

The O'Donnell Index

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Schools Opened Monday Morning

Monday mornin, September 5, a large crowd of parents and children assembled at the high school for the opening of our school.

Everyone seemed happy and eager to work, after having had a vacation. Rev. W. B. Hicks gave the opening address. Members of the school board made talks, also J. A. Rickard and Mr. Edwards. Speeches should have encouraged the pupils and parents to work toward making our school better.

Everett and Mrs. Vermillion in behalf of the Parent-Teachers Association, asking for the cooperation of mothers, fathers and brothers.

The remainder of the morning was spent with the registering of the pupils, and issuing books. There were approximately four hundred pupils enrolled. One hundred and twenty were being in high school.

Monday was spent in assigning desks and getting started to work. High school classes organized and elected officers. We hope this year we will have good classes. Lots of pep. Four hundred dollars will be used for the purpose of buying sewing machines and other equipment needed in the Home Economics Department. The school is to have an orchestra this year. We will work to make it one that will be proud of.

The library will be catalogued and new books added later on.

Football Practice Opened Monday

Football practice opened Monday about twenty-five boys present. Coach D. A. Edwards has of building up a good team. Majority of the men have never played football before. All of the experienced men left school year. Several players do not have full equipment yet. The first of the season will be played in two weeks. We hope to obtain cooperation of the school patrons throughout the season.

Moody Will Speak at Tech Sunday, Sept. 18

Moody, Texas, Sept. 7.—An address by Go. Dan Moody to the freshmen of the Texas Technological College is one of the features of the third annual session. Paul W. Horn has issued an invitation to the patrons of the college and the public general to hear the Governor's address which will be Sunday afternoon, September 18, at 3:30 o'clock in the gymnasium.

Doaks Returned From Seven Weeks Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Doak returned Sunday from a seven weeks vacation which carried them over ten states going as far north as Washington. The entire trip which covered seven thousand miles was made without any serious trouble. Mr. and Mrs. Doak of Loop accompanied them and only three punctures including both of the cars was the extent of the trouble. Among the places of interest visited was Yellowstone National Park. Mr. Doak was agreeably surprised at the wonderful improvement in the condition of the O'Donnell country during his seven weeks absence.

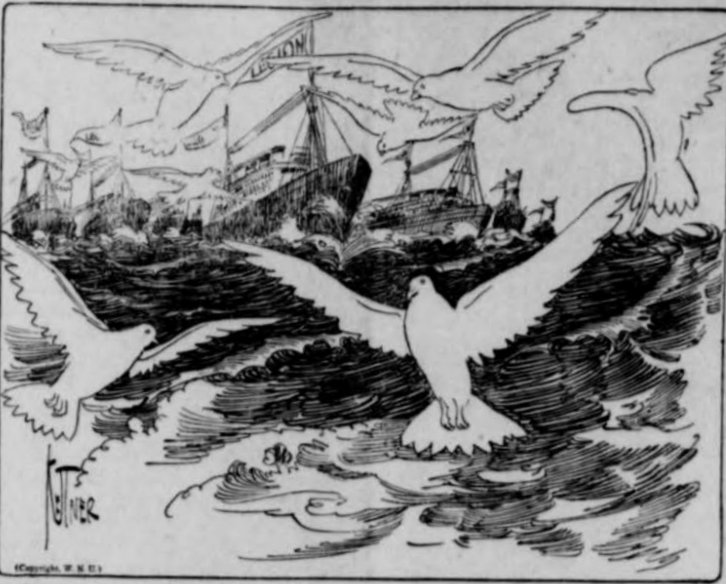
Dallas Highway Assn. Meets in Breckenridge

Breckenridge, Sept. 8.—All members of the official family of the Dallas Highway Association have been here for an executive session in Breckenridge, Sept. 8, 23rd. The Breckenridge session was officially designated as "Dallas Highway Day" at the Dallas Highway Assn. meeting at Breckenridge, Sept. 8, 23rd. The call having been issued by Judge Dick Kilgore, president of the association.

South Side Baptist Revival Going Strong

The Baptist revival which has been in progress at the South Side Baptist church since last Saturday night is going strong and will continue until Sunday night of the week. Rev. L. J. Crawford is doing the preaching. As a result of the splendid gospel messages being delivered, crowds are increasing with each service. The services are cordially invited to attend the services.

A Convoy of Doves



Work To Be Resumed On Highway No. 9

If present plans are carried out the finishing touches will be given Highway No. 9 within the next few days. The highway commissioners have a crew of men on the highway between Lubbock and Tahoka this week and are working South. It is expected they will be in the O'Donnell territory within the next ten days.

Physicians Met in Tahoka Saturday

The Physicians Scientific and Business League of Lynn County met in regular session at the county court room in Tahoka Saturday night. Three doctors from O'Donnell, four from Tahoka, and one from Wilson were present. The meeting proved very interesting and many topics of interest were discussed. After the meeting adjourned the entertainment committee took the doctors all to the Club Cafe where a three course banquet was served by the Tahoka doctors, after which they received the compliments of the Thomas Brothers Drug Co. in the form of a box of Havana cigars. After spending a social hour around the banquet table they adjourned to meet again at the county court room on the first Monday night in October.

Returns From Vacation

W. Turland, Mrs. Knight, Miss Millwee and James Millwee returned home Friday from a two weeks vacation which was spent in the mountains having crossed over the Raton Pass out to the Royal Gorge, Pikes Peak and on out to Denver. They returned home by way of Garden City, Kansas, where they visited a sister of Mrs. Knight's. They report having seen some wonderful things of nature and construction of man, but Mrs. Knight says she doesn't care to ride over another scenic highway.

Parent-Teachers Assn. Meets, September 14th

Every patron of the O'Donnell Schools is urged to be at the auditorium of the High School building Wednesday September 14, at 4 P. M. Many important items to be acted upon.

Jefferies of Abernathy Buys New Moore Gun

L. P. Jefferies of Abernathy purchased the New Moore gun last week and has already begun extensive repairs on the plant which he hopes to have in first class shape within a short time.

Off to Market

Ben S. Coia proprietor of the Popular Drug Goods store leaves Sunday for the St. Louis and New York markets where he will purchase his fall and winter stock of merchandise. He will probably be away two weeks during which time the store will be under the efficient management of Mrs. Ben S. Coia.

What Others Say About Water Bonds

Mysterious Writer Opposes Water Bonds

The Index has been discussing the need of a water system for O'Donnell for the past several weeks and recently extended an invitation to the public to express their views on the situation both pro and con. This week we received a mysterious letter in opposition to what we have been advocating. The writer did not sign his or her name but stated, "I really want to see if you will give space to the opposition." For some reason or other the author of the article did not even want the Index to know the address in the upper left hand corner of the envelope was clipped which leaves the Index in complete darkness as to the author of the seemingly weak opposition set forth in the article. It is the rule of all newspapers that every article contributed must be signed in order to get in print. The name is very often withheld from publication where the writer requests it. In the future the Index will adhere strictly to the rule and will refuse to publish any article whether it be for or against the subject under discussion, unless it be signed by the writer. We must know the author of such articles whether or not the name be used in publication. However, we are going to break the rule and publish the unsigned article in order to prove to you the Index will do just what it says it will do. The Index publishes its views and opinions on all questions without fear of public opinion and we are at a loss to know just why a writer wants to shoot from ambush on any question. If a representative citizen feels like he is on the right side of the fence, then why doesn't he express his opinion publicly over his signature. We admire anyone who stands four square for what they believe is right regardless of whether or not we agree with them. The article follows.

Does O'Donnell Need a Water System?

The question as to whether O'Donnell needs waterworks is hardly debatable. It is too evident to warrant much argument, but there are other phases to the problem that make it a real debatable question.

A municipality like individuals need many things that financial conditions will not permit. Personally, I need a nice brick home all paid for, a permanent and steady income, a fine automobile, and a uniformed colored chauffeur. But such things are beyond my reach, because I owe on my home, and my farms. Tax paying is already an "order" to me. It would not be so bad to pile a little more on me if I were only one of a few, but such is not the case as a large majority of the homes of our town are unpaid for. The state and county, must have theirs, and there is our school—God bless it, it must not go short of funds. Total up your present installments, taxes, interest, etc., and you will be surprised how the load piles up. Then draw on your imagination a waterworks bond of about two thirds the size of our present school bonds and place it on the pile, and then turn your memory back to last winter, that happy and glorious time when you were searching the remote corners of your pockets trying to muster the necessary credentials for obtaining a paid up, state, county, school, road, city, and street tax receipts, and I believe you will admit you were glad there were no more. This is "open season" on taxpayers, they have temporarily forgotten last taxpaying season. But, so say some of our bond voting friends you will save the cost of waterworks in a lower insurance rate. I am willing to admit we will have lower insurance rates. However, this something for nothing proposition makes me suspicious. And they do not tell you you will pay the tax just the same, and in addition about three dollars per month for about as much water as you could squeeze out of a greasewood bush on the Mohave desert.

Again, our eternal bond voting friends tell us this shallow water we have in our wells is seriously contaminated by the numerous cess pools and dry closets scattered over the town. Not being an authority I will not argue about that, however, I am curious to know where the water our bond money buys is to come from. Is there any good water in the whole vicinity been found in the deeper wells? My observation and experience of nearly a quarter of a century in these parts tell me there is not. Possibly we can get pure uncontaminated water from some reliable mail order concern. The argument of surface contamination is without any real foundation. Long dry, or wet periods never affect the wells. During the drought of 1917-18 the wells never showed any signs of weakening. Neither did the abnormal wet fall of last year put any of them to flowing. That it seems to me is good proof that our water supply is not affected by surface conditions. It would be interesting news for the proponents of water bonds to point out the wells of good water that have been found

Why Do Business Men Carry Insurance Against Property Loss?

(An editorial special to the O'Donnell Index.)

1st. A real business man carries insurance as a business asset. In justice to his business he cannot afford a total loss. So he pays a premium on an insurance policy to guarantee against a total loss or to minimize his loss in case of fire or other accident.

2nd. In the second place real business men can better afford to pay interest on a Bond Issue sufficient to install a water system that would protect our little city against a total or even a heavy property loss in the business part of the town on account of a fire. From a business standpoint a water system in the course of time that a bond issue will run will more than pay for itself in the saving of excess insurance rates. This matter has been carefully calculated by those so-called "Pinhead" advocates of a water system. Now I hardly know how to approach a man that has not thought sufficient to know that if the principal business part of our town was to burn which it came near doing not long ago, and would if the wind had not been in our favor; and if we had not sufficient protection in insurance to rebuild; our homes here would be practically valueless; for we would have to move.

Then from the standpoint of sanitation and health. All sane thinking people know that sanitation is impossible without an adequate sewer system, which can only be operated in connection with a water system. Under present conditions I would favor the erection of a plant of sufficient capacity to furnish the entire city and the laying of water mains in the business section for fire protection first, then I would lay a sewer system in the business district, and then extend the water and sewer on the other streets as the people called for it. I believe that this system of water and sewerage will save a sum of money to taxpayers equal to its cost. It is a business man's duty to see that the business part of the town is protected from the standpoint of fire, health and excess insurance.

—either of which we cannot afford to ignore.

Now, Mr. Editor, if this does not find the waste basket and if we have said enough to awaken the opposition, I would be glad to come again and would be glad to answer any question of interest on the subject.

A Friend of Progress.

Dr. S. Roaten and Family Locates

Dr. S. Roaten and family of Weslaco, arrived this week and will make their future home here. Dr. Roaten is recommended as a first class physician and surgeon will do general practice and have already established office headquarters with Dr. Collins in the Warren building. Weslaco is located in what is known as "The Magic Valley of Texas" but Dr. Roaten believed he needed a change of climate for his health and finally decided this section of the South Plains was just what he was looking for and we hope the doctor and his family will have cause to regret leaving Weslaco.

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Act of March 3, 1897.

The Lynn County News issued a special edition last week celebrating the opening of the new high school building which has just been completed. The paper was a sixteen page edition full of interesting information about the Tahoka schools and was well supported with advertising. Congratulations Mr. Hill upon the splendid appearance and creditable way in which the special edition was handled.

The barn and contents in the northeast part of town, the property of E. J. Treadway, was destroyed by fire last Friday morning about five o'clock. The origin of the fire is still a mystery. The fire boys rushed to the scene but arrived too late to save the barn or any of the contents. Several tons of maize and hay together with harness and other farm equipment were consumed by the blaze. The loss is estimated at around fifteen hundred dollars with \$800.00 insurance.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met in a business meeting Monday, Sept. 3 at 3 P. M. with seven members. Mrs. H. E. Gillespie was appointed to act as Recording Secretary at the Zone meeting in Tahoka, September 29. Mrs. Ben Moore to give the response to the welcome address and Mrs. Harvey Everett to report on the Junior work. As so few were present the box which is to be sent to the Girl School at Laredo will not be sent until next Monday when we hope every member will be present. Mrs. John Randall will superintend the next meeting which will be a Missionary Study.

REVIVAL AT CHURCH OF CHRIST WELL ATTENDED

The revival meeting which began at the Church of Christ last Saturday night is being well attended and much interest is being manifested. Bro. J. E. Allen's messages are an inspiration to all who hear him. Those who do not hear him are missing a religious treat. An invitation is extended the general public to attend all of the services.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bowlin and family returned Sunday from a ten days outing spent in the mountains of New Mexico.

WILL TRADE Abilene property for Plains land. Have a good list. Anyone interested write M. A. Scott Trent, Texas. Will be in O'Donnell each week. 44-3tp

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Haney and son of Waynoka, Okla., are spending the week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Haney. They are enroute home after spending several weeks vacationing in cool Colorado.

HEREFORD—Operation of Hereford's new \$2,800 pumping unit has begun, following installation of new equipment. The pump has a capacity of nearly 1,200 gallons per minute.

PIGS FOR SALE—F. A. Warren, three miles east of O'Donnell, has six full blood Poland China pigs for sale at \$6.00 each. 4tp

Miss Tommie Sorrels returned to her home in this city last week after a several weeks vacation spent at Camp Swannanoe N. C. and at Washington, D. C.

Will have shipment of fresh Fish and Oysters Friday. Recall Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. May and son Lynn returned to their home in Santa Anna Wednesday after a short visit with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Gibson and son Homer May and families.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boles of Carbon, Texas, are spending the week with their son R. S. Boles and family. Mr. Boles stated crop prospects in this section were far better than down in Eastland county. He stated worms and boll weevils had wrought considerable damage to the cotton in that section.

Will buy good dry new maize. J. P. Bowlin, O'Donnell, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Humphreys and daughter Daisy Mae, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gibson Sunday.

Miss Pauline Wilham of Lubbock was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McCarroll over Sunday.

Messrs T. J. Yandell and John Hardberger made a business trip to Merkel first of the week.

C. E. Ross manager of Jones Dry Goods spent first of the week in Colorado City on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Nichols spent Sunday and Monday in Amarillo the guests of their daughters. Mr. Nichols stated conditions are improving on the North Plains especially in the wheat growing section where they have already started the drills, some wheat already being up to a good stand with plenty of moisture to give it a good start.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Painter and family and Miss Opal Bean returned Saturday from a visit with relatives and friends at Memphis and Wheeler Texas. Mr. Painter extended his visit to Crawford, Oklahoma where he visited his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. French and daughter Sidney, returned last of the week from a visit to South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley.

Counties in which rice is the lead in crop area; Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Orange, Waller and Wharton

There were 69,738 marriages performed in Texas in 1925 as against 71,992 in 1924, showing a decrease of 2,254. Figures for 1926 will not be compiled until about December 1, 1927.

The state of Texas has a very small bonded indebtedness and all of it is owned and held by the permanent funds of the public schools and state institutions. At the close of the last fiscal year the total of this debt was \$4,002,200.

CHILD KING PREFERS "MICKY" TO MAJESTY

He'll Make a Good Fireman, Marie Decides.

Sinaia, Rumania.—King Michael I, Rumania's five-year-old sovereign, dashed down the concrete walk of the royal summer palace here a couple of days ago in his red-painted, miniature American automobile, almost bowling over Dowager Queen Marie as he went. Ahead of him raced his favorite dog, Mumbo. They imagined themselves going to a fire. "Madcap Micky," as Queen Marie calls her romping, irrepressible grandson, was shrieking, blowing a whistle and ordering even royalty out of his path. Queen Marie, who was taking a stroll in the palace grounds with the little king's mother, Princess Helen, and former King George of Greece, said jocularly: "Well, if he doesn't make a good king he surely will make a first-class fireman."

Prefers "Micky" to Majesty. When the correspondent of the Associated Press asked Queen Marie to describe the boy king, she said: "He hasn't the remotest idea what the events of the last fortnight mean. He can't understand why people make such a fuss over him. He wants to be called 'Micky' and not 'your majesty.'"

"Like all other children, he is intensely fond of fairy tales, and stories of adventure and daring. He exults with joy and triumph when the villain in a legend has his head cut off or when some wicked character is shut up in a dungeon or eaten alive by wolves. He also loves flowers, a trait which I suppose he gets from me. Knowing my love for flowers, he goes to the palace grounds, picks little nosegays and puts them at my bedside in the evening. He also takes delight in swimming, riding his pony and picnicking."

The queen said that the little king always speaks English to his mother and Queen Marie, but Rumanian to others.

Has Few Playmates. "Micky has been kept very much at home by his mother," said Queen Marie, "and therefore hasn't many playmates. Helen puts him to bed at 6:30 or 7 p. m. in the evening. He is up again by 6:30 or 7:00 a. m. in the morning. Half an hour later he is out on the lawn, playing with his scooter or other toys."

"His chief characteristics are his unusual intelligence, argumentative nature, obstinacy and mischievousness. His mother is very religious, but Micky dislikes going to church because the services are so long."

The queen said that Michael had not fully realized that his grandfather, Ferdinand, was dead, and the little fellow constantly looked for the toys which the late king was in the habit of giving him daily.

When Trees Grow Many believe that trees grow from early spring when the leaves begin to come out until the frost when they start to show their autumn color. But his widespread belief is not correct says the American Tree association. For instance, in the latitude of southern Pennsylvania the native forest trees make 90 per cent of their height growth in 40 days of spring and early summer.

Brother of Tecumseh Neglected by History

Elkswatawa, younger brother of Tecumseh, was largely responsible for the part that great Indian warrior and statesman played in organizing a federation of the red men to oppose the encroachments of the whites. In 1805 Elkswatawa proclaimed himself a religious leader and began to arouse the tribes of Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, to the great disturbance of the settlers. His doctrines were not primarily revolutionary, but temperance and total abstinence were tenets, together with reverence for old age and sympathy for the infirm. He also urged his people to resist intermarriage and to preserve their own customs and costumes. This being in line with what all Indians had held as ideal previous to Caucasian invasion, his preaching caused much excitement among the tribes and fear among the whites. It was the response of the Indians to his brother's pleading that started Tecumseh on his mission in the cause of federation which took him to the Cherokees and the other more civilized tribes of the South, in the course of which he covered many thousand miles.

Colonial Home Built to Defy Father Time

Shortly before the French revolution many noblemen left France and came to Louisiana, where they established fine homes, becoming substantial, loyal citizens of the South.

Among these was Marquis Ternant, who arrived about 1788 on his estate in Pointe Coupee, one of the earliest settlements on the Mississippi river. Here he built a stately French colonial mansion and presented it to his bride on their wedding day.

It was constructed throughout of red cypress, cut from the swamps on the place. The rafters and heavy timbers were hewn to shape and put together with wooden pegs. The interior was finished with hand-carved moldings and antique panel work which still preserve the characteristic grandeur of the Eighteenth century.

The excellent condition of this historic manor house today is a tribute to the building wisdom of its founder in selecting native cypress for all parts.

Black Phosphorus

Black phosphorus, hitherto supposed to be pure phosphorus turned black as a result of sudden cooling, is produced by the contact of phosphorus with mercury on which it can react at the moment when it passes from the liquid to the solid state. Molten phosphorus dissolves mercury, giving a colorless solution. When cooled the saturated solution remains colorless in all low temperatures, but if the phosphorus solidifies the solidification is very weak and the mercury leaves the solidified phosphorus and colors it black.

If black phosphorus is melted, the mercury is easily redissolved in the surrounding phosphorus and the whole body becomes colorless. This is the correct explanation of the phenomenon.

The Happiest People

I have learned that the happiest people in the world are those who are happily mated and have large families. Although they do not say, as a rule, that they are happy, I often see the envy in other people's eyes. They work hard, apparently not knowing how disagreeable are the tasks thrust on them, and without caring how much their labors make them tired. When the evening comes, they carry home the profits of their toil and lay them on the laps of the women who love them. Perhaps, somewhere in the next room, a baby is crying. I might find it disturbing. They think it the most beautiful music in the world.—Hannen Swaffer, British dramatic critic, in London Express.

Undoubtedly Offended

There's one woman in Kansas City who knows human nature. She was riding on a street car with a friend. They were discussing their mutual acquaintances, and in such a tone of voice that the passengers on the car were beginning to feel that they, too, knew them.

Said the one with the red hat and the green coat: "I'd like to know what Martha's sore about."

"How d'you know she's sore?" asked the one who wore the plaid stockings.

"Well, if she ain't sore, why'd she come over last night and bring back every last thing she'd borrowed in the last six months?"—Kansas City Star.

Taste and Invention

For generations past architecture has been so overlaid with extraneous matter that many authorities actually preach that in this branch of art it is in bad taste to invent. Correct architecture, they say, consists merely in reassembling borrowed forms. All of which is patently absurd. If the Greeks had thought so here never would have been any Greek art. On the contrary, architecture, now as ever, consists in solving problems of utility as economically and appropriately as may be.—New York Sun.

Trouble Ahead

Asked whether she would "love, honor and obey," a rebellious Scranton bride replied, "I will not." A new version of the nuptial not.—Farm and Fliegside.

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What's Doing In West Texas By W. T. C. C.

JUNCTION—The "Chuck wagon" idea will feature the second annual motorcade planned by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. It has been announced that the 1928 event which will start at the world-famed Carlsbad Caverns, will be carried out on the plan of a big camping party, and will visit Southwest Texas resort points as far as this place, and including probably Menard, Fredericksburg, and Kerrville. Tentative plans for the motor caravan are to be worked out early in the year.

SNYDER—More than 3,000 acres of peanuts will be harvested in Scurry County this year, and a good harvest is indicated. This diversified product comes as a result of a campaign put on by the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce, which is a comparatively new but extremely active organization in civic life of the section.

WELLINGTON—The North Plains Panhandle area of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce is to be organized into a new division, according to plans made at the Wellington Convention held recently. The record meeting took other momentous action, signifying among other things that they wanted a full dollars worth for every dollar now being spent in highway construction and asking that fair treatment be given throughout in development and exploitation of the oil and gas industries of the West.

ELECTRA—Calcium arsenate to the amount of 1700 pounds has been distributed among farmers of Electra's trade territory during the past week in a campaign to control the cotton leaf worm. The infestation has been spotted and no serious damage has resulted, but preventative efforts are being made to insure a large return from this year's crop. The poison is being distributed at cost by the local Chamber of Commerce.

COLEMAN—Every commissioner's precinct in Coleman County is now in possession of road building machinery which will be used to maintain highways as result of a deal recently made by the commissioner's court. County roads are expected to be kept in first class condition at small expense with the addition of this equipment.

PALO PINTO—Palo Pinto county has made an appropriation of \$3,600 to which the Federal Government and the State have added \$1,800 and three trappers will work after wolves in this section for twelve months. Movement is under way in many other counties also to rid the State of predatory animals.

CLEBURNE—A Poultry and Marketing Association is being boosted in the Cleburne trade territory and is receiving favorable comment among farmers and business men here. In connection with the work, a number of boosting trips have been made by the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, in which speeches and music programs are offered at various points in the county.

BRADY—Though Curo has abandoned plans for its annual "Turkey Trot" celebration, Brady is going ahead with elaborate preparation for the annual turkey show there, and has been assured that the event will be filmed by national picture concerns.

RANGER—State and out-of-state visitors will be well entertained here October 21 and 22 when Ranger is host at a Homecoming Oil Jubilee, celebrating the tenth anniversary of the discovery of oil in Eastland county. Many diversion and entertainment features are planned, in addition to informational and educational numbers.

WICHITA FALLS—President J. A. Kemp of the Texas Conservation Association and President R. W. Haynie of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce have given their approval to the names submitted for the committee of 25 Texas people who are to study Texas water rights as provided in the Abilene mass meeting. As soon as the appointees are heard from, announcement of the committee personnel will be made.

STAMFORD—Personnel of the new Poultry and Dairy Bureau of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has been given out: Col. R. L. Penick, pioneer poultry advocate of the West, and Father of Stamford, is chairman of the committee. Other members are: Col. R. Q. Lee of Cisco Gaylord Stone, Fort Worth, J. A. Kemp, Wichita Falls, Wilson D. Jordan, Brady, W. P. Hallmark, Dublin, Herbert Jones, Post, and R. C. Nichol, Tulla.

SAN SABA—President R. W. Haynie of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and Hon. Lon A. Smith, Railroad Commissioner, will be two feature speakers on the Hills Country and Pean Belt District program here September 22 when that convention meets. A conference of goat and sheep men of the section will be held in connection with the gathering, it is announced, and Col. C. C. French of the Fort Worth Stockyards will preside.

ABILENE—Nearly one half of the record expansion made in the area served by telephones during the past year was made in the territory of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, especially in those sections in which oil play has developed.

SWEETWATER—Goat and sheep raising on a large scale may begin in the Sweetwater Country. A deal has just been consummated in which a Merzon livestock man has leased six sections of land near here on which he will run sheep and goats. The stockman announced that a number of sheepmen of southwest Texas are anxious to move into the Sweetwater country as it is very suited for their business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nix returned last of the week from Haskell county where they spent the past three weeks visiting old friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Major H. Rodgers of Levelland visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dook first of the week.

Drew on Imagination for Spirited Ballad?

Alfred Tennyson in his poem, "The Revenge: A Ballad of the Fleet," indicates that Sir Richard Grenville, commanding the Revenge when the English fleet of sixteen ships encountered fifty-three Spanish men of war at the Azores, declined to withdraw when Lord Thomas Howard, the fleet commander, signaled the ships to stand out to sea. The poet says Grenville remained to fight the whole Spanish fleet because he had 90 men ill on shore and would not leave them behind to be tortured.

Historians, however, believe that Grenville misunderstood the signal to withdraw. Undaunted by the terrific odds, Grenville tried to break the Spanish line. For 15 hours the Revenge, with 150 men, battled against 5,000 on board 15 Spanish ships. Some of the Spanish ships could not get into the melee because they would have fired into their own ranks. Finally Grenville knew he was beaten and wanted to sink the Revenge, but his men induced him to surrender. He had been so seriously wounded in the fighting that he died a few days later on board a Spanish ship. The Spaniards put a crew of their own on the Revenge and a short time later the ship sank in a storm, carrying down with her the foreign crew.—Kansas City Times.

Austrian Fowls Lack Proper Neck Covering

A peculiar breed of fowls called Naked Neck has come to this country from Austria, where it is said to have originated. The name comes from the fact that the fowls are destitute of feathers from within an inch or two back of the head down the entire length of the neck and on to the shoulders. This peculiarity of plumage is very marked, and the neck and shoulders have an unnatural appearance. They are not attractive; in fact, they are very unattractive, and the peculiar sensation to the hand when grasping the naked portion of the neck is very unpleasant. The skin of the neck is smooth, and, when exposed to the sun during the summer months, turns red and has a raw appearance, as if the blood were gathered beneath and close to the skin. They are very hardy; are but seldom seen, and have been bred in Austria only as novelties.

Indian Fishing Methods

The methods used by the Indians in fishing, before the advent of the white man, were quite modern. Starting from the simple device of attaching the bait to the end of a line, the progressive order of fishhooks used by the Indians seems to be as follows: (a) The gorge hook, a spike of bone or wood, sharpened at both ends and fastened at its middle to a line, a device used also for catching birds; (b) a spike set obliquely in the end of a plain shaft; (c) the plain hook; (d) the barbed hook; (e) the barbed hook combined with sinker and lure. This series does not exactly represent stages in invention; the evolution may have been effected by the habits of the different species of fish and their increasing wariness. The materials used for hooks by the Indians were wood, bone, shell, stone and copper. The Mohave employed the recurved spines of certain species of cactus, which are natural hooks.

Cocoa Should Be "Cacao"?

Chocolate is made from the large nutritive seeds of beans of the cacao tree, a small evergreen tree indigenous to tropical America. Formerly all chocolate came from tropical America, but now the Gold Coast, in Africa, is the largest producer of cacao. There is much popular confusion in connection with the words coco, cocoa and cacao.

The original name of the tree was cacao and that form is retained in German, Spanish and French. But in Dr. Samuel Johnson's dictionary it was spelled cocoa. It probably was an error, but at any rate the spelling now is the accepted form in English. The cacao has no relation to coconut palms. There is also a small shrub that grows in South America called the coco.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Cars Quickly Cleaned

After passing through most tunnels, trains are usually dirtier than they were when they entered, but exactly the reverse is true of a passage over one of the railroad lines in France. After going through it, says Popular Mechanics Magazine, every car is brushed and vacuum-cleaned, saving the time and labor required for scrubbing with hand implements. The tunnel is an archway which is lined with brushes and vacuum-cleaning attachments. As the train is pulled slowly along, the polishing and cleaning apparatus functions automatically and in doing so, reaches almost every part of the exterior of the cars.

Auspicious Meeting

"Yassum," said Cattie, the negro, "I been engaged now for goin' ten days."
"Who is the bridegroom?"
"Wellum, he's a mighty nice man."
"How you know him long?"
"Yes, indeedly. Don't you remember, Miz Aronoff, da about two weeks ago you lemme off one day right after hanertime so's I could get to the house of a lady friend of mine."
"Yes, I do."
"Wellum, de one I'm fixed to marry is de departed's husband."—Exchange.

Easter Island Statue May Be Earth's Oldest

The world's most ancient statue is to be found outside, not inside, the British museum. It is said that it took two hundred men from the crew of H. M. S. Topaz, and three hundred natives, to drag the statue from its original site, although it weighs only four tons. It is the work of a race of huge builders and was one of many similar colossal statues, some of them weighing as much as a hundred tons, scattered over Easter Island, in the Pacific.

These hideous images were originally supplied with hats, in some cases weighing another five or six tons, which were red because they were made of tufa or volcanic rock. All the hats have fallen off now and are found lying around the huge statues as though there had been a high wind.

This race of ancient builders left traces in the shape of immense stone monuments right across the Pacific, and many archeologists think that the island on which these monuments are found is the last remnant left above the surface of a vast submerged continent. There is nothing which fixes the exact period of this achievement, but it is possible that the statues are at least as old as the pyramids of Egypt.

Daddy Evidently Had Some Things to Write

Willie (very seriously)—Papa, I had a strange dream.
Papa—Indeed! What was it?
Willie—I dreamed, papa, that I died and went to heaven; and when St. Peter met me at the gate, instead of showing me the way to the golden street, as I expected, he took me out into a large field, and in the middle of the field there was a ladder reaching up into the sky and out of sight. Then St. Peter told me that heaven was at the top, and that in order to get there I must take the big piece of chalk he gave me and slowly climb the ladder, writing on each rung some sin I had committed.
Papa (laying down his newspaper)—And did you finally reach heaven, my son?
Willie—No, papa, for just as I was trying to think of something to write on the second rung I looked up and saw you coming down.
Papa—And what was I coming down for?
Willie—That's what I asked you, and you told me you were coming for more chalk.—After Dinner Stories

Left Fatherland Behind

Marie Antoinette's eventful life in France began at Strasbourg, or rather upon a small island in the Rhine in front of the Alsatian capital. There, in a pavilion decorated with Gobelins tapestries, she paused on her way to become the wife of the dauphin, afterward Louis XVI. She entered by a door on the east side. After a complete change of clothing, symbolic of her renunciation of all connections with her native country, Austria, she emerged on the west or French side. Her Austrian escort remained behind, replaced by a guard sent by Louis XV. The chief magistrate of Strasbourg addressed her in German.
"Don't speak German," she said, though she had just learned the new tongue she was henceforth to speak. "From today I understand only French."—Kansas City Star.

Teaching Lip Reading

For the benefit of children whose hearing happens to be defective, it is the custom at present in many states to give those thus afflicted the benefit of some special instruction in lip reading. The best way of handling this problem, it has been demonstrated, is by having teachers who are especially trained to go from school to school for this purpose. The classes are small, usually not more than six or eight students, and the advantages of the plan is that it enables children to continue their regular work in the school classes which suits the parents better than sending them to special schools. It is also more economical from the standpoint of the educational authorities.

Interesting Fossil Area

The Joggins section of Nova Scotia has been recognized since the days of the great geologists, Logan and Lyell, as affording the finest example in the world of fossil coal measure forests. The section is now represented in Canada's national museum at Ottawa by a series of upright trunks with a background of a carboniferous landscape and a panoramic view of the Joggins section. The stumps with their great expanse of roots form what is considered by many familiar with foreign museums to be the finest exhibit of its kind in any museum.

Heaters for the Ocean

Artificial heating of the ocean is to be tried out at Westerland, Germany, a popular seaside resort. In order to provide all-the-year-round bathing, huge electric heaters will be installed to raise the water's temperature and rob a winter dip of its chill. Heated bathing cabins and covered ways leading to the water, says Popular Science Monthly, will be provided for the bathers' comfort.

Rough Diet

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Eye Hops and Skips Along Printed Page

When the eye runs along a line of print in a book, it does not travel smoothly from left to right of the page, but jumps from time to time, taking in a whole word or, perhaps, a few words at a time, and then jumping on to a fresh group, says My Magazine.

If the eyeball is illuminated with a ray of light, which it reflects back again on to a moving photographic plate, the photograph will show exactly, in the form of a number of little stripes, or bands, what movements the eye has made.

These photographs, made with a special instrument used at the psychology laboratories at Stanford university, have enabled those studying the languages to make a very fascinating discovery. This is, that the eye finds it much more comfortable to read from the bottom of the page to the top than from the left to the right, and so we find that the ancient Chinese, some of the earliest people to invent writing, had the wonderful sense to adopt the most suitable style of writing, for they started at the bottom of the page and wrote upwards.

Another interesting discovery from the study of these photographs is that the eye never bothers to begin reading a line of print from the very beginning, nor does it ever travel right to the end. It focuses itself on the second or third word of a new line, and takes in a little picture of the meaning, and then skips on to the next stopping place.

Cabin of Naturalist Far From the Crowd

John Burroughs, the poet-philosopher, some time in the 80's built a study of bark—a kind of pavilion—in his yard at Riverby, his home on a terrace that overlooked the Hudson river, selecting a point where he could sit at a desk and overlook the valley. There he did much of his reading and writing. He kept his books there.

From year to year the number of those who recognized the power and beauty of his work increased, and as his fame spread, his visitors became more numerous. To be still farther removed from the interruptions of his vineyard and his household, he built with his own hands a cabin in the hills about two miles west of Riverby, and there he did some of his writing, entertaining now and again some distinguished invited guest. He did his own cooking and built his own fires in a chimney constructed with his own hands. He called this place Slabside. Theodore Roosevelt was among the prominent men who visited him there. —Hamlin Garland in the Dearborn Independent.

Weather to Order

Equipment for washing, circulating and keeping the air at the proper temperature is installed in buildings of the National Zoological park at Washington to protect the health of 2,000 animals and birds, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. In most of the houses, conditions like those of an ideal June day are maintained with a temperature of 68 degrees, relative humidity of 40 to 45 per cent and the air slowly moving. The installation has made possible the safekeeping of animals that ordinarily would not thrive in American climate.

Snakes Used Medicinally

A French doctor says that in many houses in his district dried adders are preserved, and when any member of the family catches a cold or suffers from chills and fever, he is given a dose of liquid prepared from pieces of the dried snake boiled in water for a quarter of an hour. This opens the pores and causes the patient to perspire.

Pieces of dried snakes are also sold by chemists to drive away, among other things, the rosy rash that accompanies measles.

Wearied of Old Song

Should old acquaintance and old tunes be forgot? Not by the judges of a mouth organ contest in London recently, they say. As a preliminary test each of the 152 contestants was compelled to play "Annie Laurie," and one judge said that after hearing it 152 times he sang it in his sleep. Players came from all parts of Great Britain. One entrant insisted on playing in front of a mirror, and another swayed in semi-circles as he gave the Scotch classic.

Toys Thought Wonders

Less than 200 years ago, three quite ordinary mechanical toys attracted great attention when they were exhibited. One was a figure that played the flute, another a tambourine player, and the third a swimming duck.

Lifelike canaries that sing naturally when they are wound up are commonplace toys nowadays. The first of this type of toy was shown at the great exhibition of 1851 in England.

Good Timber Tree

The black walnut is more fortunate than many trees in that it has only a few common names. Throughout its entire range of 650,000 square miles it is called walnut, black walnut or walnut tree, says the American Tree association. It is found from southern New England to Minnesota and south to Florida, and is an important timber tree, producing excellent lumber and fine nuts.

LONDON, HERO AND VILLIAN OF DOROTHY GISH'S LATEST

"London"—Made In, Around and About Limehouse!

The unique hero and villain of Dorothy Gish's latest Paramount starring vehicle, "London," which will be shown at the Lynn Theatre Wednesday and Thursday is a dual role, played by the great grey city itself, according to Thomas Burke, noted author of "Limehouse Nights" and Herbert Wilcox, the director. The picture was produced in the English metropolis by British National Pictures, Ltd.

"She is mother and mistress, tryant and benefactor, saint and devil to the millions of fortunate or hapless humans who are drawn into the swirling vortex of her life," says Mr. Wilcox. "The idea of dramatizing the city's personality was suggested to us by Mr. S. R. Kent, general manager of Famous Players-Lasky Corporation during his recent European visit. Thomas Burke, who knows London as do few men, was retained to write the story."

"The human characters are a girl of the Limehouse slums, played by Miss Gish, and a youth of fashionable Mayfair. Out into the mystic city night they go on their quest for happiness—the girl blindly seeking a love she has never known; the youth, hating the restrictions of the wealth and daring adventure in the heart of the underworld. It was Mr. Burke's idea to portray the influence of environment on the individual,—as when the starving girl falters among the women who prowls the Thames Embankment; and when the boy is tempted by the fashionable women of Soho."

The film portrays many interesting and historic features of the mother of modern cities. There are to be seen the Houses of Parliament, Convent Garden, Petticoat Lane, numerous London Tower and its bridge, Trafalgar Square, the old Opera House, the National Sporting Club, where peer and commoner revel in pugilistic orgies, Rotten Row, Limehouse Reach, and many other places famous the world over, all of which give expression to the individuality of a city that for ages has endured despite countless wars, pestilences, fires and the annihilating forces of nature. With the single exception of Miss Gish, the cast is entirely English.

DALLAS C. OF C. INVITES O'DONNELL TO DALLAS

The Dallas Chamber of Commerce sends an invitation to the people of O'Donnell to visit them on September 27th which is Lindbergh Day in Dallas. The invitation asks that the entire citizenship come to Dallas and help in the celebration with the coming of this outstanding American boy—Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh.

Will buy good dry new maize. J. P. Bowlin, O'Donnell, Texas.

T-BAR CLUB NEWS.

The C. H. D. C. met with Mrs. D. Henderson first Thursday. Not such a good attendance as usual, and we should all have been there. We had a very interesting time, and things of much importance to discuss. The canning budget for the fair, was among the most important. Our home demonstration agent was with her and we surely were glad to have her with us again. We just wish every member could have been at this particular meeting. We must come up with our part this time and we will have to hurry to do it. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Pete Page, first Thursday in October. The club ladies will put on a religious program Sunday night Sept. 11, and everybody invited to attend at the school house. The club ladies will have a picnic on the school grounds Thursday evening after 4 o'clock. The club girls and all the families of the club members are invited. Those present at Mrs. D. Henderson's last Thursday were: Mesdames Anderson, J. M. Johnson, Indley, J. A. Beasley, R. L. Moore, J. Nichols and Misses Esther Nichols, Bernice Anderson, and Millie Halsey, our county agent, and visitors: Mrs. Medera and Ruth Crews. After business a very delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Corresponding Secretary.

SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Sunday Night, Sept. 12. General Theme, A Study of the Book of Malachi. How Hast God Loved Us?—Mrs. Paul Gooch. Opening remarks by leader. Vocal Solo—Miss Christine Millwee. How Have We Slighted God?—D. A. Edwards. How Have We Wearied God?—Miss Hester Gates. Violin Solo—Miss Kitty May Ayler. How Do We Need to Come Back?—Miss Irma D. Palmer. How Have We Spoken Against God?—Miss Sue Gates. Piano Solo—Miss Mary Joe Gates. Regular services Sunday morning and evening. Come to a church where a welcome awaits you. W. B. Hicks, Pastor.

Miss Wynema Sorrels arrived last week to take up her school duties after spending a several weeks vacation with friends in Dallas and a trip to the Ozarks.

Miss Annie Ree Preston returned Monday from Clovis, New Mexico, where she visited her aunt, Mrs. H. E. Baldrige for the past three weeks.

Having moved my stock of lamps and electrical supplies to my home premises, please call 136 if in need of any of above. H. E. Gillespie.

JUNIOR MISSIONARY

The Junior Missionary Society Tuesday P. M. at 4 o'clock members. A very interesting session was enjoyed with interest shown in every detail. It was agreed upon to send to a member, Margaret Miller, ill in a hospital at Lubbock, Texas, a letter of sympathy and Evely Bailey at an early date. The first Friday in each month will have a candy and social at school.

Songs were sung and prayers by all. Next meeting will be Sept. 13. Everybody come.

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