

LARGEST CLASS IN OUR HISTORY IS GRADUATING

Rev. C. A. Bickley to Preach Baccalaureate Sermon and Tech Professor to Deliver Commencement Address. Plans for Closing Exercises Now Under Way.

Thirty-seven fine boys and girls are bidding farewell to the old Brownfield High School this year. Some of them will go to work at various things. Some will enter college somewhere, but in a few years at best, the graduating class of this year will be scattered to the four winds. But the Herald hopes for each of them the very best of success in life, and that not one of them will ever do anything to bring shame or disgrace on the rest of the class or their families, and we don't believe they will, for they are certainly a fine lot of young folks. We know, for we have met and done business with them.

We understand that Rev. C. A. Bickley, Presiding Elder of the Lubbock District of the Methodist church will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 24th, eleven o'clock at the high school auditorium. Dr. Grandberry, of the Texas Technological college, Lubbock, will deliver the commencement address at the exercises which will be held at the auditorium of the school building on Monday night, May 25th, at which time diplomas will be awarded.

Miss Eileen Ellington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ellington of this city is the valedictorian, and Miss Katharine Holgate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Holgate is the salutatorian. These young ladies have made exceptionally high grades, we understand. As for that matter the general average was reported to be very satisfactory.

The following is a list of the 37 graduates as was furnished us by the class sponsor, Miss Perkins:

- Goeda Malcolm
- Leather Malcolm
- Jame Michie
- Merle Moore
- Dell Smith
- Salomae Steen
- Jack Stricklin
- Velma Sutton
- Jimmie Thomas
- Nettie Holgate
- Alma Brown
- Marcus Chambliss
- Mary Katharine Wilson
- Frances Brownfield
- Lenore Brownfield
- Eileen Ellington
- Lometa Grigg
- Kathryn Holgate
- Pauline Hunter
- Donald King
- Jeanildene King
- Josephene Lee
- R. L. Lewis
- Edna Ruth Johnson
- Lola Mae Tittle
- Valree Briscoe
- Inez Averitt
- Ozella Bass
- Gladys Farrell
- Lewis Parker
- Billie Burlison
- Maurita Bell
- Evelyn Lowe
- C. C. Primm
- Lois Goza
- George O'Brien
- Louise Goza

Poor Little Wild Flowers



"Trades Horn" Very Fascinating Film

Jungles Adventures Give Audience New Thrill

Thrills of the wildest jungles, beasts in their struggles for life, savage tribesmen in the strange, fantastic and deadly rites of the jungle; crocodiles, rhino—every peril an explorer could face—these are filmed, with actual sound, in "Trades Horn," Metro-Goldwyn - Mayer's gigantic pageant of savage Africa at the Rialto Theatre, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.



DUNCAN REYNOLDS AND EDNA BOOTH IN "TRADES HORN"

story—the tale of the adventurous trader, his apprentice and the beautiful "White Goddess" of the savage Isorgi. The famous book lives in actuality, as, in the original locales of its dramatic narrative, it is enacted in talking pictures.

Jungles Noises Recorded
Not only do we hear the voices of its actors, but the voices of the jungle. The roars of the lions, the songs of the jungle birds, the eerie laugh of the hyena and the deep throated gurgle of the crocodile—all these were recorded on the spot, with the first and only sound apparatus ever taken into Africa.

As drama, it is engrossing and as a chronicle of adventure it is amazing. One's avatars traits leap to life as the wild tom-toms usher in the death dance of the savage Isorgi; one thrills at their weird native chants to the accompaniment of thousands of bare feet pounding in unison on the brickhard ground.

One thrills at the dramatic battles between wild beast, out there in the jungles where everything eats something else to live. And through it runs the tender human love story of the boy and the girl, the young adventurer and the golden haired priestess of a savage tribe.

Harry Carey, in the title role of "Trades Horn", has a splendid part which he portrays with that facile naturalness which gives it its charm. His dialogue is often that of the author of the book, and he seems fairly imbued with its spirit.

Michie Reports Sharp Increase in Business

In conversation one day this week with our good friend, J. E. Michie, he reported a sharp increase in his business since he took charge of the "M" Store several weeks ago, and a gradual increase every week. At that time, he remarked, it was like starting anew, but each week, he finds that old customers are gradually returning and a good lot of newcomers are coming to his store to trade.

Mr. Michie has been closely connected with the grocery trade for years, and if he does not know the business and what the people want, few people do. He is a close observer of the trade's demand, and loses no time in complying with that demand. He never has many if any misunderstandings with customers as he is always careful to make everything quite clear to them. It is not only his ambition to serve his present customers well, but others as well that may begin trading with him in the future.

Mr. W. T. Rodgers of Lubbock, has moved down and leased the market department of this store from the McDonald packing company, and is ready and willing to efficiently serve the old as well as the new customers of this store. Mr. Rodgers comes highly recommended as a great meat cutter and a good citizen. He knows his meats, and says that if you are in doubt about a good cut of meat, to be sure and see him.

No More Poetry For Us—Bought Off

Although addressed as the Poet Laureate of Terry county with a package of fine cigars that came from some place, the post mark of which we were unable to decipher, we knew that in accepting the package we were thereby and therein sealing our doom so far as writing anything but straight prose and free verse goes. We must rhyme no more. We felt the urge too, quite plainly coming on us again Monday afternoon, when the mail came in which brought us six very fine cigars of different brands, but all good ones. As reductant as we were to go on with our sonnetes, odes etc., we used our great force of self will and forgot the matter—and went to smoking. As a consequence, we were fighting at church that night and sleepless when bedtime came. Just a bit of overindulgence. However, if we were given three guesses as from whence the cigars, we would risk at least two of them on a certain town 30 miles west of Brownfield. Thanks, anyway, and we'll do our best to stay off poetry and the weather.

Talking about cigars, we had just about decided that there never would be any more good nickleus, but with the general coming down of other things, we find that one can now indulge again in a real good old five cent smoke. We are not saying the smokes we received the other day from the unknown party were nickle smokes. They were not. They were YB's and such like—good old tenners. But we do say that perfectly good smokes can now be had all over town for five pennies, and one drug store is dispensing a cigar that is a half foot in length for five cents. Happy Days Are Here Again.

Our Harmony fellow poet quit last week, and we had to quit this week, so we suppose all the poetry printed in this great religious journal will have to be imported from the Ozarks from this on, and that Ed Shelton will have to have it out with the weatherman all by himself from this on. Of course, after the weather has already happened, we suppose it will be alright to report the matter just as news items without breaking our pledge, but we must not get poetical about it. We know there are people all over this section that will almost cry about the matter, but even though there are rivers of tears, this will not move us to elucidate on the twittering birds, the rippling streams, or the pitter-patter of the rain on the tin roof. W. A. Tittle, for instance, was in Monday, and remarked that he was enjoying our poetry just fine, and was real sorry we were taking out. But dog-gone, he didn't refuse one of the cigars.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends for their kindness to us in the illness and death of our husband, father and brother. May God's richest blessings abide with each of you.
Mrs. W. P. Clark and children,
Mrs. J. S. Woods, a sister.

It is reported that Mrs. Claude Jones is very ill with a nervous disorder.

15,000 ACRES PLANTED DAILY HERE THIS WEEK

Planting Going Forward on 1500 Terry County Farms. Some Planting as Much as 40 Acres Per Day. Farmers Report the Best Season in County's History.

We believe that 15000 acres a day is a conservative estimate of the number of acres that are being planted in Terry county this week. If there are 1500 farmers in Terry county, and Uncle Sam found about that number, and with the new ones, that came in this year, they are here. It is said that there is hardly a foot of old land that will not be in cultivation this year, and thousands of acres of sod will be under the plow for the first time this year. Only 10 acres a day per farm would have to be planted in order to reach this estimate of 15000 acres per day.

Some, perhaps are planting less than 10 acres per day; others are planting much more. We know of some farms that are planting from 20 to 40 acres, and there is talk of night shifts on some of the farms. If so, the acreage would reach from 40 to 80 in some instances. These are farms that have tractors on them. Many farmers plant from 8 to 10

acres per day with horses and single row planters.

We have talked with farmers this week from most every section of the county, and they tell us that they have never had a better season here or elsewhere to plant on in their lives, and they are certainly making hay while the sun shines. The real time of year when Terry county people plant is here. The weather is lovely, and the season is in the ground. The town has been deserted this week by the farmers, they only coming in to the blacksmith shops to have work done.

The work of planting the county has put lots of people to work at fair wages, and this includes the blacksmiths and their helpers. The implement dealers have been busy selling new implements or repairs for old ones. Whether we get the new railroad or not, it looks as if prosperity is returning to old Terry.

Terry County Schools Show Gains of 154

Following is a list of School Districts and the scholastic population of each district.

Brownfield	769
Meadow	310
Gomez	209
Union	186
Tekio	148
Forrester	136
Wellman	132
Hunter	101
Labeys	98
Scuddey	93
Prairie View	92
Johnson	90
Needmore	83
Harmony	82
Pleasant Valley	81
Challis	74
Happy	53
Sawyer	52
Poole	51
Willow Wells	42
Midway	36
Harris	30
TOTAL	2948

Terry County shows a gain of 154 scholastics over the 1930 census, but we are short 52 of having enough yet to separate the office of County Judge and school Supt.

Orphan Home Truck Was Here Last Week

The Tipton Orphan Home Truck was here last week, and stopped at two local grocery stores, where many packages of groceries were left to be loaded into it for this popular and growing home. These trips are made over sections of Oklahoma and West Texas every few months, when thousands of dollars worth of groceries are gotten together to be trucked to the home. We understand that at least one truck is on the road at all times.

This home is supported by the churches of Christ of West Texas and Oklahoma, being situated at Tipton, Okla., and is caring for some 200 orphan children in a thoroughly modern plant. Of course many other people not members of this church or any church are contributing liberally to its support, and this has been especially true since the depression started.

Cobb Dept. Store Sets Some Real Bargains

Like most of the other dry goods stores here now, the Cobb Dept. Store does not run special or sales all the time, but when they do they are real sales, and the one now on is one of the best they have ever put on here. They have out and slashed to the quick, Dry goods at the present time are much cheaper than they were even six months ago. Indeed the retail price now is almost as low as the wholesale price at that time. In some instances, lower.

Therefore they have taken their loss and have dropped down to present conditions and prices at one fell swoop, believing that prices will from this on be maintained for some time to come. So if you are looking for real "depression bargains," go to the Cobb Store. Many of help to wait on you at our first class goods, low prices and courteous help.

Bond Given Brownfield and Levelland Men

J. A. Bonds, formerly of this city, but whom we understand has recently moved his family to Lubbock, was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 in a habeas corpus hearing before District Judge, Gordon B. McGuire at Lamesa last Wednesday. Bonds is charged with murder in connection with the alleged fatal shooting of J. C. White, local groceryman here on Sunday morning of April 5th in a local cafe. Bonds has been confined in the Dawson county jail since that time. As soon as bond was allowable, we understand that friends from down about Abilene made his bond in just a few minutes.

The hearing was conducted by District Attorney T. L. Price, of Tahoka, and the witnesses included two from here, one the cook and waiter at the restaurant, and the other a local physician, the latter of whom was leaving the cafe as Bonds entered. Several character witnesses also testified in the case. Bonds, we understand, made a plea of self defense, stating that on several occasions he had been threatened by White. He will very likely go to trial here during the September term of the district court.

Woods Released From Jail Here

T. H. Woods, of Levelland, charged in Hockley county with intent to assault, following an alleged attack upon Mrs. Claud Havens, has been released upon \$5,000 bond, said to have been furnished by relatives. He was held in the county jail here for safe keeping.

Lions Breeze Over Rotarians in Game

Them there Lions did it again this year. After pouring it on the Rotarians last year, they were not content. They should by all means that is fair and just given the Rotarians an even break this year, but they did not. In fact, from what we can learn, they slipped around several days before issuing a challenge and practiced unbeknownst to the dear old Rotary bunch, and then made their challenge to so read that a battle must issue at once. They chose the ground, the time and conditions, and while they licked us some ten to our first line of figures, we have a bunch of allabais as long as a string.

Along about February next year, we are going to start Joegowan out with a good team to Miami, Fla., or some other resort, and by the time Mr. Lions get ready to challenge, we'll be ready too. But the proceed were for a good cause, at it all went to the Boy Scouts. Practically every place of business in the city closed for this battle royal. If there were any stars on either side, our reporter failed to see it, but everybody we guess got their money's worth, as we have heard no groching since, except from those who were defeated.

John S. Jones handed us a dollar this week to apply on his Herald. Thanks.

Davis Bringing Store Out of the Kinks, Fast

Lots of people in this section often ask us why we give our merchants so many free boosts. There are several reasons. One is that we have always admired a man who makes a success in life. Another is, that almost always these same people boost the Herald every opportunity they have and advise their customers to take it. Another thing, they are our friends, our fellow townsmen, our fellowboosters, and fellowtaxpayers to help keep up our schools and other good institutions. We love to boost them.

And Lawrence Davis is no exception. This old fishing-hunting, lover, the great out-of-doors fiend, is just as lively behind the counter. He recently took charge of a store that had dropped behind, and everyone said Lawrence had a job on his hands. We did not hear him say so himself, but we know he knew it. But he has made a real go of the Helpy-Selfy. He has put personality and advertising punch into the matter and is getting results.

Lawrence is more than pleased with the trade he is getting, and his friends are proud with him.

Dry Goods Stores to Close at Seven P.M.

We are glad to announce that the dry goods stores of Brownfield have followed the idea of the grocery stores and have agreed to close at seven o'clock each evening of week except Saturday in order that their clerks may make a garden, improve their yards, play games or other recreation they may wish.

The store's listed below went into the agreement and includes every dry goods store in Brownfield: Clyde Lewis Dry Goods Co., Jones Dry Goods Co., Cobb Dept. Store, W. E. Legg, D. G., Collins Dry Goods Co., Bob Owens and W. E. Terry Dry Goods stores.

Cafe Man's Wife Takes Shots at Him

Quite a lot of excitement was occasioned here Wednesday night when Mrs. Babe C. Howe, wife of a local cafe man, walked into the Club Cafe where he is proprietor and fired two shots at him with a small calibre gun. Both shots went wild. She was immediately arrested and lodged in the county jail.

Disinfectant Proves Fatal to Young Lady

Despondent because of a failing grade in arithmetic, 13-year-old Pauline Neyland drank more than a half pint of disinfectant at her home at Littlefield late Monday afternoon.

The attending physician said at noon today that the child was not expected to recover. She was received at West Texas hospital here about three hours after drinking the liquid.

Found in a bathroom of her home the child received first aid treatment at Littlefield before being brought here. She was unconscious and gasping when received here. The disinfectant was pumped from her stomach.

Considerable time elapse from the time the girl was missed until she found was unconscious in her home.—Lubbock Journal.

Brownfields to Represent City at WTCC

As stated in these columns a week or so ago, Miss Lenore Brownfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brownfield, will represent this city as Princess at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at Lubbock this week. To further the coincidence Miss Frances Brownfield, daughter of Mrs. M. V. Brownfield, will represent this city as My Home Town Speaker.

Miss Frances is the aunt of Miss Lenore, although they are very near the same age. Miss Frances was chosen last week to represent this city after a contest of elimination was had in high school for a speaker.

Spur City Marshall Drops Dead on Street

Spur, May.—C. W. Denson, 59, city marshal of Spur, dropped dead while on duty on a downtown street here today. Death was attributed to heart failure.

Mr. Denson recently had been appointed marshal for the sixth term. He is survived by Carl Denson of Panhandle, Elmer Denson of Floydada, Mrs. Hall Pendleton of Borger, and Pat, Flora and Sylvia Denson of Spur.

Funeral arrangements were not announced today.

Mrs. W. H. Dallas

Presents Pupils in

Piano Recital and Cantata

Junior Music Students

MAY 15, 1931.

High School Auditorium

8:30 O'CLOCK

"Quarrel Among the Flowers" by Schoeller

CAST

"Rose"—Wanda Graham, "Crocus"—Elroy Lewis, "Sunflower"—Lucille Harris, "Dahlia"—Daphne Moore, "Water Lilies"—Barbara Henson, Queenelle Sawyer, "Lilac"—Verna Brown, "Violets"—Ira Mae Smith, Twilla Graham, "Pansies"—Geraldine Helms, Maxine Hill, "Snowdrops"—Ora D. Eicks, Mattie Jo Gracy, "Pinks"—Von Dee Lewis, Myrl Sawyer, "Blue Bonnets"—Earline Jones, Evelyn Jones, Dorothy Murphy, Ethel Mae May, Virgilia Nan Dunn.

PART II.

- 1. "Airy Fairies" Twilla Graham
2. "Cris Cross" Song of the Pines Mary Evelyn Green
3. "Sunset"—"Big Bass Singer" M. J. Akers
4. "When the Robins Sing" Daphne Moore
5. "Fairy Frigate"—(Lemon) Wanda Graham
6. "American Beauties"—Margaret Howell, Patsy Carter, Christine McDuffie, Emma Jean Coleman, Patsy Frank Ballard, Maxey Hunter
7. Blue Birds Call Daphne Moore
8. Falling Waters (Truex) Ethel Mae Schottish Alma Fern Green
9. Beautiful Evening Star (Holst) Ruth Brazzelton
10. "Garlands"—Smith, Left Hand Solo Wilma Frank Dunn
11. "Dreaming of my old Home" "When Song is Sweet" Daphne Moore
12. Playful Kitten (Ensemble) 1st. Piano, Queenelle Sawyer, 2nd Piano, Lucille Harris
13. "Hearts and Flowers" Queenelle Sawyer
14. "Edelweiss Glide"—Waltz Lucille Harris
Flower Dance—(Ensemble) Mrs. Dallas playing 2nd Piano

Piano furnished by South Plains Music Co. of Lubbock Texas

Senior Piano Division and Glee Club Recital

MAY 15, 1931.

High School Auditorium

8:30 O'CLOCK

- 1. Indian Dance Martha McClish
2. "Good Evenin'" Tie a Little String Around Your Finger Club
3. Breath of Lavender Fern Sawyer
4. "I'm Alone Because I Love You."—"Here Comes the Sun" Club
5. Second Valse—A (Durand) Dora Dean Neill
6. "Les Myrtles"—(Wachs) Velma McClish
7. "It happened in Monterey."—"You're The One I Care For" Club
8. "Mazurka"—(Bohm) 2—Pianos Eunice Michie, Fern Sawyer
9. Love Waltz—Moskowski; Valcik—Morkrejs Eileen Ellington
10. "Sweet Jennie Lee,"—"Yours and Mine" Club
11. Floating Water Lilies—Linders Jaunita Murphy, Eunice Michie Fern Sawyer, Mrs. Dallas.
12. "Shine on Harvest Moon"—"Neapolitan Nights" Club
13. Comedy Overture—Kellar Belar Frances Brownfield
14. On Blooming Meadows, Concert Waltz, Dora Dean Neill, Velma McClish
15. "Walking My Baby Back Home"—"Play Mates" Club
16. In The Mountains—(Ensemble)—Grieg; 1st Piano Eileen Ellington, 2nd Piano, Mrs. Dallas.
17. Violets—Mozart;—Terpsichorean Vir Trikommen op. 13 by Godowski Fay Brown
18. Finale—"Moonlight on Colorado."

PERSONNEL OF CLUB

Mary Kathryn Wilson, Maurita Bell, Nettie T. Holgate, Martha McClish, Dora Dean Neill, Fern Sawyer, Frances Brownfield, Velma McClish, Anna Letha Hamilton, Frankie Rickels, Evelyn Pippin, Marion Hill, Jaunita Murphy, Ruth Adams, Eileen Ellington, Mary Jo Neill, Eva Mae Woodridge, Mary Dee Price.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS IN JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASSES

TITLE PURCHASES

The latest victim of the title market appears to be Mary McCormick of grand opera fame. Mary has purchased herself a prince with an unpronounceable name. A lot of good American money goes to foreign in exchange for titles.

We have titles in America of the home-spun variety but they don't mean anything. These foreign titles come down through the centuries. Mary's prince claims to have inherited his title through a succession of fifteen centuries. A scion of a bunch that has done nothing for fifteen hundred years but loaf is a fine record for sale purposes.

We have men who have done fairly well and who become "captains" because of this fact. We have preachers who are referred to as "doctors." A goatee on a chin in some sections entitles the wearer to be referred to as "colonel." A piano player is often referred to as "professor." None of these titles have any marketable value. No proud daughter of an aspiring mother of means would give fifteen cents for either of them.

TIS SMALL

"I tell you I won't have this room," protested the old lady to the bellboy. "I ain't going to pay my good money for a pigsty with a measly little foidin' bed in it. You think jest because I'm from the country—" Disgusted the boy cut her short. "Get in, lady. Get in. This ain't your room. This is the elevator."

Virgil Bynum left Sunday with his family for Carlsbad, Texas, where his little daughter will be treated for the next few months.

OUR RICH COUNTRY

The United States, they say, possesses national wealth valued at \$350,000,000,000. Germany's national wealth is estimated at \$80,000,000,000. So with half our population, they have less than one-fourth of our wealth. All other nations also are poorer than we.

How did we get this great wealth? Can we keep it? In part it is due to our rich natural resources. But our people have wasted these resources. Now they depend on their own energy and brains.

The people who went before us worked hard over long hours. They were ingenious, and gave their whole thought to their work. Our modern folks are bright and ambitious, but they do not work as they did formerly. They give far more time to play.

Can the pleasure loving Americans compete with Europe's workers, who are spurred on by poverty to toil so laboriously?

It does not follow that the people of Texas and elsewhere need to work longer hours. Protected labor dulls the mind and weakens the body. But unless we keep awake, the plodding toilers of Europe may distance us, as the slow old tortoise outran the speedy hare, when the latter lay down and fell asleep.

Yet with concentration, and full use of brains and science, America's workers will beat the world.

The people of Brownfield who regret the good old days, usually demand all the modern improvements.

Wife: "Tomorrow is the tenth anniversary of our wedding. Shall I kill the turkey?" Husband: Why, the bird is not to blame for it."

WOULD THEY DO IT IN RUSSIA?

On February 10, large gatherings of men, the leaders of which claimed to be Communists, assembled at city halls and attempted entries into capitol buildings in various States. The assembly in Dallas was peaceful, and very little enthusiasm was displayed. The chief speaker of the day painted a very beautiful picture of Communism as it operates in Russia. According to newspaper reports of the event, most of the crowd did not know what it was all about, and several who were carrying banners did not know the meaning of the inscriptions thereon. Unemployment and consequent unrest, coupled with curiosity, made possible the large gathering. We doubt, however, that the leaders made very many converts to the Communist doctrine.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees the right of the people to assemble peacefully to discuss matters of interests to them. It also guarantees free speech. We doubt that the farmers of this great document ever dreamed that the liberties thus granted the people would ever be construed as a license to advocate openly the destruction of the present form of Government. Had this occurred to them, they probably would have incorporated a few restrictions.

During periods of war, it is rather dangerous for any person, citizen or foreigner, to speak disparagingly of the Government of the United States. In times of peace, there seems to be no limit to what one may safely say, providing he does not block traffic or create a riot. The very fact that one may preach sedition and destruction of the Government without interference on the part of the authorities is proof of the stability of Government and of the confidence the people have in it. We sometimes wonder, however, if those who construe constitutional liberty as a license to condemn the Government and its institutions would dare express themselves so freely in Russia, or even in Italy. We do not pretend to know all about the Communist Government of Russia, nor do we believe all we read about it; but it is generally understood that the Soviet rulers are rather sensitive about some things.

We are told that no one ever talks against the Government more than once. He is never allowed another opportunity.

The agitators and soap-box orators in this country had better continue their residence under the protection of the Stars and Stripes, where they are granted the right to be "against" everything, even to the law of gravity. Their motto, "My country, right or wrong, I am against it," (apologies to Stephen Decatur) would not be acceptable to Commissioner Stalin.—Farm and Ranch.

LOOKING AHEAD AT THE WEATHER

The art of forecasting the weather has made tremendous advances since the U. S. Weather Bureau, oldest in the world, was established just sixty years ago. Government forecasts are now able to predict the weather not merely for tomorrow or next week, but the general trend of weather conditions for a long time ahead.

Looking ahead for the crop season of 1931, Herbert Janvrin Browne, the long range weather forecaster of Washington, predicts that the after effects of the drought of 1930 will be felt all through the middle and eastern part of the United States. Not enough moisture has yet been stored up to make up for the shortage. Extra heavy rains will be needed thru the growing season to insure normal crops. Thus far this year there has been less normal rainfall, except in the extreme Southeast and the Great Plains region. The subsoil is dry in the Central Mississippi Valley and the Middle Atlantic States, as well as in parts of the Northwest. And all over the country the water table is low.

All of that means, among other things, that the winter wheat crop may easily fall short forty million bushels below the government estimate, and that the rain shortage in the spring wheat areas of the Northwest and Western Canada will result in a crop as small as the low figures of 1929.

Such a continuation of comparative dryness, of course, has its effects upon all crops, and while this will mean misfortune to some farmers, it should have the effect, on the whole, of materially raising the market prices of all farm commodities before the end of this year.—Ex.

It seems that there are more gardens planted here than ever before. Of course everyone knows that vegetables will be cheap or at least they think so, but many are planting and caring for a garden for the pleasure of watching plants take on growth, when they probably reason that they could buy as cheaply as they can plant, work and water them in town. Others do not have the money to spare, and are raising them of necessity.

"Is your sister still in Atlanta?" "Say, that girl ain't still anywhere."

Mellon rejects all bonus compromises presented to date.

UNFAIR ADJUSTMENT OF PRICES

"Reduce the cost of production," is the advice being handed to farmers from every industrial interest in the land. It is good advice. There may be many ways farmers can cut their overhead and produce more cheaply than before, important as it may be, in balancing the farm accounts of the year. There are other adjustments to be made before agriculture can possibly show a profit. One of these is an adjustment of prices. Either the price on what the farmer has to sell must be advanced or the price on what he has to buy must be lowered.

A recent report from the Bureau of Economics, Department of Agriculture, discloses some glaring inconsistencies in our economic set-up. The figures presented by the Bureau tell a story of rank discrimination and injustice. Note the following comparisons:

Take the average prices of the period from 1910 to 1914 as a 100 per cent basis and we find that commodities bought by farmers for family maintenance are 42 per cent higher than in 1914, a decrease of 18 per cent from the high level of 1929. We find that commodities purchased for use in production are 35 per cent higher than in 1914, a decrease of 10 per cent since 1929. Prices received for farm products are 3 per cent lower than in 1914, 38 per cent lower than in 1929. Machinery was 68 per cent higher in 1929 than in 1914 and has declined but 3 per cent. Fertilizer was 31 per cent higher in 1929 than in 1914 and has declined but 4 per cent since that date. Equipment and supplies have decreased in price only 7 per cent since 1929, when they were 59 per cent higher than in 1914.

There has been some decline in the price of commodities since these figures were compiled, but also a corresponding reduction in many things a farmer has to sell.—Farm and Ranch.

GRAVELY EXAGGERATED

(Abilene Morning News.) Somehow or other, before we accept any offhand statistics regarding the decadence of religion and the decline of the church, we'd like to get a final report from Midland, Texas—or Merkel, Texas, either.

Last Sunday, A. D. 1931, more than one-tenth of the entire population of Midland was crowded into one Sunday school class. The class was organized about ten weeks ago with a membership of 88. It is interdenominational, or nondenominational, as you prefer. No women are allowed, even as visitors. Men dress as they please and sing only the old-time songs. The teacher is Paul T. Vickers, chamber of commerce manager; the president is T. Paul Barron, newspaperman.

The Midland Men's Sunday School class—such is its name—entered into a contest with the Victory men's Bible Class of the First Baptist church, Abilene. The Midlanders piled up a lead of 226 in the month's contest. On the final Sunday there were 521 in attendance at Midland, out of a population of 5,000, while the Victory people mustered only 303. The Victory men need not feel dejected about being licked by a live bunch like the Midlanders.

The Merkel Mail last week said more than 800 people were in Sunday School there the preceding Sunday—about 40 per cent of the total population, we believe. Abilene has a good record in Sunday School attendance, herself; but it would have to have more than 10,000 in Sunday School to equal Merkel's record.

It seems to us that the reported collapse of the churches has been gravely exaggerated.

CARTER BELIEVES 30 BUSHEL WHEAT CROP IS POSSIBLE

"With another rain about the middle of the month and excluding hail or rust, we should average 30 bushels of wheat per acre in Crosby county this year," Stanley Carter, of the Emma Hardware Company said.

He estimated that in the Crosbyton territory alone there was from 50 to 60,000 acres of wheat. A 50 thousand acre crop and realizing 30 bushels per acre would amount to 1,500,000 bushels for the Crosbyton trade territory.

When asked what he thought would be the price, he stated that would be 50 or 60 cents per bushel, and could easily be more. Generalizing on wheat possibilities at this time, a \$750,000 wheat crop for Crosbyton territory promises.

From 15 to 18 bushels will be harvested without any more rain, is the belief of Mr. Carter, who has watched Crosby county crop conditions for 35 or 40 years.

Indications are now that wheat harvesting will be earlier than the average for the county. There will be but little wheat threshed until the fifteenth of June, Carter stated, but by that time harvesting should be in full swing.

"I believe that we will ship out 650 car loads of wheat from Crosbyton this season, Mr. Carter said.—Crosbyton Review.

Sabinal—New oil field road north of here opened to traffic.

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There will be 14 towns on the Santa Fe's new line from Amarillo north to the state line, as follows:

Juilliard, named after a Santa Fe director. Gluck, after a grading contractor. Puente, Spanish for Bridge. Marsh, after a grading contractor. Excell, after Belvins cattle brand. Bautista, after a French voyager. Machovec, after a Santa Fe mechanical superintendent.

Etter, after a Santa Fe general manager. Cordaro, after a Comanche chief. Frick, after a Santa Fe director. Satren, after a French trader.

Mallett. Led an expedition from Illinois to Santa Fe in 1738.

Kerrick, after Colonel Harrison S. Kerrick, United States Army and Dick Kerrick, old Sherman County settler.

Conrad, after a Santa Fe assistant general auditor.

Existing towns on the new line are Dumas and Stratford.

Also a new town will be added as a station on the branch from Spearman to Dumas—McKibben named after a Santa Fe auditor.

JURIES ARE NOT INFALLIBLE

Albert Fall lost his appeal and goes to jail for accepting a bribe from E. H. Doheny. He was found guilty by a jury of twelve men, his peers in the eyes of the law. E. H. Doheny was also tried by a jury of twelve men on the charge of giving a bribe to Albert Fall and was found "not guilty." Mr. Doheny is a free man. Albert Fall, once a member of President Harding's cabinet, and now an old man, is a convict.

It is reasonable to presume that if Albert Fall is guilty of accepting a bribe from E. H. Doheny, that Doheny was guilty of giving a bribe. On the other hand, if Doheny is innocent, then an injustice has been done Albert Fall. The courts never should have permitted the separation of the cases. Both men should have been tried before the same court and by the same jury. However, under our rules of procedure every advantage is given the accused as against the State. As a result we have just such conflicts of justice as the Fall-Doheny cases present. Such methods do not serve to increase the respect of citizens of our system of courts or the rules of procedures which govern them.—Farm and Ranch.

BETTER WORKMANSHIP

One reason why so many self-made men remain simple at heart is, if the truth were told, that they are a bit surprised at their own success. Many of them just kept plugging away at a job that needed to be done until one day they woke up to find that they knew more about that particular kind of work than anybody else.

Although modern advertisers ridicule the wisdom of the saying which appears in Emerson's writings, it is nevertheless true that reward comes to him who can make a better mousetrap than his neighbor. Perhaps the big corporations are the surest proof of this. Most railroad presidents are men who started at the job of switchman or brake-hand and who completely lost themselves in the working of the company for maybe twenty-five years. But when an opening appeared that required a trained man, it seemed as if the lifetime of experience had been intended solely to equip that man for the big position ahead.

W. G. Stewart, who clerks in the "M" System grocery got his commission Wednesday as a United States Railway Mail Clerk. W. G. is sure well pleased, and expects to go to work at that job real soon.

ARE WE A LAWLESS OR OVER-LAWED PEOPLE

"We are a lawless people," said a committee report to the last annual meeting of the American Bar Association. "Crime exists among us to an extent unknown in Great Britain, Scandinavia, Holland, Belgium, Germany and France. And our lawlessness is not an acute, but a chronic disease. It is an old ulcer of which no doctor can say how or when, if ever, it will be healed."

This question thus gives rise to may not be so obtuse as it seems. It is certainly within the realm of possibility that lawless America has been the direct result of too much law. In the other countries mentioned, there is not the continuous stream of new laws that flows in the United States.

Some time ago a bill was introduced in our congress to make the interstate shipment of revolvers and pistols illegal. It was finally defeated but such proposals and laws infringing individual rights are a good example of the trend toward making illegal, acts which in themselves are not illegal, thereby laying the ground work for more law-breaking by otherwise law-abiding American citizens.

CHEWING-GUM RELIEF

The chewing-gum magnate, who announces that he is going to buy 100,000,000 pounds of cotton with the profits he hopes to make out of his own wares in the South, illustrates his familiarity with cotton in the fact that he looks upon it as buying 100,000,000 pounds. He might as well have advertised his purchase as 1,600,000,000 ounces. When he buys it will be by the bale and 200,000 bales will neither make nor break the market. The Federal Farm Board knows that by now, and the Federal Gum Board will find out later on.

Buying 200,000 bales will have about the same effect that Mayor J. Waddy Tate of Dallas noted from his purchase of one bale, which he had delivered at the City Hall so that his advertisement could be placed upon it. Mayor Tate found that his bale was still a part of the visible supply, and similarly 200,000 bales of chewing gum cotton will be a part of the visible supply.

Mayor Tate found that he could not eat his bale, and the chewing gum man probably won't be able to chew his 200,000 bales. It is use of cotton and not hauling it from one resting place to another that effects the supply and removes the pressure of over-production. The country learns these things slowly and forgets them quickly. But they have been so ever since the first time we grew more cotton than the world was able to take at a profitable price.—The Dallas News.

THE FOE OF YOUTH

This edition of The Chaser is dedicated to the Early Diagnosis Campaign for 1931, a movement made possible by the sale of the annual Christmas Seals, sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association.

The Texas Tuberculosis Association, and its local health units over the State, will conduct the activities of this campaign in Texas. Many thousands of people in cities and rural districts will be taught how to avoid the tuberculosis infection, and that children must not be permitted to associate with persons having the disease.—The Chaser

Mrs. George Bragg and son, Geo. Jr., also Grandma Bragg, of Loveland, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Omer, of White Falls, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Holt, and Mrs. Earl Hill.

TEXAS IN 1936

Oddly enough, a centennial occurs but once in a hundred years. If Texas does not celebrate its centennial in 1936, it will have to wait another hundred years, until 2036, and some of us may not be alive then to take part in it.

It is well known that Texas has had a remarkable history "under six flags," that its struggle for freedom presented a thrilling series of episodes, and that today it is a great Empire in itself. Yet many Texans have a rather vague idea of its history and prospective importance. Nothing would make Texas better known nationally and internationally, as well as at home, than to celebrate its centennial in 1936 in a manner worthy of its history and its future greatness.

Jesse H. Jones is chairman of the committee planning for the celebration and reports that there are ambitious plans under consideration. Naturally, there is need of a State appropriation, but this, however, can not be made without an amendment to the Constitution. He has the hope, in which The News joins, that the Legislature will submit to referendum an amendment authorizing an appropriation for a befitting celebration. If this should be done, and approval given, then the committee can go ahead and plan a celebration that would make Texas known far and wide.

The State has a splendid opportunity to make itself the center of interest in the United States during the spring of 1936, preceding the political campaign of that year. A celebration carefully worked up by the committee in charge, supplemented by the active assistance of many local and patriotic organizations, would give Texas an impetus that would push it forward rapidly as a leading State, building up its wealth through its natural resources and its industries. It might even be deemed important enough, in its centennial year, to offer a Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States.

By all means let Texas have a glorious celebration in 1936. The comparatively small expense would come back a hundredfold in intelligent devotion to the interests of the State and in economic progress.—Dallas News.

IMPORTANT MEN ON TIME

The meeting was called at four o'clock. At one minute before the appointed hour the attendant closed the doors. As he did so he took notice that all the chairs were occupied.

A long table occupied the center of the room. Lewis Cass Ledyard was in the chair set for the presiding officer. At his right hand was Cardinal Hayes. Next to the Cardinal sat J. P. Morgan, then came Payne Whitney and George F. Baker, Jr. At the table's end was Elihu Root and next Walters. The engineering profession was represented by Williams Barclay Parson and the law by two former Justices of the Supreme Court, Morgan J. O'Brien and Samuel Greenbaum, and by John G. Milburn and Frank L. Polk.

At a sign from President Ledyard Mr. Whitney arose and proceeded to read the report of a committee of which he was chairman.

It was the monthly meeting of the trustees of the New York Public Library. Every man was on time.

Editorial from The New York Sun.

Mr. Ripple says Mrs. Ripple is just as pretty now as she was when a girl—the only difference is that she looks more like an oil painting, and she has to stand further away.—West Worth Star-Telegram.

Borger—Christian Science Society planning new church building at Third and Deahl streets.

Who Wants a 60 Feet Waterfall in Georgia?

We all live and learn. Things we never thought of trading or offering for trade in our youth, are frequently mediums of exchange now, and we think nothing of the matter. We can remember when a child that no one thought of selling apples, at least where we were raised. Occasionally we would sell a few peanuts and such like. No one thought of carrying roasted ears, peas or beans except dried ones to market. But how times have changed. We even sell greens now and they are popular with the masses.

We had a stunning letter this week from far off Gainesville, Ga., from a man who wanted to trade a 60 foot waterfall some 20 miles from that city for land in Terry county. He did not say how much volume the falls maintained, that is, how many cubic feet of water went over them in a given time, or what good one would expect to derive from them. But he had it, and it was for trade. Later, however, we learned that our chamber of commerce secretary had been in touch with this gentleman, who had more fully described the falls, and said they would make a fine factory site. But what could one make back in the mountains of Georgia, except booze, and we understand that Georgia bans booze? Anyhow, some of our more venturesome might investigate.

But what amused us most was the possibility of some of our people who were raised out here in West Texas, undertaking a proposition like this. Feature, if you can, some of our prairie raised pioneers sliding around amongst a primeval forest to get a better view of his wonderful 60 foot water fall. Then at the end of a day's inspection, he would conclude that it was worth not a tinker's damn except to fish above and below. Boy, if there were any fish there. Tom May and Homer Winston might trade their land for it. A. M. McBurnett and Jack Hart might trade in their carpenter tools on it, and G. S. Webber might put in a perfectly good drug stock on it. This may be the chance of our life to put over a big deal and get a little money on the side as commission, so we are withholding the man's name until we see if the above gentlemen might not be interested.

Shelton is also in with us on the matter, and you cannot get his name from him. The deal must be pulled through us, so if interested, hail No. 1. You will find us on the wire. Shelton says the man first wrote that he wanted to put in a wholesale grocery here, but it later terminated that he wanted to trade his FALL for FARMS. The reason given that he did not develop the falls, was that his wife was in poor health, and he had been advised to seek a higher climate with her.

Who wants a waterfall? Speak now or hereafter hold your peace.

Levelland—D. N. Holt leased Levelland-Lubbock Bus Line.

Wellman Notes

The school work for this year is drawing to a close with only a few more days in which to work. Then it will be May 22, that last great day when one word tells all either "failed or passed."

Friday night the High school is presenting "Beads On A String." You are invited. Only a small change will be made to help pay the expenses of giving this play. The other closing programs will be arranged later. Come folks! Let's support our home programs.

Some carried out the policy, "trade with your home town," which our editor so strongly supports, last week when a small show came to our community. Last Friday evening a group of young people bought eats from a local merchant and went riding in the "slow but sure wagon," stopping at the ball ground where they enjoyed games and a picnic supper campfire cooked.

Again, then on Saturday night the young people were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith. Games and stunts were enjoyed by all.

We observe that Dan Cupid is still at work. Saturday was the date of about the sixteenth wedding since October 1930 in which one or both were from Wellman community. They say, two can live as cheap as one. Hard times you see.

Miss Daily Robinson and Mr. Lee Meeks were united in marriage May 9, 1931. Miss Robinson was a teacher in the Wellman school in 1929-30. Mr. Meeks made this his home for several months before he entered Wayland College at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Swearingen spent the week-end in Seagraves visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Mosley.

Rev. Gatewood, of Meadow, brought a message to the Church of Christ people Sunday.

Rev. Curry, the Methodist pastor, filled his regular appointment here. The B. Y. P. U. enjoyed interesting programs in the different unions, Sunday evening after which the following members were given in honor of Mother's Day. A Girl's Mother—Mary Edith Hudson, Me and Ma and Pa—Margaret Schroeder, The Mother by Edgar A. Guest—Miss Dorothy Norton.

Mrs. Baker from Seagraves visited in the community Sunday.

Elder P. Bert Drennon will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the Gomez high school graduates Sunday afternoon, May 17th, at their school auditorium. He will also preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Harmony and Meadow schools next week.

W. G. McDonald was in from the Needmore section Wednesday. Mack always has a lot of farms truck for sale. Note his ad in the classified section.

J. L. Lyon and wife were in Tuesday afternoon from the Hunter community.

Will Try For Repeal of 3-Day Marriage Law

Austin.—Repeal of the "three day marriage law" will come up in the House within a few days, it was announced Wednesday by Rep. W. H. Wiggs of Paris, not only author of the repeal bill but who introduced the three-day measure at the Forty-first. The repeal measure is on the suspension list in the House, which usually brings about the most prompt action.

A similar bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Pink L. Parrish of Lubbock but this is still in committee and Parrish will wait until the bill comes from the House. Under the present law a man must give three days notice to the county clerk before obtaining a marriage license and must stand for examination. Its operations have become so repugnant, it was explained, that hundreds of young couples go to border states to be married.

Wiggs said little opposition to the repeal has been encountered.

RADIO SUFFERS FROM INTELLECTUAL SNOBBERY

Radio programs still suffer from intellectual snobbery and from the sacrifice of the welfare of the many for the whims of the few, according to David Sarnoff, who came to the United States from Russia when a boy, and now at forty, is president of the Radio Corporation of America.

"It would seem to me more important to the progress of mankind," he writes in the April Rotarian, "that ten million individuals, through the slow process of general education, should rise in intellectual stature, even through a fraction of an inch, than that a few should be able to leap to the heights of Olympus."

"It is of greater consequence to the happiness of a nation that a million isolated homes throughout the country should be made vibrant an event of general interest to them than a few urbanites be thrilled by an exotic program. It is essential that broadcasting serve the interests of good government, education and commerce which have found in this great method of mass communication a direct and effective channel to the home and citizen."

Musical appreciation in the average American home has never been so high, Mr. Sarnoff believes—thanks to the popularization of music by radio. Fourteen million homes in the United States now possess radio sets, and look to broadcasts for entertainment. Today a much greater discrimination is being exercised in "tuning-in" programs, than was the case a few years ago when the radio was still a novelty.

"Opportunities for artists," he adds, "have never been so great and the demand for musical creation never so keen."

"Continents are now in closer communication than countries were in former times. A wireless signal flashed with the speed of light crosses the ocean in less time than it takes the sound from the loudspeaker in the home to reach our ears. Radio offers new grounds for hopes in those swelling ranks of men and women who are appalled and sickened by the merciless price in blood and treasure of war."

And the end of radio is not yet. Television is on the way. Mr. Sarnoff prophesies "that within the next few years a simplified and moderately priced television receiving-set practicable for home use will be developed."

NO LEGAL ADVERTISER GRAFT

When newspaper men attempt to secure the passage of publication laws, someone is sure to say something about newspaper "graft" to say that it is an attempt to increase newspaper revenue out of public funds. Public business is everybody's business, everybody has a right to know what is going on. There will be less demagoguery, less misunderstanding, more satisfaction with government, if the public is better informed. Newspapers are performing a public service when they urge the use of their columns for public information. The fact that they must be paid for their service is only incidental to the larger good that will result. But suppose the papers do consider only their own interests when they urge such legislation. There is no graft in attempting to sell a needed service. Business concerns know that the papers must be paid for the service they want to perform, but they do not insult the papers by calling them grafters when they offer to sell space. Attempting to secure legislation is selling space just as soliciting a merchant is selling space, or attempting to do so. Don't get scared at cries of "newspaper graft."—United States Publisher.

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NO. 10 CAN PLUMS		.42	
Blue & White Glass Ware OATS	23c	PUFFED WHEAT	12c
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CRISCO, 6 lbs. (Mixing Bowl Free)	\$1.23	HUDSON LYE, 2 for	15c
CRISCO, 3 lbs. (Mixing Bowl Free)	62c	POPCORN, 10 oz. R & W	12c
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TALL SIZE MILK 3 for	25c	1-4 lb. TEA	21c
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Yoakum Co. Singing Convention May 24th

We had a letter this week from J. W. Raley, of Plains, stating that the Yoakum county singing convention would meet this time with the Liberty community in that county on Sunday May 24th, at which time they expect to entertain many singers from adjoining counties in Texas and New Mexico.

One and all are invited to attend, and all Yoakum county people are expected to bring dinner, according to Mr. Raley. We are sure that old Terry will be well represented among the singers there on that date.

WOMAN WHO ONCE RAN FOR GOVERNOR IS JAILED

Floresville, Texas, May. — Mrs. Kate M. Johnston, once candidate for Governor, Tuesday pleaded guilty to passing a forged draft for \$125 at the City National Bank here March 20 and was given a two-year penitentiary sentence. Another charge to the effect that she passed a check for \$700 to which the name of former Gov. W. P. Hobby was forged was dropped on motion of the State.

Mrs. Johnston's counsel pleaded insanity for her when the case was called last week. A jury found here sane. At the sanity trial, bankers from several towns testified she had cashed worthless checks.

RECORD RAINS

From all over the southwest reports of record rains have been pouring in, indicating that crops will be down in green pastures for some time to come. Many cottonmen who have lived in this section for 35 years say that this April was the wettest they can remember.

Nature can certainly present her gifts in beautiful form. One of the New Mexican wild flowers, which looked their heads out of the ground to herald the bountiful crop of grass and feed. This spring's dry water should help much to encourage development of underground water this year.—Livingston (N. M.) Leader.

PRELIMINARY WORK ON HUGE COLORADO DAM

Liano, May.—Preliminary work has been started on the \$6,000,000 Hamilton Power dam on the Colorado river, near here, and actual construction of the dam is expected to begin within a short time.

A small village is being built on the dam site and a railroad to handle supplies for the project is nearing completion. The dam when completed will be 2,000 feet long and the maximum height from the river bed will be 107 feet. Turbines, to be erected in the powerhouse will be capable of developing 30,000 horsepower.

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And while we Texans are organizing, orating, advocating the wearing of cotton, let us also remember that Texas is the largest wool producing state in the union, and we might also add mohair to the above. There must be some plan to put cotton to more uses and make it more valuable without cutting the throat of other production of the Lone Star State. This is written lest we forget. We are all Texans.

We read Sunday of an interview with an English Sir Nobleman who had just returned from America, and was criticizing our villages, our cities, our communities and our drinking. All we have to say is that if he don't like what we Americans have to drink and the amount of it we consume, let him stay with his grog on the other side of the big pond. Is our home brew, our shirt-tail wine and our corn licker, ain't it?

Editor J. L. Suits has sold the Lorenzo Tribune to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Oliver, of Springfield, Colo., and the later are taking charge of that good paper this week. We are sorry to have to give up Editor Suits, as he has long been connected with the journalistic fraternity of the South Plains, but wish him well wherever he goes. We take this means of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Oliver to Texas, and the best part of it, and hope he will continue to place that interesting paper on our desk each week.

Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor University at Waco, and one of the nation's greatest educators, is passing over the great divide, but like the worker he has always been, he is sipping what strength an incurable disease has left him to carry on till the last. Many young men and women, some right here in Brownfield and Terry county, owe in a great measure, their present high standing in society and their future in the business and professional world to the inspiration given them by this great man. Baylor, the oldest educational institution in Texas, chartered under the Texas Republic, will carry on too, but it will miss Prof. Brooks for a long, long time.

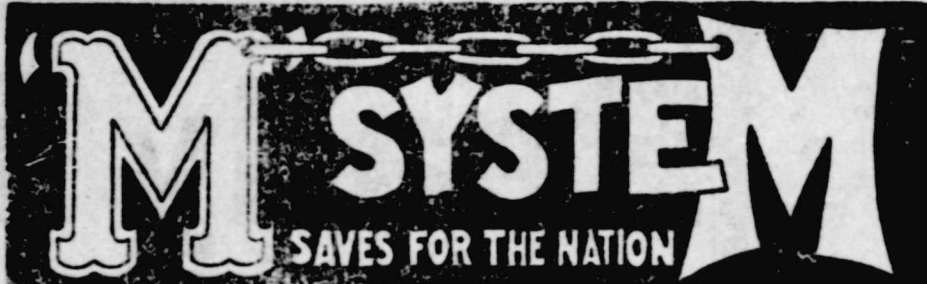
Editor J. C. Estlack, of the Clarendon Leader got into a Jack Pot recently, when he offered to take ten dozen eggs at 20c per dozen in payment of a years subscription to the Leader. He did not take into consideration this crooked and perverse generation, and so just said eggs. A lot of the honest citizenry of that county responded with nice, fresh, hen fruit. But one man robbed all the sparrow nests around his house and barn, and brought J. C. ten dozen, nice little freckled sparrow eggs and demanded a year's subscrip-

tion. Estlack threatened recourse of law for breaking up song bird nests, but he could prove by no one that sparrows are songsters, he had to shell down, but will specify hen eggs from this on.

The Plainsman on the Lubbock Journal staff wants to know why hides are not worth taking off a steer, although shoes are still sky high. We suppose Plainsman asked to be answered by some of the big daily brethren, but this little country editor has an answer let it be worth what it may. In our childhood days, a good pair of shoes could be purchased for \$3.00. Dry hides brought from 17c to 21c per pound. The good old party got in charge again and begin hissing the tariff. This was hoisted every few years a bit so farmers and country editors and such like would hardly notice it. At the same time, they took all the tariff off hides from South America so the "poor but honest" shoe manufacturers could get their "free raw material" to the best advantage. The last straw in the haystack has been that biggest travesty on justice that has ever been enacted, known as the Fordney-McCumber act. If justice was done and a tariff put on raw hides for a few months, and just enough lifted on shoes from other countries to equalize matters, Mr. Plainsman, you would see shoes drop and hides go up once more. The shoe trust is one of the biggest in America.

There are grounds upon which to base the prediction that the repairs of human frames will finally become so expert in their calling that they will be able to keep man up and going for at least a thousand years. Out of a human repair factory in New York there went not long since a man with a new nose; another man who had been blind for years had his sight restored by grafting the eye of a rabbit to his optic nerve, and still another went away without any stomach at all, went to work and got fat. It is now known to the surgeons that many of the organs of sheep, rabbits and pigs will work as well in men as in their original positions, and it seems foolish for a man to give up the ghost on account of defective organs when he can get new ones by applying to his friends the sheep, rabbits and pigs. The change is nearly as simple as putting new spokes in a wheel, so the surgeons say.—Jim Lowery.

A movement was recently put on foot in my State to realize some form of betting on horse-racing. After a hard fight the movement was defeated, but, legal or illegal, people are going to bet on horse races as long as the ponies run. They bet on them now, and they always have done so. The last horse race I witnessed it seemed that fully 25 per cent of the people present made wagers thereon. Furthermore, they bet, and are going to keep on betting on football, baseball and other sports. The gambling mania is mighty and prevails. It is much in evidence, even among savages and in the parlors of society's "four hundred." Men get it in such violent form that they will sit up all night and pay from three to ten dollars an hour for the privilege of pushing chips across a table, when sawing three sticks of wood would give them muscular contraction of the biceps. They will stand twenty hours at a faro when their wives ask them to pack a pail of water. They will lose five hundred bucks a night with a smile and then shout "busted!" when the women of their hearts tremblingly ask for a new dress. Strong is the gambling mania among men. The writer once passed through beautiful Southern California with a party of people. About fifteen of the men went through the land of fruits and flowers without beholding the golden



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glow of an orange orchard, or a hydrangea, or a palm. They were busy playing poker in the baggage car and didn't look out.—Jim Lowery

ENTERTAINING ROYALTY

During the same week that the Hoovers entertained the King and Queen of Siam, they also entertained Bryan Untied, hero of the Pleasant Hill, Colorado bus tragedy, who went to Washington upon the special request of the President.

The first royal entertained were born that way, they couldn't help being what they are, and have never accomplished anything worth while.

The second royalty, a country boy of thirteen years, a son of very ordinary parents in ordinary circumstances, saved the lives of several children. Being the son of parents of small means had taught him to make the most of what he had. To "make out" and tackle any emergency.

He needed no instructions. Fate had placed him in a position in life where he was frequently called upon to take the initiative. When death stared him in the face in that bus during the dark hours of night the hero of heroes took off his clothing almost to the bare skin and gave it to the more needy.

He led the games and cheered other children to keep them in action to prevent freezing. By that one act alone, his life means more to the world than all the Kings and Queens of Siam since the beginning of the nation's history.

Today the world bows in his presence and seeks to pay him tribute. Scholarships in great schools are offered him. High officials pay him tribute for what he is and not for what he was at birth.—Clarendon Leader.

VIEWPOINTS THEIR LONGEVITY

From the Detroit News: High up in the Himalaya mountains lives a tribe of which nearly every member, who escapes freezing or sudden extinction under an avalanche, lives to the age of 100 or

more. A band of British scientists is forcing its way into this lofty recess to inquire into the people's manner of life, hoping to learn the secret of longevity. Thus far we have nothing but speculation to go on, but there are two or three plausible theories. The tribesmen live to 100 because they never use tobacco, being unable to obtain any; because they eat goats' milk cheese in the absence of any other food; because they spend much time in the open air, the only kind they have, and because they have kept no records of when they were born and don't know how to count.—Abilene News.

RECOGNITION GIVEN AMERICA'S DISCOVERER

At last there is becoming apparent a tendency to bestow upon Leif Ericson some of the honors due him as the first known explorer to have touched upon American shores. For many years the public generally has been taught to look upon Columbus, who nearly five hundred years later than Ericson touched upon land in the Western Hemisphere in his search for a route to India, as the discoverer of America.

Minnesota has decided to make October 9, Leif Ericson Day. A bill just signed by Gov. Floyd B. Olson requires the public schools of the state to devote a half hour on that day to appropriate exercises relative to and in commemoration of the life and history of Leif Ericson and the ideals he fostered.

"Teachers can say all they want to about Columbus and his jaunt across the Atlantic in 1492; and they can pay tribute to the Italian on his day, October 12; but on October 9 young Minnesota must pause to consider the prior claims of the Norseman. His friends do not ask that Columbus be banished from the history books but they do not want the youth of the nation to be taught that Leif Ericson got over to the mainland for a first call about four centuries sooner," states an article in the Christian Science Monitor.

which it observed for the first time last October. A bill to this effect passed the lower house at the last session of the legislature of Washington, but failed because of adjournment before the Senate could act. The new magnificent lakeshore boulevard in Chicago is officially "Leif Ericson Drive." Norwegians of the city have obtained permission of the park officials to erect a large monument to the explorer in a commanding position on the drive, and a campaign to raise \$400,000 for the purpose has been launched.—Ex.

Crosbyton—Trees being set out on every street in city.

ORDINANCE NO. 9

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOW, TEXAS.

An ordinance amending an ordinance granting a franchise and certain privileges to the West Texas Gas Company (a corporation with its principal office in the City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas) and establishing rules and regulations for the use of natural gas for light, heat, powers, etc., and being Ordinance No. 8, passed and approved the 24th day of June, A. D. 1930.

WHEREAS, the West Texas Gas Company, a corporation, has applied to the Mayor and City Council of Meadow, Texas, for an extension of said Ordinance and Franchise No. 8, and has requested that Section Eleven of said Ordinance be amended so as to grant said extension of time; and

WHEREAS, it is considered to be the best interest of all parties concerned, including the City of Meadow, Texas, that said extension be granted and that said Amendment be made:

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained that said Ordinance No. 8 be amended so that Section Eleven thereof shall hereafter read as follows, to-wit: "It is provided that the grantee shall in good faith begin the construction of its main lines and distributing system by October 1, 1931, and shall complete such main line by November 1, 1931, and shall be prepared to serve gas to consumers on



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or before the 1st day of December, A. D., 1931, provided, however, that grantee shall not be liable for the time consumed out of such period by strikes, acts of providence, acts of constituted legal authorities, or acts beyond the control of grantee."

Except as herein amended and modified, said Ordinance and Franchise are to remain in full force and effect as passed and approved as aforesaid.

Passed and Approved this 25th day of April A. D., 1931.

Robert Welch, Mayor, City of Meadow, Texas.

ATTEST: John Cadenhead, City Secretary of Meadow, Texas.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TERRY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of McLennan County, on the 25th day of April 1931, by R. V. McClain Dist. Clerk of said McLennan County, Texas, for the sum of Twenty Five Hundred Fifty Eight and 20/100 (\$2558.20) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment in favor of The First National Bank of Waco in a certain cause in said Court, No. 16328 and styled The First National Bank of Waco, vs. T. F. Miles, and Willie Miles jointly and severally, and placed in my hands for service, I, J. M. Telford as Sheriff of Terry County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of May 1931, levy on a certain Real Estate, situated in Terry County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All of the East one half of Section No. 59 in Block T, Terry County, Texas, less 20 acres off the east end thereof, owned by J. M. Montgomery, and levied upon as the property of T. F. Miles, and Willie Miles, and that on the first Tuesday in June 1931, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door of Terry County, in the town of Brownfield, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said T. F. Miles and Willie Miles.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Terry County Herald, a newspaper published in Terry County.

Witness my hand, this 4th day of May 1931.

J. M. Telford, Sheriff Terry County, Texas. 40c

POOR SLEEP DUE TO GAS IN UPPER BOWEL

Poor sleep is caused by gas pressing heart and other organs. You can't get rid of this by just doctoring the stomach because most of the gas is in the UPPER bowel.

The simple German remedy, Adlerika, reaches BOTH upper and lower bowel, washing out poisons which cause gas, nervousness, bad sleep. Get Adlerika today; by tomorrow you feel the wonderful effect. You will say the day you read this was sure a lucky day for you. Alexander Drug Store.

WANT ADS

SAVE RENT: Houses built on installment plan. See C. D. Shamburfc, City.

HEMSTITCHING—5c per yard. Leave at Walts Service Station or my home 323 S 1st street.—Mrs. Walter Gracey.

REGISTERED Giltz, will farrow last of June and milk cows, for sale. See L. P. Adair, Wellman Texas.

ACALA and HALF and HALF cotton seed from picked cotton, rolls was run on every bale. Cash on terms, 3/4 mile West, 2 miles North Brownfield. Claude B. Hester. 46p

FOR RENT—Furnished Rooms—420 South 3rd Street. 10c.

FOR SALE or trade. Milch cows, bundle higers, maize heads, sorghum, all kinds of seed. Good loans in Brownfield, two wheel trailer. See J. D. McDonald. East side of square. 46p.

ACALA cotton seed for sale, 30 cents per bushel. I. M. Smith.

FOR RENT furnished Apartments. All bills paid, 121 N. 2nd St.

HEMSTITCHING—I shall be glad to do your hemstitching for five cents a yard and furnish thread. Can't wait while you wait. See Mrs. A. J. Adair, 218 N. Fourth.

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"I ought to be able to sell my stuff as soon as it's ready. Well—I'm doing that now. I take my butterfat, eggs and poultry to the nearest Swift & Company produce plant.

"And I ought to have ready cash just as soon as I make delivery. I get that too. Swift & Company pays me for all they take, as they take it, at the full market price.

"I ought to patronize my own community, and deal with other people who do. Yes—that's true. Well, Swift & Company has 55,000 employees in over 500 towns and they all work for the company in their own home towns and spend their money there too. They pack and distribute the Swift brands right where they live. Many of them are our own townfolk, helping this town to grow, helping to support our schools, stores and banks.

"It seems to me that I'm getting a good, square deal now. And it gives me a real feeling of security to know that I'm part of an organization of 55,000 employees and 48,000 shareholders; that it is able to make a reasonable return on their investment and operate successfully on an average profit from all sources of only a small fraction of a cent per pound."

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Forrester Items

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mathis and baby of Tahoka are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Mathis and family this week.

The teachers of our school entertained the school trustees and their families last Friday night. They all reported a royal good time.

Miss Elma Baldwin visited Mrs. Lonnie Reatherford of Hunter Monday.

Brother Curry filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Several from this community visited Lahey Sunday night.

Everyone is invited to attend the singing next Sunday night.

Miss Naomi Drury entertained the Epworth League council meeting last Wednesday night.

IOWA WISHES US WELL

In an effort to do something for the farmers, various Legislatures in the corn belt followed the action of North Dakota and gave consideration to the advisability of passing a law taxing vegetable oils—corn oils and other home-produced oil excepted. The American Cotton Co-operative Association, the National Cottonseed Products Association, and other interests in the South immediately protested, characterizing the proposed bills as un-American and intimating that Southern States would consider such action as unfriendly.

C. O. Moser, vice-president of the Co-operatives, in reply to telegrams and letters, received assurances from Iowa that the bill proposing a tax on Southern products had been shelved and would remain there indefinitely. C. O. Dayton, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Iowa House of Representatives, in commenting upon the proposed measure wrote in part as follows:

"I wish that you would see that the press of your great State makes public the fact that its sister State, Iowa, has nothing but well wishes for her welfare.

"The farmer in Iowa has been hard pressed of late and the Legislature of Iowa, in casting about for some source of revenue for the support of the Government, has failed to consider the pain it would give the Southland.

"I assure you that Iowa would divide with you its last crust of bread if necessary. Really there is no South, no North, no East and no West in this home of the free. We of Iowa love your kindly, hospitable people."

There should be no North, South, West or East in considering the problems and welfare of the agricultural industry. Working together, those engaged in agriculture and those directly dependent upon it could easily bring about equality of opportunity with other industry. Agriculture does not ask charity, but only for justice. It is embarrassed by legislative handicaps, which, coupled with drought in many sections, and low prices for all farm commodities, has forced many to make an appeal for Government aid. Will other industry ever learn that its prosperity is very largely dependent upon the buying power of rural districts, or will it cling to its artificial advantages until forced by a united rural vote to relinquish them—Farm and Ranch.

Has Models in Smithsonian Institution



GORDON DRUMMOND AT WORK IN HIS SHOP

Gordon Drummond, 17-year-old model builder of Washington, D. C., is working on the coach with which he hopes to win an award in the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild \$50,000 competition. The boy already has gained fame as a model builder, two of his airplane models, shown in the insets, being on display in the Smithsonian Institution. Gordon, who has just graduated from high school, works from 4 p. m. to 4 a. m. and spends his spare time in his shop.

WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDING IS DEDICATED AND OPENED

New York, May.—The world's tallest structure—the Empire State building—was dedicated and opened Friday—a final realization of the long labors of former Governor Alfred E. Smith and a group of business associates.

The new structure stands at Fifth avenue and 34th street on a site formerly occupied by the old Waldorf Astoria hotel.

At 11:45 a. m. President Hoover pressed a telegraph key in the White House, turning on all lights illuminating the skyscraper.

Because of the building's tall mooring mast, Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, U. S. N., newly appointed captain of the dirigible Arkon, now under construction, was one of the guest speakers.

THE DEADLY RATTLER

Llano reports that a five-year-old boy was bitten three times on the leg by a rattlesnake. Happily, serum saved his life, but serum is not a 100 percent antidote. Often it fails, even under the most favorable conditions.

It is best not to be bitten by a rattlesnake. It is something the human system never gets over, even if the life is preserved.

Thousands of Texans are taking to the open these spring days. They should remember that the rattler is deadly and may be encountered anywhere, anytime. After their winter's sleep they are more than normally vicious and poisonous. In the rattlesnake country—and that is practically the whole of the Southwest—one should watch his step.

A good many lives will be lost, as usual, to this enemy of mankind this year. Only complete extermination of the snakes will prevent loss of life in such manner. There should be a bounty of at least one dollar on every rattlesnake skin.—Abilene News.

Good humor is good sense.

HUNTER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith and Miss Florence Fitch spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith.

Freeman Rodgers and Lonnie Reatherford were winners at the 42 party at Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Reatherford home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dent of Loop spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fitzgerald of Wellman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams.

Mr. Dennis Rentro of Amarillo spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lyon at the bedside of Mrs. Rentro who was seriously ill for a few days.

There was a good crowd at Sunday school. Several visitors.

T. J. Hight who had the misfortune of getting his leg broke at school last week is getting along nicely.

Mrs. John Jenkins has been sick the last few days, we missed her at Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Sunday.

Bro. Allen will hold his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. We want you to be present.

Deward Williams was a Seagraves visitor Sunday.

WELLMAN P. T. A.

The P. T. A. met Friday afternoon in a business meeting. Chairman for the different communities were nominated.

Mrs. Gould Winn, a charter member who has served faithfully through the life of the local P. T. A., was presented with the subscription to the "Child Welfare" which was awarded to the local P. T. A. for having the best year book of its class in the 14th district.

The program for the next meeting will be announced in next weeks paper. You are invited to attend this meeting. May 22.

WHY MAKE US NERVOUS?

The noted British astronomer, lecturing in California before a learned body of scientists, must have thrilled to see the fear and consternation he caused in his audience when he made his prediction of the approaching explosion of the sun.

If it had been one of the far distant stars to which he had reference it would not have mattered so much. But we have grown fond of our sun, we rejoice in its light and in its life-giving warmth, and hate to think of it as near extinction. Then, too, what will become of us, here on the earth, should the sun explode? Presumably, our little planet will also explode.

The astronomer also asserts that the universe is doubling its size every fourteen billion years. That is not so bad, for we Americans believe in expansion. But when he foretells that the sun will explode in a hundred and fifty billion years from now, he is going too far. Fire insurance companies will promptly raise their rates in view of this approaching danger, and the rates are high enough already.

What can our Legislature or even Congress do about it? President Hoover should appoint a commission to investigate possible tampering with the sun and report a bill making such tampering a felony. It might be better to refer the matter to an international conference for consideration.

There surely ought to be a law forbidding the sun to explode so soon. The anticipation of this danger makes us nervous and may cause indigestion.—Dallas News.

A. M. Brownfield has had the awning on the north side of his block of buildings on the northeast corner of the square rebuilt, recently and repainted, which adds greatly to the looks of that section of the city.

LOVINGTON STUNG BY CHAUTAUQUA COMPANY

The Lovington Leader is battling its best to move the people to come to the relief of the committee which signed the "guarantee" for the Chautauqua which will open there shortly. The paper correctly argues that the signers of the guarantee thought that they were doing a real public service when they did that, and the people should not stand idly aside and see them proven to be well-meaning suckers.

The Leader is quite right in its arguments. Lovington is one of the last of the New Mexico cities to fall for this particular form of graft, and the business men were undoubtedly actuated by the best motives in the world. That there will be any next time is in itself the best possible reason why fair-minded folks should help in padding the gate receipts so as to make the punishment just as light as possible.

The day of the "Chautauqua" is over so far as the greater part of the United States is concerned. A purely commercial proposition, there is no reason in the world why they should be guaranteed anything. Some are so lacking in merit that they do not deserve the slight patronage they get, and have been relying on the payments of the patriotic eroists who signed on the dotted line.

Lovington is wise in paying off and raising the right hand.—Carlsbad (N. M.) Chronicle.

FRAUDS

The Federal Radio Commission has refused to renew the broadcasting license of certain stations which have used to perpetuate palable frauds upon the public. There is still too much of that sort of thing going on "on the air" however.

I listened in the other night to a broadcaster describing a wonderful electrical machine which would cure almost everything, according to him. Of course, he was lying, deliberately trying to get ignorant people to spend money for a worthless device. I heard another broadcast, an astrologer inviting people to send her money to have their fortunes told. She was lying also. There is no possible basis of truth in the claim any person to be able to read the future, whether by consulting the stars or the tea-leaves in the cup.

Frauds, like these are prohibited by law in most states, but the radio cuts across state lines. Reputable newspapers do not permit palpable fakes to advertise, but the radio seems to be running wild in the perpetration of fraud—State Line Tribune.

PROMOTERS

With the coming of spring the fancy of promoters lightly turn to unsuspecting victims and pocket-books—or check books.

Most of the promoters since the oil stock schemes grew stale, generally land in town with a brand new advertising idea. The annuals on our intelligence and pocketbooks are generally successful.

No matter how much warning is given. No matter what kind of a "committee" a town may have to check up on the intruders, some of the business men fall for the most ridiculous ideas and what is more, shell down the coin in advance so eager are they to patronize legitimate schemes sponsored by a stranger.—Clarendon Leader.

Fletcher Edwards of Eastmore, Texas, phoned us yesterday that his cousin, Monk Edwards, who was run the White House Canteen, was killed in Ada, Oklahoma, Wednesday night. No particulars were learned.

Mrs. L. A. Daniel and daughter, Miss Othello, and baby brother, of Amherst, were visitors in the Eli Perkins home over the week-end.

GUM BUSINESS, STARTED ON \$2.50 THAT ROSE TO \$3,000,000, ENDS

The storeroom at 519 South Akard street had a "For Rent" sign up Thursday. It was nine years ago almost to a day that Col. William E. Easterwood came to Dallas from East Texas and went into business at that address with total assets of \$2.50. Of that amount, \$1.25 went for the purchase of a second-hand desk. Order blanks made up the balance of the capital. His father staked him for the rent only. When the first order for \$55 worth of Orbit Listerated gum was written it was a busy day in the new office. Sales ran more than \$3,000,000 last year through the same office, augmented by quarters in the Baker Hotel.

The desk on which this business was started has been carefully removed and stored. It was well worth \$1.25 nine years ago and it would take many times that much to buy it now, if it could be bought for any price.

Colonel Easterwood has quit the chewing gum business, at least, temporarily. For a while he is going to look around, play a little golf, perhaps ride horseback and, of course, play with airplanes.—Dallas News.

COLORADO HAS MOST ABSENT-MINDED MAN

"Call the police! I have been robbed. My watch and vest were stolen during the night."

Dr. P. C. Coleman, president of the chamber of commerce, thus called to members of the family Sunday morning, after he had searched frantically throughout the Coleman home for his prized ticker.

But the police could find no clue to the missing watch. It was apparent that the "thief" who had dared enter his home during the night before was an expert.

In dismay, Dr. Coleman went to Sunday School and church. He attended services again Sunday evening. There was ever present thoughts of the mysterious episode of the night before. "How in the world did the burglar enter his bedroom, steal his vest and watch and get away without arousing someone, was beyond his comprehension.

Sunday evening, as Dr. Coleman retired to his bedroom to undress for another night of sleep, he found the solution to the big robbery.

He had been wearing his vest and watch all day. He found them underneath his shirt.—Colorado Record.

BASTROP ADVERTISER TO ISSUE CENTENNIAL EDITION

The Bastrop Advertiser is to issue a centennial edition of the town's founding on June 24. The Advertiser is the oldest weekly paper in Texas. Mrs. Abernathy plans to attend the celebration.

Cotton will be used exclusively for costumes for the centennial program. The Four-H clubs of the county will hold their all-day achievement day program at the Fair Park in Bastrop. A historical pageant, under direction of the home demonstration agent, will be given.

POST MAN CATCHES SNAKES, BOILS OUT OIL AND SELLS IT

Post, May.—Catching snakes and boiling the oil out of them, is the unique business of one Post man, who, a few weeks ago on the first real warm day of the season, caught 27 rattlers.

The man is Bill Adams and for several years he has made this his business. Adams finds a ready sale for his products among actors on the vaudeville stage who do acrobatic stunts and among circus arena performers.

Adams is employed at the mill. He does his snake catching as a sideline, but has no trouble at all in disposing of his oil at \$2 an ounce.

Going into the foothills, Adams locates a den of snakes. He then proceeds to catch them alive and brings them to town, where he kills the reptiles.

In his first catch of the season was a rattler, about eight feet long, with 18 rattles. It was one of the largest he has caught, he said.

BANKING INGENUITY

A Missouri paper in giving a bit of history of a young man formerly of that town states that he arose early, took a bath and washed the tub afterwards, never kept any one waiting at breakfast, never smoked or drank bootleg, paid his board promptly and was always on his job at the local country bank.

This went on for a number of years and it suddenly developed that he was thirty-seven thousand dollars short at the bank. He got three years. When he gets out, he announces that he will go to South America and start something with the money he saved. No, there was no woman in on the deal—he never risked that much.—Clarendon Leader.

The question is asked why people do not stay at home more? One reason may be that if they did, their creditors might come and present them with a bill.

AMONG SOCIETY FOLKS

Mrs. Ike Bailey, Editor

Phone 160

PARTY GIVEN BY MRS. COBB AND MRS. DAVIS

Mrs. Tom Cobb was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Roy Davis, of Plainview, in entertaining a group of their friends at two-thirty o'clock Friday afternoon. Nine tables were laid for bridge at the Hancock Cafe. Pretty table favors were given for high cut at each table. In the play, Mrs. Enders scored high and Mrs. McGowan second high. Mrs. Jackson favored the group with a number of piano selections throughout the afternoon. Refreshment plates were beautiful, with ice-cream molded in the shape of a rose, cake squares chocolate mints and salted almonds. The guest list included Mesdames A. M. Brownfield, Wingerd, McDuffie, A. E. Brownfield, Allen, Tom May, M. L. Copeland, Telford, Pyeatt, Shelton, Bowers, Jacobson, Eunice Jones, J. Hill, Hilyard, Holmes, Harp, A. Sawyer, Nelson, Toome, W. A. Bell, Collins, Enders, McGowan, F. McSpadden, Llewellyn, John King, Jack Jackson, Cave, O'Neill, F. Smith and Misses, McSpadden, Martin, Paterson, Fitzgerald and O'Brien.

Adolphus Smith, Miss Tena Alexander, Miss Christine Carter and Robert Salter visited in the W. C. Smith home here Friday afternoon and evening. The young people are all Tech students.

Mr. Raymond Barrier was here on business Thursday and Friday. He also visited relatives here. Mr. Barrier and his family are now living in San Antonio.

Mr. Tom May, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Quante and Mr. R. L. Adams left Saturday for El Paso to attend the Shriners Convention.

Miss Kathleen Conrad of Lubbock was a Brownfield visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Vernal Rentfro of Amarillo is in Brownfield attending the church of Christ meeting and visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hudgens, and other relatives and friends.

NEEDLE CLUB

Members of the Priscilla Needle Club and several other guests were entertained at the ranch home of Mrs. C. F. Rickles Wednesday afternoon. This club followed its custom of quilting a quilt for the hostess. After completing this, they served with a delicious fried chicken supper. Those present were Mesdames John Gracey, Kendrick, Ray Brownfield, Eubanks, E. Williams, B. L. Thompson, H. Thompson, Coleman, Rickels, Holgate and McClish.

Mrs. W. H. Collins, Mrs. W. C. Smith and Mrs. W. H. Dallas were guests of their sons in Lubbock, Mothers Day, Sunday, May 10, when the Centaur club entertained their mothers with a breakfast at the Hilton Hotel at 8:45 o'clock. At 2:30 o'clock, they added joy to the day for their mothers in a "Tea" at the home of Mrs. E. B. Adcock, 2606 19th street. These young men entertained solely with their club members—members of the Texas Technological Faculty and other friends attended. James Harley Dallas, president of the club, poured tea, at the prettily decorated table. Beautiful roses were used in decorations in reception rooms. Club songs and music by the Centaur men were enjoyed by visitors. Twenty-four of the members were present with a majority having their mothers as guests. Many parents drove 3 or 4 hundred miles to see their sons and to honor the occasion.

Mr. White and Spencer Kendrick took a bunch of the Boy Scouts to Carlsbad Friday. They went through the cavern Saturday and returned Sunday. (Last week.)

Mrs. A. C. McGlothlin of Benjamine and Mr. Jack Alexander of Wichita Falls visited in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alexander over the week-end. They were accompanied by Miss Lillian McGlothlin of Monday who visited with her friend Miss Kathleen Alexander.

P. T. A.

The P. T. A. met in regular meeting Tuesday evening. A very interesting program was rendered. Saturday evening the Executive Council met in the home of Mrs. Holgate, the new president. Committees for the new year were appointed and other business attended to.

TWO TABLE PARTY

Mrs. VonCille Williams entertained a number of her friends at bridge Friday evening. Sandwiches, potato chips, cake and lemonade were served to the following: Mesdames Kendrick, Gracey, Orb Stice, Williams and Misses Lois Adams and Lucile Oliver.

Mrs. Orb Stice spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kendrick.

Mr. Hayhurst, Gillum Graham, Lewis Parker and Jim Neill returned this week from Austin. The boys had been participating in the state Athletic Meet here. Two of the boys got as far as the finals before being eliminated.

MAIDS AND MATRONS

Mrs. S. H. Holgate and Mrs. C. F. Hamilton were joint hostesses to the Maids and Matrons Club at the home of the former Tuesday afternoon. This was the last meeting of the club year. Mrs. Toome presided. Interesting papers were read by Mrs. Crews, Mrs. Jacobson, Mrs. Holgate and Mrs. Wingerd. The year's business was completed. The course of study for next year will be decided upon at a meeting to be held Tuesday, May 26th at the home of Mrs. A. M. Brownfield. Cake and cream were served.

JUBILEE AUXILIARY SHOWER

Mrs. V. A. Bynum, who is leaving Saturday for Carlsbad was the honoree of a shower given by her Missionary Society, the Jubilee Auxiliary Methodist Young Matron Organization, Friday at three. Members of the Senior Society were also guests. Mrs. Bynum received many pretty and useful articles from her many friends. Those present were: Mesdames Finney, Downing, Webber, B. Hunter, McClish, H. Thompson, B. L. Thompson, Rickels, Heath, S. T. Wilson, Turrentine, Eubanks, Lazelle Huckabee, Arnett Bynum, V. A. Bynum and Coleman and Miss Katherine Stinson.

M. E. MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Methodist Missionary Society met Monday at three o'clock at the church for their regular Missionary Voice Program. Mrs. Jno. S. Powell was leader. White Russia was the subject of the lesson. Having parts on the program were Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Linville and Mrs. Downing. The quarterly report was read showing 57 visits, 40 trays, 16 bouquets and 20 bundles of good literature contributed by this society during the quarter. Present were Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Nobles, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Linville, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Turrentine, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. McDaniel.

Mrs. L. P. Adair, of Wellman, was in Tuesday shopping.

CHURCH OF CHRIST BIBLE CLASS

A good attendance was enjoyed at the Bible Class of the Church of Christ Thursday afternoon. The lesson was from Romans. Mesdames Graves, Hudgens, Duke, Ditto, Drennon, Collier, Williamson, Legg, Murphy, Arthur Green, Leslie Green, S. W. Price, Self, S. W. Jones, Oscar Jones, Storey, Lincoln and Travis were present.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH BIBLE CLASS

Mrs. Crews led the lesson on the Divided Kingdoms for the Bible Study of the First Christian Church Missionary Society Monday. A very interesting discussion was enjoyed by the following ladies: Mesdames Kendrick, S. T. Miller, Holgate, Flippin, Crews, A. Sawyer, Joe Price, Walters, Arlie Miller and Ballard.

BAPTIST CIRCLES

The Louise Willis Circle met at the home of Mrs. Homer Nelson for Bible Study. Miss Long taught the lesson five chapters of Acts. Twenty-one members were present. The next meeting will be general meeting at the church at three o'clock Monday. Other Circles met in circle meetings but no report was handed in.

MUSICAL NOTES

The pupil of Gertrude Rasco's piano class have organized a music club. They are making plans for next year. The purposes of the club are to stimulate a love for good music; to study History of music; stories of Operas; lives of the great Masters and many other things which will help one to know and appreciate music. The name of the club is Crescendo Dunning Club. Motto is: Never B. flat, Sometimes B sharp, Always B. natural.

The following officers were elected. President—Margene Griffin, Vice President—Margaret Schreuder; Secretary—Lucille McSpadden; Treasurer—Helen Quante; Reporter—Betty Jo Savage; Sponsor—Gertrude Rasco.

CHORAL CLUB TO GIVE OPERETTA

A program by the pupils of Mrs. Jack Jackson will be given on Tuesday, May 19 at 8:30 p. m.

The following program will be given: When Twilight Weaves, I hear the Bees a Humming, I'm Alone Because I Love You.

Choral Club

To a Toy Soldier—Warner; Zacatecas—Codina; Sallie Trusan Stricklin.

Vocal Solo—Kathleen Hardin. Country Gordens—Grainger; Music Box—Liebich; Robbie Marion Hardin.

Perpetual Motion—Weber; Mrs. Jackson. Lady Frances—one act operetta Choral Club.

This is a short operetta by girls only. The setting is in a sorority house the night before college opens. The plot is humorous and the operetta as a whole is very interesting.

There will be no admission charges and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

MRS. TOONE TO PRESENT HER CLASS 21ST

Mrs. W. B. Toone will present her class in expression next Thursday night, May 21st, at the high school auditorium. This promises to be an interesting program. The main features of the evening will be three plays, with a few specialties to make it more interesting.

The first play will be "And the Lamp Went Out", with five characters. The second is, "The Sleeping Beauty," composed of a number of smaller girls and boys, the third "A Set of Turquoise," put on by three young ladies.

METHODIST CHURCH

The revival closed last week with thirteen additions to the church, more than half of whom were by profession of faith in Christ. There was a splendid spirit among the people especially at the close of the meeting, which was manifest at services the following Sunday. Preaching services will be held regularly all the month of May, except for the hour of the Commencement sermon, May 24. We will have Sunday school that day as usual but will close at 10:45 in time to get to the commencement exercises. If the swimming pool is open on May 24 there there will be held at the pool the immersion at 3 P. M.

Geo. E. Turrentine.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are closing one of the best meetings I have been in for some time. The crowds have been good, there being an average of eighty, at the day services. To date six have been added to the church and much good done that does not appear on the surface.

Bro. Vance has given us some good lessons on Christian living and also how to become Christians. Subjects for next Lord's Day "Have we done what we could?" A. M. and "Can A Man Save Himself?" P. M.

R. P. Drennon

BROWNFIELD P. T. A.

The Brownfield Parent-Teacher Association met in the last regular meeting of the year in the High school building at 8:30 P. M. Tuesday, May 12. Mrs. Roy Wingerd gave the Association a talk on "The Boy and His Gang." A study of the boy through the adolescent period. This talk was very interesting. Mrs. Wingerd is a talented young mother and we are sorry more mothers could not have heard her. Mr. W. B. Toone, our Superintendent, gave us a splendid talk on "Building Respect in the Pupil for the School and Property Rights of Others." Miss Rasco talked interestingly on music and told of the origin of the piano. Miss Rasco has been a great help to the P. T. A. in programs throughout the year. We are proud to have had her with us and glad to learn that she will be here next year.

Margene Griffin, Lucile McSpadden and Mildred Adams, treated the audience to a piano selection. All business of the year was disposed of and the association was dismissed with a prayer by W. B. Toone.

We sincerely hope that our membership will be much larger next year and that many of our mothers will desire to take a child study course. Talk it over during vacation but by all means let us educate ourselves for the business of parenthood. Publicity Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wright formerly of Lubbock are now making this their home. Mrs. Wright was Miss Francis Plains before her marriage.

Mr. J. D. Bailey, E. Orcutt and A. L. Turner left Sunday on a fishing trip. They are going somewhere down on the Devil's River. Their folks were a little afraid for these boys to get off by themselves but the others promised to look after Mr. Turner as he is only 73 and the baby of the bunch.

We learned last week that J. T. Stricklin was not to preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Seagraves high school too late to correct. It was difficult for him to get some one to fill his place in the Lamess church.

T. W. Phillips was in Wednesday morning after a new planter point. Says he sure has a fine season.

QUITE TRUE

You can't advertise today and quit tomorrow. You're not talking to a mass meeting. You're talking to a parade.—Bruce Barton.

Quite true. The wise business man never quits advertising unless he intends to quit business or turns up his toes to the daises.—Higgins News.

Brown was making a visit to a girl who lived in the country. As they were walking through the field, they noticed a cow and calf rubbing noses in bovine love. He spoke up: "The sight of that, makes me want to do the same thing." "Go ahead," she replied, "it's fash- er's cow."

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Union Make-ups

Brother Allen filled his appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. Though we regret to say he resigned Sunday morning.

A large crowd attended Sunday School Sunday morning. Total 123. A very interesting program was rendered by the young folks and children.

We invite you all to be at Sunday school next Sunday at 10 A. M. Also B. Y. P. U. at 8:00 P. M. All visitors are welcome.

There was a singing Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Jobe. A large crowd was present and we sure had some real singing too.

Otis Lee Bass was operated on Monday. We sure hope he will get along alright. The old men and boys played 14 Sunday afternoon. The scores 14-14 in the old men's favor.

Misses Inez and Rosabel Averett spent Sunday with Miss Ombra and Leta Bass.

Mr. J. E. Moore carried his daughter, Lela Cashion to Tahoka, Texas. She and her husband have been here visiting for the past two weeks.

Married: Mr. Pat Dumas and Miss Avery Harred went to Houston, Saturday night where they were to be married. We wish them happiness and success.

Harmony Happenings

Sunday was quite an enjoyable day at Harmony. In the morning the Mother's Day program was rendered, then a bounteous dinner was spread in the old fashioned style. In the afternoon, we had singing, then after singing, Rev. Hale of Brownfield, delivered a sermon. Quite a few visitors and ex-Harmonyites were with us. We all went home feeling that we had indeed been blessed by such a pleasant day.

The school term will soon come to a close. The play, "The Eyes of Love" will be presented Thursday night, May 14th. Are there will be a program Friday night also. Sorry this information could not be sent in sooner.

Mr. Allgood took his father to the sanitarium at Lubbock to undergo a treatment for his eye, which is in a very serious condition.

We understand that Wellman has offered to present the play, "An Old Fashioned Mother," here soon. This is a wonderful play, and a large crowd is expecting to see it when they come.

We note that there is considerable painting going on over the town. This adds much to the looks of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Perkins, of Amherst, are visiting their son, Eli, of this city.



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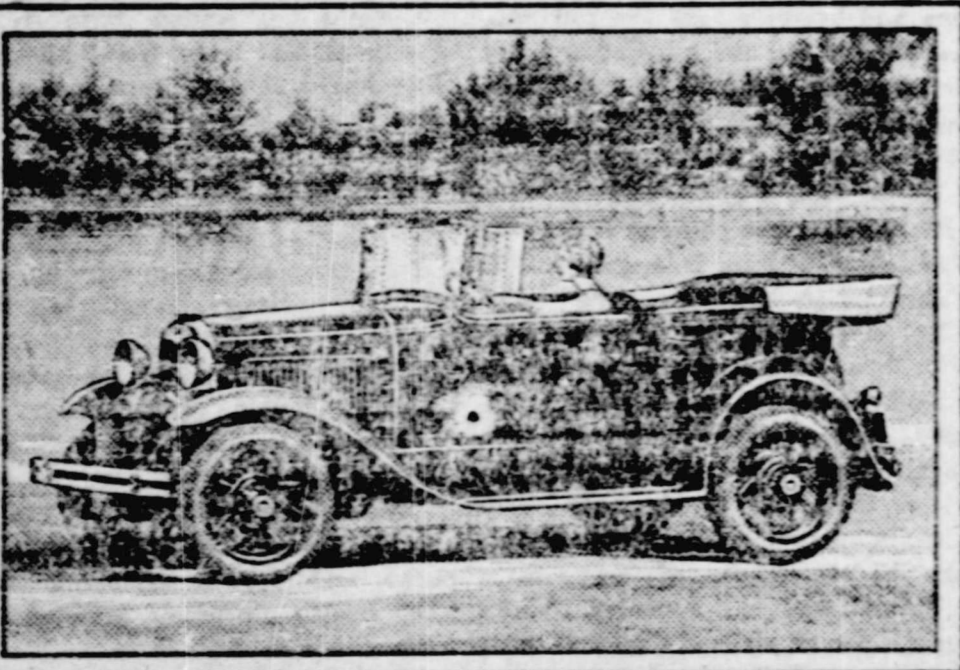
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New Ford Car Wins Favor



Ford Phaeton

THE Ford Phaeton, shown above, is equally popular as a family car and as a sport car for young people. The seating arrangement provides for the driver and one passenger in front and three passengers in the rear. Seats upholstered in two-tone cross cobra grain artificial leather.
● The top is of the quick collapsing type, easily handled by one person, folds flat. The windshield, of Triplex shatter-proof glass, is of the folding type and can be laid flat forward. The windshield wings fold over it, emphasizing the sport effect of the car.

Lawrence Davis and family and J. L. Cruce and family, spent Sunday at Two-Draw Lake near Post. Can't say they went to fish, however. You'll have to ask them.

F. B. Condra is putting the county court yard in fine shape with plow, harrow and drag this week. The trees are almost in full leaf now and are looking fine.

**Governor Sterling
Will Speak At Texas
Products Dinner**

Special Banquet Arranged
Meeting Texas Press Association,
San Angelo,
June 11, 12 and 13.



HON. R. S. STERLING
Dallas, Texas, May 7, 1931.—Announcement has just been received by Lowry Martin, general chairman of the Texas Press Association program committee, from D. H. Berry, manager of the City Board of Development of San Angelo, that an all Texas Products dinner had been arranged for the meeting of the association there June 11th, 12th and 13th. The menu for this dinner has been prepared by a special dietitian for the Texas Club, who have agreed to assemble, and furnish to the San Angelo press committee all necessary foods. Homer D. Wade, secretary of the Texas Club, has charge of these arrangements and with lamb chops from Edwards Plateau, the Texas products dinner will be replete with every item from "soup to nuts" Texas grown. Governor Sterling will be the principal speaker for the banquet which will be held at the St. Angelo Hotel, headquarters for the convention, Thursday evening, June 11th. Walter Cline of Wichita Falls will also deliver an address at this time.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

There was a washing powder on the market some years ago. It was the best advertised product of its kind. It was found in nearly every kitchen in the country. Its name was a household word. Let me think. What is the name of that powder, anyway? Well, I can't remember. At any rate the manufacturers decided that it was a waste of money to advertise a product so well known, and ceased using the printed page. Other manufacturers took advantage of this decision and vigorously conducted advertising campaigns for their products with the result that the name of the washing powder, once so familiar, has about been forgotten.

The experience of this manufacturer goes to prove that the public has a short memory; that when there are similar articles of merit on the market, the one receiving the greatest amount of the right kind of advertising becomes the best seller.

We sometimes wonder if the "take it for granted" attitude of the great \$3,000,000,000 dairy industry is not a large factor in creating its problems of under-consumption. Many millions of pounds of dairy products substitutes are sold every year. These products are not without merit. They pass the inspection of the pure food and drug act; they are palatable and attractively packed. They are persistently advertised. Producers of dairy products claim that butter, milk, cream and cheese are products for which there is no real substitute, food value and health-giving qualities considered. But of what advantage is that in increasing consumption if there are millions of people who do not know that fact, or who are not properly impressed with dairy products values?

Considerable money has been and is being spent in securing legislative help for the industry. It is possible that the publicity the substitutes receive in this connection is of more value to them than it is to the dairy interests. Certainly, if the substitutes were not selling in increasing quantities there would be no need to wage war against them or to seek legislative aid. The fact that these products are considered good enough by millions of consumers, price considered, should convince them that advertising pays. Dairy interests have too long depended upon free publicity. It is time that they entered upon an aggressive campaign to convince the buying public of the superior merit of their products, meeting competition in a legitimate manner.—Farm and Ranch.

DIVORCES TOTALING 189 ARE FILED IN FIRST DAY'S RUSH

Reno, Nev. May.—One hundred and eighty nine divorce complaints were filed in the office of County Clerk Elwood H. Beemer here today, marking the first day's rush under terms of Nevada's new six weeks divorce law.

The office opened for filing cases at six o'clock this morning and by late afternoon, most of the unusually heavy business had been cared for. At least 100 more cases will be filed, it is estimated, during the first few days of next week.

Ralph Bynum was a visitor to Lamesa Monday, and to Lubbock Tuesday.

**Joe Lane Says His
Cattle Are Doing Well**

Joe Lane, prominent ranchman and former county commissioner, was here several days this week on business. He says his cattle are coming out of the winter in fine shape and that he being always an optimist, is looking for better times despite the Hoover administration.

Mr. Lane had just received word from Mrs. Lane, who is in a sanitarium at Temple, Texas, stating that she is improving nicely from her recent operations. She was in a very critical condition for a number of days and for a time her life was despaired of.—Lovington Leader.

STANDARDIZING SPEECH

Motion pictures and the radio are working toward standardization of speech in the United States where dialects are only less numerous than they are in Germany and France. While this is an avowed objective of both, it would also be an ultimate development without any design on their part. People learn to talk by listening, and everyone is now listening to the radio and talkies.

For several years radio announcers have been teaching radio listeners how to speak "high English" by exercising care in their own enunciation and pronunciation. Their efforts cannot have been wholly in vain.

A University of Southern California professor claims the talkies are supplementing this nation-wide school of oral education. He is of the opinion that the talkies will eventually accomplish more in this direction than the radio and that national standardization of speech is but a few years off, due to the influence of talking motion pictures.

The talkies and radio may in time reform the American language," but the public is not certain that it yearns for such reform. Would life be as interesting without the soft speech and charming elisions of the Southerner, without the Harvard accent of New England, without the drawl of the mountaineer and the peculiarities of speech of the Pennsylvania Dutch and similar provincial colonies?

If the films and other waves succeed in this movement, they will have accomplished something in which a vast educational system has failed.—Lubbock Avalanche.

THE ALIBI SHOOTER

A friend of ours was describing an "alibi shooter" the other day and we jotted down his opinion. Here it is: "Did you ever hear of an 'alibi shooter'? I'll tell you what sort of a guy he is so that you can spot him from now on.

"He is the chap who is due from a two week's vacation on Monday morning and wires you Tuesday noon—missed train. Will return tomorrow."

"He is the man who is never quite ready to do what you want or give you what you want NOW. The man whose daily life, year after year, is a series of promises.

"He is the salesman who requires twelve full sheets of hotel stationery to write a 'weather report' and an essay on 'conditions.'

"He is the fellow who eventually arrives at that mental state where he begins his alibi before he begins his attempts.

"An alibi is a piece of dough that started out to be a biscuit and ended as a pancake. And, the world is divided into two kinds of them—those who use alibis and those who get things done.

"Procrastination is usually the besetting weakness of the alibi shooter. He is the man who never does anything NOW. He is more than lazy—he is afraid. The streets of the City of Failures are paved with alibis, some of them which are absolutely perfect."

I don't like alibi shooters. I hate 'em. I like men—real men—who don't stop to ask why or argue and who can take a command. Men who are willing to bring back results dead or alive—not alibis!

MURDERED

In the later part of April while crossing the street in Lubbock, a young lady was struck by a car that was attempting to pass an old Model T pulling a trailer, and instantly killed and her companion was seriously injured. The trailer nor Model T neither had a tail light, and when the driver of the car that struck the young lady came up out of the underpass it was impossible to see the car or trailer and when in a few feet of the trailer he saw it and swayed his car to the left and of course did not see the young lady or her companion. She died before reaching the Hospital and her companion is confined in the Hospital now. The driver of the car that struck the lady was exonerated of all blame.

You had better come in and see us about your lights you may be in court for criminally neglecting your lights, especially your tail light.

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**SAFETY FIRST CAMPAIGN
SHOWS RESULTS**

The motorcoach continues to hold the lead as the safest type of motor vehicle in California.

In a report on accidents, compiled by the California State Division of Motor Vehicles for October, 1930, motorcoaches are given the place of honor for the smallest number of accidents. They have held that place consistently since the division undertook the publication of accidents reports.

The report shows that of a total of 4,243 accidents involving motor vehicles, 3,576 were passenger cars, 377 were trucks; 145 were motor-cycles; 58 were light delivery cars; 36 were taxicabs, and motorcoaches were 3.

The responsible bus line of the nation have made determined efforts to promote safety on the highways. It will usually be found that the recklessly driven bus is the property of some small "wildcat" line, and efforts are now being made to banish these from the highways by putting buses under regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The major lines, well financed and organized, are providing the public with fast, economical and dependable service.

A MODEL TOWN

The town of Highland Park has issued its balance sheet for the year ending September 30, last. Oddly enough for a municipal report, it is understandable, a great violation of custom. Furthermore, the town seems to be managed with efficiency and careful economy, making it a sort of curiosity among American cities. More surprising still, the councilmen serve without pay, the auditing accountants, searching with a fine-tooth comb, can find no evidence of graft, and the assets of the town are greater than the liabilities. Evidently the manager of Highland Park has no qualifications that would fit them for membership in Tammany. They ought to be demoted and put in charge of the State's administration, as a punishment for their departure from standards set by New York and Chicago.

The balance sheet further shows a low tax rate of 90c on the \$100 an assessed valuation of 60 per cent on a fair valuation, a bonded and warrant indebtedness of about 4 percent of the assessed value, and less than \$8,000 of uncollected taxes since the town's organization in 1914. As the larger part of this is for the year 1929, presumably most of it will be collected within the next year. The town budgets its finances year by year, and expense at the close of the current year to show a large excess of income over the outgo, thus forming a fund for further improvements. If anyone doubts the truth of the sheet, the town books are open for inspection.

Highland Park is the show part of the Dallas area. It is well policed, has an efficient fire system and is a "spotless" town in appearance. There is nothing wonderful about all this. Any town or city can do as well or even better. The recipe is very simple. Select honorable, intelligent councilors, free from political entanglements, and encourage them by hearty support and approval of worth while achievement.—Dallas News.

We now have one drug store that is almost out of doors in the day time—the Corner Drug Store. All doors and plate glass have been taken out of the east and south ends and panel folding doors California style put in. Makes it look uptown.

W. A. Tittle was in Monday after supper for the farm. He is very optimistic about conditions in Terry county.

**IT TASTED LIKE MORE,
BUT—WELL—ANYHOW—**

Bend, Ore.—A large and savory piece of cooked meat was placed on an imposing stone in the plant of the Bulletin here not long ago by Roy Wolf, Linotype operator. Roy had the meat from A. D. Lewis, who had it, in turn, from the Deschutes River. Printers and reporters gazed at the meat and inhaled its fine aroma. Eventually they sampled it, pronounced it "Class A" goose, then repeated. Later Roy told them just what it was that had so intrigued their palates—nicely grilled muskrat.

In most cases that was the end of hunger in that plant that day. One inky journeyman turned a ghastly green that faded to white—but retained his muskrat.

As for Wolf—well, he says he's going to bring in another one of the "tender little critters," but isn't going to share it with a lot of unappreciative printers and copy chasers.

DID YOU EVER HEAR—

Of a hen waiting for a worm to come up to be eaten;
Of a bee that kept one eye on the time clock;
Of a meadowlark that complained about the weather;
Of a dog that whined because another dog could run faster than he;
Of a cat that quit watching while the mouse was in the hole;
Of a goat that admitted times were hard;
Of a parrot that could say anything original?"

IT IS ALWAYS SAFE

For a fellow to be conceited until he is successful.
To live so that you can have no fear of meeting an old friend.
To forgive an enemy whether he asks for it or not.
To be willing to learn from the chap who has had experience.
To pay for the worthwhile things of life.
To learn the worst—everything thereafter is good news.—War Cry.

Fort Davis—Texaco filling station under construction here.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Claude News editor received two statements, the past month, which were printed out of town, by business firms which could have just as well let us have the job, in order that they might have made The Claude News able to meet these two bills. When we are presented with a statement that is printed OUT OF TOWN, or on regular statement form kept in stock, our pocket book begins to "swink" up and finally becomes entirely empty before we quit reading that statement. In this time of scarcity of money, most editors' pocket books have already "awunk" up until they have no money to pay bills with, therefore it is to the best interest of every business man to "shoot" many ads into the editor's office and see that he gets ALL their orders for letter heads, envelopes, statements, bill heads, circulars, special printed forms, etc., etc. This done and you will be making a much better weekly newspaper, which in turn will make a better and more progressive town for your business to succeed in. Try it and note the difference.—Claude News.

The paint representative that was to have been at the Brownfield Hardware store last Saturday had a car wreck and failed to arrive. He will be here Saturday. Be sure to meet him there.

Stenographer—"Your little girl wants to kiss you over the phone."
Busy Manager—"Take the message. I'll get it from you later."
—New York Watchman-Examiner

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"LISTEN DOGS" TAKE THE AIR



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GEORGIA GROWS 'EM BIG FOR CITIES

New York, May.—Harlem has lost its biggest citizen in the death of James Finch, negro sandwich man. He was 7 feet, 6 inches tall and weighed 678 pounds. He wore size 24 shoes and a tentlike coat estimated as size 70. When he was taken ill and ordered to the hospital no ordinary stretcher would carry him. A makeshift was built of four-inch joists and sail-cloth. Eight internes shouldered it. In the hospital he occupied two beds placed side by side and reinforced with underpinning. The mattresses were sewed together, and he was outfitted in special garments. Finch was 28 and died of uremia. He earned \$12.50 a day parading before a shoe store with his "sandwich." He came to New York from Holston, Ga.

GA. OF T. GETS SOME RARE OLD VOLUMES

Austin, Texas, April.—Through the generosity of Mrs. Anna C. Tobin of Austin, the University of Texas library has secured the first book on medicine printed in North America, "De le Verdadera Medicina, Astrologia y Criugia," by Dr. Juan de Barrios of Mexico, published in 1607. This book, besides being of the greatest importance for its contents, has the distinction of being the only recorded copy in existence. In addition to this rare volume, Mrs. Tobin also presented the University library with a fifteenth century "Breviarium Romanum," written by hand on vellum of exceeding beauty and six incunabula, books printed before 1500, representing the work of the best presses of Europe in the first fifty years of printing. These books were all brought up from Mexico for sale by Dr. Emilio Valton. Mrs. Tobin, seeing them and realizing their value to the University, made the purchase.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

In the State in which I live there are fourteen legal holidays, not counting the days on which elections are held. Only three of these days—Christmas, Independence Day and Armistice Day—are observed by any considerable number of people, but all who are in the employ of institutions controlled by the State government observe every one of them, and those in the employ of the Federal government observe all that are national holidays. This is the law, and no one can blame them for so doing. Recently another has been added to the long list of holidays in Texas. A bill to make the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, the military genius of his age, and one of the purest and best men the country has produced, was offered in the Legislature, and the great and good man is held in such love and reverence, that few could find in their hearts opposition to the bill. It will doubtless be so when resolutions are offered to make the birthdays of general Stonewall Jackson, General Albert Sidney Johnson, General John J. Pershing and the lamented war President, Woodrow Wilson, legal holidays. But it seems to me that we must find some other way to honor our great and good men, or we will soon have very poor postal, banking and governmental service. Our country has produced far more men worthy of all honor than we have days that can be spared from labor. Legal holidays, with the exception of Christmas, July 4 and November 11, mean nothing to other classes of workers; if they did the business of the country would be seriously handicapped.—Jim Lowery.

Crowell—Heavy gas sand and oil showing struck in Texas oil test on Johnson ranch.

Spearman—City will have water supply in every section when new lines are completed.

WEST TEXAS PLAINS ARE NOT SO LEVEL AS THOUGHT

Muleshoe—That the plains of West Texas give a level impression which is deceiving, is the finding of Fred Reynolds, farm agent of Bailey county, who finds in his terracing work that some of the land is not level, but drops several feet to the mile. All the land in the county has a general slope to the south and east, he finds, and on the farms of three terracing demonstrations — D. W. Danielson, Roy Sheriff, and Johnnie Williams—the levels disclosed a fall of 17, 18, and 20 feet to the mile respectively. This is so much more than farmers in the county thought that it is having an effect in stimulating more terracing and contouring.

THE WORLD CALENDAR

The World Calendar Association will attempt to have the League of Nations endorse the plan for a world calendar. In this calendar all holidays are stabilized and placed on Monday whenever possible. Christmas remains the same as it naturally falls on Monday, Dec. 25. The quarterly divisions of the year conform to the four seasons as they do now.

The twelve months are multiples of halves and quarters. The equal quarters consist of 3 months; the first month has 31 days and the remaining two have 30 days. These quarters also comprise 13 weeks or 91 days, of which 13 are Sundays and 78 are week days. Each month has 26 week days. Sunday is always the first day of the week.

The odd 365th day of the year is interpolated between December and January; the 366th day of Leap Year is set between June and July. These days are known as Year Day and Leap Day and have a week day name, Saturday. They fall on the second day of the double Saturday, the last day of December and June. Year Day and Leap Day are designated as the second Saturday, Dec. 30 and the second Saturday, June 30.

Proposals to revise the calendar have been made many times. It is thought the Egyptians first observed a regular calendar year. Julius Caesar instituted the calendar of 365 days and 6 hours which was adopted in 46 B. C. This was discovered to be longer than the actual year and changes were made. A reformed calendar was adopted in 1582 by Catholic countries, and by England in 1752. Calendar changes have been proposed several times since; in 1935 by an Italian, in 1849 by a Frenchman, in 1900 by an Evangelical conference, in 1908 by Congress of European Chamber of Commerce, and in 1927 by the League of Nations.

EAST TEXAS PLANS AHEAD

When the last of its oil is gone, East Texas will still have use for the plow. Her people, more nearly than those of any other oil field section, apparently are mindful of this fact while the excitement of wild-cattling is still upon them. The counties of the new oil area are definitely setting their faces against undue emphasis for oil. Farms have made these counties, and farms must continue their main dependence.

The oil wealth that is being poured out by speculators and developers is going partly into an improved and enlarged farm program. East Texas is going to kill off its mosquitoes. She is watching the type of construction that is going up in her towns. She is using the East Texas Chamber of Commerce to co-ordinate her industrial, commercial and agricultural progress.

The stabilization of the benefits of an oil boom so as to offset the penalties of the inevitable collapse of the boom is difficult. But East Texas is determined to give the matter her best attention. It is the sensible thing to do.—Dallas News.

Winters—M. S. Patrick new sole owner of Patrick Chevrolet Co.

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WORLD MUST BE GETTING BETTER

On of those "Believe it or Not" affairs greeted Cecil Long of the Biles drug store when he opened the store for business Thursday morning. Slipped under the door was a note addressed to "Manager, Biles Drug Store," inside the envelope a dollar bill was pinned to a note which read "Some years ago I use to pick up candy in your store, enclosed you will find one dollar to pay for same, and hope some day to be able to apologize to you." Let us pray for more people like that.—Big Spring News.

PECANS DO NOT DO WELL ON PLAINS, SAYS MAHONEY

The chief reason why pecans are not a profitable nut crop for the South Plains is the dry atmospheric conditions which dries up the pollen from the trees before it has time to pollinize, according to C. H. Mahoney, of the horticulture department of the school of agriculture at Texas Technological college here.

Black walnuts, Mr. Mahoney explains, are a much more satisfactory nut crop. Another good crop is the Japanese Hart-Nut, something new and much like the walnut. One very satisfactory nut tree is black walnut grafted into a "paper shell" that makes it possible to easily break the shell and pick out the meat.

Walnuts are slow of growth, it taking about six or seven years for the trees to bear in satisfactory quantities. These trees also make an ornamental tree for the home.

Farmers have so far had unsatisfactory results with pecans according to Mr. Mahoney. They have not been the type of nut tree that will do well on the plains.

"Every farm should have some nut trees on it," Mr. Mahoney said, "On the whole, I think the walnut trees are the best money among nut trees.—South Plains Farmer.

MERGING OF COUNTIES

The idea that most States have too many county Governments, too many courthouses, and too much expense seems to be taking hold in many sections of the country. Since the matter was first referred to in Farm and Ranch, when it was suggested that Texas should not have more than 150 counties instead of 245, the matter has been up for discussion in many States. Recently we found an editorial in The Manufacturers Record which meets our point of view. We quote the Record as follows:

"All the States are becoming concerned about the growing expense and waste of Government money, and there are vigorous movements aiming to eliminate duplication and to co-ordinate more closely their administrative systems.

"The peculiar change stressed is the merging of counties, so as to free taxpayers from the endless number of county officials drawing salaries or extracting fees, so often needless, and duplicating work."

We have grown into a most extravagant form of Government. Our system has become so complicated that it takes every tenth person to operate it. Every nine families support another probably in greater comfort than they themselves enjoy. Yet any suggestion of reducing the number of elective offices and operating the Government on a business basis raises a storm of protest from officeholder and their friends and from those who expect to hold office. Not a few voters who never expect to hold office also join the chorus. "You can't take away the rights of the people to select their own servants and run their own Government." As a matter of fact, officeholders are not our servants. At least some of them act as the masters of the taxpayers. Stockholders in corporations are not concerned about who the clerks and stenographers are, but they are greatly interested in the directors. The same system would save taxpayers money if applied to Government.—Farm and Ranch.

It is claimed the world has been turned upside down during recent years, which may be because the people are trying to stand everything on its head.

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TRACTORS VS. HORSES AND MULES

Many letters have been received by Farm and Ranch protesting the use of tractors and power-drawn machinery as a means of economic production. On the other hand, users of tractors have responded with arguments supporting their use. The controversy has been quite interesting, inasmuch as it has presented a cross section of thought of two classes of farmers.

Farm and Ranch can readily understand the attitude of mind of a small farmer who finds that the use of power machinery is reducing the cost of production for his competitor, while he is unable, either because of the nature of his farm, or for other reasons, to equip himself equally as well. We can appreciate what goes on in the minds of many of our farmers when they see a thousand acres operated by a third as much man-power as it formerly required with horse and mule-drawn machinery. This trend of thought is not confined to the un-equipped farmer or the farm laborer. With the beginning of the machine age, the alighting men in our factories and the clerks in our executive offices have looked with fear and disfavor on installation of machines which take the place of hand work. They have taken the same attitude regarding improved machines of greater capacity. Adjustments, however, have always come, and labor has continued to shorten its hours and increase its wages. The luxuries of those days have become considered necessities of the present.

The invention and development of labor-saving machinery have been going on for years with ever increasing efficiency and speed. It will continue for more years than we dare estimate. It is said that the time will come when electricity and power developed from the sun will perform all manual labor. Already we have seen the metal man, controlled by radio, do the bidding of the operator stationed blocks away. We have seen automobiles travel down the street in traffic without a driver at the wheel. We are told that we are just entering an era of mechanical and chemical expansion that will make our present efforts appear as crude and cumbersome in comparison, as present developments make the ox-drawn cart and the hand-sickle appear. That being true, we may expect the use of tractors and power machinery to increase until something more efficient comes out of the minds of men and is transformed into an actual reality in the shops and laboratories of the country.

To protest against the use of the tractor and power machinery on the farms is to admit their efficiency in

HE FARMS WITH BRAINS

F. O. Masten of Wellington, Texas, is the sort of farmer that Texas will do well to watch. He and Mrs. Masten took a vital interest in the More Cotton and Fewer Acres contest which The News sponsored for a series of years. In those contests the farmers of Texas tackled the problem of how to reduce per-pound production costs on cotton, and they found that the way to do it was to grow more cotton to the acre. The Mastens have not forgotten.

The News represented to the farmers entered in the competition that the prizes were but a nominal part of the potential return. The real prize was what each farmer learned about his own soil and cultivation methods. The Mastens understood that and proved it in a striking manner. In the contests Mrs. Masten won a total of \$1,500 in prizes. But last year the Masten farm raised 230 bales of cotton on 152 acres of land. And it was done with eight inches of rain!

Mr. Masten has probably discovered something of greater significance than mere cotton production, for the method relied upon by him was plowing deep enough to bring the clay subsoil to the surface so as to mix with the top sands. Many farmers, especially along the Red River section of Northwest Texas are troubled with their blow-sand fields. When they say "blow-sand" they mean it. They have seen strong spring winds come and literally take the top off their fields, seed and all. Yet in many cases beneath the soil is a red "hardpan" that can be reached as Mr. Masten reached, by tractor and special plow.

Mr. Masten hauled tons and tons of cotton bolly burs from gins to put on his land—6,000 tons, he estimates. His clay weighed down his sand; his plowing deepened his moisture-holding bed; his burs made humus to give life to his soil. In short, he created a deep, rich loam out of the separate elements provided by nature. His achievement outranks the deeds of any farmer "reliever" who has appealed to any Legislature or written "pieces" for any paper.—Dallas News.

A funny man in a funny costume recently said that when an old man was shingled and painted it was to tell the old barn from the new one. Likewise, when women are shingled and painted up, it is to tell the old ones from the new ones.—Higgins News.

lowering the cost of production, the better endorsement could be had by the manufacturers.—Farm and Ranch.

A SENSIBLE MOTHER'S DAY

(An editorial from The Rotarian)

Mother's Day, as an institution, is growing up. Time was when this May day was marked throughout the United States by little more than spoken sentiment, often mawkish. Fortunately, that condition is changing.

Perhaps this is due to the disquieting announcement of statisticians that the United States trails twenty countries of the world in practical care for the new mother. It is difficult to fashion eulogiums to motherhood in face of the fact that for every thousand babies given life, six mothers sacrifice theirs, while in The Netherlands the rate is just half of that.

Saving lives of mothers is, we believe, a much nobler way of voicing respect for womanhood than tingling words, no matter how impressively spoken, or lilies and carnations, no matter how fragrant. And organizations that sponsor observance of Mother's Day are increasingly awake to that fact.

SEVERE WINTERS

It was necessary to decide for taxation purposes whether a border farm lay on Canadian or United States territory. Surveyors finally announced to the old lady who had just purchased it, that it just came within the American side.

The old lady smiled with relief. "I'm so glad to know that," she said. "I've heard that winters in Canada are terribly severe."

ALWAYS A BOTHER

Two old Scotchmen sat by the roadside puffing solemnly at their pipes.

"There's no' much pleasure in smoking, Donald," said Sandy. "Hoo dae ye mak' that out?" questioned Donald.

"Weel, if ye're smokin' yer ain' lucca, ye're thinkin' o' the awful expense, and if ye're smoking someither body's y'r pipe's rammed sae tight it winna draw."

I'M DYING DARLING!

The doctor rushed out of his study in a state of great excitement.

"Get my bag at once!" he shouted. "What is wrong?" inquired his wife.

"Some fellow has just telephoned can't live without me," gasped the medical man as he reached for his hat.

His wife gave a sigh of relief. "Just a moment," she said gently. "I think that call was for our daughter, dear."

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