

ALL COUNTY OFFICERS INSTALLED JAN. 1

A special session of the Commissioners' Court was held Saturday for the purpose of qualifying the county officials for the 1927-1928 term of office. With the exception of two officers, Miss Minnie Ellis, County Superintendent, and R. B. Guess, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, all county officials were re-elected, and have served from one to five terms in their respective offices.

Hon. Bruce W. Bryant, District Judge, is serving his first full term of four years. Judge Bryant was elected in 1924 to fill the unexpired term of W. R. Chapman, resigned, and was re-elected for a full term of four years in 1926, and is therefore serving his first full elective term.

Gov. Calhoun, District Attorney, is also starting on his first full term, having been elected to the office after he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Tom Davis, resigned.

Mrs. John A. Lee, nee Miss Estelle Tennyson, our popular and efficient District Clerk, is now serving her third term, having been re-elected twice without opposition.

County Judge Jesse G. Foster qualified for his second term in this office, having been re-elected to succeed himself.

H. R. Jones, County Attorney, starts his first full term in this office. Judge Jones has occupied the office for several months, having been appointed to serve the unexpired term of Clyde Grissom, resigned.

Sheriff J. C. Turnbow is also serving his second term in this capacity, having been re-elected to succeed himself.

Chas. M. Conner, Tax Collector, goes into this office for his fourth term, having served Haskell county in this capacity for the last six years.

Mike B. Watson, Tax Assessor, is serving his second term, being re-elected without opposition.

Miss Minnie Ellis, County Superintendent, one of the new members of the official family, is serving her first term in this office.

J. E. Walling, County Treasurer, is serving his fourth term in this capacity, having occupied the Treasurer's office for the past six years.

Emory Menefee, our genial and efficient County Clerk, starts his fifth term in this capacity. His fitness and capability for this office is attested by the fact that he has never had an opponent.

J. S. Abarnatha, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, is serving his third term in office. Clyde Gordon, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, and L. C. Phillips, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, are both serving their second terms in office. R. B. Guess, Commissioner of Precinct 2, is the only new face in the Commissioner's family, Mr. Guess beginning his first term in this office January 1st.

Judge R. P. Simmons succeeds himself as Justice of the Peace of Precinct 1, starting his second term in this capacity.

B. L. Ridling, Justice of the Peace of Precinct 2; Bennett Hess, Justice of the Peace of Precinct 4; J. F. Gilliland, Justice of the Peace of Precinct 5, and J. W. Mason, Justice of the Peace of Precinct 6, all were re-elected to their respective offices.

STAMFORD MAN BUYS WHITE KITCHEN CAFE

The White Kitchen Cafe, located on the east side of the square, changed hands last week. Mr. J. C. Harlan of Stamford purchasing the establishment from W. C. Allen, former owner.

Mr. Harlan moved his family to Haskell and took charge of the business Monday of this week, and states that he has been favored with a nice patronage all week. He is an experienced cafe man, and states that a number of improvements are planned for the near future, in order that they may serve their patrons better.

School Begins
School began at Irby Monday Jan. 3 with a good attendance. Miss Willie Riley of Oklahoma and Miss Mills from Abilene are the teachers of this progressive school and we predict a successful school year for them.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whitmire of this city had as their guests during the holidays the following relatives: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brown and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith and little son, Billy Bart, of Fort Worth; their son, R. E. (Erwin) Whitmire, also of Fort Worth; a daughter, Miss Bessie Whitmire of Stamford, and Mr. Whitmire's brother, S. W. Whitmire of Clyde, Texas.

Master R. H. Moser, son of Mrs. Carrie Moser who suffered a broken collar some weeks ago is improving nicely and is attending school.

TO START JAN. 10 ON THROCKMORTON R. R.

According to press dispatches from down state newspapers and information being circulated in Throckmorton the first of the week, the dream of Throckmorton for over forty years is about to be realized—Throckmorton is to at last get that long wished for railroad.

According to statements made by Col. R. Q. Lee, president of the Cisco and North Eastern R. R. to E. J. Negy last Saturday actual construction will be started on building the road dump out of Breckenridge by the 10th of January and that the road would be completed into Throckmorton within sixteen months. The line will run from Breckenridge to Woodson then north to Throckmorton, by the Humble Oil Refinery, it is said.

Several crews of men will start to work at once on the new railroad and the line will be completed into Throckmorton. The length of the road from Breckenridge to Throckmorton will be thirty-four miles. The plans are complete and according to Mr. Negy, who saw the plans, the right-of-ways, depots, etc., are already laid off.

So far as can be learned the owners of the C. & N. E. have not asked either Woodson or Throckmorton for a bonus to build the line, but are building it from their own capital.

Throckmorton has had a number of railroad scares during the past forty years and only time will tell whether the one now causing so much present interest will really come through or whether it will blow up, as a number of people seem to think. Ten days or two weeks may tell the tale.—Throckmorton Tribune.

COUNTY AGENT MAKES ANNUAL REPORT 1926

The annual report of County Agent Trice for the year which has just closed shows that he has been busily engaged for the 12 months. Some of the information in this report shows that he made 475 farm visits; wrote 726 letters; spent 230 days in the field and 53 days in office; had 697 office calls and 282 telephone calls; held 111 meetings of various kinds with a total attendance of 1758 people; assisted with the terracing of more than 3,500 acres of land; aided in the grasshopper and cotton leaf worm eradication campaigns and in the latter was instrumental in bringing to Haskell County more than 100 barrel spray pumps for the application of the Calcium Arsenate poison.

Among other things the report shows the organization of boys and girls clubs in the various rural schools of the county. The membership in these clubs during the past year was 85. Thirty club members exhibited at the Haskell County Fair during the show and won \$84.00 in premium money on their pigs, chickens, eggs, cotton, corn, maize, etc., and three premiums were won with the club products at the Texas State Fair, Dallas.

W. C. HOLCOMB IS GRANTED PARDON

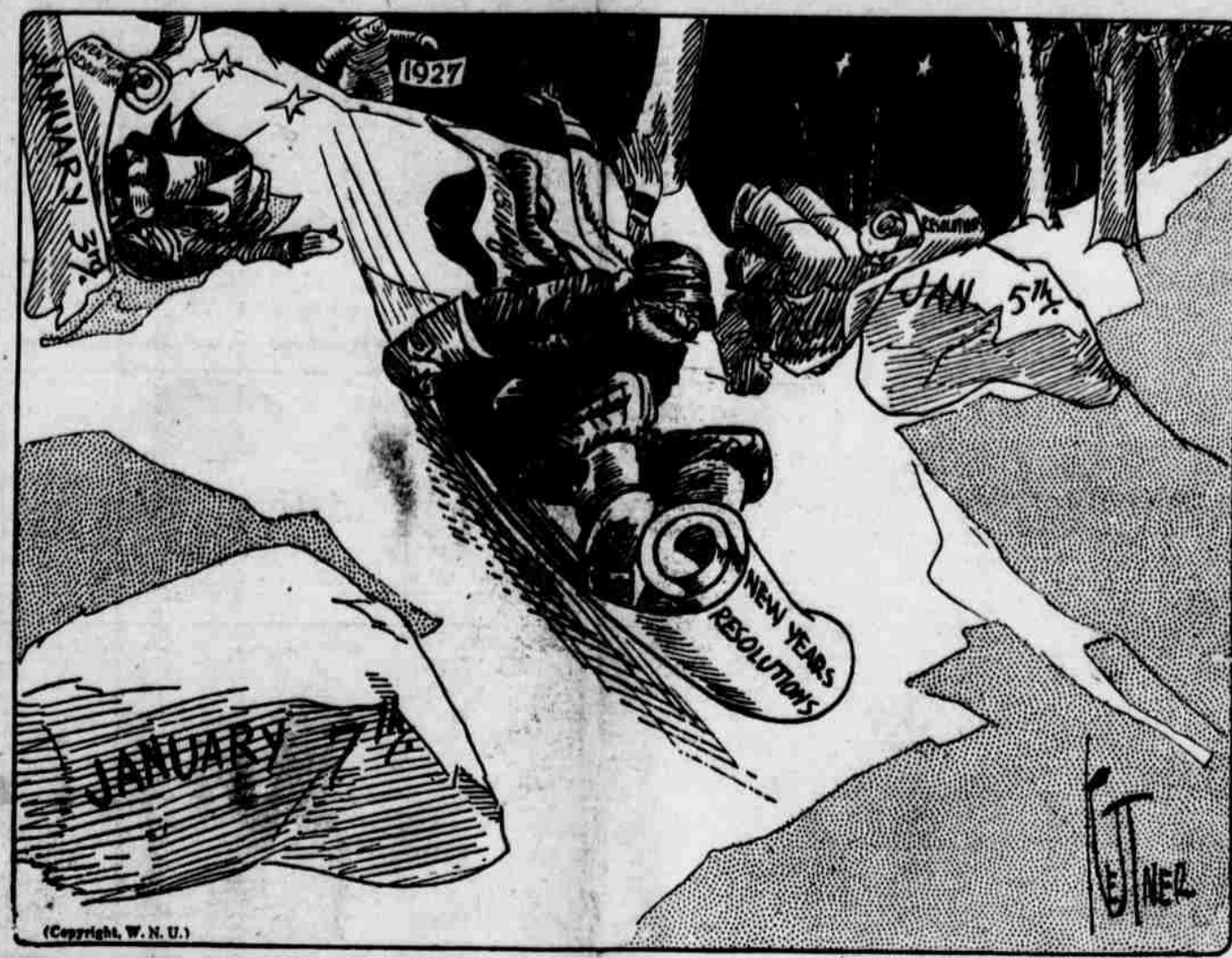
Tuesday's daily newspapers carried dispatches of twenty-seven pardons which were granted Monday by Gov. Ferguson. In the list of pardons granted appeared the following concerning the pardoning of W. C. Holcomb, serving a five-year sentence for murder: "W. C. Holcomb, Haskell county, murder, five years, served one year; recommended by more than 500 citizens of Haskell and adjoining counties including farmers, ranchmen, business men, ministers, bankers and good women."

Holcomb was tried during the November term of District Court here on Dec. 4, 1924, the case having been transferred here from Stonewall county. He was charged by indictment of the murder of Mack Hart in Stonewall county on March 3, 1924. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and assessed his punishment at five years.

BABY DIES AT AMARILLO
Little Bonita Sue, age 10 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Holt of Brownfield but formerly of Haskell, passed away at Amarillo, Texas, Sunday. The little one had been in the Sanitarium some time. Mrs. Orr, and also Mrs. Holt, grandmothers of the little one, attended the funeral which was held at Amarillo. They have many Haskell friends who join them in this sad hour.

Miss Una DeBard has returned to Albany, where she is teaching in the public schools, after spending the holidays with her parents and other relatives in this city.

Tobogganing



MANY FARMERS ARE TERRACING LAND

Many requests for terracing work are coming to the office of the County Agent at the present time. County Agent Trice stated that this was due to the good weather of the past few days allowing the farmers to be about the terracing work in the fields, as well as to the value of the work as done in Haskell and many western counties during the past few years.

ORDINATION SERVICES AT SWEET HOME SUNDAY

Fredie Cole was ordained to the ministry at the Sweet Home Church last Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour. Bro. Powell of the College Heights church at Abilene preached the ordination sermon which was a splendid one. In the afternoon the three new deacons were ordained. Dinner was had on the grounds. Preachers were present from several different churches and also a good number of people from Rule were there. It was a great day at Sweet Home and will be a long remembered day for every one present.

MOVES FROM ELLIS COUNTY TO FARM HERE

J. M. Glass, who has owned a farm east of the city for a number of years, has recently moved from Ennis, Texas, to this farm and will farm the ensuing year on his own farm. Mr. Glass is one of Ellis county best farmers, and he will be welcomed to this section and if Ellis county has any more good farmers who wish to better their condition we can make room for them. Mr. Glass is a reader of the Free Press and called at our office Thursday and had it changed to his address here.

URGES VETERANS TO APPLY FOR 1927 COMPENSATION

Austin, Texas, Dec. 30.—Veterans of the World War have not made application for their raise-adjusted compensation certificates during 1927 are being urged to do so by Commanding Adjutant Stayton M. Hankins of the American Legion here. Application blanks for filling with the War Department may be secured from the State headquarters of the American Legion at its office in Austin.

Preaching at Roberts
There will be preaching at Roberts next Sunday Jan. 9. Bro. Tucker of Rule will preach. Every one is invited to come and hear Bro. Tucker.

Singing at Roberts
Several from the Cottonwood community attended the singing at Roberts last Sunday. All report having some fine singing. The next singing will meet with the Pleasant View church.

Haskell Bottling Works Moves to New Location

The Haskell Bottling Works moved this week from the Kinnison building, where they have been located since opening in Haskell, to the rear of the Couch building on Depot street into the building formerly occupied by the Texas Garage.

Harry Stalcup, who installed the plant here in the late spring of last year states that the business has enjoyed a substantial patronage since opening and that larger quarters were necessary to care for the increase business.

PAYMENTS OF POLL TAX TO DATE LIGHT

Poll tax payments for the year of 1926 are 50 per cent under the payments to the same date last year, according to records in the Tax Collector's office.

Only 918 poll taxes had been paid Jan. 3, this year, while at this time last year 1902 poll taxes had been issued. Part of the decrease is probably accounted for by the fact that no primary election will be held this year, and numbers of voters do not pay their poll tax for this reason. A total of 4860 poll tax receipts were issued for last year, according to Chas. M. Conner, Tax Collector.

To Attend Education Commission Meeting in Fort Worth

Mrs. J. U. Fields, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, left Wednesday night for Fort Worth, where she will attend the January 7-8 meeting of the Texas Education Commission. The organization, which was formulated last year, represents varied interests of the state co-operating to better the public school conditions of Texas.

The entire time of the commission will be devoted to this meeting to consideration of school law proposals made by a special committee of the recent Texas School Survey Commission. The committee, composed of Pat Neff and T. D. Brooks of Waco and Tom Finty, Jr. of Dallas, is recommending several constitutional amendments and several special bills aimed to clarify the Texas school management and financing problems.

The executive committee of the Texas State Teachers Association, members of which are also members of the commission, will meet following the commission sessions and select the 1927 convention city for the association. Galveston, Houston and San Antonio are making bids for the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Simon and family of McConnell moved to Stamford on West Moran St. Thursday. The people of this community wish them success and hope they will be well satisfied.

SERIOUSLY INJURED WHILE HUNTING

Croft Laird, 15, son of Alf Laird of the Midway community, suffered the loss of two fingers and part of his right hand when a shotgun was accidentally discharged while he and a party of boys were hunting, Tuesday afternoon.

The accident occurred when young Laird had crawled through a fence and reached for his gun. The shot tore through the palm of his hand, tearing the thumb and first finger to bits. He was immediately carried to the Stamford Sanitarium, where surgeons amputated a part of the hand, but reports state that he will not lose the entire member unless complications result. The many friends of the young man trust that he may soon recover from this serious injury.

HASKELL STUDENT IS HIGHLY COMMENDED

The many friends of Miss Brucille Bryant will be glad to learn of her excellent progress at C. I. A., Denton, for which she has been highly commended by the faculty of the college. The following is an excerpt from a letter from E. V. White, Dean of C. I. A., in which he compliments Miss Bryant for her attainments:

"In behalf of the faculty of C. I. A. I wish to congratulate you on your high scholarship during the fall quarter. Your grades were A, A, A, B, B. This is an excellent record, attained by few students of the College, and it gives me pleasure to be able to write this letter of commendation."

NEW HOME BEING ERRECTED ON OATES FARM

A four room bungalow is being built on the Oates farm where the other burned down. Spencer Lain is doing the work with a little help and is progressing nicely and it will soon be ready for Mr. and Mrs. Gibson to move in.

SINGING DATE CHANGED

The Bunker Hill Singing Class have changed the date of their singing from the second and fourth Sundays to the first and third Sundays of each month. This arrangement was made so that the class might have the opportunity of singing with other classes of the above dates each month.

FORD CAR BURNS

Mr. George Anderson happened to the misfortune of getting his Ford Touring car burned last Sunday night, not having any place to put it out of the weather. He had stored it in one side of his hen house and the hen house burned about 9:30 o'clock Sunday night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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COLLIER BROS. GROCERY TO RE-OPEN SATURDAY

Collier Bros. Cash Grocery, which has been closed the past week while fixtures were re-arranged and installed in the building, will re-open Saturday morning, January 8th, as will be seen from their advertisement in this issue.

Jesse Collier, proprietor, states that in the future the store will operate strictly on a cash basis, and that in doing this they can operate on a smaller margin of profit, and that their prices have been lowered with this in view. Mr. Collier states that they have enjoyed a nice patronage during the past year, and he believes that by selling strictly for cash, they can serve their customers more economically than under the credit system of operation. The public in general is invited to attend the new opening of the store Saturday.

460 CARS REGISTERED PRIOR TO JAN. 4

According to Tax Collector Chas. M. Conner, automobile registrations this year are only about 40 per cent of the number registered to the same date last year.

Monday at noon, Jan. 3rd, only 460 cars and trucks had been registered this year, compared with 1138 at this time last year. A total of 3,879 cars and trucks were registered during the year 1926. All automobile owners are urged to make application for their 1927 license tags at the earliest possible time in order that the new plates may be issued before Jan. 15th, the last day allowed for registration. After this date, Sheriff J. C. Turnbow has announced that automobile owners operating their cars without the 1927 license tags will be subject to a fine in addition to the registration fees.

Owners applying for the 1927 plates are asked by Mr. Conner to bring their receipts showing that the automobile headlights have been tested within 30 days prior to registering, as no car can be registered unless this is done.

P. G. KENDRICK BUYS PALACE CONFECTIONERY

The Palace Confectionery on the east side of the square was purchased last week from I. W. Melton by P. G. (Buck) Kendrick, who took charge of the new business the latter part of the week. Mr. Kendrick needs no introduction to Haskell people, as he has been a citizen of the county for the past twenty years, being engaged in farming most of this time. Mr. Kendrick states that he will carry a complete line of confectionery goods, tobaccos, etc., as well as cold drinks, and asks his friends and the public in general to pay him a visit.

PERMIT TO BUILD PIPELINE IS ASKED

Application has been filed with the Commissioners' Court of Haskell county by the Magnolia Pipeline Company for a permit to build a pipeline through the county.

According to information secured at the County Clerk's office, the pipeline will extend from the Panhandle Field to Ranger, and will cross the northeast part of the county. This will be a 10-inch line, and will connect the Magnolia Company's Panhandle properties with the Ranger pumping stations and refineries. It is understood that a right-of-way has already been secured from the property owners whose land the line will traverse.

The application will come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Commissioners' Court, to be held Monday January 10, at which time the permit will in all probability be granted.

Called to Bedside of Mother

Mr. and Homer Tompkins of Ballew, were called to the bedside of the latter's mother of Big Springs, Texas. They left Wednesday.

Mrs. J. U. Fields, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, left Wednesday night for Washington, where she will attend the General Federation of Women's Clubs board meeting. Mrs. Fields will spend one day at State Headquarters at Dallas, and two days in Fort Worth, where she will attend the Texas Education Commission meeting, leaving Fort Worth Saturday night for Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Morrison have returned home from the plains. Mr. Morrison is convalescing from a severe attack of pneumonia and the flu, which he contracted while away.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE POULTRY ASSOCIATION

With the purpose in view of encouraging and stimulating the production of poultry and poultry products in this immediate section, a number of local business men met with Col. R. L. Penick, prominent business man of Stamford, at a meeting held in the office of Marvin H. Post Tuesday afternoon. Plans were discussed regarding the formation of a Poultry Raising and Marketing Association for this section, to assure a stable market for poultry and to assist farmers and poultry men in securing more and better poultry.

Mr. Penick stated that a number of towns in this section, namely, Stamford, Rule, Anson, Leuders and Haskell realizing the benefits of such an organization, had signified their willingness to join in forming such an organization, and that arrangements had been made to hold a meeting in Stamford this afternoon (Thursday) at 2:30 o'clock to discuss and perfect an organization of this nature, and outline plans for operations to begin at once. Representatives from every town in this section will attend the meeting, and all farmers and business men who can do so are urged to attend this afternoon.

FREE TEXTBOOK COST AVERAGES \$1.53 PUPIL

From 1919, when the free textbook law became effective, to August 31 1926 the State paid out \$13,852,587 for school books for public school pupils, according to a bulletin issued by the State Department of Education, containing textbook regulations and data covering cost of books since the new law became effective.

The actual cost of free books for the scholastic session of 1925-26 is given at \$2,819,261. The figures for 1926-27 are not yet available and must be added to the total cost first given. For the five years from Sept. 1, 1919, to Sept. 1, 1924, the books cost \$7,904,264, and for the session of 1924-25 the bill was \$3,128,701. Figures are given for each county in the State, together with the average cost per scholastic for the seven year period, and also per year. Haskell County had the largest individual cost, \$3.91 per scholastic per year. Dallas County was \$1.47. The average cost per pupil was \$1.53.

Lindsey Building S. E. Corner Square Being Enlarged

W. M. Harrison & Sons, local contractors, are at work this week on the extension of the Jas. E. Lindsey building on the southwest corner of the square, occupied by Fouts & Dotson Service Station. The addition being built will extend from the rear of the present building, making the building when completed 33x140 feet.

The building will be occupied by Fouts & Dotson Service Station and Garage and Frank Kennedy's Battery Station both of which are now located in the smaller building.

The building is being constructed of brick and tile, and will be a worthwhile addition to Haskell's buildings. The contractors expect to complete the building within the next few weeks if weather conditions remain favorable.

Moves to Abilene

Mr. and Mrs. Fredie Cole of Sweet Home with their family have moved to Abilene where he will enter Simmons University to prepare for the ministry. Not only will the people miss them from the community but the Sunday School is losing a good superintendent. However we hope for him great success in school and in his life's work.

Moving to Noodle

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bristow who have been living at Sweet Home for quite a while are moving to Noodle where they will make their future home. Mrs. Bristow is teaching in the Noodle school. We regret losing them from this community and know that our loss is Noodles' gain and we wish them success in their new home.

A. P. Kinnison, a resident of Haskell for many years, who recently moved with his family to Oklahoma City, arrived here Monday to spend several days with relatives and friends. Mr. Kinnison has purchased a barber shop in Oklahoma City, and states that he has been enjoying a nice patronage there.

Recovers From Pneumonia

Roy Tribbey, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tribbey of Sweet Home is recovering from an attack of pneumonia. The many friends of the family are glad to hear of this as they had been very much interested for some time in him.

**COTTON NOT BEST
WHEALTH PRODUCER**

"Cotton deceives more Oklahoma farmers and business men in the matter of its true relation to their financial well-being than any other farm enterprise in the State," J. T. Sanders, head of the department of agricultural economics at the Oklahoma A. & M. College, says.

"Cotton in reality often is an enemy to our prosperity," Mr. Sanders says, "and this is true largely because of overdoing a good thing. Cotton will and should continue to be the main basis of our agriculture in the cotton belt, if prices remain as they have been during the last few years. Nevertheless, our present tenant system puts too much emphasis on cotton. In the main we have an unbalanced condition because tenants do not have the choice as to what crops they are to plant. Owners of tenant farms insist on a crop system that undoubtedly is not only bad for the tenants' financial progress, but for the State's prosperity in general."

"A recent survey of the crop acreage of about 600 cotton farmers in Oklahoma shows that owners, who are free to plant what they wish, had only 53 per cent of their crop land in cotton, while tenants had 64 per cent of theirs in cotton. Tenants usually believe that too much cotton does not pay them best, Mr. Sanders thinks, "while the landlords believe that the more cotton they can get their tenants to plant the better off they (the landlords) will be. Facts to show that both are right, although a more careful study of owners probably would show that they are wrong."

In 1923 it cost tenants in Oklahoma 63 per cent more to grow an acre of cotton than it did to grow wheat, corn and oats the following year. The value of cotton per acre averaged about 66 per cent more than did the value of grain per acre. This shows that, counting the cost and total returns from cotton, it does not pay enough more than does other crops to make the tenant want to plant nothing but cotton. If risk and other indirect costs could be included, the case for cotton would be very much against the tenant.

In contrast to this cotton situation for tenants, cotton costs owners of rented land less than does grain, but at the same time owners get a rent from cotton that averages two-thirds more than their rent on grain. With two-thirds larger income and less cost for cotton than they have for other crops, it is only natural for them to insist that tenants grow the largest possible cotton acreage.

Striking proof that depending too much on cotton does not pay farmers is shown by a recent survey by the department of agricultural economics of 630 farmers in Bryan and Pottawatomie counties, Oklahoma. It shows that farmers who received 40 per cent or less of all farm receipts from cotton had saved an average of \$248 a year each year since they began farming; also, it was found that those farmers who depending on live stock, gardens and fruits for 10 per cent or less of all their receipts were unable to save at the rate of \$85 a year, while farmers whose receipts from these sources amounted to 26 per cent more of all their income saved at the average rate of \$240 a year since they began for themselves.

In short, depending too much on cotton means that one group made one fourth the financial progress reported by farmers who did not depend so much on cotton. A small income from live stock, gardens and fruits went along with small savings of wealth. These facts further show that the efficient manager does not organize his farm so he has to depend largely on cotton. These facts are highly significant and probably show that a sound policy of permanent prosperity in the cotton belt would mean that tenants must have a freer choice as to the amount of cotton they will grow, or that they will have to work toward a system of farming where far less tenancy prevails. Either plan would mean a reduction in the proportion of cotton to other crops. These plans are basic a reduction in proportion of cotton to a permanent solution of the problem of surplus cotton acreage.

**TELEPHONE PLANTS ARE
MORE THAN INSTRUMENTS**

It is estimated that less than 3 per cent of the equipment used in telephone service is visible to the telephone user and is represented by the receiver and bell box installed in his home. The remaining 97 per cent is represented in switchboards, pole lines, cables, conduits, buildings and a myriad of other items necessary to make an efficient telephone system. Among these items may be found more than 2000 buildings owned and 4000 buildings leased.

The land occupied by the buildings owned represents an investment of more than \$237,500,000.

Eleven thousand five hundred automobiles—mostly trucks are used to furnish and maintain service and 2000 other cars are hired for the same purpose.

Motor trucks fitted for digging and hoisting machinery and operated by a gang of 3 men now do the work of 50 men using the old manual methods.

Moves to Breckenridge

The Irby community is sorry to have Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Kelley to move to Breckenridge the past week but we wish them success in their new home. Mr. Kelley sold his farming equipment and plans to take charge of a sawing house. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley will be missed by a host of friends here.

**THE PROPER SPACING
FOR COTTON PLANTS**

The proper distance to space cotton plants for largest yields has been a live question for years. Articles frequently appear in the press advocating close spacing and late thinning as means of increasing cotton yields, but in too many instances the meaning of close spacing is not clear. Close spacing to one person may not mean close spacing at all to another. The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has been for 12 years conducting spacing experiments with cotton at the Main Station, College Station and at the sub-stations at Beeville, Troup, Angleton, Temple, Spur, Lubbock, Pecos, Nacogdoches and Chillicothe.

These experiments include tests of spacing from 3 to 36 inches at 3-inch intervals. Practically all sorts of weather conditions have prevailed at each of these points during the history of these experiments and some very interesting conclusions have been drawn regarding the effect of the different rates of spacing. The results have been analyzed from the standpoint of the best present-day methods and present a truly reliable basis for the proper spacing of cotton in practically every important cotton region of Texas so as to give maximum yields. While a few more or less wide variations appear in the yields from time to time it has been possible to point rather definitely to the range of spacing that is safest in each locality. These are shown in detail in Bulletin No. 340 which has just been published by the Station and which can be had free as long as the supply lasts, by writing to A. B. Conner, Acting Director, College Station.

Dr. E. W. Allen, Chief of the Office of Experiment Stations of the United States Department of Agriculture, says "This seems to be a very thorough and careful piece of work in which advanced methods, including statistical analysis, have been employed. The fact that it is based on experiments at your main station and nine other places gives unusual breadth to the investigation thorough study which makes for advance in our understanding of such matters as this having close practical applications." Dr. C. A. Moores, Director of the Tennessee Experiment Stations classes the bulletin as "The best of its kind that I have seen. I am glad to say that your conclusions do not differ materially from those reached by me in work done chiefly at the West Tennessee Experiment Station. I have always thought that the very close spacing of cotton, so widely recommended for general use in the last few years, was not justified by experimental data." Other experiment station officials in the cotton belt have noted the wide range of these experiments and the fact that in no other single state could be found so wide a range of climatic and soil conditions as to en-

able such comprehensive work on cotton spacing.

In general, the bulletin concludes that the cotton plant has the ability to adjust itself to produce satisfactory yields within a comparatively wide range spacing, 6 to 21 inches in the different parts of the state, except in Eastern Texas on the sandy lands where comparatively wide spacing, 27 to 36 inches gave the best results. Twelve inches was found to be best spacing at Angleton, Lubbock and Spur 9 to 12 inches at College Station; 21 inches at Beeville and Temple; 27 inches at Nacogdoches; and 30 inches at Troup and Chillicothe.

The experiments include early, medium and late thinning and the results secured showed the cotton thinned at the usual time when the fourth and sixth leaves are forming, produces larger yields than that which was thinned late.

**TREND IS TOWARD MANY
RURAL FACTORY CENTERS**

Electric power will eventually decentralize industry, and garden communities devoted to manufacturing will take the place of congested factory centers, according to Guy E. Tripp, head of the board of directors of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. He figures it out this way: "The first electric light and power plants were naturally located in congested districts, where a ready market for their services was assured. Thus the full benefits of electricity were for the most part bestowed upon populous centers, thereby intensifying the centralizing tendencies of steam power. "Today, however, the United States is becoming covered with a great network of electric power lines. There are now in existence over 100,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines, and this voltage is increasing rapidly.

"Under this extensive superpower development, power will be widely distributed and industries will be free, as far as power considerations are concerned, to locate, roughly speaking, almost anywhere. "There are, as a matter of fact, many pressing reasons for the removal of industries out of the congested districts. Rent and taxes can be reduced, living conditions for employees can be improved, discipline can be better maintained with less hardship to the individual, and raw materials can often be secured more readily.

"Given, therefore, economic pressure to decentralize, and the means for its accomplishment, which exist in superpower, automobiles and standardization, the ultimate result appears to be inevitable.

"To the industrial workers decentralization should prove a Godsend. The factory town with all that it implies, will be replaced by the garden community. The cost of living, housing and

transportation, which now cuts so deeply into his income, will be greatly reduced, and a new occupation—agriculture—will be opened to any member of his family with taste and aptitude in that direction.

"On the other hand, industrial opportunities will not be reduced, for with a car or motorcycle, freedom of movement to seek employment will be great.

"WHAT'S THE USE?"

A patient had been confined in an asylum with insanity induced by excessive indulgence of corn liquor, but was improving. The doctor made an examination and encouraged him by telling him he was doing fine, and that he would be out in less than three weeks.

Greatly encouraged, the patient sat down to write the good news home. As he sealed the letter the stamp dropped to the floor and landed on the back of a cockroach which the patient had not noticed.

Across the floor went the stamp, then up the wall and across the ceiling. The patient's eyes followed it intently, then laying down the letter, he said: "what's the use, I'll not be out of here in three weeks."

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
OWNS MUCH OIL LAND**

It is regarded as not improbable that the year 1927 may bring to the University of Texas much additional wealth from oil royalties, possibly from sources not as yet discovered or developed. There is a feeling of optimism as to the possible future wealth of the University because of the fact that the institution owns 63,000 acres of land in Crane county and 77,000 acres in Upton county, upon which oil is now being produced in small quantities; that it owns 294,000 acres in Andrews county, which oil geologists believe may be in line of oil development now being carried on in the Maljamar field of Eastern New Mexico, and the new Winkle county pool; that it owns 53,120 acres in Winkle county, not far from the discovery well in that county; that it owns 184,960 acres in Pecos county, where there is activity in oil operations; that it owns 356,480 acres in Crockett county, near initial oil production; that it owns 80,640 acres in Ward county; 22,400 acres in Loving county, 453,120 acres in Huds-

path county, 22,720 acres in Irion county, 14,080 acres in Martin county, 57,600 acres in Schleicher county; 46,800 acres in Culberson county; 61,400 acres in Terrell county, all of which are believed to have oil possibilities. In addition to these landed holdings, the University owns 194,560 acres in Reagan county from which the institution has already received approximately \$5,000,000 of oil royalties.

**THREE MILES OF WIRE NEEDED
FOR EVERY TELEPHONE**

With 17,000,000 telephones in daily use in the United States more than 54,000,000 miles of wire are necessary to connect them into one great universal system of communication. Of this vast amount of wire 91 per cent is in cables (of which 67 per cent is underground) the remainder being of open wire construction. These two items, however, form but a very small part of the investment in the apparatus necessary to transmit human speech. The total value of telephone equipment at the present time in the United States is approximately \$3,500,000,000.

ONE HOLE GOLF

When asked how he made out on his day at the links, the beginner replied that he made it in 80. "Eighty," ejaculated his friend, "that's truly remarkable. Most old-timers would envy you on that score. You'll surely be an enthusiast from now on." "Yes," said the novice, condescendingly, "I'm going back tomorrow and try the second hole."



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The doctor had prescribed a powder for Old Mose and told him to take as much as he could pick up on a dime for his daily dose. A few days later the doctor found Mose nearly dead.

"Didn't you take the medicine I told you?" asked the doctor.

"Yassuh, Boss," said Mose, feeling much as he could pick up on a dime for his daily dose. A few days later the doctor found Mose nearly dead.

**-AMUSEMENTS-
AT THE
TEXAS THEATRE**

The New Texas Theatre will be closed for several days for re-decorating. Regular picture programs will be given nightly at the Haskell Theatre.

SPECIAL NOTICE

**To Those Who Have
Cotton to Gin**

We will gin every day as long as there is any cotton to gin, and we will gin and wrap both cotton and bollies for the seed the balance of the season.

Swift Gin Company

By Perry Smith, Mgr.



Failures console themselves with the excuse of "if." "If I did that, or if I did this—". When the time comes that you want to buy a home, an automobile, send the children to college or take a long trip you don't want to say, "We could do it, if."

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GOOD ROADS?

Do They Lead To Haskell?

Business on wheels today. Distance means little. The network of smooth, hard highways covering the country has profoundly changed the economic life of the nation. Once the farmer and his wife trudged down to the crossroads store for their daily needs, and on Saturday the old gray mare brought them to the nearest town and patiently munched at the hitching post while they made the rounds of the stores. In these days people bought at home as a matter of course, because they couldn't go anywhere else. They took what the storekeeper offered them because they could do nothing different. But those days have passed and with them has passed the country "storekeeper" with his dirty floor, his cobwebbed windows and his meager stock, his potbellied store and box of sawdust.

In his place is arising a new type of country merchant with a bright, clean store, with shelves well filled with nationally known, trade-marked goods.

Two things have brought about this changed condition—advertising and automobiles. Advertising tells the buyer what, where and how much—his automobile takes him there as a limited trading area. Mr. and Mrs. Public can buy their flour, shoes, clothing in Haskell or in some other town. They don't hesitate to motor over to another county if sugar is a cent cheaper or the store is cleaner and the service better, or somebody is having a "special" on bungalow aprons.

The roads are full of cars, the cars are full of people, and the people have money. That money is rattling down the road looking for a place to be spent—looking for THE place where it can be spent most wisely and to the best advantage.

That money may be going to Haskell or it may go to Stamford, Abeline or Wichita Falls or Fort Worth, but wherever it goes it will be directed to its destination by the force of advertising.

The merchants of Haskell are no longer in competition merely with each other. They must compete with the merchants of surrounding towns. They must offer the same goods, the same prices and the same service, but they must do more—they must tell about it by persistent advertising, and the best place to plant their ads is in the Haskell Free Press. Display your wares on the printed pages.

TEXAS AND TEXANS

(By Will E. Mayes)

Undoubtedly crime is increasing in Texas. Texas is not an exception in this respect to other parts of the country, for everywhere in the United States crimes are more common and criminals are bolder than they have ever been. There are many reasons for this, but perhaps the chief one is that it is so easy to escape punishment that criminals no longer fear the law. So long as this feeling exists crimes will become more common, and property and life will become more and more unsafe. The automobile and the airplane lend themselves to crime because they afford quick means of escape from the scenes of crimes. The delays so easily obtained in trials in our courts through technicalities encourage crime, for every continuance of a case makes conviction more difficult and acquittal more certain. The sympathies of jurors are played upon in a way to secure the freedom of many who should be sentenced. The pardoning power is badly abused and almost any court can secure petitions from trial judges, prosecutors, jurors and other good citizens for his release. Failing in this, he is left the plea of sickness of himself or his family, good behavior in prison, or some other appalling or plausible reason.

People of the best motives and best intentions are showing too much sympathy with criminals and not enough with their unfortunate victims. A sentiment, maudlin in character, has been formed for the exercise of charity for the criminal on the ground that crime is a disease that should be treated and not punished. The suspended sentence and the parole originated in the best of purpose, but are being overworked to such an extent that the beneficiaries often become more hardened criminals because of the leniency shown. Jail prayer meetings, Christmas trees in prison, holiday and Sunday feasts are all well intended, but are at times so conducted as to leave criminals feeling that they are heroes who are being badly mistreated by the government. In our desire to obey the command to be merciful, we at times forget the part that just punishment has always played in making life, property, and government safe.

Some of the best lawyers are realizing that the courts, or rather courts

procedures, are playing a large part in encouraging crime. Many have known this for years but they have never before been so thoroughly aroused to the necessity for better law enforcement. Too many lawyers have been sustaining themselves on fees obtained through crimes. Too many lawyers in the Legislatures have been dependent upon petty criminal practice for a living. This is all changing. Legislators now have higher ethical standards. Lawyers are learning that to be known as the representatives of the worst criminals soon becomes unprofitable, because the better class of clients will not employ them. The Texas Bar Association is interesting itself actively in putting a stop to such crime in Texas, by simplifying criminal court procedure. The district judges, who are in position to know that many court trials farify justice, are pleading for laws to make justice more certain. The people are learning that the greater the safety of criminals, the less is the safety of good citizens. They are demanding relief from the very bad conditions under which they find themselves.

FACT AND FICTION

Christmas would be much better if it didn't have such a flattening effect on the old bankroll.

So live that when your summons comes you'll have a good alibi. One of the greatest trials of modern life is waiting while the car is being repaired.

According to news dispatches, bandits always make their escape in high powered cars. Some of these days a bandit is going to show some originality and escape in a Ford.

Some people walk up to the hotel desk and demand a room with a bath just to impress the clerk.

Few of us appreciate the rousing time we have each morning just before breakfast.

When your wife hops out of bed each morning and goes through her radio exercises while you stay under the covers, she's just increasing her chances of cashing your life insurance policy.

Unfortunately, the prettiest girls are often too modest to enter the beauty contest.

It takes the visit of a queen or a prince to reveal the delightful simplicity of our democracy.

A woman has a right to chance her mind and she often does it just as she starts turning a corner.

Judging from the "roasts," the nations of Europe have formed a sort of "Pan-American league."

January will be "laugh month" at the movie theatres and during that month, we assume, comedy films will not be shown.

Just think what Ben Franklin might have had his parents known something about child psychology.

The installment plan would be more satisfactory to the merchant if he could find some way of taking the "stall" out of it.

General Andrews, dry czar, wants Congress to approve the manufacture of 3,000,000 gallons of medicinal liquor a year. Must be expecting an epidemic of "flu" or something.

WHAT FARMERS CAN DO

With the convening of Congress the eyes of the farmers are once more turned toward that body, in the hope that it may enact legislation for their benefit. Opinions differ regarding the possibility of securing the passage of a "farm relief" measure at this short session. It is also an open question whether any bill which might be passed would afford the benefits which the farmers expect.

But, regardless of the uncertainties concerning what Congress may do, there is a great deal that the farmers themselves may do in the direction of helping themselves next year. And these means of self-help are of paramount importance in any event. The plan suggested here is not new, but it is sound, as the experience of many successful farmers has repeatedly shown.

Briefly stated, the farmers can help themselves most effectively by the adoption of the "live at home" idea. They can produce their own food and stock feed, thus reducing the cash outlay. This means gardens, grain, hay, cows, hogs and poultry sufficient for home use at least. To provide these things should be the farmer's first objective, after which his remaining time and energy should be devoted to the production of his principal or money crop.

The farmer may say: "Oh, yes, I've heard all this before." And so he has. But has he tried the plan in a determined and whole-hearted manner? Those who have followed it over a period of years are not worrying so much about what Congress may do. They know what farmers can do to help themselves—and they are doing it.

Dr. Maude Slye of Chicago advises the abolishment of sentiment from matrimony and putting marriage on a pragmatic basis. She probably means that the courts, or rather courts

Presbyterian Auxiliary to Hold Meeting in Basement of New Church.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary, have decided to hold their meetings in the basement of the New church, where a cozy room has been fitted up by this enterprising organization. The ladies are very much enthused over the plans for the coming year's work.

Visits Friends on Plains

Mr. Tobe Griffin and family left last Friday for the plains to spend New Year's day with Mr. Wingo and family of Sudan and other friends. They returned Saturday in order for the children to be back in school.

Party.

The party given at the home of Oscar Adkins Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd of young people. At a late hour they departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Adkins would give another party soon.

Birthday Dinner

Mrs. G. E. Cearley gave her daughter, Grace a birthday dinner Sunday January 2. She invited several of her friends to take dinner with her. They departed in the afternoon wishing her many more happy birthdays.

Ill With The "Flu"

Mrs. R. C. Ware of the Midway community has been confined to her bed the last two weeks with the "flu." On last report she was improving which her many friends will be glad to learn.

Bennie Lain of the Midway community has been sick the last two weeks with the "flu." On last report he was improving, and his many friends hope him a speedy recovery.

Thursday Bridge Club Have Merry New Year's Eve, Banquet, Christmas Tree and Theatre Party.

The Thursday Bridge Club invited their husbands to join them in a merry New Year's Eve frolic that began with a banquet at the Tonkawa Coffee Shop, after which they repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Oates and had a Christmas tree, the members having previously drawn names to give gifts to and on the tree also were whistles, horns, caps and the like for their husbands, after the fun of the tree they went to the mid-night matinee and saw the silver screen's greatest comedian star of the moment, Colleen Moore. The personnel follows: Messers and Mesdames J. E. Bernard, Clayborn Payne, J. P. Payne, John Oates, Wiley Reid, R. R. English, Hill Oates, W. H. Murchison, Mr. Emory Menefee.

Presbyterian Auxiliary

The first delightful occasion of the New Year for the ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary was the meeting with the capable President of this organization, Mrs. R. R. English. Mrs. M. L. Baker was the efficient leader of the afternoon study. Various business facilities were brought before the auxiliary and discussed. It was decided to start the new year right and meet in the basement of the new church, which all are justly proud of. After business came the social hour. The hostess' talented little son, Hugh Mac, delighted the guests with his clever readings and Mrs. Baker pleased her hearers with piano numbers. Lovely refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, plum pudding, and coffee was served to mesdames Jno. W. Pace, C. P. Petty, M. L. Baker, Perry Smith, Whitaker, R. E. Sherrill, M. H. Hancock, H. S. Wilson, J. P. Kinnard, Miss English.

Baptist W. M. U.

The ladies of the Baptist Church met at three o'clock on Monday January 3rd. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. M. Conner. Two songs were sung then opening prayer by Mrs. M. Pierson, after which the president conducted a business meeting when several very important matters were settled and interesting reports from committees were read. Following the business session Mrs. K. D. Simmons conducted a very interesting program on prayer. On Monday January 10, the W. M. U. will meet in circles as follows: North Circle with Mrs. Aivy Gough; Central Circle with Mrs. Bland; East Circle with Mrs. D. Scott; South Circle with Mrs. C. Jones.

Entertains With New Years Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Connolly of Stamford entertained relatives with a New Year's dinner Sunday at their home 214 East Oliver, Stamford. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Connolly and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. U. ner Connolly all of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Waggoner and family, grandma Lawson, Mr. Jim Morris all of Stamford and Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Bland and daughters Misses Orle Lee and Valentine of McConnell.

Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bland of the Center Point community entertained a host of young people last Thursday night with a party. After several games were played a course of hot chocolate and cake was served. At a late hour the young people departed, thanking the host and hostess for such a splendid time.

GET STARTED RIGHT

The hen that lays is the one that pays. Increase your egg production on the farm by growing better egg producing stock. I am breeding the Hoffman strain English White Leghorns, Pen No. 1, Cock, 286 record. Pen No. 2 cockerel 259 record. Pedigreed. My objective in continued culling is for egg production only. Limited amount of eggs and baby chicks, also few cockerels. See what you are buying. W. B. Grigg, Haskell, Texas.

OAKLAND USES DIAMOND AS TOOL

From Old Testament days to modern times, diamonds have been associated with things rare and precious, and have stood pre-eminent as the world's most cherished gem. Kings lavished them on favorites, queens adored them as tokens of supreme devotion, and today we use them as gifts to symbolize our highest regard for another.

We think of them always as treasured and precious things—too beautiful for use other than to grace crowns or coronets. It rarely occurs to us that they might also possess utility and play a part in modern industry.

Yet the extreme hardness of the diamond gives it an important role in the manufacture of motor cars.

Three months ago the Oakland Motor Company adopted a new diamond process for boring out the piston pin bushing in the upper end of the connecting rod on the Oakland Six Engine. This work necessitates extreme accuracy on account of the severe strain at this point in the engine. The finished product is perfectly smooth and round and is accurate to what engineers described as 0.003 total tolerance, or one and one-half thousandths of an inch—a degree of accuracy that could not be approached by the hardest steel reaming tool. The diamond used for this work by

the Oakland Motor Car Company is three-quarters of a carat in size. After every 12,000 piston pin holes have been bored and finished, the diamond is readjusted to bring another surface in contact with the bushing. One diamond, it is estimated, will bore ten million holes.

While we think of the diamond as costly, Oakland engineers say that this process is cheaper than the old steel method of reaming, because when done by the diamond process, no rework is necessary. The diamond does its work thoroughly and completely the very first time.

The Oakland Motor Car Company is one of the first automobile manufacturers to use this process, and now is the only one using it on moderately priced cars, and is justifying its use by the dependable performance of the Oakland motor under every kind of traffic test.

Barefaced Mendacity

A gentleman called me handsome yesterday," said a rather elderly lady to her minister. "Do you think it is sinful of me to feel a little proud of the compliment?"

"Not at all, ma'am," replied the minister. "Its the gentleman who is the sinner, not you."—United Efford (Pittsburgh).

IT ISN'T A HOME WITHOUT A TELEPHONE

THE Bashful Fellow may hesitate about calling at a Girl's home and risking a "cross-examination" from her inquisitive little brother.

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Here are score after score of advancements in design, literally too numerous to list completely—but typified by one-piece full-crown fenders, bullet-type lamps, coincidental steering and ignition lock and large 17-inch steering wheel.

Here is definite assurance of longer life, more satisfactory operation and even greater economy—for all models are equipped with a new AC oil filter and an improved AC air cleaner!

Such features as these are usually found only on cars costing up into the thousands. They are marks of distinction on the world's finest automobiles. Yet these are now offered on The Most Beautiful Chevrolet because the spectacular growth of Chevrolet popularity has sent Chevrolet production to tremendous volume—and only the economies of tremendous volume plus inspired engineering make possible the manufacture of so fine a car to sell at Chevrolet prices.

We urge you to come in for a personal inspection. And we ask you to come, not in the customary casual mood—but actually anticipating the revelation you would expect when the world's largest builder of gearshift automobiles announces a completely new line of cars whose truly great value is based on irresistible beauty and a host of improvements including:

New AC Air Cleaner	New Tire Carrier
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New Bodies by Fisher	New Brake and Clutch Pedal Closure
New Remote Control Door Handles	

---with these Amazing Price Reductions!

The COACH \$595 Former price \$645	The COUPE \$625 Former price \$645	The SEDAN \$695 Former price \$735	The LANDAU \$745 Former price \$785
The TOURING \$525 Price includes balloon tires and steel disc wheels. Former price \$555 with balloon tires only.	The ROADSTER \$525 Price includes balloon tires and steel disc wheels. Former price \$555 with balloon tires only.	The Sport Cabriolet \$715 Entirely new model with rumble seat.	1-Ton Truck \$495 (Chassis only)
			1/2-Ton Truck \$395 (Chassis only)

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Innocent Bystander
The Boy Friend—"Say, who's the um-looking guy that drives your car around, and works in the garden? I think he always gives me a nasty look when I come in."
The Girl Friend—"Oh, don't mind him. That's just father."—The Point.

Supply and Demand
Father—"Are you sure you can give my daughter the luxuries to which she has been accustomed?"
Sutor—"I ought to—I'm the one who customized her to them."—Lift.

Detective Work
First Diner—"I think we met at this restaurant last month. Your overcoat seems very familiar to me."
Second Diner—"But I didn't have it a month."
"No, but I did."—Answer.

Next Best
On the last day of school, prizes were distributed. When one boy returned home his mother was entertaining callers. "Well, my boy," said one of the callers, "did you get a prize?"
"No," replied the boy, "but I got a terrible mention."—Outlook.

Well-Known Tactics
Husband—"Last night when I got home my wife had a wonderful dinner, my favorite book and pipe ready, my slippers and gown ready, my—"
Second Husband—"How much was she overdrawn?"—Wabash Caveman.

Tagging a Turtle Dove
Solomon's 77th wife—"Sol, are you really and truly in love with me?"
Solomon—"My dear, you are one in a thousand!" And she snuggled closer.—Columbia Jester.

Fall of Traditions
Maid—"You know that old vase, um, you said 'ad bin'anded down from generation to generation?"
Mistress (anxiously)—"Yes?"
"Well, this generation 'as dropped it."—Passing Show.

Presence of Mind
Papa was deep in a book, when his wife called, "Dan, baby has swallowed the ink. What ever shall I do?"
"Write with a pencil," was the reply.—Patton's Monthly.

Frank Enuf
"Here's my bill," said the surgeon. "Wish you would pay down \$100 and then \$25 per week."
"Sounds like buying an automobile," said the patient.
"I am," said the surgeon.—Motor

A Literary Dud
Customer—"I want to return this book I bought, 'Stories for All Occasions.'"
Bookseller—"What's the matter with it?"
Customer—"It's a fake! There's nothing there for a man to tell his wife when he gets home at 2 a. m.—Brooklyn Bagie.

The Last Resort
Customer—"No—no! I simply couldn't walk a step in shoes that pinch like that."
Assistant—"I'm sorry, madam, but I've shown you all our stock now. These shoes are the ones you were wearing when you came in."—Passing Show.

No Exception
At Winterton, a tourist called out to an aged colored person: "Say, uncle, how far is it to Wellington?"
"Well, suh," answered the darky, "kin scarcely say. It us ter be about twenty-five miles, but ev'y one's gone up, so I kinder reckon about forty now, suh."

The Head of the Class
Professor—"What is the most common conductor of electricity?"
Pupil (much at sea)—"Why—er—Professor—Wire!" Correct. Now what is the unit power?
Pupil (more at sea)—"The what, sir?"
Professor—"Yes, the watt, very good, successful Farming."

FOR EVERY PERSON USES MORE POWER EACH YEAR

Production of electricity in the United States is increasing at a much faster rate than is the population, figures compiled by the United States Geological Survey show.
The Government's data shows that in 1926 when the United States had a population of 105,000,000, public utility generating stations produced 371,000,000 kilowatt-hours per capita. On July 1, 1927 the country had an estimated population of 117,135,817. The Power and Light Commission of the Great Lakes region of the National Electric Light Association estimates that production of electricity for 1926 will approximate 3,000,000 kilowatt-hours, making a per capita consumption for the ensuing year of 332 kilowatt-hours for each person in the country.

Expert economists have declared that the installment plan is sound, hence we may expect to see a falling off in installment buying.

In Italy, comedians are not permitted to make jokes about the army. It appears that over there even a second lieutenant is taken seriously.

Ne Glady, Burbank did not develop a fruit called the Ales, Pomme.

Mother's Job

BY O. LAWRENCE HAWTHORNE

No sooner do the early rays of daylight peek through the windows where our children sleep, Than someone calls her back from fitful slumber. A mother's daily vigilance to keep "Oh, Mother, Phil's awake!" Dick yells, "Come, see him!" "Say, Mother," Bower shouts "Bob's got my tie!" And so her day begins—a day of service, Where duties press and problems multiply.

It's Mother's job, it seems, to do the thinking For all her boys—and sometimes for their Dad! It's Mother's job to answer all the questions, To know exactly where each careless lad Has left each toy, each article of clothing, It's Mother's job to tell them what to eat, And when, and how (an ever-vexing problem); And Mother must prepare each festive treat.

Oh, what an endless drudgery of mending The garments that are, somehow, torn each day! Oh, what a task of mending little heartaches, And healing little bodies bruised at play! A mother's job is one of constant service, And yet each moment brings her heart new joy; Her only genuine delight in living Is caring for her baby girl or boy.



1927 COTTON OUTLOOK GOOD

In a review of the cotton industry of 1926 and the outlook for 1927, Samuel T. Hubbard, Jr., president of the New York Cotton Exchange, looks for a greater consumption and better values in 1927, notwithstanding the condition existing at the end of 1926. The cotton trade of the world, he says, is ever optimistic for the future regardless of the past.

In analyzing the depression in the cotton industry in 1926, Mr. Hubbard goes back to 1914, when the cotton crop of the United States was the largest raised up to that time. That year marked the end of a period in which production greatly exceeded consumption and prices reached very low levels. From then until 1920 prices gradually advanced until maximum of 43c a pound was reached—a price equaled only during the Civil War.

Mr. Hubbard portrays the causes for this situation—the extensive requirements for army equipment, the shortage of labor in the South, a scarcity of fertilizer due to war spread of the boll weevil. From 1914 the demand exceeded the supply. In 1920 came the panic, depressing cotton from 35c to 10 1/2c a pound, followed by a recovery of 22c.

With the exception of this heavy reaction, a "seller's market" continued until the beginning of the crop year 1924. The cycle then began to change. The crop that year was comparatively large but it was quickly consumed with a recession in prices—a situation brought about by the depletion of the world's stocks.

"Immediately following this large crop," continued Mr. Hubbard, "came the big one of 1925 and the enormous crop of 1926. With favorable weather and a partial loss of vitality of the boll weevil, the result has been that we have swung in the last three years from a cycle of a "seller's market." It is, therefore, natural, under such conditions, with a constantly increasing supply of raw material, that there should be a steady decline in the value of cotton.

This decline has not only worked serious inroads on the farmers' finances, but it has also been actually disastrous to the cotton manufacturing industries generally. These manufacturers, who, in order to run their plants, have faced a constantly decreasing value both for the raw material and for their finished products. "We are confronted, therefore, at the end of 1926 with a situation which has not been experienced in the cotton industry for many years. Probably never before have both the farmer and the manufacturer, and all those engaged in the distribution of the crop, suffered financial reverses. However, it is the penalty which must be paid when we pass from a period of scarcity of supply to a period of overproduction.

"The cotton trade of the world, however, never lives in the past. It is always looking ahead. The period of stress, I believe, is past. Disappointment and financial losses must be forgotten and our concerted efforts put forth in the year 1927.

"It has been shown by experiences of the past that a period of two or three years of overproduction usually followed by a sharp cut in the acreage and a moderate crop with an advance in the values of both cotton and cotton goods. This, in spite of the fact that there may be and probably is to be a very large carry-over of raw material this year."

It is specified also how deep the test is to go. This point is determined by the geologist who has previously estimated the depth presumably necessary to reach production. The finances of the company or its willingness to spend money in testing the area also have to be considered in determining the depth to which the test will be carried.

INTERESTING FACTS ON THE GEOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY

After the geologists have located and mapped their structure and the land men have secured their leases, the next step is to locate the well.

Any well drilled to test an unproven territory for oil is called a "wildcat" while the drillers are called "wildcaters." These terms originated in the early days of the petroleum producing industry, in Pennsylvania, when a man going into the unproven Pennsylvania forests to try his luck in drilling said to be going "among the wildcats" to drill for oil.

The exact location of the well is usually an attempt to reconcile the findings of the geologists and the holdings of the men putting down the test. In other words, the attempt is made to place the well (1) where the geological chances for oil are best, and at the same time (2) where, if the well does come in, it will have the best effect on the leases held by the drillers.

An example of this can be illustrated by a company which held a square block of wildcat leases. If it were geologically acceptable to do so, the company probably would drill its test in the center of its block, as a successful well there would bring far more of the company's holdings into the high priced class than would be the case if the well were drilled in one corner of the lease.

In the past it has been the usual custom to place the well mainly with regard to holdings should the well come in, and only secondarily, if at all, with regard to the geology of the area. This practice has changed rapidly within the last few years and now the geological chances are the major consideration in most cases although the effect of a successful well on the holdings still is a very important consideration. Having made the best compromise possible between these two advantages and official then goes to the lease and drives a stake in the exact spot where the well will be drilled.

A permit from the state to drill is necessary in most states.

With the well located, the next step ordinarily is to sign a contract with a drilling company to perform the actual work of putting down the well. Ordinarily, except in the case of major companies, the work of drilling a well will be done by an entirely separate concern, which contracts to put the hole down for a specified sum, much as a building contractor might contract to erect a building.

This drilling contract may vary widely in different cases. A "turn-key" contract, in oil parlance, is one in which the drilling contractor agrees to furnish everything necessary to put the hole down. If a turn-key job is not specified, the company or individual contracting to have the well drilled may agree to furnish any or all of a wide range of necessities, such as building a derrick, furnishing water, fuel or casing, and the like.

That ladies of early days were not very particular is shown by the fact that one of them married Cain.

There are still a few left who can remember when there was no Muscle Shoals problem before Congress.

Laws are supposed to represent the will of the people, but too often they represent the will of the wrong crowd.

MAN WANTED—A single man to work on farm and ranch. J. D. Hughes. ltp.

FOR SALE—200 bushels of bright seeds, clear of Johnson Grass. \$2.00 per bushel. Call 524.

CHEVROLET ANNOUNCES NEW LINE OF AUTOMOBILES

Surpassing all its former achievements as the world's largest manufacturers of three-speed transmission cars, the Chevrolet Motor Company, today, announces an entirely new line of automobiles, heralded as the most beautiful in Chevrolet history.

Embodied in the new line, which goes on display throughout the country today, are hosts of improvements many of which were found hitherto only in large and more costly cars. The economies of tremendous volume production have made possible the marks of distinction which individualize the new line, according to a factory statement.

The new cars are mechanically finer entirely new in body lines, smarter in appearance, complete in equipment and outstanding in the display of colors. Seven models, five closed and two open cars, comprise the line. One model, a rakish, beautiful sport cabriolet has been added.

Some of the standard features on the new models are as follows—AC air cleaner, AC oil filter, balloon tires, bullet-type head-lamps and shell lamps, newly designed radiator cowling, one piece full-crown fenders, heavier running boards, larger steering wheel, new instrument panel, new tire carrier assembly and co-incidental ignition and steering lock.

Beauty and refinement has been stressed in the design. Appointments have been catered to with a thoroughness that promises to please the most fastidious motorist. Succeeding the smoothest Chevrolet, the new line has been built to establish a new standard in the low price field.

PREDICTS HIGH RECORDS FOR RADIO IN COMING YEAR

Secretary of Agriculture William M. Jardine, largest user of radio broadcasting, and A. Atwater-Kent, largest manufacturer of radio receiving sets, believe that the new high records established for radio in 1926 will not merely be equaled, but will be outdistanced in 1927, says an exchange.

The momentum attained in radio production and broadcasting in the closing months of 1926 was not due primarily to seasonal conditions, in the opinions of those two experts, but was the result of a steady acceleration in radio demand that will continue through the new year.

"Radio has definitely proved its effectiveness in spreading information and education," says Secretary Jardine. "The increased use of radio by the department is proving of utmost value and its field of usefulness is constantly widening. The demand for high-grade informational programs, as shown by the thousands of letters received by us each week, grows greater every day."

"As a proven utility, with a practical and cultural value even greater than its entertainment, the field for radio has been immeasurably widened during the last year," declares Mr. Kent, whose factory is now well into the production of its second million sets. "The demand for efficient, high grade sets was never so general nor so great as it is today."

As a broadcaster, Secretary Jardine sponsors twenty-two weekly programs, broadcast through more than 100 stations. These programs cover a greater number of hours on the air than the combined offerings of any other half dozen radio users. The "fan mail" resulting from these programs runs into many thousands of letters a week.

Mr. Kent, famous as a broadcaster himself, through his series of Sunday evening programs by grand opera and concert stars, also was a pioneer in the production of single-dial sets, now generally demanded by radio users. From a production of 6,625 sets in his first year as a radio manufacturer, ending May 1, 1923, his output has grown to 600,000 sets for the present business year, his one-millionth set having been turned out Dec. 3, 1926.

Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Chapman of the Roberts community entertained the young people with a party Friday night. All had a nice time. They are wishing that Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will give them another party soon.

Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sharp entertained a large crowd of young people at their home in the Plainview community with a party Friday night. At a late hour the young people departed thanking the host and hostess for such a wonderful time.

SOME HOG

R. S. Hornsby of the Curry Chapel Community was in the city Thursday of last week telling of the many good things of his community and among the stories he told was the killing of a hog for his neighbor Tom Parks, which was of such large proportions that it took all the neighbors and pair of husky mules to get this hog hung up for the gamble. He says that Mr. Park and family will have both meat and lard for the needs of the coming year, and the neighbors will rejoice at the success of this good farmer in growing his meat and making hard-times Skido.

The writer never could find for sure just how much this large hog weighed, but according to Mr. Hornsby it was something like the proverbial whale swallowed Jonah. Any way it's a whopper.

THE MIGRATORY MEXICAN

Comparable to the mystery of where periodical visitants and migratory animal and bird life "come from" and "go to" is the coming and going of Mexican cotton pickers. Yesterday they were thick as blackbirds in fields, on highways and in town streets, this last particularly a Saturday demonstration; today only the few resident specimens are over West Texas. The cotton picking jobs are either over or the cold spells come too often and severe for family camping in bare fields and pastures.

They may come from Old Mexico and maybe from way down south in the Texas coast and border country. They come—they go, by thousands and thousands and they are spreading into the far north, in earlier season and mostly returning to warmer climates by rail.

Several sub-mysteries are connected with these seasonal migrations. One is the "where" of their ownership of automobiles. Whole families pack in cars or trucks and some seem to be well provided with comfortable clothing for women and children especially.

Two merits the Mexicans have that are noticeable and are appreciated by those of us who see, and seeing, judge. The Mexican are particularly loving and kind to their children. They herd the little fellows, notice them and pet them. They clothe them warmly and buy candies, toys and in ways really beautiful to behold, hover their broods. And their children are light-hearted, obedient to parental control and happy. Another good thing about the Mexican with a job is that he is a good spender. May they find sunshine wherever they are going and may they come back when we need them.

TAKE A LESSON FROM INSURANCE

There is a growing tendency to cut out waste and inefficiency in manufacturing, production and distribution, and to simplify and standardize every possible operation.

Industries which feel that they cannot standardize or simplify their operations might take a lesson from insurance.

In the 200 lines in the standard fire insurance policy, there are approximately 1920 words—remarkably few considering that upwards of \$140,000,000,000 worth of property is under the protection of stock fire insurance companies alone. When one considers the variety of risks which fire insurance must cover, and considers the number of legal problems involved, it would seem like an impossible job to draw a contract of so few words, which is applicable around the world.

W. E. Mallalieu, General Manager

of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, points out that people "do not buy anything when they take out insurance, but enter into a definite contract."

Every person taking out insurance should read his policy. It is doubtful if one person in a hundred goes to this trouble. The fact that there is so little controversy over insurance claims which are not of mediocrity origin, speaks volumes for the carefulness and the fairness with which this contract between the insurance company and the insured is drawn.

MAKING TWO OF YOURSELF

You have heard people say, "I can't make two of myself." Wrong. Any one who uses newspaper space for advertising can make as many of himself as there are readers of the papers in which he advertises. He reaches all classes of people. He reaches people he never heard of, and who probably never heard of him or his business until they saw his advertisements.

Advertising is now in such general use that the buying public has come to depend largely upon it for guidance in buying; and they can have no more dependable guide than truthful advertising. Everyone who reads advertisements and nearly everyone does is influenced consciously or unconsciously, in his buying by them. The business men who advertise truthfully, intelligently and constantly will secure the business of the majority of the people and keep it. Because he shows faith in his goods and his business by truthfully advertising a business man can assure his success; it is as inevitable as the constant dripping of water will wear away the hardest stone.

The several bloc heads in Congress have entered upon their busy season.

DEEP STUFF

Knockers aim high, always hitting at the man on top.

Modern gunmen keep sober, hence are able to shoot straighter.

No one seems intelligent enough to get up a sensible intelligent test.

Honesty is the best policy, even though it is the most expensive.

Everything comes to him who waits, including a bawling out by the traffic cop.

It's hard to love your neighbor as yourself if he happens to be learning the saxophone.

When it goes by ship we call it a cargo, when it goes by car we call it a shipment.

Noah perhaps originated the mother-in-law joke when he left Mrs. Noah's mother out of the ark.

Taxidermists and taxidrivers are much alike, except that the latter skin a higher class of animals.

NOTHING LIKE IT ON EARTH

The new treatment for torn flesh, cuts, wounds, sores or lacerations that is doing such wonderful work in flesh healing is the Borozone liquid and powder combination treatment. The liquid Borozone is a powerful antiseptic that purifies the wound of all poisons and infectious germs, while the Borozone powder is the great healer. There is nothing like it on earth for speed, safety and efficiency. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

Oates Drug Store

FARM AND RANCH LOANS

5%

INTEREST RATE—WHY PAY MORE?

Haskell Farm Loan Assn.
Federal Land Bank

MARVIN H. POST, Secy-Treas.

Over Payne Drug Store

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

SPECIAL! SPECIAL!

We are closing out the Cook and Markel line of lighting fixtures. These will go at exceptional low prices as long as they last.

	REGULAR PRICE	SALE PRICE
4 Light Fixture, Gold Poly Finish	\$12.50	\$10.00
3 Light Fixture, Gold Poly finish	9.50	7.50
5 Light Fixture, Cocoa Finish	11.50	9.00
4 Light Fixture, French Grey and Gold	9.50	7.50
3 Light Fixture, Old Gold	6.15	5.00
2 Light Fixture, Cocoa Finish	5.25	4.00
1 Light Pedants, Polychrome or gold	2.75	1.75

If you are building, or planning to build, now is the time to buy.

If you have lamp cord drops or old fixtures, now is the time to re-fixtue your home.

Sales Price Includes Hanging

See our window display of lighting fixtures.

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Haskell, Texas, Thurs., Jan. 6th., 1927.

GOOD ROADS?

Do They Lead To Haskell?

Business on wheels today. Distance means little. The network of smooth, hard highways covering the country has profoundly changed the economic life of the nation. Once the farmer and his wife trudged down to the cross-roads store for their daily needs, and on Saturday the old gray mare brought them to the nearest town and patiently munched at the hitching post while they made the rounds of the stores. In these days people bought at home as a matter of course, because they couldn't go anywhere else. They took what the storekeeper offered them because they could do nothing different. But those days have passed and with them has passed the country "store-keeper" with his dirty floor, his cobwebbed windows and his meager stock, his pot-bellied store and box of sawdust.

In his place is arising a new type of country merchant with a bright, clean store, with shelves well filled with nationally known, trade-marked goods.

Two things have brought about this changed condition—advertising and automobiles. Advertising tells the buyer what, where and how much—his automobile takes him there as a limited trading area. Mr. and Mrs. Public can buy their flour, shoes, clothing in Haskell or in some other town. They don't hesitate to motor over to another county if sugar is a cent cheaper or the store is cleaner and the service better, or somebody is having a "special" on bungalow aprons.

The roads are full of cars, the cars are full of people, and the people have money. That money is rattling down the road looking for a place to be spent—looking for THE place where it can be spent most wisely and to the best advantage.

That money may be go to Haskell or it may go to Stamford, Abilene or Wichita Falls or Fort Worth, but wherever it goes it will be directed to its destination by the force of advertising.

The merchants of Haskell are no longer in competition merely with each other. They must compete with the merchants of surrounding towns. They must offer the same goods, the same prices and the same service, but they must do more—they must tell about it by persistent advertising, and the best place to plant their ads is in the Haskell Free Press. Display your wares on the printed pages.

TEXAS AND TEXANS

(By Will H. Mayes)

Undoubtedly crime is increasing in Texas. Texas is not an exception in this respect to other parts of the country, for everywhere in the United States crimes are more common and criminals are bolder than they have ever been. There are many reasons for this, but perhaps the chief one is that it is so easy to escape punishment that criminals no longer fear the law. So long as this feeling exists crimes will become more common, and property and life will become more and more unsafe. The automobile and the airplane lend themselves to crime because they afford quick means of escape from the scenes of crimes. The delays so easily obtained in trials in our courts through technicalities encourage crime, for every continuance of a case makes conviction more difficult and acquittal more certain. The sympathies of jurors are played upon in a way to secure the freedom of many who should be sentenced. The pardoning power is badly abused and almost any court can secure petitions from trial judges, prosecutors, jurors and other good citizens for his release. Failing in this, he is left the plea of sickness of himself or his family, good behavior in prison, or some other appalling or plausible reason.

People of the best motives and best intentions are showing too much sympathy with criminals and not enough with their unfortunate victims. A sentiment, maudlin in character, has been formed for the exercise of charity for the criminal on the ground that crime is a disease that should be treated and not punished. The suspended sentence and the parole originated in the best of purpose, but are being overworked to such an extent that the beneficiaries often become more hardened criminals because of the leniency shown. Jail prayer meetings, Christmas trees in prison, holiday and Sunday feasts are all well intended, but are at times so conducted as to leave criminals feeling that they are heroes who are being badly mistreated by the government. In our desire to obey the command to be merciful, we at times forget the part that just punishment has always played in making life, property, and government safe.

In Texas, the best lawyers are realising that the courts, or rather court

procedures, are playing a large part in encouraging crime. Many have known this for years but they have never before been so thoroughly aroused to the necessity for better law enforcement. Too many lawyers have been sustaining themselves on fees obtained through crimes. Too many lawyers in the Legislatures have been dependent upon petty criminal practice for a living. This is all changing. Legislators now have higher ethical standards. Lawyers are learning that to be known as the representatives of the worst criminals soon becomes unprofitable, because the better class of clients will not employ them. The Texas Bar Association is interesting itself actively in putting a stop to so much crime in Texas, by simplifying criminal court procedure. The district judges, who are in position to know that many court trials farcify justice, are pleading for laws to make justice more certain. The people are learning that the greater the safety of criminals, the less is the safety of good citizens. They are demanding relief from the very bad conditions under which they find themselves.

FACT AND FICTION

Christmas would be much better if it didn't have such a flattening effect on the old bankroll.

So live that when your summons comes you'll have a good alibi.

One of the greatest trials of modern life is waiting while the car is being repaired.

According to news dispatches, bandits always make their escape in high powered cars. Some of these days a bandit is going to show some originality and escape in a Ford.

Some people walk up to the hotel desk and demand a room with a bath just to impress the clerk.

Few of us appreciate the rousing time we have each morning just before breakfast.

When your wife hops out of bed each morning and goes through her radio exercises while you stay under the covers, she's just increasing her chances of cashing your life insurance policy.

Unfortunately, the prettiest girls are often too modest to enter the beauty contest.

It takes the visit of a queen or a prince to reveal the delightful simplicity of our democracy.

A woman has a right to chance her mind and she often does it just as she starts turning a corner.

Judging from the "roasts," the nations of Europe have formed a sort of "Pan-American league."

January will be "laugh month" at the movie theatres and during that month, we assume, comedy films will not be shown.

Just think what Ben Franklin might have had his parents know something about child psychology.

The installment plan would be more satisfactory to the merchant if he could find some way of taking the "stall" out of it.

General Andrews, dry czar, wants Congress to approve the manufacture of 3,000,000 gallons of medicinal liquor a year. Must be expecting an epidemic of "flu" or something.

WHAT FARMERS CAN DO

With the convening of Congress the case of the farmers are once more turned toward that body in the hope that it may enact legislation for their benefit. Opinions differ regarding the possibility of securing the passage of a "farm relief" measure at this time. It is also an open question whether any bill which might be passed would afford the benefits which the farmers expect.

But, regardless of the uncertainties concerning what Congress may do, there is a great deal that the farmers themselves may do in the direction of helping themselves next year. And these means of self-help are of paramount importance in any event. The plan suggested here is not new, but it is sound, as the experience of many successful farmers has repeatedly shown.

Briefly stated, the farmers can help themselves most effectively by the adoption of the "live at home" idea. They can produce their own food and stock feed, thus reducing the cash outlay. This means gardens, grain, hay, cows, hogs and poultry sufficient for home use at least. To provide these things should be the farmer's first objective, after which his remaining time and energy should be devoted to the production of his principal or money crop.

The farmer may say: "Oh, yes, I've heard all this before." And so he has. But has he tried the plan in a determined and wholehearted manner? Those who have followed it over a period of years are not worrying so much about what Congress may do. They know what farmers can do to help themselves—and they are doing it.

Dr. Maude Slye of Chicago advises the abolishment of sentiment from matrimony and putting marriage on a pragmatic basis. She says that probably only a Slye job.

Presbyterian Auxiliary to Hold Meeting in Basement of New Church.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary, have decided to hold their meetings in the basement of the New Church, where a cozy room has been fitted up by this enterprising organization. The ladies are very much enthused over the plans for the coming years work.

Visits Friends on Plains

Mr. Tobe Griffin and family left last Friday for the plains to spend New Years day with Mr. Wingo and family of Sudan and other friends. They returned Saturday in order for the children to be back in school.

Party.

The party given at the home of Oscar Adkins Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd of young people. At a late hour they departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Adkins would give another party soon.

Birthday Dinner

Mrs. G. E. Carley gave her daughter, Grace a birthday dinner Sunday January 2. She invited several of her friends to take dinner with her. They departed in the afternoon wishing her many more happy birthdays.

Ill With The "Flu"

Mrs. R. C. Ware of the Midway community has been confined to her bed the last two weeks with the "flu." On last report she was improving which her many friends will be glad to learn.

Bennie Lain of the Midway community has been sick the last two weeks with the "flu." On last report he was improving, and his many friends hope him a speedy recovery.

Thursday Bridge Club Have Merry New Years Eve, Banquet, Christmas Tree and Theatre Party.

The Thursday Bridge Club invited their husbands to join them in a merry New Year's Eve frolic that began with a banquet at the Tonkawa Coffee Shop, after which they repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Oates and had a Christmas tree, the members having previously drawn names to give gifts to and on the tree also were whistles, horns, caps and the like for their husbands, after the fun of the tree they went to the mid-night matinee and saw the silver screen's greatest comedian star of the moment, Colleen Moore. The personnel follows: Messers and Mesdames J. E. Bernard, Clayborn Payne, J. P. Payne, John Oates, Wiley Reid, R. R. English, Hill Oates, W. H. Murchison, Mr. Emory Meneice.

Presbyterian Auxiliary

The first delightful occasion of the New Year for the ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary was the meeting with the capable President of this organization, Mrs. R. R. English. Mrs. M. L. Baker was the efficient leader of the afternoon study. Various business facilities were brought before the auxiliary and discussed. It was decided to start the new year right and meet in the basement of the new church, which all are justly proud of. After business came the social hour. The hostess, talented little son, Hugh Mac, delighted the guests with his clever readings and Mrs. Baker pleased her hearers with piano numbers. Lovely refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, plum pudding and coffee was served to mesdames Jno. W. Pace, C. P. Petty, M. L. Baker, Perry Smith, Whitaker, R. E. Sherrill, M. H. Hancock, H. S. Wilson, J. P. Kinnard, Miss English.

Baptist W. M. U.

The ladies of the Baptist Church met at three o'clock on Monday January 3rd. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. M. Conner. Two songs were sung then opening prayer by Mrs. M. Pierson, after which the president conducted a business meeting when several very important matters were settled and interesting reports from committees were read.

Following the business session Mrs. K. D. Simmons conducted a very interesting program on prayer.

On Monday January 10, the W. M. U. will meet in circles as follows: North Circle with Mrs. Alvy Couch; Central Circle with Mrs. Bland; East Circle with Mrs. D. Scott; South Circle with Mrs. C. Jones.

Entertains With New Years Dinner Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Connolly of Stamford entertained relatives with a New Years dinner Sunday at their home 214 East Oliver, Stamford. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Connolly and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. U. ner Connolly all of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Waggoner and family, grandma Lawson, Mr. Jim Morris all of Stamford and Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Bland and daughters Misses Ori Lee and Valentine of McConnell.

Entertains With Party Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bland of the Center Point community entertained a host of young people last Thursday night with a party. After several games were played a course of hot chocolate and cake was served. At a late hour the young people departed, thanking the host and hostess for such a splendid time.

GET STARTED RIGHT

The hen that lays is the one that pays. Increase your egg production on the farm by growing better egg producing stock. I am breeding the Hoff-man strain English White Leghorns, Pen No. 1, Cock, 285 record. Pen No. 2 cockerel 259 record. Pedigreed. My objective in continued culling is for egg production only. Limited amount of eggs and baby chicks, also few cockerels. See what you are buying. W. B. Gray, Dry, Webster.

OAKLAND USES DIAMOND AS TOOL

From Old Testament days to modern times, diamonds have been associated with things rare and precious, and have stood pre-eminent as the world's most cherished gem. Kings lavished them on favorites, queens adored them as tokens of supreme devotion, and today we use them as gifts to symbolize our highest regard for another.

We think of them always as treasured and precious things—too beautiful for use other than to grace crowns or coronets. It rarely occurs to us that they might also possess utility and play a part in modern industry.

Yet the extreme hardness of the diamond gives it an important role in the manufacture of motor cars.

Three months ago the Oakland Motor Company adopted a new diamond process for boring out the piston pin bushing in the upper end of the connecting rod on the Oakland Six Engine. This work necessitates extreme accuracy on account of the severe strain at this point in the engine. The finished product is perfectly smooth and round and is accurate to what engineers described as 0.003 total tolerance, or one and one-half thousandths of an inch—a degree of accuracy that could not be approached by the hardest steel reaming tool.

The diamond used for this work by

the Oakland Motor Car Company is three-quarters of a carat in size. After every 12,000 piston pin holes have been bored and finished, the diamond is readjusted to bring another surface in contact with the bushing. One diamond, it is estimated, will bore ten million holes.

While we think of the diamond as costly, Oakland engineers say that this process is cheaper than the old steel method of reaming, because when done by the diamond process, no rework is necessary. The diamond does its work thoroughly and completely the very first time.

The Oakland Motor Car Company is one of the first automobile manufacturers to use this process, and now is the only one using it on moderately priced cars, and is justifying its use by the dependable performance of the Oakland motor under every kind of traffic test.

Barefaced Mendacity

A gentlemen called me handsome yesterday," said a rather elderly lady to her minister. "Do you think it is sinful of me to feel a little proud of the compliment?"

"Not at all, ma'am," replied the minister. "Its the gentleman who is the sinner, not you."—United Effort (Pittsburgh).

IT ISN'T A HOME WITHOUT A TELEPHONE

THE Bashful Fellow may hesitate about calling at a Girl's home and risking a "cross-examination" from her inquisitive little brother.

He much prefers to call her on the Telephone—

If she has one.

HASKELL TELEPHONE CO.

AND YOU CAN HAVE ONE FOR A FEW CENTS A DAY!

Announcing—

The Most Beautiful CHEVROLET in Chevrolet History

TRULY the most beautiful Chevrolet in Chevrolet history! Truly an achievement which must immediately change all existing ideas as to what the buyer of a low priced car has a right to expect for his money!

Here is the irresistible appeal of unbroken, flowing body lines—of modish new Duco colors, fashionably striped—of notable smartness—of that flawless silhouette regularly associated with the costliest of custom-built creations.

Here are score after score of advancements in design, literally too numerous to list completely—but typified by one-piece full-crown fenders, bullet-type lamps, coincidental steering and ignition lock and large 17-inch steering wheel.

Here is definite assurance of longer life, more satisfactory operation and even greater economy—for all models are equipped with a new AC oil filter and an improved AC air cleaner!

Such features as these are usually found only on cars costing up into the thousands. They are marks of distinction on the world's finest automobiles. Yet these are now offered on The Most Beautiful Chevrolet because the spectacular growth

of Chevrolet popularity has sent Chevrolet production to tremendous volume—and only the economies of tremendous volume plus inspired engineering make possible the manufacture of so fine a car to sell at Chevrolet prices.

We urge you to come in for a personal inspection. And we ask you to come, not in the customary casual mood—but actually anticipating the revelation you would expect when the world's largest builder of gearshift automobiles announces a completely new line of cars whose truly great value is based on irresistible beauty

and a host of improvements including:

- New AC Air Cleaner
- New AC Oil Filter
- New Coincidental Lock
- New Duco Colors
- New Gasoline Gauge
- New Radiator
- New Bodies by Fisher
- New Remote Control Door Handles
- New Tire Carrier
- New Bullet-Type Head Lamps
- New Windshield On Open Models
- New Heavy One-piece Full-crown Fenders
- New Hardware
- New Running Boards
- New Brake and Clutch Pedal Closure

---with these Amazing Price Reductions!

- The COACH \$595 (Former price \$645)
- The COUPE \$625 (Former price \$645)
- The SEDAN \$695 (Former price \$735)
- The LANDAU \$745 (Former price \$785)
- 1-Ton Truck \$495 (Chassis only)
- The Sport Cabriolet \$715 (Entirely new model with rumble seat)
- 1/2-Ton Truck \$395 (Chassis only)

All prices f. o. b. Flint, Mich., effective Jan. 1, 1927
Balloon tires now standard on all models

BELL-MOORE CHEVROLET CO. Haskell, Texas.
HUDDLESTON CHEVROLET CO. Rochester, Texas

QUALITY AT LOW COST

WITH THE JOKE SMITH

Innocent Bystander

The Boy Friend—"Say, who's the um-looking guy that drives your car around, and works in the garden? I s'pose he always gives me a nasty look when I come in."

The Girl Friend—"Oh, don't mind 'em. That's just father."—The Pointer.

Supply and Demand

Father—"Are you sure you can give your daughter the luxuries to which she has been accustomed?"

Suitor—"I ought to—I'm the one who's accustomed her to them."—Lift.

Detective Work

First Diner—"I think we met at this restaurant last month. Your overcoat seems very familiar to me."

Second Diner—"But I didn't have it that month."

"No, but I did."—Answer.

Next Best

On the last day of school, prizes are distributed. When one boy returned home his mother was entertaining callers. "Well, my boy," said one of the callers, "did you get a prize?"

"No," replied the boy, "but I got a terrible mention."—Outlook.

Well-Known Tactics

Husband—"Last night when I got home my wife had a wonderful dinner, my favorite book and pipe ready, my slippers and gown ready, my—"

Second Husband—"How much was she overdrawn?"—Wabash Caveman.

Tagging a Turtle Dove

Solomon's 77th wife—"Sol, are you really and truly in love with me?"

Solomon—"My dear, you are one in a thousand!" And she snuggled closer.—Columbia Jester.

Fall of Traditions

Maid—"You know that old vase, um, you said 'ad bin'anded down on generation to generation?"

Mistress (anxiously)—"Yes!"

"Well, this generation 'as dropped 'em."—Passing Show.

Presence of Mind

Papa was deep in a book, when his wife called, "Dan, baby has swallowed the ink. What ever shall I do?"

"Write with a pencil," was the reply.—Patton's Monthly.

Frank Enuff

"Here's my bill," said the surgeon. "Wish you would pay down \$100 and then \$25 per week."

"Sounds like buying an automobile," said the patient.

"I am," said the surgeon.—Motor

A Literary Dud

Customer—"I want to return this book I bought, 'Stories for All Occasions.'"

Bookseller—"What's the matter with it?"

Customer—"It's a fake! There's nothing there for a man to tell his wife when he gets home at 2 a. m.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Last Report

Customer—"No-no! I simply couldn't walk a step in shoes that pinch like that."

Assistant—"I'm so sorry, madam, but I've shown you all our stock now. These shoes are the ones you were wearing when you came in."—Passing Show.

No Exception

At Winterton, a tourist called out to an aged colored person: "Say, uncle, how far is it to Wellington?"

"Well, suh," answered the darky, "kin scarcely say. It useter to be about twenty-five miles, but ev'ry day's gone up, so I kinder reckon about forty now, suh."

The Head of the Class

Professor—"What is the most common conductor of electricity?"

Pupil (much at sea)—"Whyer—Professor—Wire! Correct. Now name what is the unit power."

Pupil (more at sea)—"The what, sir?"

Professor—"Yes, the watt, very good. Successful Farming."

EVERY PERSON USES MORE POWER EACH YEAR

Production of electricity in the United States is increasing at a much faster rate than is the population, figures compiled by the United States Geological Survey show.

The Government's data shows that in 1926 the United States had a population of 105,000,000, public utility generating stations produced 371,000,000 kilowatt-hours per capita. On July 1, 1926, the country had an estimated population of 117,135,917. The Power Committee of the Great Lakes region of the National Electric Light Association estimates that production of electricity for 1926 will approximate 4,000,000 kilowatt-hours, making per capita consumption for the ensuing year 332 kilowatt-hours for each person in the country.

Expert economists have declared that the installment plan is sound, hence we may expect to see a falling off in installment buying.

In Italy, comedians are not permitted to make jokes about the army. It appears that over there even a second lieutenant is taken seriously.

Mr. Gladys Burbank did not develop a fruit called the Apple Pom.

Mother's Job

BY O. LAWRENCE HAWTHORNE

No sooner do the early rays of daylight peek through the windows where our children sleep, Than someone calls her back from fitful slumber. A mother's daily vigilance to keep. "Oh, Mother, Phil's awake!" Dick yells. "Come, see him!" "Say, Mother," Bower shouts "Bob's got my tie!" And so her day begins—a day of service, Where duties press and problems multiply.

It's Mother's job, it seems, to do the thinking For all her boys—and sometimes for their Dad! It's Mother's job to answer all the questions, To know exactly where each careless lad Has left each toy, each article of clothing. It's Mother's job to tell them what to eat, And when, and how (an ever-vexing problem); And Mother must prepare each festive treat.

Oh, what an endless drudgery of mending The garments that are, somehow, torn each day! Oh, what a task of mending little heartaches, And healing little bodies bruised at play! A mother's job is one of constant service, And yet each moment brings her heart new joy; Her only genuine delight in living Is caring for her baby girl or boy.



1927 COTTON OUTLOOK GOOD

In a review of the cotton industry of 1926 and the outlook for 1927, Samuel T. Hubbard, Jr., president of the New York Cotton Exchange, looks for a greater consumption and better values in 1927, notwithstanding the condition existing at the end of 1926. The cotton trade of the world, he says, is ever optimistic for the future regardless of the past.

In analyzing the depression in the cotton industry in 1926, Mr. Hubbard goes back to 1914, when the cotton crop of the United States was the largest raised up to that time. That year marked the end of a period in which production greatly exceeded consumption and prices reached very low levels. From then until 1920 prices gradually advanced until maximum of 43c a pound was reached—a price equaled only during the Civil War.

Mr. Hubbard portrays the causes for this situation—the extensive requirements for army equipment, the shortage of labor in the South, a scarcity of fertilizer due to war spread of the boll weevil. From 1914 the demand exceeded the supply. In 1920 came the panic, depressing cotton from 35c to 10 1/2c a pound, followed by a recovery of 22c.

With the exception of this heavy reaction, a "seller's market" continued until the beginning of the crop year 1924. The cycle then began to change. The crop that year was comparatively large but it was quickly consumed with a recession in prices—a situation brought about by the depletion of the world's stocks.

"Immediately following this large crop," continued Mr. Hubbard, "came the big one of 1925 and the enormous crop of 1926. With favorable weather and a partial loss of vitality of the boll weevil, the result has been that we have swung in the last three years from a cycle of a 'seller's market.' It is, therefore, natural, under such conditions, with a constantly increasing supply of raw material, that there should be a steady decline in the value of cotton.

This decline has not only worked serious inroads on the farmers' finances, but it has also been actually disastrous to the cotton manufacturing industries generally. These manufacturers, who, in order to run their plants, have faced a constantly decreasing value both for the raw material and for their finished products.

"We are confronted, therefore, at the end of 1926 with a situation which has not been experienced in the cotton industry for many years. Probably never before have both the farmer and the manufacturer, and all those engaged in the distribution of the crop, suffered financial reverses. However, it is the penalty which must be paid when we pass from a period of scarcity of supply to a period of overproduction.

"The cotton trade of the world, however, never lives in the past. It is always looking ahead. The period of stress, I believe, is past. Disappointment and financial losses must be forgotten and our concerted efforts put forth in the year 1927.

"It has been shown by experience of the past that a period of two or three years of overproduction usually followed by a sharp cut in the acreage and a moderate crop with an advance in the values of both cotton and cotton goods. This, in spite of the fact that there may be and probably is to be a very large carry-over of raw material this year."

It is specified also how deep the test is to go. This point is determined by the geologist who has previously estimated the depth presumably necessary to reach production. The finances of the company or its willingness to spend money in testing the area also have to be considered in determining the depth to which the well will be carried.

INTERESTING FACTS ON THE GEOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY

After the geologists have located and mapped their structure and the land men have secured their leases, the next step is to locate the well.

Any well drilled to test out unproven territory for oil is called a "wildcat" while the drillers are called "wildcaters." These terms originated in the early days of the petroleum producing industry, in Pennsylvania, when a man going into the unproven Pennsylvania forests to try his luck in drilling said to be going "among the wildcats" to drill for oil.

The exact location of the well is usually an attempt to reconcile the findings of the geologists and the holdings of the men putting down the test. In other words, the attempt is made to place the well (1) where the geological chances for oil are best, and at the same time (2) where, if the well does come in, it will have the best effect on the leases held by the drillers.

An example of this can be illustrated by a company which held a square block of wildcat leases. If it were geologically acceptable to do so, the company probably would drill its test in the center of its block, as a successful well there would bring far more of the company's holdings into the high priced class than would be the case if the well were drilled in one corner of the lease.

In the past it has been the usual custom to place the well mainly with regard to holdings should the well come in, and only secondarily, if at all, with regard to the geology of the area. This practice has changed rapidly within the last few years and now the geological chances are the major consideration in most cases although the effect of a successful well on the holdings still is a very important consideration.

Having made the best compromise possible between these two advantages and official then goes to the lease and drives a stake in the exact spot where the well will be drilled.

A permit from the state to drill is necessary in most states.

With the well located, the next step ordinarily is to sign a contract with a drilling company to perform the actual work of putting down the well. Ordinarily, except in the case of major companies, the work of drilling a well will be done by an entirely separate concern, which contracts to put the hole down for a specified sum, much as a building contractor might contract to erect a building.

This drilling contract may vary widely in different cases. A "turn-key" contract, in oil parlance, is one in which the drilling contractor agrees to furnish everything necessary to put the hole down. If a turn-key job is not specified, the company or individual contracting to have the well drilled may agree to furnish any or all of a wide range of necessities, such as building a derrick, furnishing water, fuel or casing, and the like.

That ladies of early days were not very particular is shown by the fact that one of them married Cain.

There are still a few left who can remember when there was no Muscle Shoals problem before Congress.

Laws are supposed to represent the will of the people, but too often they represent the will of the wrong crowd.

MAN WANTED—A single man to work on farm and ranch. J. D. Hughes.

FOR SALE—300 bushels of bright seed oats, clear of Johnson Grass. \$2.00 per bushel. Call 5-10.

CHEVROLET ANNOUNCES NEW LINE OF AUTOMOBILES

Surpassing all its former achievements as the world's largest manufacturer of three-speed transmission cars, the Chevrolet Motor Company, today, announces an entirely new line of automobiles, heralded as the most beautiful in Chevrolet history.

Embodied in the new line, which goes on display throughout the country today, are hosts of improvements many of which were found hitherto only in large and more costly cars. The economies of tremendous volume production have made possible the marks of distinction which individualize the new line, according to a factory statement.

The new cars are mechanically finer entirely new in body lines, smarter in appearance, complete in equipment and outstanding in the display of colors. Seven models, five closed and two open cars, comprise the line. One model, a rakish, beautiful sport cabriolet has been added.

Some of the standard features on the new models are as follows—AC air cleaner, AC oil filter, balloon tires, bullet-type head-lamps and cowl lamps, newly designed radiator shell, one piece full-crown fenders, heavier running boards, larger steering wheel, new instrument panel, new tire carrier assembly and co-incident ignition and steering lock.

Beauty and refinement has been stressed in the design. Appointments have been catered to with a thoroughness that promises to please the most fastidious motorist. Succeeding the smoothest Chevrolet, the new line has been built to establish a new standard in the low price field.

PREDICTS HIGH RECORDS FOR RADIO IN COMING YEAR

Secretary of Agriculture William M. Jardine, largest user of radio broadcasting, and A. Atwater-Kent, largest manufacturer of radio receiving sets, believe that the new high records established for radio in 1926 will not merely be equaled, but will be outdistanced in 1927, says an exchange.

The momentum attained in radio production and broadcasting in the closing months of 1926 was not due primarily to seasonal conditions, in the opinions of those two experts, but was the result of a steady acceleration in radio demand that will continue through the new year.

"Radio has definitely proved its effectiveness in spreading information and education," says Secretary Jardine. "The increased use of radio by the department is proving of utmost value and its field of usefulness is constantly widening. The demand for high-grade informational programs, as shown by the thousands of letters received by us each week, grows greater every day."

"As a proven utility, with a practical and cultural value even greater than its entertainment, the field for radio has been immeasurably widened during the last year," declares Mr. Kent, whose factory is now well into the production of its second million sets. "The demand for efficient, high-grade sets was never so general nor so great as it is today."

As a broadcaster, Secretary Jardine sponsors twenty-two weekly programs, broadcast through more than 100 stations. These programs cover a greater number of hours on the air than the combined offerings of any other half dozen radio users. The "fan mail" resulting from these programs runs into many thousands of letters a week.

Mr. Kent, famous as a broadcaster himself, through his series of Sunday evening programs by grand opera and concert stars, also was a pioneer in the production of single-dial sets, now generally demanded by radio users. From a production of 6,628 sets in his first year as a radio manufacturer, ending May 1, 1923, his output has grown to 630,000 sets for the present business year, his one-millionth set having been turned out Dec. 3, 1926.

Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Chapman of the Roberts community entertained the young people with a party Friday night. All had a nice time. They are wishing that Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will give them another party soon.

Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sharp entertained a large crowd of young people at their home in the Plainview community with a party Friday night. At a late hour the young people departed thanking the host and hostess for such a wonderful time.

SOME HOG

R. S. Hornsby of the Curry Chapel Chapel Community was in the city Thursday last week telling of the many good things of his community and among the stories he told was the killing of a hog by his neighbor Tommy Parks, which was of such large proportions that it took all the neighbors and pair of husky mules to get this hog hung up for the gamble. He says that Mr. Park and family will have both meat and lard for the needs of the coming year, and the neighbors will rejoice at the success of this good farmer in growing his meat and making hard-times Skido.

The writer never could find for sure just how much this large hog weighed, but according to Mr. Hornsby it was something like the proverbial whale that swallowed Jonah. Any way it's a whopper.

THE MIGRATORY MEXICAN

Comparable to the mystery of where periodical visitors and migratory animal and bird life "come from" and "go to" is the coming and going of Mexican cotton pickers. Yesterday they were thick as blackbirds in fields, on highways and in town streets, this last particularly a Saturday demonstration; today only the few resident specimens are over West Texas. The cotton picking jobs are either over or the cold spells come too often and severe for family camping in bare fields and pastures.

They may come from Old Mexico and maybe from way down south in the Texas coast and border country. They come—they go, by thousands and thousands and they are spreading into the far north, in earlier season and mostly returning to warmer climates by rail.

Several sub-mysteries are connected with these seasonal migrations. One is the "where" of their ownership of automobiles. Whole families pack in cars or trucks and some seem to be well provided with comfortable clothing for women and children especially.

Two merits the Mexicans have that are noticeable and are appreciated by those of us who see, and seeing, judge. The Mexican are particularly loving and kind to their children. They herd the little fellows, notice them and pet them. They clothe them warmly and buy candies, toys and in ways really beautiful to behold, hover their broods. And their children are light-hearted, obedient to parental control and happy. Another good thing about the Mexican with a job is that he is a good spender. May they find sunshine wherever they are going and may they come back when we need them.

TAKE A LESSON FROM INSURANCE

There is a growing tendency to cut out waste and inefficiency in manufacturing, production and distribution, and to simplify and standardize every possible operation.

Industries which feel that they cannot standardize or simplify their operations might take a lesson from insurance.

In the 200 lines in the standard fire insurance policy, there are approximately 1920 words—remarkably few considering that upwards of \$140,000,000 worth of property is under the protection of stock fire insurance companies alone. When one considers the variety of risks which fire insurance must cover, and considers the number of legal problems involved, it would seem like an impossible job to draw a contract of so few words, which is applicable around the world.

W. E. Mallalieu, General Manager

of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, points out that people "do not buy anything when they take out insurance, but enter into a definite contract."

Every person taking out insurance should read his policy. It is doubtful if one person in a hundred goes to this trouble. The fact that there is so little controversy over insurance claims which are not of incendiary origin, speaks volumes for the carefulness and the fairness with which this contract between the insurance company and the insured is drawn.

MAKING TWO OF YOURSELF

You have heard people say, "I can't make two of myself." Wrong. Any one who uses newspaper space for advertising can make as many of himself as there are readers of the papers in which he advertises. He reaches all classes of people. He reaches people he never heard of, and who probably never heard of him or his business until they saw his advertisements.

Advertising is now in such general use that the buying public has come to depend largely upon it for guidance in buying; and they can have no more dependable guide than truthful advertising. Everyone who reads advertisements and nearly everyone does is influenced consciously or unconsciously, in his buying by them. The business men who advertise truthfully, intelligently and constantly will secure the business of the majority of the people and keep it. Because he shows faith in his goods and his business by truthfully advertising a business man can assure his success; it is inevitable as the constant dripping of water will wear away the hardest stone.

The several bloc heads in Congress have entered upon their busy season.

DEEP STUFF

Knockers aim high, always hitting at the man on top.

Modern gunmen keep sober, hence are able to shoot straighter.

No one seems intelligent enough to get up a sensible intelligent test.

Honesty is the best policy, even though it is the most expensive.

Everything comes to him who waits, including a bawling out by the traffic cop.

It's hard to love your neighbor as yourself if he happens to be learning the saxophone.

When it goes by ship we call it a cargo, when it goes by car we call it a shipment.

Noah perhaps originated the mother-in-law joke when he left Mrs. Noah's mother out of the ark.

Taxidermists and taxidrivers are much alike, except that the latter skin a higher class of animals.

NOTHING LIKE IT ON EARTH

The new treatment for torn flesh, cuts, wounds, sores or lacerations that is doing such wonderful work in flesh healing is the Borozone liquid and powder combination treatment. The liquid Borozone is a powerful antiseptic that purifies the wound of all poisons and infectious germs, while the Borozone powder is the great healer. There is nothing like it on earth for speed, safety and efficiency. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

Oates Drug Store

FARM AND RANCH LOANS


5%

INTEREST RATE—WHY PAY MORE?

Haskell Farm Loan Assn.
Federal Land Bank

MARVIN H. POST, Secy-Treas.

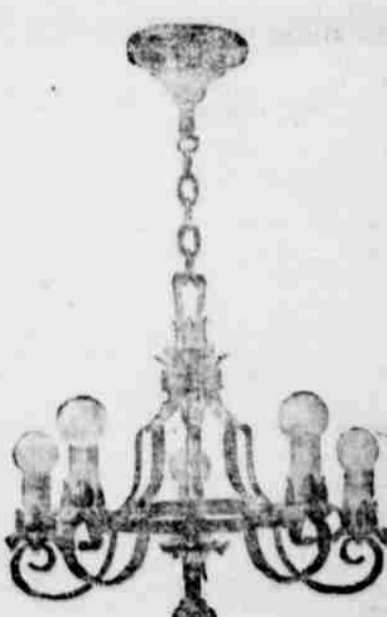
Over Payne Drug Store



SPECIAL! SPECIAL!

We are closing out the Cook and Markel line of lighting fixtures. These will go at exceptional low prices as long as they last.

	REGULAR PRICE	SALE PRICE
4 Light Fixture, Gold Poly finish	\$12.50	\$10.00
3 Light Fixture, Gold Poly finish	9.50	7.50
5 Light Fixture, Cocoa Finish	11.50	9.00
4 Light Fixture, French Grey and Gold	9.50	7.50
3 Light Fixture, Old Gold	6.15	5.00
2 Light Fixture, Cocoa Finish	5.25	4.00
1 Light Pedants, Polychrome or gold	2.75	1.75



If you are building, or planning to build, now is the time to buy.

If you have lamp cord drops or old fixtures, now is the time to re-fixtue your home.

Sales Price Includes Hanging

See our window display of lighting fixtures.

West Texas Utilities Company

Wants

ABSTRACTS

We will make you first class abstracts of land titles on the day we get your order or as soon as the abstracts can be made, will accommodate you as soon as possible.

SANDERS & WILSON

PIANO TUNING

We do High Class Tuning and the most difficult Repair Work. Better have your piano tuned and get the best results from your music lesson.

BREAD—Two loaves for 15c. Best bread made. Come to Brooks Bakery and save money.

WILL SWAP—Ford car with starter for chickens or A1 cow. Smoky Rea, Rule Texas.

CUSTOM HATCHING—Will start my marmoset incubator 17,000 capacity Monday January 2. See me for dates and space.

BABY CHICKS—We are now booking orders for chicks from farm raised flocks of the leading varieties. Place your order early if you want to get them when you want them.

FOR SALE—Fat hog, will weigh 400 pounds gross. J. E. Solomon, City 2c

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms close in. Phone 413 2c

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Cockerels, Airhart strain. Priced \$2.50 and \$3.50 each.

FOR SALE—Red Proof Fall seed cuts price 50c per bu. See Jim Williams or M. A. Clifton.

WANTED—I want your gardens to look up. Now is the time. Phone Judge Sanders residence. G. W. Jones 2tp

LOST—Wrist watch and wedding ring in small stationery box on December 29th, in north part of Haskell, Texas. Reward. Leave at Post Press. Allen Less 3tp

LOST—Ladies white gold wrist watch. Egan works. Velvet ribbon band. Lost on street of Haskell, Texas. Reward. Mrs. Will Clifton. R. A. City 4tp

I have lease the J. F. Morrison Poultry Ranch, breeder of Pure Tanpered strain of S. C. White Leghorns. I will have eggs to set by the 15th of February at \$1.50 per setting or \$7.00 per 100 eggs. Get your order in early. J. H. Carter 12tp

FOR SALE—Several good second hand oil stoves. West Texas Utilities Company. 1tc

OIL STOVES—We have several real bargains in second hand oil stoves. West Texas Utilities Company. 1tc

BARGAINS—In second hand oil stoves. West Texas Utilities Co. 1tc

LOST—On the streets of Haskell \$11 in currency, a twenty, two tens and a one dollar bill. Finder return to A. E. McIver at the court house.

LOST—Insurance wallet containing Rate Book, sample policies and several notes. Return to C. H. Menden or Free Press office 1tc

LOST—Bill fold with 3 five dollar bills and some other papers. Name E. B. Morris on inside. Reward. Leave at McNeill & Smith Hdw. Co. 1tc

Stockholders Meeting. Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell National Bank will be held in the offices of said bank in the City of Haskell, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., the 11th day of said month for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—Greeting. S. R. Hunter, Sr. administrator of the estate of Samuel Hunter, deceased, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Samuel Hunter deceased together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Haskell, you give the due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the March Term, 1927, of said County Court, commencing and to be held at the Court House of said county, in the City of Haskell, on the 7th day of March A. D. 1927, when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness, Emory Menefee, Clerk of County Court of Haskell County.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1926.

EMORY MENEFEЕ
Clerk County Court, Haskell County, Texas.

A true copy, I certify:
J. C. TURNBOW
Sheriff, Haskell County 3tp

No. 681.
Citation on Application for Letters of Guardianship

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Haskell County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas.
To all persons interested in the welfare of Ivy Lanham and Alvis Lanham, minors, W. E. Clark has filed in the County Court of Haskell County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the estates of said minors which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in January A. D. 1927, the same being the 3rd day of January A. D. 1927 at the court house thereof in Haskell, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Haskell, Texas, this 17th day of December A. D. 1926.

Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court, Haskell County, Texas.

Stockholders Meeting. Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the HASKELL NATIONAL BANK of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the City of Haskell, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., the 11th day of said month for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

A. C. Pierson, Cashier.

Citation on Application for Probate of Will

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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Haskell County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas.
To all persons interested in the Estate of P. D. Solomon, deceased, Marie Solomon has filed in the County Court of Haskell County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said P. D. Solomon, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in January A. D. 1927, the same being the 3rd day of January A. D. 1927 at the Court House thereof in Haskell, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Haskell, Texas, this 6th day of December A. D. 1926.

Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas.

NOTICE
Written application will be received by the City Council of the City of Haskell, Texas, on January 6, 1927, for the position of Water Superintendent for another year. Please state salary required and experience.

M. H. Post, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sills spent the holidays in Chillicothe.

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the WEINERT STATE BANK of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the City of Haskell, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., the second Wednesday in January A. D. 1927, the same being the 12th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

G. R. Couch, Jr., Cashier.

Notice By Guardian of Application For Mineral.

Guardianship of Tom Ashburn, et al. No. 355. Lease on Real Estate of said Ward: In the County Court of Haskell County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that I, J. B. Ashburn, guardian of the person and estate of Joe Ashburn, a minor, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Haskell County, authorizing me as guardian of the person and estate of said ward to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the court may direct, on the following described real estate situated in Eastland County, Texas, belonging to the estate of said ward:

All of Lot 38 and Part of Lot 39 of Leagues 3 and 4, McLennan County School lands known as Abstract 367, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at S. E. corner of said Lot 38, beginning, also the N. E. corner of Lot 33, said Leagues 3 and 4.

Thence West with S. B. L. of said Lot 38 to S. E. corner of J. R. Higgins land being S. E. corner of Lot 37 said Leagues 3 and 4;

Thence North 0 deg. 38 min. West at 1315 ft. a 2 in. iron pipe on S. Bank of Leon River in all 1337 ft. to center of channel of Leon River.

Thence South 67 deg. and 24 min. East 309.3 ft. with center of channel of Leon River to E. B. L. of Lot 43, and W. B. L. of Lot 28;

Thence North 18 deg. 38 min. East to S. W. corner of Lot 42, said Leagues 3 and 4;

Thence East with N. B. L. of Lot 38 and S. B. L. of Lot 42 to the North east corner of said Lot 38, Leagues 3 and 4, McLennan County School lands;

Thence South 990 feet to the S. W. corner Hazard land;

Thence East with S. B. L. of said Hazard land 1164 feet to S. E. corner of same on W. B. L. of Lot 40 said Leagues 3 and 4;

Thence South E. B. L. of said Lot 39 and W. B. L. of Lot 40, said Leagues 3 and 4, to the center of Leon River;

Thence up center of Leon River to the E. B. L. of Lot 38 said point being the N. W. corner of Lot 32 of said Leagues 3 and 4 of McLennan County School lands;

Thence South 180 vrs. with E. B. L. of said Lot 38 said Leagues 3 and 4, McLennan County School lands to the place of beginning.

Said application will be heard by the County Judge of Haskell County, Texas, at the Court House in the City of Haskell, Texas, on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1926.

J. B. Ashburn, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Joe Ashburn, a Minor.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our many friends in the O'Brien Community for the kindness and sympathy shown us through the sickness and death of our beloved one, Oda Poteet. May God bless each and everyone of you in our prayer.—Mrs. Lizzie Poteet and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pierson and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Yates and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith.

BETTER HOMES CAMPAIGN
The Better Homes Campaign, launched a few weeks ago by Secretary Hoover, is fast gaining ground and already more than fifteen hundred communities have started their programs which will culminate in the observance of Better Homes Week, April 24 to May 1, 1927.

This is the sixth nationwide campaign sponsored by Better Homes in America, the educational organization of which Mr. Hoover is president. President Coolidge heads the Advisory Committee, which is composed of heads of government departments and national organizations interested in improved housing conditions and in home and community life. Dr. James Ford, of Harvard University, is in active charge of the work of the organization, as executive director.

The purpose of the Better Homes movement is to encourage and stimulate home improvement. Headquarters activities are made possible through public and private gifts and the program is carried out in local communities by volunteer committees of citizens whose chairman are appointed by National Headquarters.

More than 3,000 communities ranging in size from the smallest village or rural section to the largest metropolis, conducted programs last year. These consisted of lectures, contests and demonstrations and were designed to reach families of limited income. In many communities houses were built and furnished and budgets prepared to show how such homes could be purchased and maintained by the average family of the community. Home improvement was brought about in many of the communities through kitchen contests, garden contests, and other forms of competition. Permanent home information centers, where home-makers of the community receive daily training have been built in many places, as for example—Minneapolis, Minn.,

Washington, D. C., Waltham, Mass., and Philadelphia, Pa.

Through this organization home-making practice houses are being built in connection with schools and colleges throughout the country. In these houses girls in home economics classes are receiving practical experience in home-making and home management.

Programs for the work are being sent from headquarters of Better Homes in America to Chambers of Commerce, Parent-Teachers Associations, Women's Clubs, and Civic organizations by whom the movement is sponsored locally.

Better Homes in America acts also as a clearing house for sources of information on all phases of home building and home life.

DADDY.
The following article by the pen of Austin Callan, will touch the heart of all who read:

Maybe he is an unpretentious kind of critter about the place, maybe no one ever consults him as to the latest styles, maybe he has been driven from the parlor to the living room and from the living room to the barn with his old pipe. But, nevertheless, daddy is just as much an essential piece of furniture around the home as a washstand, a cupboard or hat rack.

Of course, he will occasionally bring mud into the house on his boots or leave his night cap hanging on the talking machine, or even be so careless as to mistake a jardiniere for his cuspidor. Yet for each of these sins against the housekeeping he makes atonement by way of performing some needed service. Now and then the stove has to be polished and a carpet taken out and "thrashed" in the back yard and the ashes removed from the fireplace. This he does without raising the slightest objection although he sometimes raises a lot of dust and is told it would have been less trouble to have gone ahead and done the thing to begin with than to clean up his mess.

When company comes everyone on the place dreads Daddy; they are afraid that he is going to "spill the beans" by picking the reasons out of

the pudding with his fingers or pouring the coffee into his saucer when he drinks it. Ma and the girls take time about admonishing him not to be a heathen. But it is daddy who has to slip over to the neighbor's at the last minute to get another chair or go back to town for a loaf of bread and some pickles.

"Daddy gets in the way so that it is impossible to get anything done until he has gone; he insists on reading his paper and when the dishes are all stacked up and dirty and the canary bird hasn't been fed. He leaves everything down and it is altogether a nuisance. Still it is daddy who must crawl out of a warm bed on a stormy night and see if the the windows are all down; it is daddy who must go through the cold and darkness after the doctor when anyone of the family is sick. It is daddy who must get out on the icy ground and thaw out the hydrant in the wee small hours to get a drink for a fretting baby when a norther comes up suddenly and the water has not been cut off.

They can say what they please about daddy, but they need him. He may be slow to start something, yet you can count on him going his full length. Maybe he isn't always smiling or always in the sweetest of humor; maybe there are troubles pressing against his heart that no one knows but himself. Still he has a love for each member of the family that could not be measured within the bounds of the universe. And while he is slow to shed a tear and slow to make an outward manifestation of sympathy, his heart aches for each disappointment that comes to the one of his own. He feels to the depth of his bosom the faintest sigh, he is wounded by the thorn that wounds the foot of his child.

"Daddy—not as demonstrative, not as adaptable as mother, the crown gift of the Almighty to earth—daddy, a swift messenger in trouble—a Gundia Din when parched lips call, a crown prince in the hour of distress—for all that you are, accept the blessings of an humble writer.—Austin Callan.

CHICKENS WILL BRING CASH

In one sense of the word what we are going to say below might be considered some free advertising, but whether it is or not, we believe it will mean something to the community if the matter we are going to speak of is considered and acted upon. We are going to talk a little about chickens. Not any special kind, but just chickens—the kind you eat and the kind that lay eggs. We are prompted to say what follows by an advertisement in this issue of The Citizen of the Honey Grove Hatchery announcing that they will start their big incubators on December 9, and that it is time to start raising chickens for Spring.

Now here is what we are driving at. Why not every farmer raise some chickens this winter. They will bring in some nice money next Spring, when that article will likely be pretty scarce. And another thing: There is a good market here for all the chickens you want to sell and the price is usually good, and chickens are not very hard to raise, and with the big feed crop, it should not cost much to raise them. The fact that baby chicks can be bought cheap in wholesale quantities, does away with the trouble and inconvenience of hatching them.

It is not our business to advise others how to run their business, but we just offer the thought as a suggestion to assist in bringing in a few more dollars when they are needed, at a minimum of effort and expense. We believe it will pay everyone to raise as many chickens for next spring as they can possibly care for. It is safe to say that everyone can sell easily as many chickens as they can raise.

Fifteen or twenty carloads of chickens shipped from Honey Grove next spring would put considerable money in circulation here, that would never get here any other way.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Everett and Mrs. W. C. Jones of Throckmorton were in this city last week taking treatment from Georgia M. Moore, local Chiropractor.

Moves to the Plains

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Denny of the Midway community moved to the Plains last week. Mr. Quatticham moved them in a truck. The people of this community wish them great success during the next year.

School Begins After Holidays

The Midway school started Monday January 3, after two weeks of holidays, with a large number present. We have enrolled now about one-hundred and started out to finish this term and make it a real success.

Miss Virginia Clarke, teacher at Post, spent the holidays with home-folks in Albany.

Miss Sula Maye Ratliff visited friends in Decatur and Wichita Falls last week.

Mrs. Alice Nolan visited her son, Richard, in Dallas Christmas.

Bring your Watch, and Jewelry Work to me. I can give you Service. J. C. WAITS Jeweler New Theatre Bldg.

GRISSOM'S

The Store With the Goods

LADIES! HERE IS THRIFT FOR YOU

Here is truly a most remarkable, offering of Dresses and Coats. It is our final effort to reduce Stock and give you a real opportunity to save on Dresses and Coats of unquestionable merit.

DRESS VALUES THAT YOU MUST APPRECIATE

22 Silk Dresses ranging in price from \$12.75 to \$22.75. Sale \$7.95

This lot is well assorted as to size, color and style; many suitable for early spring wear.

14 Dresses, each \$11.95

These Dresses represent the limit in value. Good colors, good style and assorted good size. Regular value up to \$32.50, choice for only \$11.95

18 Dresses, each \$19.75

Here are Dresses usually selling for twice the price. All made of highest quality silk by the best manufacturers. Value to \$39.75.

LADIES' WOOL DRESSES Half Price

CHILDREN'S WOOL DRESSES Half Price

LADIES' COATS

4 Coats at \$23.75
These sold regularly at \$59.75 to \$69.75

2 Coats at \$19.75
Regular values, \$32.50 and \$44.75

3 Coats at \$12.75
Regular values, \$18.75, \$26.75 and \$29.75

2 Coats at \$9.75
Regular value, \$19.75

GRISSOM'S

HERE THEY ARE! RED HOT PRICES

We take pleasure in announcing the opening of our store under a new method of management, on Saturday morning Jan. 8th. As announced last week, we will sell for CASH only, and have made our prices accordingly. Read every item on this page, and then come to our store—you'll find our prices on everything the LOWEST that you've seen in years. Many of the prices are as low or lower than wholesale cost—but we started in to cut grocery prices and sell for cash—and can operate our store on a much smaller margin and pass the profits on to our customers.

There is no limit on the amount of any item you may buy. If our competitors need groceries at these prices we'll be glad to sell them.

We have not discontinued our delivery service, and we will be glad to deliver telephone orders, but all orders must be paid for on delivery. If not convenient to come to the store—phone your orders and we will give you the same prompt delivery service as in the past.

FLOUR	Cream of Collin None Better 48 lb. Sack.....	\$1.96	MEAL	24 POUND SACK.....	54c
	24 Pound Sack.....	99c		10 POUND SACK.....	27c
	12 Pound Sack.....	53c			
BACON	DRY SALT, PER POUND.....	17c	TOMATOES	NO 2 SIZE CAN. EACH.....	8 ¹ / ₃ c
PEACHES	WHITE LILY PIE PEACHES 1 GALLON CAN.....	59c	PLUMS	GREEN GAGE, FINE FOR PIES GALLON CAN.....	59c
APRICOTS	NO. 2 1/2 WHITE SWAN APRICOTS IN HEAVY SYRUP, PER CAN.....	26c	PORK and BEANS	NO. 2 WHITE SWAN PER CAN.....	8 ¹ / ₃ c
SPUDS	GOOD ONES, PER PECK.....	53c	RAISINS	25 POUND BOX FOR BULK RAISINS, PER POUND.....	\$2.25 9 ¹ / ₂ c
TABLE PEACHES	No. 2 1/2 White Swan, Sliced or Haves. Can.....	27c	PRUNES	10 POUND BOX 70-80 PRUNES BOX.....	\$1.10
JELLY	1/2 GALLON BUCKET FOR GALLON BUCKET ASSORTED FLAVORS.....	41c 71c	CALUMET	BAKING POWDER 10 LB. CAN.....	\$1.31
ONIONS	NICE SIZE. GOOD ONES. POUND.....	3 ¹ / ₂ c	PICKLES	SOUR KEG 2 1/2 GALLONS.....	\$1.76

IN OUR MARKET DEPARTMENT

BEEF ROUND STEAK	POUND.....	24c	Rib Roast Beef	POUND.....	12 ¹ / ₂ c
BEEF LOIN STEAK	POUND.....	22c	Chuck Roast Beef	POUND.....	15c
BEEF PLAIN STEAK	POUND.....	16c	ALSO A FULL LINE OF PORK AND VEAL. ALL KINDS OF CHEESE AND LUNCH MEATS.		

No Limit. Buy All You Want!

Collier Bros. Cash Grocery

East Side

Phone 198

Visiting Parents



MRS. E. J. HEALY

Mrs. Edward J. Healy of New York City New York spent the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Clift of this city. Mrs. Healy was formerly Miss Golda Beth Clift. After studying voice for two years in Dallas, Mrs. Healy went to New York to continue her study of voice and music. She met with great success and was given a number of parts in musical comedies and song skits, playing in the leading theatres of New York. While here Mrs. Healy met Edward J. Healy who later became her husband. Mr. Healy is a popular and well known musical artist as well as a very successful business man. Their marriage took place in New York July 3, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Healy spent their honeymoon at Narragansett, Pier, Rhode Island. They returned to New York in September where Mr. Healy began his musical engagements. Mrs. Healy leaves the latter part of the week for Dallas. After a short visit she will join her husband in New York for the remainder of the winter.

Miss LaVerne Cummins Compliments Dr. Regan With Bridge Party

On last Thursday evening Miss LaVerne Cummins complimented Dr. Eugene Regan of Vanderbilt University with a bridge party in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Cummins. This beautiful new home needed no interior decorations but the Christmas emblems enhanced its beauty and lent a festive air to the occasion. The ladies were, Misses Annie Kate and Frances Ferguson, Agnes Cox, Lois Norton, May Bell Taylor, Mary Ella Pacy, Bernice Mask, Madeline Hunt, Lucy Cummins and the hostess, LaVerne Cummins, the honoree. Dr. Regan, and Messrs. John V. Davis, Emory Neneffe, Walter Murchison, John Rice, Reynolds Wilson, John L. McCallum, Kenneth Oates, Frank K. Brown, Bob Winstead, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Post, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Meadors. High scores for the ladies was captured by Miss Madeline Hunt and she was awarded a corsage. Miss LaVerne Cummins, linen handkerchief, high score was John W. Pace Jr., bridge club, low ball, Winstead, a linen handkerchief. A salad plate was served the guests by the hostess and Miss Lucy Cummins and Mrs. Virgil Meadors. Miniature pointsettias were the plate favors.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Meadors Have Informal Dance

Mobilizing a few close friends from Stamford, Rule and Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Meadors gave a most delectable informal dance in their home last Monday evening when the living suite was so rife with Christmas bells, holly, candles and every emblem that the market offers, that it was easy to get into the mental attitude of a jolly evening and when the guests were ushered straight to a Christmas tree where they were given horns to blow, the merriment began in earnest. Throughout the impromptu games and dancing punch was served and before leaving the guests were served a plate lunch. These were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dial of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Server Leon of Rule and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kelly, Misses LaVerne and Lucy Cummins and Mr. Bob Winstead and Dr. Eugene Regan of Vanderbilt University.

Livingood-Medford

A wedding of interest to both the Howard and Post Communities was that of Miss Thelma Livingood, when she became the bride of Mr. Carl Medford, Thursday evening, December 30th, at the residence of Rev. Mason in the Howard Community. Miss Livingood is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Livingood of the Post Community, and is at present assistant teacher in the Howard School. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Medford of the Howard Community. Both the bride and groom are well and favorably known in the Post and Howard Communities, and have a host of friends who wish for the many years of happy married life. Mrs. Medford will remain as teacher in the Howard School.

Entertains Young People With Party

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Tolliver of the Ballou Community, entertained a number of the young people with a party Christmas Eve night. They departed at a late hour expressing many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Tolliver for the nice time they had. And wishing they would entertain them again soon.

LOCAL NOTES

Miss Ethel Bland has returned to Abilene where she is attending a business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shook have moved to Abilene where they will make their future home.

Mrs. J. W. Tenyson is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Todd of Rochester.

Miss Ida Thompson returned to her home in Bartlett after a visit to her sister Mrs. M. E. Park.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Daly of Abilene have returned to their home after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pinkerton.

Miss Minadell Davis has returned to school in Wichita Falls after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen and children of Crowell, were last week's guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Alexander.

Mrs. Roy Miller of the Midway community is suffering with the "Flu" this week but on last report she was doing nicely.

R. M. Whiteker, exhibit manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce spent the holidays with his family in Haskell.

F. C. Quade, one of Haskell County's most prosperous farmers, who lives on Rule Route 3, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Whiteker attended the staff luncheon in the Rotary room of the Stamford Inn, Stamford last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bickley and family of Abilene, were last week's guests of Mrs. Bickley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Alexander.

Miss Georgia M. Moore, chiropractor, of this city, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore at Port Lavaca, Texas.

Marvin Medford and W. W. Thane of the Howard Community, two of Haskell county's best farmers, were in Haskell on business Friday.

R. C. Ketrin, one of Haskell county's prosperous farmers, who lives on Route 3, called at this office and renewed for his paper Tuesday while in town.

D. J. Barton, formerly a resident of this city, who is now making his home at Spring Lake, is spending several days here with his children and friends.

M. B. Howard, a resident of the Howard community for the past several years, who recently moved to Stamford, was in the city Friday shaking hands with old friends.

H. F. Harwell of the Center Point community, who has been ill with the flu for the last month is improving very slowly. His many friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

Miss Perry Lee Smith was a special guest of Mr. Jaty Brady at Stamford for the New Years Dance, one of the social events of the season, given at the Stamford Country Club.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole of Sweet Home is seriously ill at this time with pneumonia. She was no better on latest reports but they have hopes that she will soon be on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cunningham of San Antonio, came last week to visit her mother Mrs. C. D. Long. Mr. Cunningham has returned but Mrs. Cunningham will make a longer visit.

T. J. E. Ler, prosperous farmer living on Route 2, was in the city on business Friday. While in town he couldn't resist the impulse to renew his subscription, for which he has our thanks.

Mesdames T. A. Pinkerton, Wayne Koonce and baby Eloise, and Mrs. Joe Daly of Abilene motored to Stamford last Friday and spent the day with Mrs. Matthew Alexander and Mrs. Dolly Payne.

J. C. Halliburton of Foster, was in the city Saturday with a pen of his thoroughbred Rhode Island Reds. He is offering a few of his cockrels for sale, but plans to keep about 150 head on his yard the coming year. Mr. Halliburton says that his chickens were one of his best crops during 1926.

Henry Alexander of Stamford, visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Alexander last week and on Friday Mrs. Ethel Irby, Mrs. F. G. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bickley and son Alexander of Abilene, went home with Henry to Stamford, and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Alexander.

A Mayfield a prosperous farmer of the Cottonwood community and who is also an ex-Haskell resident was in the city Friday on business and while here renewed for the Free Press and the Wichita Times, for a year, taking advantage of the bargain rate on the Times.

R. L. Vick, ex-mail carrier and progressive farmer and fruit and truck grower of Rule was in the city on business Friday. Mr. Vick is no part of a pessimist or a calamity howler. He is looking on the bright side of life and expects a prosperous year for the farmers for 1927.

G. W. Bosse living south of town on route 1 out of Stamford was in the city on business Tuesday and while here made this office a pleasant call. Mr. Bosse states that there is still quite a bit of cotton to be gathered in his section, and that the past few days of pretty weather has been welcomed by the farmers.

Officers of Fidelias Class Entertained

The officers of the Fidelias Sunday School Class taught by Mr. R. C. Couch of the Baptist Church and a few friends were entertained with 84 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Couch last Tuesday evening. Of course the season's motifs furnished the color scheme for decorations and menu. Those present were: Misses Opal Rash, Grace Martin, Nettie McCollum, Florence and Mildred Shook, Minadell and Hassie Davis, Clara Clift, John Rike, Mr. John Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Grissom, Mr. and Mrs. Tom French, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Connor, Mr. Wiley Reid, Mrs. Moser Mrs. Richard Sherrill, Mrs. Balls of Houston, Mrs. Scott Green Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clayborn Payne and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Couch.

Entertained With Dance

Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Kelly at 137, entertained a large crowd of friends with a dance. Dancing from the old time square up to the newest steps prevailed. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are ideal hostesses and of course the crowd enjoyed themselves immensely.

Ball Game

There was a basket ball game at McConnell Friday afternoon which was witnessed by a large crowd, between the Post and McConnell boys and girls. The scores were 21 and 12 in favor of McConnell boys and 44 to 14 in favor of Post girls.

Miss Marguerite McCollum Has Farewell Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. N. I. McCollum tendered their daughter, Miss Marguerite, a farewell dinner party in their home last Saturday evening, prior to her leaving the following day for Belton where she is a student in Baylor Belton. The table appointments were ideal and beautiful and the three course dinner served by Misses Eunice Hunkabee and Nettie McCollum was delicious. After the dinner, games, victrola and piano music were enjoyed. Those present were: Misses Helen and Thelma Lee Norman of Rotan, Kathleen Mabry of Munday, Louise Kaigler and the honoree Miss Marguerite McCollum, Messrs Bob Winstead, John V. Davis, Milton Simmons, and John L. McCollum.

Mason Flanary

Henton Mason and Miss Bonnie Flanary, both of the Curry Chapel Community, were quietly married, Saturday, December 18th. They have a host of friends who wish for them a long and happy united life.

Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jacobs of east of town entertained a number of the young people Thursday night. A nice time was had by everyone. They departed at a late hour, wishing they would entertain them again soon.

Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of The Rule National Farm Loan Association of Rule Texas, will be held in the office of said Assn. in the City of Rule Texas at 7:30 p. m. the second Tuesday in January 1927 the same being the 11th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said Assn. and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting. The Federal Land Bank of Houston will broadcast a radio address from 12:30 to 1 o'clock on the 11th same date as Stockholders meeting.

W. H. McCandless Secty-Treas. Rule N. F. L. A.

Birthday Party

Miss Velma Clanton entertained with a party, Saturday night, honoring the birthday of Miss Grace Cearley. Many games and contests were enjoyed and music was rendered by Ruby Faye Glenn, Velma Clanton, Mae and Faye Free. Refreshments were served to Grace Cearley, Miss Free, Velma Frierison, Eula Lee Quattlebaum, Ruby Faye Glenn, Alice Frierison, Faye Free, Dick Frierison, Edna Waggoner, Ollie Free, Ethel Lou Clanton, Pete Frierison, Eudora Bradley and Velma Clanton.

Plainview Lady Ill

Mrs. C. H. Miller of the Plainview community has been seriously ill with what is believed to be Typhoid fever. On last report she was not improving. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Baby Ill

We are sorry to report that little Jewel Ruth Overman the little two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Overman of the Cottonwood community, has been suffering from the "flu" the past week.

Why He Succeeded

Honored politically and professionally, during his lifetime, Dr. R. V. Pierce, whose picture appears here, made a success few have equaled. His pure herbal remedies which have stood the test for many years are still among the "best sellers." Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a stomach alternative which makes the blood richer. It clears the skin, beautifies it, pimples and eruptions vanish quickly. This Discovery of Dr. Pierce's puts you in fine condition. All dealers have it in liquid or tablets. Send 10 cents for trial pkg. of tablets to Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and write for free advice.

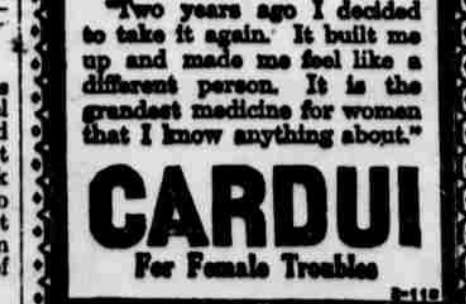


Few Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, pharyngitis and druggetts are now recommending Calobids, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and acts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either. One or two Calobids at bedtime with a swallow of water—that's all the safe and natural way—the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning you will have vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please, no dieting. Get a family package containing full directions, only 25 cents. All drug stores.

Run-Down gave out easily

"My health wasn't any account at all," says Mrs. H. L. Clayton, of Washington, N. C. "I would start to do my housework and I would give out before I had done anything at all. I did not have any strength, and if I did the least thing it seemed to tax me so I could not finish. I was run-down sure enough. Several of my friends had taken Cardui and they said to me, 'Why don't you try it?' I knew I needed something to build up my general health and to increase my strength. Finally one day when I was recovering from a spell of sickness, I decided to try Cardui. I got a bottle and began to take it. I could notice that I was improving as my appetite got better and I did not give out nearly so quick. I took several bottles and I felt lots better. Two years ago I decided to take it again. It built me up and made me feel like a different person. It is the greatest medicine for women that I know anything about."



Oates Drug Store



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To Our Patrons Beginning next Sunday, January 9th, this Garage will be closed on Sundays from 10 o'clock a. m. until 4 p. m. Our patrons are asked to co-operate with us by observing this rule in the future. J. F. Kennedy RED FRONT GARAGE