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FIRST POULTRY POOL ORGANIZED

F. J. Neal was elected president, and George Lackey secretary and treasurer of the Southwestern Farm Bureau Poultry association at a meeting of the organization committee held in Sweetwater Thursday.

A territory included by the association was divided into eight districts as follows:

District No. 1.—Commissioner's Precincts, 1 and 2.

District No. 2.—Nolan county, Precincts 2 and 4.

District No. 3.—Fisher County North of Brazos, including Hamlin.

District No. 4.—Fisher County south of Brazos.

District No. 5.—Tom Green and adjoining County.

District No. 6.—Mitchell county.

District No. 7.—Scurry County.

District No. 8.—Western edge of Taylor county.

A director will be elected from each district with A. G. Carter of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech to name the 9th.

Those present were Miss Katherine Bigelow and Dorr W. Brown of San Angelo; Marshall Parker of Merkel; H. E. Lewellyn and C. T. Cave of Hylton; W. W. Porter of Colorado; J. T. Goforth and E. L. Tanner of Roby; C. E. Whitfield, Rotan, and C. C. Gordon, F. J. Neal, W. C. Calvert and George Lackey, of Sweetwater.

Organization of the first poultry pool in Texas is rapidly getting under way with the signing up of 105,000 hens in the district which includes Tom Green, Nolan, Scurry, Mitchell, and other West Texas Counties.

F. J. Neal president at a meeting of the organization committee which was held at Sweetwater Thursday and attended by various members of the committee, including Dorr Brown from San Angelo, Miss Bigel and others.

Election of directors for the organization will be held by mail among the members of the pool. Cards will be mailed out and must be returned with the members vote for directors there on to F. J. Neal of Sweetwater on or before May 26.

Another meeting of the committee will be held in Sweetwater May 29th at which time the mail vote polled and the votes counted. Expenses incidental to organization will be audited at that meeting.

Although only 100,000 hens were needed to organize a cooperative association, 105,000 have already been signed up and according to F. J. Neal, there will be at least 200,000 in this one district by the time every one has come in on it.

Scurry County leads with 40,000 hens under contract, Nolan has 32,000, Tom Green County 23,000, and Mitchell County 10,000.

Although only in its preliminary stages the association has already shipped ten cars of poultry and the producers have profited more or less on each car and in one instance, \$1,170. In this particular car, producers were paid 18½ cents per pound at a time when the local market was only 12 cents per pound. There were 18,000 pounds of poultry in this car at 6½ cents a pound differential netting the growers a total of \$1,170.

A pool car was started out of San Angelo Thursday, was in Bronte Friday and will complete loading at Sweetwater. In this car, according to Dorr W. Brown

MRS. D. I. SHELTON ENTERTAINS

On last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton entertained with a dinner at their home five miles northwest of Merkel in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton's birthday; Mr. Shelton being 72 on May 15, and Mrs. Shelton 64, on May 23. The afternoon was spent in listening to Music and kodaking, and conversation. The guests departed for home at a late hour expressing themselves as having spent a very enjoyable day and wishing Mr. and Mrs. Shelton many more happy birthdays. Those enjoying this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Elliott and son Roy, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn; Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton and children, and Miss Loyce Barnett.

PREACHING AT TRENT

Elder O. J. Adecock of Merkel will occupy the pulpit at the Church of Christ at Trent Sunday morning, and a hearty welcome will be given to all. Possibly there will be services at night but arrangements for that time will be made later. Come and bring some one with you.

Come to the Merkel Mail office or your Counter Charge pads.

KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL CLOSES

On last Friday afternoon the pupils of the Kindergarten under the direction of Mrs. McSpadden gave an excellent program.

The program was rendered at the Methodist church and the many friends and parents of these little folks and their teacher, surely enjoyed the program as was evidenced by the crowded house and expressions of applause during the program. The first number was a short play in which the children were dressed in costumes to represent spring, birds, flowers, trees rabbits, and was splendidly rendered by these little folks. Other numbers of readings and songs made up the program.

Mrs. McSpadden has proven to be a splendid teacher for these little folks who are yet mere babies being too young to attend public school and we are glad to have such an excellent teacher for these little people.

PASTOR ON VACATION

Rev. L. Parrack, the splendid pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, has been granted a month's vacation by his church, and left first of the week for an extended trip through central and south Texas.

Tom Green County, Agent, who is in Sweetwater attending the meeting of the organization committee, producers received 5 cents a pound more for fryers, half cent a pound more for hens and 1 cent a pound more for cockerels than local dealers were offering.

The largest number of hens signed up by any one producer is 2,500 from the Brezeland Poultry Farm at San Angelo. Some years ago two young college girls came to San Angelo for their health. They staid in the poultry business and now the Misses Bigelow and Schott have the largest poultry interests in West Texas.—Sweetwater Reporter.

BISHOP BOAZ DELIVERS ADDRESS

Merkel High school has closed another very successful year. The closing exercises ended the commencement exercises on Monday evening, May 21st. The Grammar school Graduation exercises were held at the Methodist church on Friday evening of last week. Thos. E. Hayden, atorney from Abilene, delivered to the class an interesting and inspiring address on this evening. Certificates of Graduates from the Grammar school department were awarded to 37 boy and girls who had completed the work of the seventh grade and go on to High school next September.

On Sunday evening Rev. W. O. Dallas, Pastor of the First Christian church at Abilene, delivered to the members of the senior class the Commencement sermon. The church was packed to capacity. The message was an inspiration not only to the members of the Senior Class but to all present. The class was indeed fortunate to have had such an able speaker to inspire them.

The crowning event of the closing was the Commencement Exercises on Monday evening, May 21st, when diplomas were awarded to the twenty-six members of the graduation class. The class and Merkel were signally honored on this occasion by having Hiram A. Boaz, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Korea and Japan, to deliver to them their baccalaureate address. Such an inspiring address was never before heard in Merkel.

Diplomas were awarded to the following graduates:—

Dixie Marie Blair, Althea Boden, Letha Brookerson, Viola Maude Brown, Ouida Campbell, Maude Hardy, Myrtle Valverde Harris, Vinnie Leal Heizer, Roberta Hughes, John L. Jones, Nina L. Jones, Nina Lucille McAninch, Marvin E. Mayfield, Hasseltina Moore, Ruby Belle Reagan, Henry Faye Richie, Wayman Rose, Quinnie Roundtree, Sarah Ruth Pike, Bennie Lloyd Pribble, Hattie Rose Proctor (Valedictorian) Mary Eula Sears, Mabel Irene Toombs, Beryl Eneth Tucker (Salutatorian) Alva Wheeler, Hiram D. Wilkins.

Hattie Proctor, the Valedictorian of the class, was awarded scholarships from fourteen different colleges and universities. Carvel Tucker, the Salutatorian of the class, was awarded nine scholarships. The members of the graduating class of 1923 leave the Merkel High school with eighteen units of affiliation, with promise of two more for this year's work.

MERKEL DONATES STORM SUFFERERS

The citizens of Merkel and vicinity have so far contributed \$473.59 for the victims of the Mitchell county cyclone, and the money has been sent to Colorado for expenditure by the committee in charge of relief work there. The people have responded liberally to this worthy cause and it has ever been thus with big hearted people of the west.

Mrs. T. H. Christopher and two daughters, Lois and Christine, are here from Lamesa visiting in the homes of Mesdames Len Sublett and Earl Thornton.

WILL TEACH A SUMMER SCHOOL

All students who are interested in making up work which they failed to make during this last term of school or any who wish to make additional credits so that they may have easier next year are to meet in the seventh grade room at the school building on next Monday morning May 28th at 9:00 o'clock. Miss Martha Bird will teach Algebra English 10 and English 11, Miss Lynn Thompson will teach any history, English 8, English 9, and seventh grade subjects for which there is sufficient demand, or any other work needed. No class will be formed in which there are less than five pupils. Tuition will be \$10 per subject, each subject to be taught twelve weeks, unless it be a half-year subject like Civics 7 which will be taught six weeks.

The State Department of Education now requires us to abide by the following rules if we hold our affiliation:

No student will be allowed to make more than two year subjects. A pupil may make four half-year subjects, two half year subjects, and one whole year subject, or two whole year subjects. For example, a pupil would be allowed to make up Civics, Agriculture and seventh grade Arithmetic all in the summer, but no more. The standard of work will be the same as during the regular session, the requirements will be just the same then credit will be given just as if the work had been done in regular session. No sciences or Spanish will be offered. Entrance examination will be given next September to those NOT taking work in the above summer schools. It is well not to put all the chance of promotion upon an entrance examination, for they are not easy to pass unless the pupil is very thorough in his work.

During the summer the recitation periods will be one hour in length, and the classes will meet six days a week. It will be arranged so that classes will meet in the mornings only. No work will be offered below the seventh grade. Very respectfully, R. A. Burgess, Supt.

TABERNACLE CLEAN UP

It has been suggested that the weeds are very rank about the tabernacle, and some have expressed their willingness to work an hour or so to help clean it up.

As it belongs to everybody, will you bring along a hoe or a rake, Monday afternoon at 1 p. m. We thank you, Trustees.

RODEO STOCK TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

Malone Brothers shipped from the pen in Merkel Saturday night three cars of Rodeo stock to Washington D. C. for show purposes. In the shipment was one car of steers, one of horses and one of calves. The show will be staged by Malone Brothers during the Shriner's Encampment in that city and no doubt will be a unique and novel attraction for the many visitors.

Mesdames McLemore and Jackson of Abilene, were in the city Monday. Mrs. McLemore is a candidate for one of the Dallas News Automobile.

FAREWELL RECEPTION AND PICNIC FOR SENIORS

The Seniors and Faculty were invited to attend a farewell reception at the home of Mary Eula Sears, on Monday evening after the commencement address.

Slips of paper, in the form of an experiment, were passed to each guest, and we were to write up the experiment as it was performed during the evening. Several interesting games were enjoyed, as well as piano and victrola music.

After having been served with delicious punch and cake, we made plans for a picnic on Tuesday.

We met at 9 Tuesday morning and went out on Mulberry for an all-day picnic. The morning was spent in "mud holes" and exploring "islands" in the creek bed.

We were all ready to eat when the word was said. The dinner was spread in the creek bottom, and our good easy time was taken in clearing it away. We started home about 4:30, after having another happy time together, although, our hearts were sad to think of parting after nine months of close companionship.

We had as our chaperones, Mrs. Amy Sears, Mrs. Proctor, and Mrs. Boden.

FT WORTH TRADE BOOSTERS HERE

The Fort Worth Trade Excursion special train, carrying one hundred and fifty Fort Worth business men and every one of them a Booster, made a five hours stop here Thursday morning on their way from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at San Angelo. Their band marched up to the corner of Edwards street and played no numbers which was greatly enjoyed by Merkel people.

The Annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, at San Angelo this week, was without doubt the greatest meeting of the kind ever held within the state of Texas. Among those attending the meeting from Merkel were J. C. Mason, W. J. Largent, Sam Swann, T. G. Bragg, L. R. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huss, W. daughter, Miss Blanche, the late L. Diltz Sr.; Sie Hamm; Thos. Durham and daughter, Miss Blanche; the latter acting as sponsor for Merkel in the great pageant. Owing to the fact of the return of the writer late Thursday we are unable to find time to give more details of the convention, but will do so in our next issue. However, it was an inspiration to any one to have attended, and we regret that more of our citizens did not avail themselves of the opportunity to do so.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder W. G. Cypert will occupy the pulpit of the church of Christ Sunday morning and the evening service will be devoted to an old time singing, Bible study at 10 o'clock promptly and please do not forget to be there on time and bring some one with you. His presence will be an inspiration to others and blessing to you. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Ladies Bible study at the Church on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Come and bring your Bible and study with us. Everyone is invited to the service.

MORE ROOM AND TEACHERS NEEDED

The State Department of Education at Austin, Texas, recently sent an inspector to look over the Merkel school. His report is given below for the information of the Merkel patrons of the school.

"In order that the school be properly certified it is essential that the minimum requirements as outlined in Bulletin 132 be met. To that end, the supervisor who recently visited your school makes the following recommendations:—

1. That the Merkel Public school be commended on the following evidence of progress this year. (1) The tax rate has been raised to one dollar. 2. The sum of \$360 has been spent for library books, \$200 for Laboratory equipment, \$35 for History chart and \$56 for picture machine.

2. That the opera chairs now in use in some of the recitation rooms be discarded. It is impossible to do satisfactory written work as long as these chairs are used.

3. That the antiquated double desks be replaced by single ones.

4. That the elementary library be standardized and at least four elementary grade teachers be added before another year. UNLESS THESE TWO CONDITIONS ARE MET; IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT Class Affiliation and accreditation be withdrawn from Merkel High school. It is impossible for any school to do satisfactory work as long as the classes have from forty to sixty pupils in them. Not only this, but it is difficult to have good discipline in such crowded rooms. In justice to the school board, however, the supervisor wishes to add that steps have recently been taken to add at least four other teachers before next year's session begins.

4. That an adequate supply of classics and autologies be provided for the High school Library. Signed, A. W. Evans, Chief Supervisor of High schools.

It is up to Merkel patrons of the Merkel Public school to see that necessary funds are provided so that the board may add the extra teachers required and provide for the additional equipment demanded. If this is not provided Merkel High school will lose all its affiliation and classification that it has struggled for and attained during the last five years. We must not lose this. We will not. We will provide for the big increase in the enrollment, properly care and provide for them, and keep our school up to standard so that those graduating from Merkel High school may enter any college or University in the state.

CEMETERY NOTICE

As has been previously announced, Wednesday, May 30th will be our next meeting to clean up the cemetery at White Church. All who are interested in this work are earnestly urged to come. Come, prepared to spend the day for there is work to be done. The board of trustees has important news for you come early! Dillard R. Snow.

E. W. Kelley and family of Dinuba, Calif., were the guests of J. E. Hendrix and family from Friday until Tuesday, leaving Tuesday morning to visit relatives in Erath County. Mr. Kelly was at one time manager of the Merkel Lumber Co. here.

Is It Not Reasonable

that State Laws, above all others, should afford opportunity for the progress and development of the State and its people.

In the enactment of the Guaranty Fund Law, the State of Texas has demonstrated its interest in the welfare of this commonwealth by thus rendering service to meet the needs of its people.

We are proud to have back of us this law which works so much good to the people of this community.

We pay interest on Time Deposits. Call and let us explain our Savings Plan.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK
The Only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel

COMPERE ITEMS

Health of the community is good.

Those who did not see the play at Compere Saturday night surely missed a good time. The play surely was good. We all take off our hats to the Newman school and their splendid teacher, Miss Ethel McCloud. She surely did have the characters trained well, and the play was interesting from start to finish. The stage was beautifully arranged. The reading by Miss Ora Farmer was very fine. The songs, given by Miss McCloud and Miss Ora Farmer, with Miss Grace Farmer at the piano, was good, indeed.

Mr. Charlie Sherrill furnished music on the piano between acts. Misses M. E. and Lillian Ranis of near Shiloh were down Saturday night for the play and to visit their sister, Mrs. W. J. Spurgin Sunday and Sunday night.

Willie Childers, wife and daughter were down from Shiloh to attend the play.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin and children took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin on Sunday.

Brother Moody of Tye, filled his regular appointment at Compere Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Bro. Cypert of Merkel preached last Sunday Evening at 3:30.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cranston made a pleasant call at Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin's Sunday afternoon after church.

Erbin Childers is back at home as his school at Hamlin is out. Glad to have Erbin back in our midst again.—Luck.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO MERKEL GRADUATES

At the annual commencement exercises of the Merkel High school held on the evening of May the 21st, the following scholarships were awarded by Supt. Burgess:—

Carvel Tucker, Salutatorian, and Honor student among the boys

1. Grubbs Vocational College, Arlington.
2. Texas Christian University Fort Worth.
3. Southwestern University, Georgetown.
4. Jno. Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville.
5. Trinity University, Waxahachie.
6. Southern Methodist University, Dallas.
7. Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station.
8. Austin College, Sherman.
9. University of Texas, Austin

Hattie Proctor, Valedictorian, and highest among the girls:—

1. Abilene Christian College, Abilene.
2. Grubbs Vocational College, Arlington.
3. Texas Christian University Fort Worth.
4. Southern Methodist University, Dallas.
5. Jno. Tarleton College, Stephenville.
6. Southwestern University, Georgetown.
7. Trinity University, Waxahachie.
8. San Marcos Normal, San Marcos.
9. West Texas Normal, Canyon.
10. Baylor University, Waco.
11. Baylor College, Belton.
12. Simmons College, Abilene.
13. Texas Woman's College, Ft. Worth.
14. Univ. of Texas, Austin.
15. College of Industrial Arts, Denton.

Charge Pads for sale at the Merkel Mail office.

W. A. Howard and family left Thursday morning for Vernon Texas, on a few days visit.

Judge E. S. Cummings and Earl Lassiter attended a meeting of the Masonic lodge at Sylvester Tuesday night. The Judge was there in response to a message asking him to deliver a lecture on some feature of the order.

Senior Epworth League

Senior Epworth League Program will be rendered at Union ridge School House at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Subject,—"Right and Wrong use of the Lord's Day."

1. Leader, Joe Ridenbauch.
2. First Leaguer, Ethel Wilson.
3. Second Leaguer, Blanche Durham.
4. Miss A. Ruth Pike.
5. Mr. B. Sie Hamm.
6. Mr. C. Cyrus Pee.
7. Miss D., Julia Martin.
8. Mr. E. Russell Pike.
9. Mr. F., T. L. Hamblett

Special music
After the rendering of the program, the league will probably go into the organization of a league at Union Ridge

The following will talk on various branches of League work—Joe Ridenbauch, on the north West Texas conference

Ethel Wilson, the Duties of the president, Vic Pres. and Secretary and Treasurer

Russell Pike, the 1st. Department work; Murphy Thomas on 2nd department work; Ruth Pike on 3rd department work; Julia Martin, on 4th Department work.

Time to meet at church is at 2:00 p. m.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY NEWS

Daily production of Ford cars and Trucks went over the 6,600 mark on Wednesday, May 9th, it is just announced through the Ford News. The production on that day was 6,615, exceeding by 25 the last highest day, Friday May 4th, when a record of 6,590 was established.

The twenty-eight assembly plants of the Ford Motor Co., throughout the country, operate on an eight-hour basis, and the turning out of 6,615 completed Cars and Trucks in a day means that they were run off the assembly lines at the rate of one every four seconds.

To make this enormous output possible, the tremendous manufacturing facilities of the company, embracing the great Highland Park and River Rouge plants, and other factory units, are operating on a twenty-four hour day of three eight-hour shifts employ more than 100,000 men.

Ford high quality standards are consistently maintained in every operation entering into the construction of these popular cars.

THE JOLLY SIXTEEN

The "Jolly Sixteen" were entertained Wednesday afternoon May 23 by Misses Helen Booth, and Mary Comegys at the home of the former.

When all the guests had arrived, a pleasing program was rendered. Each guest was requested to wear their favorite flower and a game was then played with these flowers. Ellen Anderson won the prize, which was a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Many interesting out door games were played, followed by the serving of Sandwiches, Tea and the favors of small baskets of candy, with hand painted place cards. The next meeting of the Jolly Sixteen will be at the home of Tommie Durham, with Incie Brown, assistant hostess.

Intermediate League Program

Subject—Heroes of Faith. Leader, Gladys Milliken.

Song.
1. A Boy in the workshop, by Annie Lou Russell.

2. Building a house, Elfe Chaney.

3. Teaching the Islanders to build a church, Intha Bird.

Song.
4. Becoming an explorer, by Eva Mae Johnson.

5. Reading, Sallie Brown. Benediction.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL

All Victory Loans have been called for redemption on or before May 20th
We shall be glad to serve you in sending them in.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Close of business, April 3rd, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$331,064.83
Cotton	None
U. S. Securities	13,600.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	27,672.19
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	135,933.72
Total	\$520,033.24

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	9,366.29
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	439,416.95
Total	\$520,033.24



THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank OF MERKEL

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier

DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman Sr., Henry James

Misses Maxie Banner and Renie Burns, were in San Angelo this week attending the big West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention, and visiting friends and relatives. They will spend several days in this place.

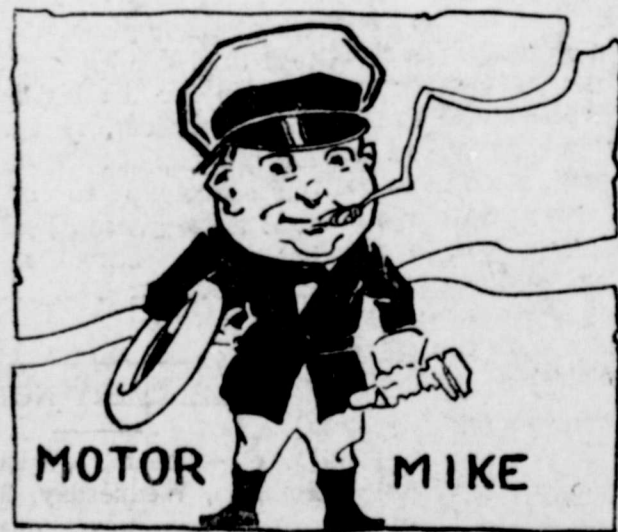
Groceryman Eli Case and family visited relatives at Winters last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Avery, who has spent the past four years in Kansas, but whose home is now at Denton, Callahan county, with their daughter, Mrs. Katie Crawford, are in the city the guest of their son, W. I. Avery and family.

V. B. Sublett is doing jury duty at Abilene this week.

We learn that Mr. Alvin Morton, the clever, efficient and ever accommodating cashier at the Texas & Pacific station has purchased the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Johnson, who will soon move to McKinney, Texas, where Mr. Johnson has again entered the banking business.

I will stand my Jack at my barn in Merkel \$10.00 to insure a living colt. Season dut when colt is foaled, mare moved out of county or sold. Also my fine Jersey Male for service, at \$2.00
J. S. Swann. 4tp



I send up thanks at day and night,
Up to the Bounteous Giver,
Cause I still can go up hill
Bec my rusty fliwer.

But if you find it won't go up hill, bring it to us quick.
We can set it right and make you happy.

"You tell 'em Ford, you've been around some"

McFarland Garage

Take This Tip From Experts

Cookery experts agree that the best and most healthful baking powder is made from cream of tartar, derived from grapes.

That is why they insist on

ROYAL Baking Powder

The ONLY nationally distributed Cream of Tartar Baking Powder

Contains No Alum—Leaves No Bitter Taste

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Introduction, Irene Perry, Nigeria and Yoruba Land, Mildred Bird. The religions of the People, Ova McCandless. Beginning work in Yoruba Land, Avis Deavers. How the work has grown, Iris Garrett. Some results of our work, Irene Rister. Memory work.

We regret to state that Mrs. T. M. Pribble is still very sick at her home in the northwest part of the city.

Baptist Missionary Notes

The Baptist ladies Missionary program was postponed from May 22nd until May 29 on account of so many absent ones. Every one try and come next Tuesday at 5 o'clock. Remember the time has been changed from 3 to 5. Let all on the program try and be there.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned Wednesday morning from Troy, Bell county, where he had been in a meeting.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boney, at their home in this city, Thursday morning, a son.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Once more we come to the closing Sabbath of another month and if we have not used our opportunities and privileges of attending the appointed place of worship the day of fruitless regrets will over take us.

Sunday May the 27, we will have all our regular services. The Sunday school will finish its trip around the world, on this trip we have visited our mission stations in many countries, and have learned much of the customs of the people and their need. Every member of the Sunday school should be present Sunday morning to help your side reach Merkel first. We will also hear something about our work in Merkel.

Preaching service immediately following Sunday school, we try to make every service one of worship and spirituality. Come to church next Sunday morning. At the night service, we hope to have ready a Dramatic story sermon, the second series of a series: "Galilean Thou Has Conquered."

We are disappointed when you are absent. Fred S. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren have recently moved into their new and handsome home. This is indeed one of the most beautiful and costly homes in the city and we congratulate the young banker upon his enterprise and good fortune.

LOOK LOOK—!!!

10 Bars Joy Soap; 25 cents at A. L. Jobe's

Voile, Crepe, Taffeta, China silk, and wool dresses, Coat suits, Men's suits, boys suits, cleaned and pressed by help who know how. One day service—no gas odor. Ligon, the laundryman, Phone 218.

H. L. Propst and Ross Ferrier made a business trip to Plain view this week.

PAINTING UP—

My! But a little paint artistically placed properly through out the business and residence section of Merkel would be of much help in more ways than one. Let's try it.—Merkel Mail.

It is indeed remarkable the change that a little paint can make. The Abilene Boy Scouts went out oneday last week and whitewashed some trees in the residence and business part of the city. Many residents here were amazed at the result; it makes a very attractive sight having your trees whitewashed. It was a good work the Scouts did.

No doubt the work of the Boy Scouts in the Cleanup and Paint up Campaign in Abilene was beneficial and helpful in many ways. And, they were but following in the foot steps of their elders in that city, for indeed is Abilene, our county site, every day and in every way growing city-ward. But any city or town with progressive men at the helm of government and a forward-looking and progressive citizenship behind them, will surely grow and become the metropolis of the surrounding country. Hurrah for our county site, the Metropolis of all West Texas.

If you don't acknowledge that it is cheaper and done better you will be the first one. Try me next week with your entire family washing and ironing. Ligon the laundryman, Phone 218.

CARD OF THANKS

The W. M. U. Society of the Baptist Church of '76, wish to thank all ladies who contributed flowers for Mothers Day.

J. H. Rogers, who years gone by, was chief clerk in the post-office here under postmaster Derstine, but now State inspector of weights and measure was in the city the first part of the week.

COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday From 2 to 5:30

Friday
Agness Ayers
IN
"Borderland"
Also—
HAL ROACH COMEDY
And—
PATHE REVIEW

Saturday
Richard Talmadge
IN
"The Cub Reporter"
Also—
ROLIN COMEDY
And—
PATHE REVIEW

TUESDAY MAY 29th **Band Benefit Show**

A special program of vocal and instrumental music, arranged for an evening of versatile entertainment. Including numbers by the Glee Club, Miss Dennis, Fred Harrell, Miss Craig and Delma Compton.

USUAL PICTURE PROGRAM

MUSIC BY SPECIAL ORCHESTRA

This show is especially arranged for the Merkel Band; Come bring some one, lend your support and influence to a worthy cause and at the same time enjoy an evening of clean high class entertainment.

Admission 20c and 40c

BAND CONCERT AT 7:30

IS THIS US?

Two fool jackasses—say, get thi sdope—
Were tied together with a piece of rope,
Said one to the other, "You come my way
While I take a nibble of this new mown hay."
"I won't", said the other, "You come with me,
For I too have some hay, you see."
So they got nowhere, just pawed up dirt
And, Oh, by golly, that rope did hurt.
Then, they faced about, these stubborn mules,
And said, "We're just two human fools."
"Let'spull together. 'll go your way,
Then come with me and we'll both eat hay."
Well, they ate their hay and liked it too;
And swore to be comrades good and true.
As these lay down they were heard to bray,
"Ah, this is the end of a perfect day."
Now, get this lesson, don't let it pass—
Learn this one thing from the poor jackass;
We must pull together; 'tis the only way
o put our town on the map to stay.

Moral—Start co-operating at once and watch us all grow—Swiped.

SPECIAL SALE PRICE.

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T. T. Earthman and family and Lewis Tucker were a party of fishermen that spent Tuesday on the Clear Fork near Hawley.

Just arrived a shipment of Queensware now on display, call and see these goods at A. L. Jobe's. It

Messrs. L. W. Cox, A. T. Shepard, with their families and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and family left Thursday afternoon for a fishing and outing trip to Lawn Lake.

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Misses Clela Clay and Dillie Griffith, accompanied by Mr. Ernest Griffith, all of Wellington Texas, visited Blanche Durham a short time Thursday, enroute to their home, from the convention at San Angelo, where Miss Clay, was the beautiful sponsor from Wellington.

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BULWARK OF LIBERTY

The court of criminal appeals holds that the legislature has no right to punish Hull Youngblood for contempt and ordered him discharged. Youngblood made a speech in San Antonio in which he criticised the legislature and declared most of its members are "rabbit twisters and hill billies," ruled by a few outstanding leaders, and susceptible to undue influence; whereupon he was arrested and carried to Austin to appear before the legislature investigating committee, he refused to testify, and was sentenced to jail for contempt. Of course what Youngblood said was rather "loose talk" but whether false or true—it seems to us that the legislature should have no authority to hale a citizen to Austin and try to punish him, no matter what he might say.

It is one of the rights of an American citizen to criticize in any words he may choose to use the legislature or congress and heshould be protected in this.

Of course if he singles out any particular member and charges him with corruption it then becomes a personal matter and the accused should have the same right as any other citizen to relief through the courts. ne of the bulwarks of Amer-

ican liberty is the right to criticize public officials and especially the legislative bodies, and it is well that the court of criminal appeals has by a unanimous verdict turned Youngblood loose. In this case the legislature certainly made a donkey of itself, as it often does.—Lockney Beacon.

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The Snyder Signal comes to us this week with their "Big Booster" edition of twenty-four pages replete with good things for and about Snyder. The edition clearly portrays the progressive spirit of the citizens of that thriving little city. And further, it tells you why the "Tech College" should be located there.

The citizenship of Merkel joins the many friends of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Hays, in extending to them the deepest sympathy during the present serious illness of their daughter, Miss Esther Roehl, who is still in a serious condition in an Abilene sanitarium, following an operation last week for Appendicitis. At this writing, Thursday evening, Miss Roehl's condition is very serious. We sincerely trust that she may take a sudden and permanent change for the best.

The wise merchant advertises his goods for sale—if they are worth advertising. The shrewd buyer looks for goods that are advertised, because he knows that if they are worth advertising they are worth buying.—Exchange.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN
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A lawyer charges a man \$10 for ten minutes' conversation—the man insists on paying it. The doctor charges \$1.00 for a prescription and the patient says, "Oh Pshaw—is that enough?" An undertaker conducts a funeral and charges \$100 and he is just perfectly lovely with everybody inside and outside the family. A man buys a gold brick and apologizes for not having bitten sooner. An Editor walks a mile in the hot sun to get the facts of a sudden death or wedding, or social function and spends three hours writing it up and tells lies and praises people till he hates himself. Then if he makes an insignificant omission or error or charges 5 cents straight for three extra papers he is a stingy cuss who never gets anything right and charges four times the price of the city papers, twice as large. In short, he is a confounded most-any-old thing and ought to be run out of town. Talk about the ice man. How would you like to run a news paper?—Exchange.

Some thief or thieves without the love of God or the fear of the devil in their hearts, broke into F. J. Smith's garage Thursday night and stole a new casing and tube off of the rear of his car. It seems that locks and bars have no terrors for the auto thieves.

Merkel—San Antonio— Round trip for \$15.00 Call at Mail office for particulars. 1t

J. T. Darsey made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Wise, at their home out on Rt. 5, Saturday, a daughter.

Felix Howard and little son who farms out near the Clear Fork were in the city Saturday.

Rev. A. R. Tyson left Wednesday for Shep, Blackwell, and other points.

Rev. Bailey was in the city Wednesday from the Dora community.

Miss Lorena Dry is at home from C. I. A. Denton, arriving Sunday morning.

L. B. Scott is courting in the Hub City of Taylor county this week.

J. H. Madera, out on route 5 is attending court at Abilene this week.

R. M. Beasley of Trent is doing duty at the Capital this week.

You will save money by trading at Duckett's in the Alley. 25t2.

Mrs. Roy Costphens of Sweet watr, is in the city the guest of relatives.

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Earl Baze is here from his real estate claim in New Mexico, for a short stay with home folks.

Purina Chick Startena feed, with buttermilk especially prepared for baby chick. Garrett & Company. 1t.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Morton visited their son, Thomas and family in the View community Tuesday.

Messrs. F. J. Smith, Tom King and J. E. Pee spent Tuesday on the Clear Fork fishing.

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The Man in the Alley will buy your produce and save you money on everything he sells you. Try Him. 25t2

Burrell Shannon, a former citizen of Merkel but now of Dallas, is here this week visiting home folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp, after a pleasant visit here with home folks returned to Fort Worth Wednesday.

All kinds of Hats Cleaned and blocked for \$1.00. Guaranteed. Ligon, the laundryman, phone 218. 1t.

A fish party, composed of Alton Smith and family and Will Cox and family spent Saturday night on the Clear Fork fishing, but they report a poor catch.

LAWN MOWER FIXER

If no Cut, no Charge. Come bring them to my residence. B. M. Black. 1tp

Mr. Blair and family, who are occupying the Porter residence will leave Monday for Young County, where Mr. Blair goes to work in the harvest fields.

Roy Costphens, a member of the Sweetwater Band, was in the city for a short time Sunday. He was on his way to the big celebration at San Angelo, where he goes to help Sweetwater celebrate.

Mrs. J. P. Sublett is having herhouse moved from the farm on the outskirts of the city on the north side to lots on the north side near her son Vernon where she will make her home.

John R. Covy, who was one of the efficient teachers in our schools here last year, is in our city this week renewing acquaintances, from Loving New Mexico.

The Scurry County Times Volume one, No. 2, Snyder's new newspaper, is on our exchange table. It is brim full of live news about Snyder and Scurry county. And if the present issue is an indication of the future issues, it will be a "Dinghammer".

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Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Thornton left Thursday night for Los Angeles, Calif., to spend the summer.

PILES CURED

I will be in Merkel on May 31st, at the Merkel Drug Co., from 12 to 3 p. m. for the purpose of treating Piles. I treat them without the knife pain, or detention from work. Dr. E. E. Cockrell, rectal Specialist, Abilene, Texas. 1tp

Carpets Cleaned, scrubbed and sized. Ligon, the Laundry man. Phone 218. 1t.

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Miss Lynniss Thompson will take pupils in English and History, for any who wish to make credits in those subjects. Arrangements have been made to have this work approved. Phone 130. 1t.

The Senior Class of the Merkel High picnicked down on Mulberry Creek Tuesday. It was a most enjoyable occasion, we are told.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook of Bay City are here visiting the later's parents, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert and other relatives.



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Overat Van Alstyne, a beautiful little city in the county of Grayson, the citizens voted sewer bonds to the amount of \$30,000. Afterwards they found that the \$30,000 would not pay for the sewer being placed over the entire city. They called another election and voted \$10,000 additional and now have the system almost complete. The 1920 census gives Van Alstyne as having a population of 1,590, as compared to Merkel with 1,810. —Merkel Mail.

The editor of the Mail did not make the comparison for the reason that he wanted to cause the thought to arise in the minds of anyone who read the above that Merkel was far, far behind the times, but simply for the reason that the residents of Merkel might see just what they could do. The editor of the Mail could have called attention to the many improvements, which Merkel has already made. But he did not want to do this time, although he has done so many times in the past; he wanted to cite an instance of what Van Alstyne is doing with a view to encourage Merkel citizens to go and do likewise. Van Alstyne Reporter.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the people of Crossroads and Mt. Pleasant for the help we received during the sickness of my wife and hope that God will bless each of you. Raymond Gray and family.

I have orders for No. 1. Eggs Give your old Roosters to the Hot-Tomale man, which will enable him to be promoted. W. F. Hamblett. 1t

Herbert Williamson, who has been attending school here, left Wednesday evening for his home at Menard Texas.

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ENJOY BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. G. A. Green and children Goida and Ray, of Dallas are visiting their brother and uncle, Mr. P. E. Rape of this city. They arrived in time to enjoy Mr. Rape's birthday dinner.

Those present at the dinner, were: Mrs. G. A. Green and children, Miss Grace and Beatrice Patton of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Alee Bland, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lunis; Mrs. T. P. Pierce of Merkel and Naylor Oph of Noodle.

This crowd enjoyed a fishing trip on the river on Wednesday.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Winter, are indeed glad to learn that their baby that has been dangerously ill for some time, is now improving nicely, and seemingly well on the road to recovery.

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TAILS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Different Reasons for Different Move-
ments, According to Eminent
Italian Professor.

Animals' tails have various functions, Prof. Giuseppe Renato tells us in a published study of their uses, the New York Times states. The tail of a dog, says the professor, is, as we all know, an index of his psychological state; he raises and wags it, under the impression of joy, lowers it when afflicted and trails it between his legs when frightened. Why, then, may we not believe that dogs have a caudal language, and that the various movements of the tail form a method of communication between them?

The professor points out that among cattle and beasts of burden the tail is a weapon of defense against insects which, in the undomesticated state of these animals, may often have meant the saving of their lives. He says that in the early struggle for existence in cattledom and horsedom the question of survival of the fittest was purely a matter of which had the strongest tail. This resulted in the development of the muscles of the cow and horse to a remarkable degree.

When a horse is struck on the back with a whip it switches the spot with its tail. The horse knows it is a whip and not an insect, but the reflex muscles of its tail are so highly developed that it instinctively switches before the horse has time to telegraph to his brain and put in a stop order.

A cow finds it less fatiguing to keep up a perpetual side to side motion of its tail than to indulge in the nervous, energetic one which the horse upon occasion employs.

SHOW GREAT INTEREST IN MAN

Lower Animals Believed to Look Upon
Human Biped as Very Much One
of Themselves.

That animals look upon man as one of themselves, and not as an object entirely beyond their horizon, is evidenced by the remarkable interest and curiosity regarding him and his doings shown by wild creatures, and by their desire to make friends with him as long as their confidence has not been met by rough rebuke and persecution, which is, alas! the usual response given by the destroyer of creation to such friendly advances.

It is our own fault only, if birds all the world over are not even now on the same footing of familiarity with us as were the birds of the Monte Alverna when St. Francis of Assisi arrived there; or the birds of the Falklands and the Galapagos islands when Darwin visited them; or as the birds of southern Morocco are at the present day, or were, at least, under Mohammedan rule, a few years ago.

But even birds, which have learned at their cost that to come within reach of man is an infinitely greater risk than to approach a wildcat or a snake, will still, when they believe themselves unobserved, and while taking all necessary precautions, often give way to the feeling of curiosity with which the appearance of the long biped in unexpected localities and on unexpected occasions inspires them.—Hans Couderhove in the Atlantic Monthly.

Pastorals.

Pastoral literature must not be confounded with that which has for its subject the lives, the ideas, and the emotions of simple and unsophisticated mankind, far from the centers of our complex civilization. The two may be in their origin related, and they occasionally, as it were, stretch out feelers towards one another, but the pastoral or traditional lies in its essence as far from the human document of humble life as from . . . a volume of pastoral theology.

Thus the shepherds of pastoral are primarily and distinctively shepherds; they are not mere rustics engaged in sheepcraft as one out of many of the employments of mankind. As soon as the natural shepherd-life had found an objective setting in conscious artistic literature, it was felt that there was, after all, a difference between hoeing turnips and pasturing sheep; that the one was capable of a particular literary treatment which the other was not.—W. W. Greg.

The Proper Thing.

A man went into a bakery the other day. "I'm getting married next week," he began, "and I want to buy a wedding cake." "I suppose you know, sir," said the shopgirl, "that it's the latest thing to choose wedding cakes which harmonize with one's business or profession. For instance, an athlete would have a cup cake, a musician an oat cake, a man who gorges his friends a sponge cake, a pianist a pound cake, and so on. What, may I ask, is your calling?" "I am a doctor," the bridegroom answered. "In that case, then," said the girl, smiling, "we would of course, prescribe an angel cake."

Make the Children a Scrap-Book.

Start a historical scrap-book for the children. Put into it pictures and items of unusual interest dealing with important public characters and events. When they grow older allow the children to do their own selecting of articles and their own pasting. If encouraged in this work they will complete the book when they are grown up, and will have not only a book of much interest and information, but will have a liking for history (history which will be real and concrete to them), not developed so easily by any other method.

CAN TELL COMING WEATHER

Almost Universal Belief That Tabby
Has Foreknowledge of Any
Approaching Changes.

"Cats have the reputation," says Dunwoody, according to the Detroit News, "of being especially weather-wise, an old notion which has given rise to a most extensive folklore. It is almost universally believed that good weather may be expected when the cat washes herself, but bad when she licks her coat against the grain, or washes herself over the ears, or sits with her tail to the fire.

"As, too, the cat is supposed not only to have knowledge of the state of the weather, but a certain share in the arrangement of it, it is considered by sailors most unwise to provoke a cat. Hence they do not much like to have a cat on board at all, and when one happens to be more frisky than usual they quote a saying that the cat has a gale of wind in her tail. A charm often resorted to for raising a storm is to throw a cat overboard; but, according to the Hungarian proverb, as a cat does not die in the water, its paws disturb the surface—hence the flaws on the surface of the water are called 'cat's paws.' In the same way, also, a large flurry in the water is called a 'cat's skin'; and in some parts of England a popular name for the stormy north-west wind is the 'cat's nose.'"

EXCELLENT MOTTO TO ADOPT

David Crockett's Advice "First Be
Sure You're Right, Then Go
Ahead," Always Good.

David Crockett was the author of the famous motto, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead." It is said to have first appeared in print in Crockett's "Autobiography," published in 1834—appearing on the title page in the following form, says the Detroit News:

"I leave this rule for others when I'm dead. Be always sure you're right—then go ahead."

The statement has been made that "Crockett wrote this highly entertaining history of his own life . . . full of blunders in grammar and misspelled words," although it had been revised and corrected by his more scholarly friends, "but the Britannica speaks of it as 'a so-called autobiography,' which he very probably dictated or at least authorized published in 1834. A work purporting to be a continuation of this autobiography and entitled 'Colonel Crockett's Exploits and Adventures in Texas' is undoubtedly spurious."

John Bartlett, in his "Familiar Quotations," describes "Be sure you are right, then go ahead" as "the motto of David Crockett in the War of 1812."

When Mammoths Roamed the Land.

Mastodons and woolly mammoths were once as thick in New York as bison were on the western plains a century ago, according to Dr. Sherman C. Bishop, zoologist of the state museum. Although the mammoths were more closely related to the elephants, the only surviving members of the family, they were the first to become extinct and probably passed off the scene while the mastodons were still thriving. Skeletons of mastodons, more or less complete, and some of them suitable for museum mounting, have been found in about 100 localities in the state, the last one at Temple Hill, Orange county, in 1921. The first was found in Columbia county, not far from Albany, in 1795. These huge mammals are believed to have flourished about the end of the last glacial period, some 20,000 years ago. Their skeletons are found generally in the marsh lands of those early days.

Worse and Worse.

"How yo' feelin' now, Sam?" questioned his wife, entering the hospital ward nervously.

"Liza, Ise a sick man," moaned the patient. "De doctors says I's got berkolosis."

"Dat's all right, Sam; we'll take keer of yo' an' get rid of dat berkolosis."

The following day, however, when his wife returned Sam was more dejected than ever.

"Tain't no use, Liza; no use. I ain't never guine git well. De doctors say dis heah mornin' I got two berkolosis."

Henry Hudson.

Charles Barnard, an authority on the subject, says that the time and place of the birth of Henry Hudson appear to be lost. "We only know," he says, "that he had earned, perhaps by the time he was forty, sufficient reputation as a bold and skillful navigator to be placed in command of the ship Half Moon of Amsterdam. Early in 1609 he made a contract with a party of Dutch merchants to act as captain of their private exploring expedition, and in the written agreement between them he was described as 'Henry Hudson, Englishman.'"

Her Occupation.

Hannah, the young colored cook in the Steadman household, had decided to make a change and try her luck in the capacity of estereer, feeling that she would find the work much easier. Shortly afterward she had occasion to return to the house, and as she was leaving her former mistress asked her where she was working now.

"Oh, I isn't workin' nowhere now, ma'am," quickly returned Hannah, coyly; "I'ee caperin' for a congressman."

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M. E. Women's Missionary Program

The Women's Missionary Society met in Mission study on last Monday afternoon. We have now finished the Book, "Building with India. Next meeting will be the program from the voice. The time of meeting was changed from 2:30 to 4 o'clock. So next Monday afternoon our meeting will begin promptly at our and continue for one hour. Following is the program.—

1. Song.
2. Bible Lesson, Jesus the teacher, John 3 1 to 7, Mrs. Sanders.
3. Christ casting out demons through the Evangelistic centers, Mrs. Tom Largent.
4. Christ casting out demons through iteneration, Mrs. C. B. Smith.
5. Evangelism in Korea through hospitals, Mrs. Grimes.
6. Central Plant and what it is doing for women, Mrs. Roy Harrell.

NEW ARRIVALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Johnson at their home five miles north of town Tuesday a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reggan at their home in the Canyon, Wednesday, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dean at their home north of town Thursday morning, a daughter.

ICE NOTICE

We now deliver Ice every day. Our Coupon Books are also ready, and by buying them or CASH, you save money on the discount given on coupons. You save both money and time by buying coupons. Phone 203. The Merkel Ice Company.

Messrs P. J. Little and L. H. Welch were visitors to Merkel Wednesday afternoon from Abilene. They were here in the interest of the Baptist encampment to be held at Buffalo Gap July 17 to 26.

SOME DISASTROUS FLOODS WHICH CAUSED MANY DEATHS AND HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS

Disastrous floods in History include the following:

- Johnstown, Pa., May 11, 1889 nearly 2,000 lives lost.
- Galveston, Texas, Sept 8, 1900; more than 6,000 lives lost in inundation resulting from hurricane and \$12,000,000 in property damage.
- Pittsburgh, Pa., March 12-15 1907; few lives lost and \$10,000,000 in property.
- Monterey, Mexico, Aug 27-28 1909; more than 1,000 lives lost and \$20,000,000 in property destroyed.
- Paris, France, Jan. 20-Feb. 5 1910; few lives lost, but estimated damage placed at \$200,000,000.
- Austin, Pa., Sept. 30, 1911; loss 74 lives and \$6,000,000 in property.
- Mississippi Valley, spring of 1912; known life loss 230, property damage in excess of \$10,000,000.
- Ohio-Indiana, March 22-27, 1913; 452 lives in Ohio and 54 in Indiana lost, with total property damage estimated at \$163,000,000. Red Cross figures placed life loss at 108 in Dayton, 98 in Hamilton and 92 in Columbus, Ohio.
- Texas, December, 1913; nearly 200 lives lost in Belton, Bryan, Brownwood, Marlin, Temple and other towns. Property damage \$5,000,000.
- Eric, Pa., Aug. 3, 1915; loss of 27 lives and \$7,000,000 in property.
- Pueblo, Colo., June 3 1921; more than 100 lives lost and property valued at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 destroyed.
- Swatow, China, Aug. 2 1922 72,000 lives lost and city nearly destroyed by typhoon and tidal wave.
- San Salvador, Republic of San Salvador, June 13, 1922; 300 persons drowned in Candelaria district flood.—Dallas News.

TRENT ITEMS

Dr. S. H. Watkins is in the Estes Sanitarium at Abilene. He was operated on last Thursday for appendicitis. We are glad to report that he is doing nicely.

Rev. Jno. M. Riddell, pastor of the Baptist Church here gave a social at his home in Abilene for the Trent B. Y. P. U. The following attended and enjoyed themselves immensely. Mr. and Mrs. Burt Chambless; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie B. Winn, Pearly and Jessie Meeks, Made Bowman, Carrol Chambless Rita Winn, Boots Brown, and Jno. Reynolds.

Rev. B. Y. Dickerson and family, who was formerly past or of the Methodist church here and who is at Rio Grande City, was in Trent again a few days last week. Marvin Burton accompanied them.

The W. M. U. ladies of the Baptist church went to the Abilene Hospital last Monday afternoon to visit Dr. Watkins and to carry him someflowers.

Mr. John Reynolds spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn.

Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs. Reynolds spent the day with Mrs. Birdie Scott last Friday quilting.

Miss Bessie English who is attending Simmons College was at home last week-end.

Mr. Othel Watkins was in Trent this week-end.

Mrs. Ben Howell and Miss Bea Billings motored to Abilene Monday afternoon.

Mr. Boots Brown went to Abilene Monday.

Mr. S. R. Thompson is moving to Big Spring.

Uncle Mack McLaughlin is able to be stirring around again. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian have gone to Loraine. Mrs. Adrian's mother, Mrs. Copeland lives there and was in the midst of the storm district.

Rev. J. M. Riddell filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church last Saturday and Sunday, excepting the Sunday day service.

A PRACTICAL REMEDY

Now is the time for all good Americans to come to the rescue of the country from the sugar profiteers. The thing is easy. All it requires is team work. Let everybody cut down their sugar consumption to the lowest notch and it will be done for the stocks of sugar on hand and in the hands of the extortioners are not worth a cent unless they can sell it. We all did without it here in the South from 1861 to 1865, practically. But it is not necessary to deprive the children of a reasonable amount for it is to a certain extent a necessity for them. If only grownups will unite in boycotting sugar for sixty days it will smash the sugar monopolist as bad as that Piggy-Wiggly man did the thieves of the stock exchange. I am beginning already to take my coffee straight. The "buyers" strike brought down the profiteers to their marrowbones three years ago. Besides it is a good thing religiously to practice a little self-denial a part of the time, at least.—Comanche Enterprise

PLAY AT WARREN SCHOOL

The Mail is authorized to announce that a play will be given at the Warren school House on next Saturday night, May 26, by the young people of that community, and the public generally is invited to attend. An enjoyable time is promised them. Admission 15 and 25 cents. The proceeds derived from same to go to the Sunday school.

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BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Arrangements will be made for a speaker in the absence of our pastor. The church felt that Bro. Parrack needed a rest period, and gave him a few weeks vacation. Let's be loyal, and be in our place Sunday morning.

All B. Y. P. U.'s will meet promptly at 6:45 p. m. The Junior Union has arranged a very interesting program for the opening exercise. Let every member be present.

Preaching service immediately after the B. Y. P. U.

We extend a hearty welcome to all, at all services. Holland Teaff.

AN EDITORIAL TO MOTHER

It's plum blossom time! Out on the back porch a woman stands and shades her eyes with her hand while she looks lovingly down the expanse of the yard to the cloud of pink scent that rises from the thicket. Her hair is parted and combed straight past her ears, she has a blue and white checked apron tied round her ample waist. She is clean and tidy and sweet, and she loves the springtime as she loves all things the Great Giver of good bestows.

It is Mother! No, not your mother, master Twenty-One but the mother of us old boys. We know your Mo is just as pretty as a picture, and as young looking as her youngest daughter, but somehow she doesn't hold a candle to that mother of the checked gingham apron, resting her eyes for a minute on the plum thicket of yore.

Honor, her! Each year brings her deared, as we well know we are closer to her on this Mothers Day than ever before. Wear a flower? Why, we'd fill a bushel basket full of posies and scatter them on the ladies fair just to fetch her mild sweet smile near enough to catch.

Some day, Sir Twenty-One you'll feel just like the editor on Mother's Day. You'll more than honor that mother of yours; you'll think she was sweeter than any mother you ever knew and you'll love the memory of her in the cleanest passion that ever swept a man's soul.—The Modern Woodman.

SMILE A WHILE

A hypocrite is a man who uses gasoline for perfume to make people think he is an auto.

A woman is a person who knows what her postscript will be before she starts writing a letter.

A pleasant surprise is when you get a telephone number.

It is unlawful to mistreat all dumb brutes except husbands.

A man has a right to get mad if he is dunned for a bill, because he may have to pay the thing.

They are asking us to send our old clothes to Europe, would many of us would get sunburned.

Some of these Egyptian dresses look good enough to eat, just like a big stick of candy.

Suppose you were an enemy of the Ohio lady who talked ten whole days without stopping?

A man in San Francisco says he has a clock 110 years old. It must be an old timer.

Republicans say Harding's campaign manager may be Brown. Democrats hope he will be blue.

It never rains in the Sahara and Gobi deserts, so we can't tell you what they do on picnics.

About the only thing on earth lower than the German mark right now is the German pfennig.

The women are wearing gaily colored shoes, and those with big feet get madder and madder.

Bob McDonald, Guy Darsey, Dub Diltz and Clyde Sears were fishing on Sweetwater creek on Wednesday afternoon. They report an unusually good catch.