, Mildred Ethridge, Floy Hawkins, Lucile Lee, Gladys Snodgrass and Wallace Wimberly from the 10th grade; Luvenia Jones, Mary Pliska, Paul King, and Lois Armstrong from the 9th grade; Louise Brunson, J. W. Crowley, Louise Greenhill, Virginia Hale, Burette Karkalits, Ellen Potter, Floyd Cunniss and Hazel Foster from the 8th grade.

An interesting letter was received this week from A. J. Florey, same appearing in full in another column of The Reporter.

The passing of "Napoleon," the royal Persian kitten of Miss Pearce, is commemorated in a special article in these columns.

The following pupils have entered the high school since the Christmas holidays: Horace Rankin, of Houston; Van Lee Estes, of Alpine, and Alonzo and Lottie Mills, of Valley View.

Grammar School—Central Ward
Miss Barbara Barzak, Principal.
Margaret Francis and Louise Clayton, Reporters.

The following pupils have been enrolled in the primary department since the Christmas holidays: Wayne Hart, Colorado City; Wallace Walker, Colorado City; Ejoyd Hall, Colorado City; Virginia Rogers, Prairie Lee; Lucile Mayfield, Crosbyton; Graham Pennington, Odona school; Aleen Malett, Fairview; Herbert Mills, Colorado City; Christine Hart, Novelle Davie, Dixie Lee Davie, Kieth Malett, Alvin Rodine, all from Mitchell County.

Grammar School—South Ward
L. L. Thomas, Principal.
Miss Barham, Reporter.

Mid-term examinations began on Wednesday morning and the first two days were marked with an almost perfect attendance. Only one pupil was absent for half a day in the two days.

South Ward teachers are fortunate in having pupils from the high school to copy questions on the boards during the examinations. We wish to thank those who have so kindly helped us.

A large number of new pupils who have entered school during the past two weeks are taking their entrance examinations this week. A majority of these pupils come to us from rural schools.

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panionship forever closed, knows the meaning of real sorrow. Death in any form brings sadness. The poignant grief that attends the departure of a human soul from this life is no less marked in the loss of any one of "nature's social union." Certainly tears shed over those animals which, because of their responsiveness to human affection and kindness, have been called friends of man, are not indications of ignoble emotions.

On last Wednesday, "Napoleon," the Persian kitten owned by Miss Pearce, a member of the high school faculty, died. To those who had not seen this beautiful kitten we will say that he was a remarkable animal. His stateliness, dignified mien, and handsome coat of long white fur made him appear one of the most distinguished members of the feline family. He was very large, though not a year old. His customary way of greeting his mistress on her return home every day and his behavior at all times showed that he felt his membership in the family with pride. To those of us who knew and loved him, he was "Polie." He endeared himself to us because of his cunning ways and intelligent attitude. He was always playful, yet he never seemed to forget that he was a member of feline aristocracy.

We are sincerely grieved by the death of "Polie," and we shall not soon forget this beautiful pet. It is a sad occasion with some of the lesser beings that arouses our gentler feelings, and we know that our appreciation of life has been deepened by our acquaintance with "Polie." To Burns, the great nature poet, even a mouse could suggest a theme for a great poem. We, whose hearts may be touched by similar emotions of love and pity, are grieved by the death of this Persian kitten, "Napoleon," and we, his "poor earth-born companions," pause to express our sorrow in the loss of our "fellow mortal."

The usual order of services will be held at the church next Sunday and the week following.

The week beginning Jan. 20th is "Centenary Pay-out week." All centenary pledges are now due. Let's make it one hundred per cent. Hand your remittance to the pastor or to M. C. Ulmer.

L. U. SPELLMAN.

CHURCH NOTICES

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Mass will be on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Beginning of mass at 10 a. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
9:30 a. m., Children's song service.
9:45 a. m., Bible school.
10:40 a. m., Communion service.
3:30 p. m., Intermediate Endeavor.
6:15 p. m., Senior Endeavor.
A cordial invitation to all.

METHODIST CHURCH
The usual order of services will be held at the church next Sunday and the week following.

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SENIOR C. E.
Subject, "Gospel Triumphs in Japan."
Scripture—Acts 10:34-48.
Leader—Birdie Bradshaw.
Song.
Sentence prayers.
Song.
Talk: Can the Orient take on western learning and culture and retain Christianity without being a menace to civilization?—Mr. Wilhite.
Talk: What is our responsibility to Japan?—Dorothy Brown.
Scripture readings and comments on each.
Business, song and mispah.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE
Leader—Marion Adlen.
Subject: "God the Father."
Scripture: Detu. 32:6-9; Matt. 6:1-4.
Song and prayer service.
A talk on "Creed"—Leader.
Three things are affirmed of God in the "Creed"—Bernice Norwood.
Piano solo—Alta Mae Johnson.
"Jesus' Life was one of Filial Trust"—Teague Hutcheson.
"Jesus' Life was one of Perfect Obedience"—Mary Frances Norwood.
"Jesus' Life was one of Fellowship with the Father"—Louis Thomas.
Announcements and benediction.

Young Mr. Wilson, who is in the real estate business at Andrews, was a caller at The Reporter office Tuesday. He reports encouraging activities out there, with the coming of so many farmers, and that land owners are acting very sensibly in keeping prices down to a reasonable figure.

Miss Pearl Bradshaw of Big Spring, was in Midland on a week's visit, to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee Bradshaw.

HABIT

We are mostly creatures of habit, so let's be sure our habits are good ones.
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