

CONFERENCE SENDS NEW PASTOR HERE

At the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference in session at Plainview last week, Rev. T. J. Rea, for the past two or three years, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Baird, was assigned to the pastorate of the First Methodist church of Merkel, taking the place of Rev. M. C. Hays, who asked for and was transferred to the Central Texas Conference.

And, we are informed that Rev. Rea, with his family, will arrive in Merkel the last of the week, and that he will immediately enter upon his duties as pastor of the above mentioned church; preaching his first sermon Sunday morning. From reports available, Rev. Rea is a very able, energetic and enthusiastic minister, and with the unstinted and undivided assistance of the local church will no doubt meet with success in his efforts for good and the up-building of the church he represents here, as has been his record heretofore. We are informed that during the past year, Rev. Rea and his congregation at Baird have built and paid for one of the handsomest \$30,000 churches in this part of the country. This paper joins the membership of the Methodist Church South of this city, as well as the entire citizenship, in welcoming the new pastor and his family to our city.

Owing to the fact that the Central Texas Conference will not meet for several days yet, Rev. Hays and family will remain in Merkel until he shall receive his assignment in that conference. And this paper joins their many friends and all Merkel in wishing for them success and happiness in their new home.

ATTENDANCE AT M. E. CHURCH INCREASE DURING YEAR

According to a tabulated report by the Secretary, Miss Ethel Wilson, the average attendance at the Methodist Sunday school for the conference year just ended, there has been a gain of 82 new members. The average attendance each Sunday for the year was 250.

In the home department there are 60 members, while on the cradles roll there is 40.

This is a splendid report and reflects much credit to the Superintendent, Mr. L. W. Cox, as well as those in charge of each department.

A rising vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the Supt. and Secretary on last Sunday morning by the Sunday school membership for their loyalty and untiring efforts in building up the Sunday school.

We might also state that the number on the rolls to begin with was 441 while at the close of the year the membership ran up to 492.

Presbyterian W. M. S.

The W. M. S. met at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon in a business session. A short program was given on home missions. There will be given a home mission pageant on the third Sunday of November. The program to be announced later.

Let all members be present on next Monday in practice meeting.

Mr. F. C. King, of Abilene, has moved with his family to this city; he being in the employ of the new J. M. Carson Grocery Company.

MARKET AND TAG DAY SATURDAY NOV. 17

The P. T. A. will have a market and tag day on Saturday, November 17. The place will be announced later. There will be cakes, pies, dressed chicken, and possibly a number of other things good to eat at this market. Special orders will be filled if notice is given before that day. Proceeds will go to the Library Fund.

WHERE OUR FORMER PASTORS ARE SENT

From the daily press we notice that Rev. Elmer D. Landreth, (our Boy Preacher) as he is often called in Merkel, has been assigned to the pastorate of the Oak Street church in Abilene; going from Trent, where he has been stationed the past year. That he is making good and destined to become one of the able and influential ministers in all Methodism, is the prediction of this young man's many friends.

We also notice that young Russell Pike, who is a student in McMurray College, has been assigned to the Merkel Circuit, and who is another young man with a bright future in the ministry.

Likewise, H. Russell Barnett another McMurray Student, and one of Merkel's most promising and coming young ministers, was assigned to the Plasterco circuit.

Rev. C. W. Foote, formerly pastor of the Merkel church, but for the past year stationed at Paducah, was returned to that charge. Also Rev. W. M. Murrell, another beloved and former pastor of Merkel, who the past year was stationed at Chillicothe, has been returned by the conference to that charge. And Rev. W. P. Garvin, many years ago pastor of the church in this city, but for the past four years presiding Elder of the Vernon district, was assigned to the First Church at Hereford, Texas.

We were also glad to note that W. M. Lane the splendid and able Presiding Elder for the Abilene District, was returned to that position, and which will be good news to the entire church membership throughout his district.

ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES AWAY

After a lingering illness, S. P. Martin, 77 years of age, and a pioneer and highly respected citizen of Merkel, died at the family residence in this city on last Friday morning.

Deceased as born in Tennessee, November 10, 1846, came to Texas in the early days and has resided in Merkel for many years, where he has a large circle of close friends and acquaintances. He was also a member of the Methodist church South, and remained faithful and zealous as such.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the Methodist church at 4:00 o'clock; Rev. Fred S. Rogers, of the Presbyterian church officiating, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery immediately afterwards.

This paper joins a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved companion and other loved ones.

Mr. W. S. J. Brown of the Brown Dry Goods Company returned first of the week from Dallas, where he had been to buy an additional supply of fresh and new goods for his firm.

THREE COMING LYCEUM DATES

The committee now has the dates for the three remaining numbers of the Lyceum Course being given under the auspices of the Merkel Cemetery Association. We are sure that the remaining numbers are as good if not better than the most excellent program given at the Cozy by the Sorority Singers on October 30th. All the remaining numbers will be given at the Cozy Theatre, as was the first number, and will be given in connection with the regular picture show.

On Wednesday, November 28th, the Music Makers will be with us. This is a men's quartet which will not only render vocal numbers but are skilled in the use of band instruments. They are the fun makers of the course. Hear them.

On Wednesday, December 19 James Kater, Magician will be here with his slight-of-hand performances.

Then on Friday, February 29th, Miss Emma Dee Randlee, Reader and Impersonator, will give the last number of the course.

All members of the above course will be excellent entertainment. Do not miss a one of them if you enjoy good wholesome entertainment.

BIG POULTRY SHOW AT ANSON ON 16-17

Special to the Mail, Merkel, Tex. Anson, Texas, Nov. 6, 1923.—Final arrangements have been made for the holding of Anson's first poultry show in Anson on Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17. The business men of Anson have heartily endorsed the movement to stimulate interest in the raising of purebred poultry, and have generously contributed to the financing of this show.

Liberal premiums have been offered for the winners in the various classes. Poultry fanciers are notified that all birds to be entered in the show must be in show coops by Friday at 10 a. m. November 16, and positively none will be accepted after 9 a. m. Saturday Nov. 17.

Everyone, whether interested in poultry or not, is cordially invited to be in Anson on these two days.

S. A. Palmer, County Demonstration Agt. Jones County, Texas.

PROGRAM AT WARREN SCHOOL

The Mail is requested to announce that there is to be a big box supper and nice program at the Warren School House on Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock and to which every one is invited.

We understand there will be some prominent speakers present who will address the audience on the question of better education. A good time is assured all.

Castle Ellis, who attended State University at Austin, and who went back this year, was forced to return home for a while at least, on account of his health. His Physician stating that he must do so or he might suffer a complete nervous breakdown. We regret this, as Castle is a fine young man and was doing nicely and would have soon finished his course. We hope he may yet recover and finish same.

ARMISTICE PROGRAM AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A committee appointed to arrange a program for "Armistice Day" Services, in Merkel, have handed to this paper the following interesting and appropriate program, which will be rendered Sunday evening at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church:

"America, by the Audience. Invocation, Rev. M. C. Hays. "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Audience.

Introductory remarks, Rev. W. G. Cypert.

Vocal Solo, Ona Fae Bland.

Reading, "In Flandres Field", Miss Lucy Tracy.

Vocal Solo, "There is no death", Christine Collins.

Address, Rev. T. J. Rea. "Star Spangled Banner", by Audience.

Benediction, Rev. A. R. Tyson.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers, Presiding.

This paper understands that it is hoped and expected that the entire town will join in the above and help to make same the success that it should be.

CELEBRATES 39TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, for many years excellent and substantial citizens of Merkel and surrounding country, and now residing in the south part of the city, were indeed made happy Tuesday evening, November 6th, when just at night fall their sons and daughters, who reside in Abilene, drove up in their cars, and began to unload many good things to eat, and besides a "ready cooked, and real big fine wedding dinner." And so sudden and such a surprise was it to Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt for their children to arrive at this time, as there had been no announcement of their visit, let alone to come and bring such a feast as was spread on the big dining table (and right here let us say that the table had to be again lengthened out to full length, as when all the children were at home, in order to hold all the delicious eats) that could hardly figure out just what was up, until they were invited to march together into the dining room and then it came to their mind that this was their wedding anniversary. Yes, 39 years ago on November 6th they were joined in holy wedlock.

As stated above, besides the very fine, old time, wedding dinner, their children presented Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt with everything, as he stated it, from a tooth-pick up to flour, sugar, ham, and oh well, just everything one can think of that is made, grown and manufactured to eat.

But best of all, was the kind and loving spirit and thought of remembrance, by the children of the parents. And after enjoying the big dinner and an hour of genuine social mingling the children and grand children departed for their homes, all very happy, but no happier than were Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt.

NEW APPLE AND POTATO HOUSE

Apples and Potatoes, wholesale or retail. Get them while you can and enjoy them while they are good. Bell and Walker located on Kent Street. 1tp

Mr. E. H. Thompson was in the city last Saturday and while here dropped in to renew for two subscriptions to the Mail, one for himself and one to be sent to his father in Oklahoma. Thanks.

NECESSITY STORE TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

In this paper will be found the big quarter page announcement of the opening of the "Necessity Store", in this city on next Wednesday.

Read their advertisement—it's interesting and you may be able to profit thereby.

MEXICAN ARRESTED FOR SHOP LIFTING

At the Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company, one morning early this week, while the gentlemen salesmen, were just opening up and getting ready for the days run, a Mexican who for several mornings about this time had been coming in to buy a set of shoe strings, handkerchief or something of the kind, was caught making an effort to conceal and get away with about \$15.00 worth of fine silk hose.

Mr. Stewart Grimes, who caught the Mexican in the act of getting the goods caught him and held him until others in the store could call an officer. He was taken to Abilene by City Marshall, Jinks Winter, and locked up by the Sheriff.

BAPTIST LADIES TO SEW FOR ORPHANS

The ladies of the First Baptist Church are to meet in the basement of the Church on November 13 to sew for Buckner Orphans Home. On account of the continued bad weather this meeting was postponed from Oct. 30. It is again urged that every body be present on that day and come by 9 o'clock so that as much work as possible be completed. The invitation is again extended to other ladies of the town who will meet with us. Lunch will be served at noon.

PARENT TEACHER CLUB

The Parent-Teacher Club will hold their regular monthly meeting on next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. A splendid program has been arranged and a visiting nurse will also be present to give us a short address.

During the business session the first set of Library Books will be awarded to the room having the greatest percent of parents present. Be sure that you are there to help your child's room secure this library.

If you are a member of the P. T. A., come help carry on the good work we are trying to accomplish, if you are not a member, come join us and help put the Merkel Public school on the map as it should be. Wednesday afternoon, November 14, at 3:30 at the School building.

Program for the P. T. A.

1. Opening number: "Lords Prayer."
2. Song, High school Choral Club.
3. Reading, a pupil of Expression department.
4. Piano Solo, Ona Fae Bland.
5. Reading, by Taylor Co. visiting nurse.
6. Talk by Dr. Grimes.
7. Why a child labor constitutional amendment, Mrs. Bean.
8. Tragic Incidents in America working child's life, Mrs. Briggs.
9. Business session.

Christmas Cards for sale at The Merkel Mail Office.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE MONDAY

A petition was circulated in Merkel one day this week, where by every dry goods store, grocery store, hardware store, furniture, barber shop, and infact every kind of business in the city almost, except the Cafes, Drug stores and hotels, agreed to and signed up to close their doors all day next Monday, in honor of Armistice Day, which really falls on Sunday, the 11th.

This we notice according to the press of the state is being done almost universally. And really there should not be any need of having somebody walk themselves to death each year getting people to sign up to close their doors, because the days is and should be observed as a holiday all over the land.

And on Thanksgiving Day, this town and almost every town and city in the land has always closed up for the observance of the day, and yet the business men, or some of them, must insist that it is necessary to get every one, or at least their competitor, on the "dotted line", before they can tell whether they want to close or not.

It is hoped that the people will buy their supplies and necessities on next Saturday, and not come in and ask the business men to open their doors, unless of course it is in need of some necessities of life. Abilene and Sweetwater stores also close all day on next Monday, November 12th.

AUDITING COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE HERE

Mr. R. C. Winters, a representative of the Elliott Auditing Company, of Abilene, spent a short time in Merkel one day this week for the purpose of getting acquainted with the Merkel people, and incidentally to secure any new business in this city that he might for his firm.

While here Mr. Winters dropped into the Merkel Mail office and left with us an advertisement for his firm, and to which we wish to call special attention to our readers.

It is a well known fact that the firm of Elliott Auditing Co. are very capable and high class in their line and instead of sending away to some of the larger cities of the east for a competent auditor as may have been done in the past, we are glad to know that now the business man or any one desiring such services may be able to secure this service from our County Seat, Abilene. This company makes a speciality of Income Tax work and any one needing such will do well to consult with them.

MERKEL BADGERS WIN OVER CLYDE

Merkel, Nov. 8.—The Merkel Badgers made it five games in a row Tuesday afternoon on the Merkel field by defeating the Clyde eleven, 26 to 0. The game marked by the fighting spirit of the Clyde team, although out-classed they became stronger as the game advanced. All of Merkel's scoring was done in the 1st half.

Merkel will play Hamlin on the Hamlin field next Monday afternoon.

E. L. Palmer of route three has our thanks for his subscription to the Mail for another year.

Superior Dairy Ration has made milk and butter records all over Texas. T. J. R. Swafford, Phone 44-, South Side. 1t

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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UNION RIDGE ITEMS

As it has been raining for the past two weeks every one is glad to see the sun shine again. Everyone is just about thru picking cotton. School was to have started the 12th but on account of the bad weather, the new room has not been built. The men of the community started to hauling the lumber Monday morning.

Every one come to Sunday school Sunday, lets get started again. There were some few who went last Sunday, but not enough to have Sunday school.

Mr. Joe Douglass and wife spent Sunday with Mr. Lee Eason and family as it was Lee's birthday.

Misses Ruth and Buby Hartline also visited Gipsy and Gertrude Eason.

Mr. Newberry and family visited relatives in Trent Sunday.

Mr. O. R. Douglass and wife visited Miss Lola and Mr. Lester Peterson Sunday.

Mr. Erwin Williamson, wife, and baby, will leave soon for North Carolina to spend the winter with Erwin's parents.

Marvin Strickland is visiting relatives in and around Merkel.

Mr. Otto Taylor from Fort Worth visited Mr. O. R. Douglass and wife last week Mrs. Douglass being a sister to Mr. Taylor.

L. G. of Texas

COMING--Car Dawson Fancy Egg--Car Domino Grate--Car McAlester Fancy Lump Coal. T. J. R. Swafford. Phone 44--South Side. It

Our good friend P. E. Rape route four is among those renewing for the Mail for another year.

Have as good line of groceries as can be bought. And can meet anyone's prices. Will appreciate your patronage.

W. F. Hamblett 1t

FORTY-NINE YEARS AGO

Folks boiled coffee and settled it with an egg.

Ladies rode on side saddles.

boots and Daddy wore. I-h--ke

Little Johnnie wore brass-toe

boots and Daddy wore brogans

When the preacher told the

truth th people said amen.

Left-over non vituals were finished at supper time.

Neighbors asked about your family and meant it.

Merry-fo-rounds were called Fly ing Jennies.

A tin cup of red liquor was sold for five cents.

Ladies dresses reached from her neck to her heel.

It took tweney minutes to shine shoes with Mason's blacking.

People served pot liquor instead of canned soup.

Only crooks on record were lightning rod agents.

Indigestion was called plain belly ache.

The Ka'iser was wearing knickers.

Men played mumbel-peg instead of poker.

The neighbors all got fresh meat at hog killing time.

Cottonseed was considered a good fertilizer.

And men made thesame wife do a life-time.--Bill Cowan in San Saba Star.

And say Bill, in all these forty nine years, you ain't forget your raisin'?

Fortynine years ago Mother coked corn pone in a skillet on the hearth--live coals on lid.

Seasoned with cracklins, nice and brown, melt in your mouth.

Fried the ham in a long hand led skillet over the fire blaze.

Sopped our yellow yam taters in the red gravey, yum, yum, while the gravey trickled down our chin.

Crackel walnuts and hickory nuts o nite time while Mother read the Bible--then family prayers and to bed.

Children slept in trundle beds in those days, and the whole bunch was there at roosting time.

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A NEWSPAPERLESS CITY

For three days, recently, New York was without daily newspapers. For three days 6,000,000 people were without knowledge of world's events, and local happenings. For three days, they knew nothing of what department stores had to offer or what new shows and pictures were appearing in town. And here is the result: Shopping decreased 10 percent. The first day, 30 percent the

second day and the third day showed decrease of more than 50 percent.

Theatres had a falling off in attendance of probably 20 percent.

Salesmen and salesgirls who work in department store on commission suffered aloss in wages which will total nearly \$1,000,000,000 a day.

A newspaperless city means vast business and personal losses. A newspaperless world would be unthinkable.--Ex.

NORRIS FILES SUIT TO HAVE 'AD' ACCEPTED

Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist Church, late Wednesday afternoon filed an application for a mandamus in the Seventeenth District Court to compel the A. H. Belo and Co., publishers of the Dallas News, to accept an advertisement that he would speak Sunday at the Coliseum in Dallas.

Rev. Mr. Norris alleges that the advertisement is a legal one and is in the class of advertising matter which the Dalals News has been receiving, but that the newspaper has refused his.

The advertisement in question contains a picture of the pastor. The title of the advertisement is "Romanism, Modernism Fundamentalism or the Integrity of the Holy Scriptures."

An exception from the proposed advertisement, according to the petition follows:

"He (Norris) will show how the Pope will rejoice to see the Protestant Bible destroyed."

"Too long have fundamentalists remained silent in face of present day flood-tide isms and heresies."--Ft. Worth Star Telegram.



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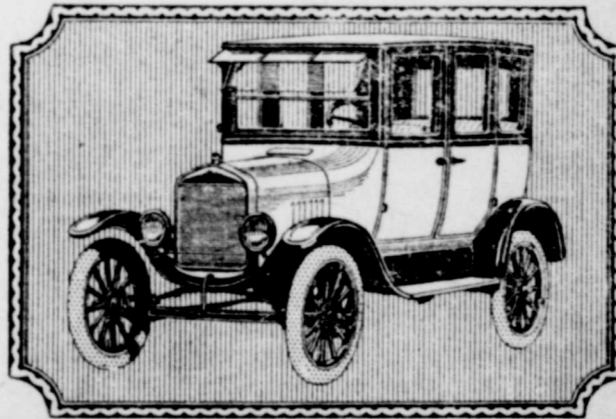
We have just unleaded a car of John Deere Implements, consisting of Two Row Planters, Pony Disc Plows, Large Double Disc Plows, Stag Sulky Plows and Middle Busters. We now have them in stock.

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It is lower and sturdier in appearance. New cowl, hood, radiator and apron add size and finish to the front. Sun visor, and wide, well-finished aluminum doors with bar

handles perfect the design of the body.

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We have had a wonderful Early Fall Business. We are grateful for the liberal patronage extended us this fall as in the seasons past. Our efforts are being concentrated to make the month of November the biggest month of our Dry Goods Career. New goods have been arriving daily until now our shelves are packed to capacity and our tables and cabinets are literally loaded with New Merchandise.

KEEP THIS IN MIND

We sell the best advertised, and best value giving lines of Standard Merchandise in the world:

Hart, Schaffner and Marx Clothes for men, Florsheim Shoes, Stetson Hats, Ide and McDonald Shirts, Arrow Brand Collars, Queen Quality Shoes for ladies, Gold Medal Hats, Allen A [Black Cat] Hose for the whole family, Munsing Wear, and Carhart Overalls. We are quoting prices that will interest the prospective buyer.

Florsheim Shoes



In Brown and Black Kid and Calf Skin

Most Styles - - \$10.00
One Lot, choice \$6.95

All Childrens Hats at 1/2 Price

HART SCHAFFNER AND MARX CLOTHING

Blue Serges, Checks, Stripes and Plaids
\$40.00 \$45.00 and \$50.00
10 Per Cent Discount During November

STETSON HATS

The Most Complete Line of Stetson Hats in West Texas. We can fit you in the style you want.

DRESSES

15 per cent discount on all New Fall and Winter Dresses. Come get yours this month

COATS

One lot of Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats at 20 per cent discount. Good Styles

MILLINERY

New Shipment of Gold Medal Hats at 10 per cent discount for November.
Pattern Hats, group No. 1. \$4.95
Group No. 2, your choice for \$3.95
Group No. 3, your choice for \$1.95



For Ladies who Really Appreciate a High Grade Shoe

\$7.00 \$7.50 \$8.50

SPECIALS

In Ready-to-wear

Coat Suits \$32.50 value **\$22.95**
Coat Suits \$29.50 value **\$21.95**
Coat Suits \$27.50 value **\$19.50**

We close all day Monday, Nov. 12, Celebration of Armistice

Merkel Dry Goods Co.

New Auto Service

We are glad to announce that we have purchased from Mr. H. H. Hand, the Quick Tire and Radiator Shop and will be glad to have your continued business.

Mechanical Work--Radiator and Tire Service--Accessories and Parts.

B. P. Middleton and Marvin Boney

Quick Tire & Radiator SHOP

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Radio owners and enthusiasts, since the cooler and clear weather, are beginning to enjoy the fine programs that are being broadcasted through the nation. And not only are they enjoying such interesting things coming from our own land but some very interesting programs are being heard even in far away Mexico City. The Radio is here to stay and is going to prove a real blessing in many ways.

Read the Classified Column.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: The change of faith. Leader, Elfe Chaney.

Song: Onward Christian Soldiers.

Song: Take my life and let it be.

Scripture lesson (Josh. 1 1-9 Acts 27 20-25, by leader.

Courage, Mary Ellen Smith. Physical courage, Eva Mae Johnson.

Silent prayer, closed by leader Moral courage, Intha Bird.

Faith as a basin for courage, Louis Tucker. Announcements. League benediction.

NOTICE HUNTERS

Hunters are respectfully asked not to hunt and otherwise trespass on any lands owned or controlled by the undersigned. Most, respectfully, John Sears.

See the big doll in our show window to be given away on December 1st Merkel Drug Company.

PROGRAM W. M. SOCIETY

Program to be held at M. E. church Tuesday.

Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name.

Bible lesson--Luke 10 ch. 25 to 37, by Mrs. Sanders.

Prayer, Mrs. C. B. Smith.

Object of the meeting, by the president.

Prayer for Mission schools, Mrs. Sandefer.

Description of Laura Haygood Normal in China, by Mrs. Hutcheson.

Needs of the Normal school, Mrs. Ferrer.

The negro, as Jesus sees it, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Case, and Mrs. Largent.

Hymn, More Love to the Oh Christ.

Interesting dialogue, Mrs. J. E. Richardson, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Grimes.

Hymn, I give my life for thee Farewell offering.

Closing prayer, Mrs. Durham

Women of the Church are urged to attend. Visitors always welcome.--Committee.

"THE LITTLE GIFT SHOP"

We are opening a gift shop at my house on the afternoon of November 15, from three until six o'clock. Make out your Xmas gift list and let us help you select your gifts. We have a line of novelties that are different and you will enjoy looking through our selection.

We will be open in the afternoons of Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week until Christmas.

James Swann Mrs. Sam Swann

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Leader, Mr. Deuschman Introduction: Leader.

1. The well beloved Gaius, by Miss Lola Joiner.

2. John's prayer for Gaius, by Miss Valerie Dye.

3. The good work of Gaius, by Coma Haynes.

4. Diotrefes, the enemy, by Mrs. Warren Smith.

5. Demerius, the friend, O. R. Bird.

6. Conclusion, by Miss Dovie Teaff.

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The varied services of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank are at the service of the community. If you are in doubt about the policy and services of the Bank come in and talk it over.

Read the Classified Column.

BIG SPECIAL OFFER Continues

In order that every one may have the opportunity of buying their supply of the Big Specials we offered last week, we are continuing the offer for next Saturday, November 10, and our stock of these Specials is full and complete.

Dress Gingham Special

One lot of extra good grade Dress Gingham, well worth 25 cents the yard, will be offered at only 15c the yard.

Unbleached Domestic

Also one lot of extra good quality 36 in. Unbleached Domestic worth and usually sold at 22½ cents the yard, Saturday, we will sell at only 15c. Better buy now before the rise in price.

And another thing we would impress upon the minds of our customers and friends, is that we are daily receiving much new good, and can yet fill your every need for anything in clothing, or in fact the dry goods line.

We specially invite you to look through our line of Ladies' Coat Suits, Coats, Skirts, Waists, Etc. We can save you money in these items. See them and get our prices.

A big lot of Blankets and Comforts at real bargain. A big stock to pick from.

Max Mellinger

THE STORE ON THE CORNER

NOTICE

J. P. Howard, Masseur, has recently purchased our interest and equipment in the office in Merkel and we are now in no way connected with same. We gladly commend Dr. Howard to the general public and trust that the people of Merkel may realize the real advantage they have by having him located there.

Respectfully Busby and Crowder

COFFEE DEMONSTRATION

At John S. Hughes Grocery, on next Tuesday, Miss Warren, representing the Royal Coffee Company, will give a demonstration of the fine qualities of this coffee, and every one is invited to call and try it. ltp

Con D. Mental Poultry Powder, at W. F. Hamblett's. It

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(Terms like Rent) Special Discount for Cash UNDERWOODS REMINGTONS L. C. SMITHS WOODSTOCKS ROYALS OLIVERS ALL MAKES

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IF YOU HAVE Malaria, Piles, Sick Headache, Costive Bowels, Dumb Ague, Sour Stomach, and Belching; your food does not assimilate, you have no appetite.

Tutt's Pills will remedy these troubles

New Perfection Stoves

We have a nice line of New Perfection Cook and Heating Stoves in stock. Come in and buy your wife that stove you promised her you would get this fall if you made that good Cotton Crop.

Guns and Ammunition of all kinds. Open season on Deer, Bear, Ducks and Doves. You can get your Hunting License from us now, before you take that hunting trip.

Say, Ladies, come in and see the new imported English Ware in Queensware.

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Hardware Only, We Sell

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There is just one day when it is wise to insure. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may be too late. Today, the day Before you may suffer a loss by fire, or Theft, is the one wise day to cover yourself fully with insurance.

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Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

Fruit Cakes For Thanksgiving And Christmas

We have spared nothing to make the most delicious and tasty Fruit Cake to be had. If you are thinking of buying a Fruit Cake for Thanksgiving or Christmas, don't fail to come by and ask for a sample. The price is reasonable, considering the quality.--80c the pound.

Our Bread--Oh! Well, everyone knows of its excellent Quality--Just a trial is all that is needed.

QUALITY BAKERY

FORD TRUCKS PLAY BIG PART

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 3rd. Ford trucks will play an important part in the reconstruction of the devastated sections of Japan and in furnishing transportation for the thousands of inhabitants in the affected regions. This is indicated by orders coming into the Ford Motor Company. The first of these was from the City of Tokio and called for 1,000 Ford one-ton truck chassis. The entire transportation system of Japan's

capital city was destroyed by the earthquake and fire which followed, leaving the city helpless. In a move toward quick recovery, the municipality ordered 1,000 Ford trucks and within a short time will have a great fleet of motor busses in operation. The Tokio order, placed with Sale and Frazer, Ltd. Ford distributors for Japan, was received October 10th. Shipments, made from New York, began at once and the final consignment went out last Wednesday, Oct. 31st. Monthly truck orders from

Japan, running usually between 400 and 500 continue to come in, further indicating the demand for the Ford truck.

The Ford assembly plant, parts stock and show rooms at Yokohama were completely destroyed by the earthquake and headquarters in Tokio was damaged to a considerable extent.

A temporary assembly plant has been established in Kobe and is now in operation. Work of rebuilding the plant at Yokohama is being rushed in order to care for the needs of Ford owners in that district.

WHITE CHURCH

We are having some nice sunny weather, which is causing sunny smiles. Everybody is striving to take advantage of same to finish gathering their crops.

School begins Monday. We are feeling as if we will have a successful term. Yesterday was spent by the trustees in placing the new desks. To those of us who are familiar with school teaching know that this is quite a step toward a more successful school.

Owing to so much rain last week it was impossible for us to meet at the cemetery. Perhaps tho later on we can all get together and finish this work that we have begun this year.

Miss Reba Demere spent last week end visiting in Merkel.

Billy Moore arrived Friday from Logan, West Virginia, where he has been employed for some time. He will spend a few days visiting Mrs. Frank Demere, before leaving for Angle-

town to visit his mother, Mrs. D. Attison.

Mr. D. C. Doan and family of Bliar spent Sunday with Mrs. Maggie Johnson.

Dillard Snow is prospecting at Brownfield this week.

Times are too rushing this week to search for more news.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wednesday night of this week saw the close of our school of missions; not withstanding the condition of the roads we had an enrollment of one hundred and four, with a total attendance of four hundred and forty one. We hope to have a home mission School in the spring.

The Women's Society are planning to give a Pageant the 3rd Sunday night of this month. This is one of the most instructive pageants ever presented.

Sunday, Nov. 11 let us make one of the best of the year, our Sunday school holds up well, but let us make it just a little better. Preaching service at the eleven o'clock hour. Subject: "The unpardonable Sin". Visitors and strangers made to feel at home. There will be a union service of all the churches at the Baptist Church at the evening hour in honor of Armistice Day.

A NEW BUSINESS

Messrs. Bell and Walker of Abilene, have this week opened a new business in the Geo. Brown building on Kent street; carrying a nice stock of apples, and sweet potatoes. Read their advertisement in this paper.

ONE NEW FORD

For Sale, 24 Model.

One 23 model, Ford; one 21 medel, Ford, both in fine shape; well worth the money

Good Year Tires from \$7.50 on up and Texas oil, the only oil on the market that will not char up and form carbon on your pistons. We have never lost a bearing by using Texico Oil.

We have good and substantial brand of goods and never change. We are still on the corner, the only Drive-in Station in town; the place where you get a square deal.

The Merkel Garage
Ross Ferrier--Phone 123--H. L. Propst

Your Last Chance!

Saturday, November 10th. The Last Day Of
Barrow's Big Sale

In order to make the last two days of our Sale, the best of all, we are offering Extra Special Discounts on all Bed-room Suits. If you are at all interested in a bed-room suit you can't afford to pass them up at the prices we are offering for

FRIDAY and SATURDAY



FREE! BED ROOM SUIT FREE!

Saturday, Nov. 10, at 4 o'clock

we give the beautiful 4 piece Bedroom Room Suit to the person that holds the lucky number. Don't fail to ask for your tickets with each \$1.00 purchase-

BARROW FURNITURE CO.

Epworth League Program

Subject: The courage of Faith.

Leader, Miss Roberta Gay. Scripture lesson, Act 27, 20-25.

Song Prayer.

Song--America the Beautiful

"Tribute to our soldiers. Introductory talk, Leader.

"Fortitude"--Lotta Butman.

"Adventurous Spirit" by Ethel Wilson.

"Intrepidity"--Sie Hamm.

"True Hearted, Trust-worthy, Transformed, Marie Williamson

"Heorism and Hardihood,-- Joe Ridenbauch.

Song-- "The Star Spangled

Banner."

League Benediction.

All ex-soldiers are specially invited to attend League Sunday evening at 6:30 p. m. Every

one that wants to pay a tribute to our soldiers are asked to take

part in this program next Sunday.

COMING--Car Dawson Fancy

Egg--Car Domino Grate,--Car

McAlester Fancy Lump Coal. T.

J. R. Swafford. Phone 44--

South Side. It

Mrs. J. E. Costphens Jr., of

Roscoe, was a guest in the

home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cos

tephens Sr., of this city last

Sunday.



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Dallas

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE--Good Buggy and harness cheap. See or call Lige Harris, Rt. 2 1tpd

FOR SALE: A good 3 room house, east front, on corner lot in north part of Merkel. O. B. Hutchison, owner. 1t

FOR SALE--TURKEYS! Fine Full blooded turkeys. Toms, \$7 Hens, \$5. Also some very fine Barred Rock Cockrels. Call or phone Mrs. H. P. Wilkins, Rt. one. 1tp

FOR SALE--3 business lots, adjoining Rust property, close to Railroad. See Mrs. A. A. Baker. 1tp

FOR SALE--A good Coal Heater. Sanders Drug Store. 1t

FOR SALE--Your choice of 25 head of good work stock, for cash or approved note. Dr. M. Armstrong. 9t2.

LAND FOR SALE--336 acres three miles of McCauley, 86 acres in cultivation, nice orchard. Will sell cheap or trade for land close to Merkel. See H. Patterson. 9t2.

FOR SALE--Good five-room house cheap. See P. C. Jones for particulars. 1tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE--One Rex Visible Typewriter. See Clifford Rose. 1t

FOR SALE--Dodge Roadster, 1922 Model in first class condition at \$450.00. Can be seen at Dowell's Top Shop, Monday the 12th. 1t

FOR SALE--Have a few fine mammoth White Turkeys for sale

Phone or see W. R. Sumpter, Rt. one. 9tp

FOR SALE--A span of 2 and 3 year old mules. G. F. Turner, Route 1 Box 15. 9t2p

FOR SALE--Good double-disc Standard plow. E. Barnes, Route 5, Merkel. 1tp

NECESSITY STORE

FREE AUTO

With each 5c purchase will give tickets on this beautiful auto, to be given away Dec. 24 to the one holding lucky number. License No. 54321, paid to 1924.

FREE

To each and every lady entering our store on Nov. 14 we will give free one 9 ounce Tumbler, as a token of our appreciation of your future business.

Will Open Nov. 14th with their stock of Toys, Christmas Goods general variety of Racket Goods.

In fact, in planing and opening this store we have endeavored to select a stock of goods, with something new and different to any carried in the city, we have also tried to bring you something stable and well worth the price asked.

Special For One Week Only.

Extraordinary Free Offer Aluminium Ware Deal:

which consits of 180 Pieces well worth from \$1.25 to \$2.00, but in this Sale only costs you \$1.25 or nothing, as there are many pieces that go free, amounting in value to \$54.50

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—Being in West Texas, we can give more efficient service and save you traveling expenses which Dallas or Fort Worth firms must charge. We solicit your Income Tax work on the basis of equal efficiency with other firms, and the fact that we are more accessible to you as our office is in West Texas.

FOR SALE--Farm. I am offering my well improved farm of 320 acres, 165 in cultivation, with 80 acres more suitable for cultivation for sale. Lots of wood, and fine grass. For price and particulars see the undersigned. The land is located five miles from Merkel. R. B. Wells. 1tp

FORDS FOR SALE--Have some good Ford Cars for sale. Marvin Boney. 1t

LOST

LOST--Last Saturday one 32x 4 1-2 Mud Chain. Finder please return to Clifford Rose. 1t

LOST-- A large ladies black neck fur between Merkel and Abilene on last Saturday. Finder return to Merkel Mail office. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED--A FARM. Will pay cash for 1/4 to 1 section of good land. Locate, price, and describe fully by letter. Mr. Tackett, Merkel, Texas, Box 26. 1t

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

FOUND

FOUND--An Auto casing, rim, etc. Owner can get same by calling at this office; paying for this add, and properly describing casing. 1t

HIGH TAXES AND RADICALISM

Why is it that high taxes seem to be an inevitable result of radical rule?

When North Dakota took its plunge into socialism, the taxes immediately went up and soon the state was groaning under a tax rate it had never known before.

Last year a Governor of Oklahoma was elected who promised great things for the poor people. Now the news comes that Oklahoma will have the highest tax rate in its history, 3 1-2 mills, and this will not be enough to keep the state on a cash basis.

The radicals have had plenty of opportunity to demonstrate what they could do in the line of government.

The experience thus far is that when theradicals get into power, the people get it in the neck.--Exc.

Buy a Radio Set to listen in during the cold months. Call at the Mail office and get particulars. 1t

Mrs. Bob Martin returned first of the week from her visit to relatives at Plainview.



That dangerous cough--stop it!

before you have to take more costly measures. Dr. Bell's combines just those medicines that up-to-date doctors prescribe with the good old-time remedy--pine-tar honey. It speedily checks the cough, soothes the inflammation, restores normal breathing. The taste is pleasant, too!

All druggists. Be sure to get the genuine.
DR. BELL'S Pine-Tar Honey

Will sell you a good Radio set cheap, aerial and everything. Apply at Mail office. 1t

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I am one of
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I walk--I talk and go to sleep when you want me to. I will be given away Absolutely FREE!

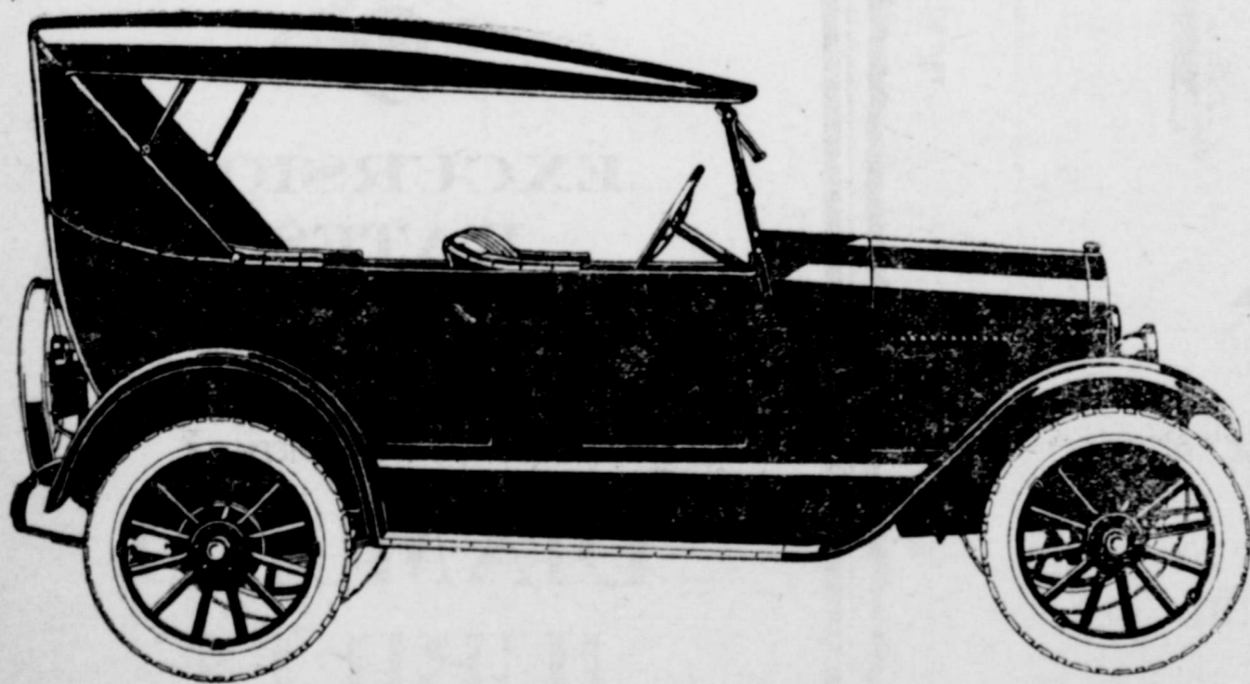
With each twenty-five cent purchase of Nyal Toilet Products made at our store between now and Dec. 1st, you receive 100 votes. The little girl having the largest number of votes to her credit on December 1st can take me home without paying a single penny.

Get your father, mother, sister, brother and friends to vote for you.

Any little girl under thirteen years of age is eligible. Enter your name as a contestant. Don't waste a moment's time.

You can see me at the address shown below.

MERKEL DRUG CO.
Merkel, Texas



FREE FREE FREE FREE

Every man buyin a Star Car this week will be given a Fisk Redtop Tire or tire cover and tube

Jackson-Savage Motor Company
LAWN ABILENE MERKEL

Notice!
to Farmers

who want Kasch cotton seed direct from Ed Kasch, see me at once as we will only get a limited supply

Sam Swann

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Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Friday
VAUDEVILLE
 and
"The Belle of Alaska"

Also—
 Comedy Review

Monday and Tuesday
MADGE KENNEDY
 in
"THE HIGHEST BIDDER"

Also—
 Comedy
 And— Sport Review

Saturday
HELEN HOMES
 in
"MEDICINE BEND"

Also—
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 And— Mutt and Jeff

Wednesday and Thursday
A PARAMOUNT FEATURE

And—
 Christie Comedy

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2t2p.

Read the Classified Column.

JUST RECEIVED--A CAR OF COLORADO LUMP COAL, Will Unload Friday and Saturday. CLIFFORD ROSE. 2t2.

With every 25 cents worth of Nyal products purchased at the Merkel Drug Company we will give 100 votes in the beautiful Doll Contest. tf.

Don't forget the date, Thursday afternoon, Nov 15. James Swann and Mrs. Sam Swann. 1t

Superior Dairy Ration has made milk and butter records all over Texas. T. J. R. Swafford, Phone 44-, South Side. 1t

Just unloaded, car of good Colorado Coal. See Clifford Rose. 1t.

Mr. J. H. Wilson, of Mineral Wells, after a visit with his sister, Mrs. Tom Henderson, left Monday for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker of route one, returned last week from a pleasant visit to relatives at Cleburne, Morgan and other east Texas towns.

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IN MEMORY OF HERBERT PATERSON, MY DEPARTED PLAYMATE

1. I'll not forget you little Herbert
 Though your form I see no more

I know you are only waiting
 For me on that other shore.
 2. At my window sad and lonely I so often think of thee.
 After wondering if my playmate ever, ever thinks of me.
 3. I'll never forget our last sweet parting, Herbert.

We were sitting side by side,
 Talking of our futures Herbert
 But death took you from my side.

Death has abolished all my future
 All my joys have turned to pain.

When September comes again
 For me, will be a time of sorrow

(By the Playmate left behind,) J. C. Elliott

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Our Policy.

Our Flour and in fact everything in our store is --that you take a sack home and give it a good trial, if it takes the entire sack. And if you do not find it better than many and as good as any, return it and get your money back.

New Century Flour, 48 lb. \$1.75

Good Arkansas Apples, \$1.25 bu.
 Star Hams, the pound, 27c
 Good Oranges, 25c to 60c per doz.

You will find Rock Bottom Prices on everything you need in the Grocery line. Call us up.

J. N. CARSON PHONE 25

A Banking connection next year may be very valuable to you. The farmers & Merchants National Bank will have plenty of funds to take care of all conservative business. tf

LOST--Gentleman's large gold finger ring with initial C engraved in old English for set, also Odd Fellows emblem, 3 links, engraved on side. Finder return to C. C. Campbell at the Mail office and get reward. tf.

FOR SALE--Good Radio Set, with or without Magnavox. Ap- ply at Merkel Mail office. tf

Charge Pads for sale at the Merkel Mail office. tf.

LITTLEFIELD LANDS—All tillable and ready to plow. This beautiful tract of land is located 30 miles northwest of Lubbock on the Sante Fe, in the shallow water belt. It is especially adapted to cotton raising. Can be bought for \$2.00 per acre cash; 10 years on the balance 6 percent. After first payment nothing but interest until 1927. We are exclusive agents for this land. **WEIR & GLOVER** Abilene, Texas.

DO YOUR Christmas Shopping EARLY

While you are selecting your Christmas gifts, consider **Something Electrical**

We offer a few suggestions

FOR MOTHER

- A Range
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Sewing Machine
- Vibrator
- Grill
- Heating Pad
- Radiant Heater
- Table Lamp
- Percolator
- Convenience Outlets, etc.

FOR FATHER

- Reading Lamp
- Shaving Water Heater
- Immersion Heater
- Shaving Mirror, Electrically lighted
- Radio Set

FOR SISTER

- Radiant Heater
- Hair Drier
- Curling Iron
- Vibrator
- Sewing Lamp
- Boudoir Lamp

FOR BROTHER

- Flash Light
- Shaving Water Heater
- Table Lamp
- Radio Set

FOR HER

- Table Stove
- Curling Iron & Comb
- Chafing Dish
- Utility Set
- Corn Popper

THE WHOLE FAMILY

More Convenience Outlets
 Fixtures for every room in the home (moderate prices)

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Well Heated and Comfortable

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PEOPLE
 Good Music,
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**Band, Or
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 Vaudeville
 between acts

(Carl Thomas Comedian)

Christian Endeavor Program

- Leader, Melba West.
Subject: Courage.
1. Scripture reading, Josh. 1; 1-9.
 2. Song.
 3. Prayer, Bro. Rogers.
 4. Talk by leader.
 5. Reading of motto for the meeting, Bro Rogers
 6. Questions.
 7. Object talk, Elizabeth Hutchison.
 8. Blackboard talk, Bro. Rogers.
 9. Song.
 10. Christian Endeavor and courage, No. 14, 36, 51.
 11. Trust in God and do the right, Mildred Smith.
 12. Illustrations of the topic, No. 18, 39, 54.
 13. Sentence prayers, led by leader.
 14. A message from A. H. Brownell, by leader.
 15. For information committee, Owen Hutchison.
 16. Announcements.
 17. Mizpah.

JUNIOR MISSIONARY

- Leader, Victor Smith.
Song.
Prayer
Leaders lesson.
Missionary topics, by Inice Brown, Dorothy Daniels, and Lynn Mc Spadden.
Reading by Eleanor Hamilton Benediction.

NOTICE WATER USERS

We have received report that several are delinquent with their water rents. It is necessary that these rents be paid promptly each month. It is our duty to inform you that all delinquents who have not made satisfactory settlement by the 15th of this month that service will be discontinued without further notice. H. C. West, Mayor. It

NOTICE TO REBEKAHS

All Rebekahs are urged to come out and let us put our lodge on the honor roll for this year. 213p

Indigestion

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E. H. Thompson and Mr. Clent Allen left Wednesday for Sweetwater in response to a message that a relative there was seriously ill.

FAKE DOCTOR PROBE WILL BE MADE IN TEXAS

Austin, Nov. 6--Operations of fake doctors and others alleged to be practicing medicine without a license in Texas are to be investigated at a meeting of the Board of Councilors of the Texas State Medical Association to be attended by Dr. W. H. Beazley, state health officer, in Fort Worth tomorrow.

Reports from St. Louis that traffic in the sale of medical school diplomas had been con-

ducted there by a group of doctors has led to a suspicion that persons were practicing medicine in Texas without proper qualifications. Dr. Beazley stated Tuesday before leaving for the meeting.

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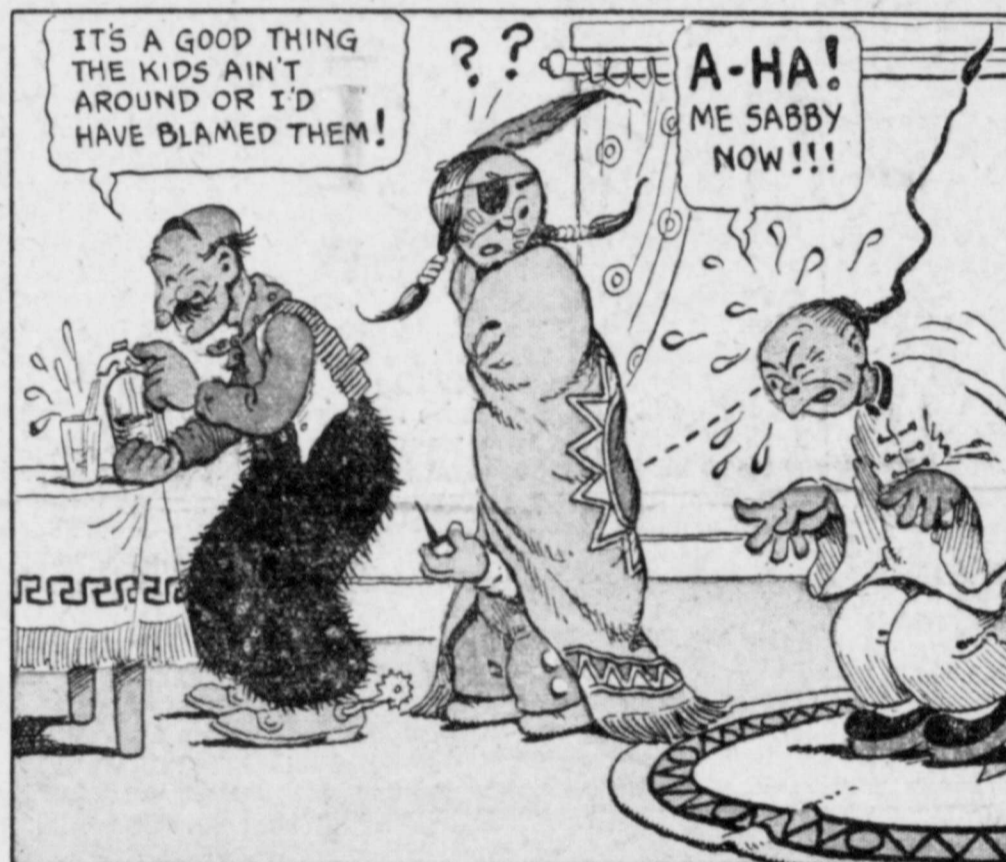
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PETE AND PINTO

The Cow-Kids of O-Joy Ranch

By M. M. BRANNER



AN INDIAN VICTORY LOST

Diary of a Sole Survivor of
Exploring Party on Devil's River
By AUSTIN CALLAN.

Those men who ventured into the uninhabited regions of Southwest Texas more than half a century ago, not only had Indians to fight, but they faced the danger of dying from thirst. While there are numerous running streams in that section, it is a big country, and before the cowmen made tanks and drilled wells there were plenty of places where you could go a three days' journey without finding a drop of water.

Not a few early explorers left their bones to bleach on the prairies because they lost their way and failed to find some spring or standing pool that they had been told about. Tom Welsch was such an unfortunate. He left the head of the San Saba river in company with a party and took a southwesterly course across the divide separating the arroyos of that stream from the Dry Devil's river. It was perhaps a hundred miles "the way the crow flies," to Beaver Lake, but Tom and his friends never got there.

Diary Reveals a Strange Story.

Many years after all knowledge of them had been lost and a searching party that was sent out from East Texas returned without any trace of the men, the story came to light in a strange way. A dead man told it. That is, a diary kept by Tom Welsch up to a short time before he expired, gave the account of a thrilling Indian fight in which his comrades and the red men were killed. And then after the fight was won he, the sole survivor, lying wounded on his saddle blanket and famishing for water, wrote of what was taking place almost to the end.

Two Government officers from San Felipe del Rio, a little settlement on the Mexican border, came across the remains of Welsch in 1880. They had camped in an out of the way place not over a mile and half from everlasting springs that feed the Devil's river. There was a little grove of trees close by and one of the men, Gus Gildea, was gathering up wood with which to start a fire when he stumbled over a skeleton. The bones were on a partly rotted blanket and near by were a canteen, a pistol and gun, a saddle and carcass of a horse. And under the blanket in a leather wallet there was a note book from which the following diary was taken:

"Sunday afternoon, July 15. We have been away from water since Friday. From the character of country we are in

and the directions that were given us by the post guide at Fort McKavatt, we cannot be far from it now. Nevertheless, it appears that we are lost and the horses are almost exhausted. In fact, mine refuses to budge farther. Our canteens are dry and George and Frank are just about frantic. They would have given up before this but I have been encouraging them the best I could. It seems very hopeless, however, as you ride from the top of one ridge to the top of another in the distance afraid every minute that your mount will fall, and straining your eyes in a survey of the land ahead without even the glimpse of anything that looks promising.

"The boys are out of sight now. They left me here because my horse is in the worst condition possible, and have gone

I would feel far better. Perhaps the red devils would not attack the three of us. I will do the best I can, although weak and the odds are tremendously against me. Maybe this diary will fall into the hands of loved ones later, if we never get out of our present pickle.

Comrades are Killed by Indians.

"Just as I am writing these words George and Frank, who a moment ago appeared in sight at the top of a ridge a little closer to me than the Indians, are urging their horses ahead and coming this way as fast as they can. No doubt they have seen the savages and want us all to be together when the worst happens.

"The Indians have practically caught up with the boys a few hundred yards



"I Never Did Know Before Just How Much a Good Drink of Water Was Worth."

a mile or so to the west, where they hope to find a trail leading down to Beaver Lake. It is awfully hot—the sun is just like a big ball of fire right overhead pouring its exhausting heat straight into a fellow's brain. I believe that it is going to literally cook me alive. My lips are parched and I am almost wild from fever. I never did know before just how much a good drink of water was worth. If I had a kingdom I would give it for one drink at this moment.

"Later, a bunch of Indians are in sight a couple of miles down the draw. They are coming directly towards the little clump of trees in which I have taken refuge. It is not a pleasant feeling to be situated like this, although I have a gun and a six-shooter and plenty of ammunition. If the boys were here

from where I am and are firing at this moment, my horse is unable to carry me to them, but I can be of some assistance, as all are right now within gunshot range. Perhaps this is the end.

"Three o'clock and George and Frank are dead. I am wounded and cannot go to where I saw them fall from their horses in the high grass. The Indians have all been killed, too. I shot the last one with my pistol when he was no more than ten steps away. A bullet from his gun hit me in the left shoulder a second before I got him; he was running in my direction and after he fired he drew a big scalping knife and rushed furiously at me. The wound doesn't seem to be very serious, yet it is painful and I am dreadfully thirsty. The boys made a game fight, but they were too

badly outnumbered as well as being exhausted for the want of water. Frank must have been hit by a bullet in the right hand for I saw his pistol fall. Then he drew a knife with his left hand and made a dash for an Indian, who was very close to him at the time. The two locked with their horses touching each other and Frank's blade found a vital spot in the heart of his foe. I watched the two for a second as they went together like gladiators and I saw the steel as it glistened in the sunlight over Frank's head before he drove it home. He attempted to spur his horse in the direction of another red devil, but the poor animal was too weak to hardly budge, and of course, it wasn't long until Frank went down pierced by a bullet.

"George, too, proved his bravery; he sold out at the highest price and did it apparently as cool as a cucumber. When he fell only a single Indian was left, the one I killed near my pallet. George no doubt knew that the jig was up when poor Frank bit the dust, but he sat straight in his saddle facing his adversaries and seemed to bid them to come on. I was too far away to look into the boy's face at that time, but I knew him well, and I am sure that defiance was written there, and that while he realized that the Indians would get him, he found satisfaction in those last moments avenging the death of his comrade.

"I am terribly lonely and suffering for a drink. It seems to me as if all life has vanished from earth. It would be comforting to crawl down the valley along side of the boys and take hold of each of their cold hands and tell them what a game fight they put up. But I am too weak; I realize that I must soon say good-by myself and go away. There can be no chance now for me to get water. My horse is also lying down; he couldn't take me anywhere even if I could go, and no one is likely to come this way. The place is far from civilization; I can see nothing but great stretches of uninhabited country with a blue sky above, and I might as well look for a helping hand to be extended out of that blue as from any other direction.

"It is sunset; along the west fair clouds lift their rosy walls high above the horizon. I am watching the dying day and I know that when the shadows of those trees—now stretching long to the east—fall the other way, I will be gone. It makes one feel queer to be alone like this. If only I could speak to my faithful old

horse and make him understand, it would not be so bad. But he is still and seems not to hear me, and George and Frank are silent down yonder. Everything is fading—fading—and I must say good-by."

The Fate of Brave Souls.

This concluded the diary kept by Tom Welsch. How long thereafter he lingered to suffer the agonizing thirst of a wounded man and the loneliness of lying on a blanket hundreds of miles from home, with all hope gone, is more than mortal will ever know. But every brave soul who built a camp-fire beyond civilization's border in that far away day, had to take the chance of passing out in a similar manner. Death at the hands of Indians, or from thirst and hunger, were hazards of the game.

The two government men who found Tom's remains searched for the bones of his comrades, and a short distance down the valley found them. No mention was made in the diary of the number of the attacking Indians, nor was the year given in which the event occurred. But the remains of seven human beings were discovered all close together, which indicated that there were at least five red men engaged in the fight. And from the physical evidence, as well as from the information left by Welsch in his diary, it must have been one of the most thrilling encounters, numbers considered, that ever took place on the frontier of Texas.

The hand-to-hand encounter of Frank might well have taxed the descriptive powers of a great writer, if we are to judge anything by the words of a weak and no doubt dying man, penciled in a note book as he lay on the ground. While wounded, dispossessed of his pistol and riding an animal that was all but ready to fall, Frank met the well-armed odds with super-human courage. There was his knife, to be sure, but he couldn't grasp it with his right hand for it had been shattered by a bullet. And what chance was there anyway to win with a knife against a superior foe armed with guns? The proposition must have appeared hopeless, yet with that undaunted Anglo-Saxon spirit, the man drew the knife from his belt, spurred his jaded steed against the savage, and like some plumed knight, wielding a steady lance, found the enemy's vitals.

It was men of this type who overcame the perils of the new West, and made such sacrifices, against fearful odds, as are here recorded.

Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim

Being the Experience of Two Real Fishermen in Texas Lakes, Rivers and Creeks
By JACK MAXWELL.

One day in the month of March, 1919, while a hangin' round my shop the tellyphone rung an' I heard the followin' words: "Hey, that you, Jack!" and on bein' told that hit was me, all right, the guy whut was a pesterin' the wire kept on a talkin', like this: "Don't yer wanta go to Lake Como—a little bit iv a lake whut is about three miles rum Fort Worth, the same bein' the county seat uv Tarrant county—fer a try at them doggone bass?"

After listenin' to all the above dope, whut had breezed into my ear, I says to my old side-kick: "Well, hits purty razzlin' rainy fer a feller to be away rum home and loved one's, ain't hit, mimmie?"—the same bein' better known as Jim, the pal whut I does my pistoreal stunts with, in and about the ole state of Texas.

A South Wind

"Up, it am a bit wet in spots," he tells me, "but don't ye know that a hits rainin' and the wind is a comin' rum outta the south, that am the ole feller can do the best when hit cumms to ketchin' them durned fish whut yer call bass—specially if thar be jist a bit uv a riffle on the busom uv the puddle in which yer happens to be floatin' yer artiffishul bugs, flies and sicks?"

Seenin' as how James was all set fer fishin' trip, I finery agreed to go—t knowed mighty all-fired well that account uv it bein' so gosh dinged and slushy, hit wud sho as shootin' my ol' hip to rarin' agin, with the matiz. But be thet as it may, a val born fisherman forgets the in his jints when an old pal calls, so in less than three ways of a sheep's tail, Me and Jim was on our way to Lake Como.

Owin' to the fact that my automobile was laid up fer repairs—hit havin' a bad case of spavin' on the left hind tire—Me and Jim bought a coupla tickets which read via the interurban, a car line whut runs to Fort Worth and a lot uv other villages on its rite of way. When we got to the nter City, we hops off and gits a upla of "root-beers," and two sacks Tiger spittin' terbacker. Yep, we went quite a bit uv money that day, a yin' just one thing an' then 'tother; "we sho do toot 'em up when we hits bright lights" and cabyrets—them places whar they feeds ole he listens to a lot uv soft musick.

After pertakin' uv the above mentioned refreshments, Me and Jimmied meandered to whar 7th street backs up on to Houston street and forms whut is comonly called a car stop. It took us jist 25 minits, by Jim's waterbury, to git to the Lake after leavin' the 7th street crossin', the same bein' down in the business deestrick. Gettin' off the electric trolley, Me and Jim went down to the shore to give her the once over—an' we found everythin' jest as cute as a hummin'-bird. A fine riffle was a playin' tag on the busom uv the lake, an' every now and then a old he bass wud flash outta the water tryin' to git a belly full uv "snake doctors" whut was a flyin' jist 'bout a foot above the wavelits.

While Me and Jim was a standin' thar admirin' the work uv Mother Nature, an' sizin' up the fishin' situation, argufyng whut wud be the best bate to use on this particular day, why, bless my soul, a bass whut looked as big as a Poland Chiner pig, flopped outta the water, right down thar below the "pump-house," clost to them "cat-tails" whut grows over on thet side uv the lake.

When we seed that rascal a cuttin' all them didos a tryin' to ketch a "snake doctor," I says to Jim: "Gosh, by jiminey, wasn't that sum bass? I wisht I hed him on the end uv a forty-foot line and me a doin' my stuff on the tother end. No sooner sed than done, I fastened on a "Oriental Wiggler" to my bate castin' outfit, picked up my "ditty-bag" an' told Jim to let's go rum here.

When we gits down purty clost to the cat-tails I gits my thumb on the "little E string" and gits all reddy to deliver one uv my famus overhead casts—the same bein' the only sho way to lay a "plug" at the door uv a bass bungalow. Slippin' long til I got about seventy-five feet rum whar I hed sed the bass a cuttin' up, I takes that fishin' pole in my right hand and slowly raises hit above my bean, and then I says like this, sorter to myself an' also



"The Fish-Bate Plopped Rite Down on the Door-Mat uv Thet Bass Home."

takin' in Jim: "Mr. Izaak Walton—the same bein' the daddy uv all fishermen—I wisht yer wud please look down rum above, on pore me, and hep me to land this durned "wiggler" right smack dab whar hit will do the most good to me and that smart aleck bass."

The "Famus" Overhead Cast

When I got this outta my system, I let 'er go, Bill, and I'll tell the whole world, thet fish-bate plopped rite down on the door-mat uv thet bass home, an' rum the way the water biled up I think I mustta hit the old feller a crack on the side uv the noodle—fer he sho did do his okra—and that don't mean he was eny slacker. In my time, I've seed sum mighty big cuttin'-ups by first one kind uv a fish an' then a tother but thet bass put on more stuff than eny fish wut I ever tied to the end uv a string. Boy, take hit rum me, he sun-fished, high-dived, fence-rowed, stood on his head and tail, and furiously lashed the water into bubbles and flakes uv fome.

All the while thet fish was a cavortin' round out thar in the wet, Old Jim was a standin' right clost to my side, his ugly face butoned up jist like an' old maid's Sundry kid gloves. No, sir, Jim never sed a word—he let me do all

the talkin'—fer Me and Jim hev made hit a rule when we goes a fishin', an' one uv us happens to ketch a sizeable fish, to jist stand by, and say nuthin' whutsumever; which makes me refleck that if a whole lot uv other folks, whut I hev met, wud do the same, they'd cum nigher landin' sum of the big things they goes after.

Seven Pound Bass.

Jist how long I stood there a millin' 'round in thet water the good Lord only knows, but hit was a right smart bit uv time, at that. After whut seemed 'bout a year an' a half, I seed the fish "belly up" and sorter stop doin' his high and mighty stunts. Rite then and thar, I commenced to feel like a ole boss whut had bin fed up on oats.

Lookin' 'round at Jim, I sed: "James, old hoss-fly, won't ye walk slowly down to the water's edge and grab my ketch by the under jaw?" Without watin' eny further orders, Jim runs right down to the water and tuk that bass by the under part of his goozle and waded back to the shore, jist like he hed done the whole thing hisself—he was so proud uv hit. Takin' a pair uv "pocket scales" Jim wayed him, an' whut in the duce do you guess he wayed? Seven pounds, lackin' jist a frackshun.

Now, listen, ye dudes whut happens to fish in Texas lakes, rivers and cricks, if eny uv you think thet I'm a sellin' a lot uv bunk to an editor why, I jist want yer to set up and take notice. Whut I'm a tellin' under the copyrite name uv "Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim" is the truth and nuthin' but the truth. If eny uv yer ever have the distinkshun to visit my Home Town, why, jist look me up and I'll show thet haid uv thet 7-pound bass. Yep, it sho do hang on the wall uv my shack, meanin' thet thet palce persided over by Lindy Lou—the same bein' the little peace uv calico whut was fooled into takin' me sum years ago fer better or fer worse.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the third series of "Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim." Other series will be published from time to time in the Magazine Section.)

YOUR HOME TOWN.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the sixth of a series of talks on "Your Home Town." Other talks will follow. There is food for thought and profit to you if you will read carefully each one of these talks. The publisher of this newspaper is not finding any fault with his Home Town, but wants it to progress and set a pace that will be the envy of all towns in Texas—now the biggest and potentially the richest state in the Union.)

A few weeks ago I again visited Terrell, Texas, my old home town. I hardly knew the town—it had become so

modern in every particular. I call it "my old home town" because I lived there many years, and while now I live in one of the largest cities in Texas, yet to me Terrell is and will always be, my old home town. The big-hearted folks are still there, as in days of old, and they are just as glad to see me, but when I walk up Main street there comes over me a mingled feeling of sadness. I miss the familiar faces of bygone days—friends who have moved to distant abodes, seeking the bubble fortune, and other friends who now sleep on the hillside beneath weeping willows and crepe myrtles. Our family burial lot is on the hillside, in beautiful Oakland cemetery, and I went out there and stood beside the graves of my father and mother. I well remember the day that mother stood beside the open grave of father, looking so helpless, and I also remember the day when I stood by the open grave of mother—in utter loneliness and dejection—as loving hands lowered her to rest eternally beside father. Again, as I stood on this reverent spot, after so many years, I realized more fully than ever before that, whatever small measure of success had come to me in life, was due to the sterling qualities of my pioneer mother and father.

Passing our old homestead, on my way back to Main street, I noticed that the vicissitudes of time had wiped out the old homestead; in its place was a modern dwelling, commodious and beautiful, the front yard embellished with trees, lawn and pretty flowers. There were palatial dwellings all about me—even the old apple orchard of several acres had given way to brick bungalows.

And Main street. It was no longer in the mud, but well paved; and no longer in the dark, but well illuminated with a white way. I recall Main street back in my boyhood days, when pedestrians who traversed it would flounder in mud and water and four-mule teams would bog down. It was customary in those days to wear rubber boots and slickers during a wet spell and to carry around lighted lanterns at nightfall.

I passed an old brick building that was once the leading livery stable of my old home town, but has been rebuilt into a modern garage. The old town hall, formerly a small cheap frame building, had been replaced with a larger city hall of pressed brick, setting well back from a concrete coping bordered with flowers and a trim-cut lawn.

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CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

MODERN INVENTIONS DESTROY INDUSTRIES.



It's fine to have automobiles and airplanes, electric lights, telephones and the many other modern things that make travel speedy and work easier, and yet there are in the country many old-time Democrats who were so joined to the institutions of the past that they can not enjoy fully the labor-saving, traffic-speeding devices of today for sorrowing over their idols that these devices sent to the discard. I have a neighbor who owns and lives in a modern home, a veritable mansion and a model of convenience. There is hot and cold water in every room. My friend can arise in the morning and bathe his face in warm water without leaving the room in which he slept. In his kitchen there is an electric stove, with a clock attachment that turns on the heat at a given time. Underneath the mansion is a furnace, which keeps the house warm throughout the chilly hours of night and morning. When my neighbor awakes in the morning from a night of peaceful rest he pulls a string, which turns on the lights, then ambles over to the lavatory and performs his ablutions in warm water. He has no fires to build, and the kitchen stove is ready for preparation of the morning meal. Comfort far beyond the dreams of this man's early days—luxury of which even kings and queens of former generations never dreamed. Yet my neighbor told me a few days ago that he never feels well any more. His slumbers are always broken, and he arises with pains in his head and his abdomen. And, strange to relate, this man lays all his ills on modern inventions and conveniences. He said in my hearing a few days since that he believed if he could do as he used to do—get up on a cold morning, walk bareheaded to the well at the foot of the hill, wash his face in cold water and comb the ice out of his hair when he returned to the house to make a fire in the kitchen stove, he would feel all right again. I do not join my neighbor in condemnation of these modern inventions. I do not happen to have them, and am complaining because I do not, but I do catch myself sorrowing occasionally over certain old-time institutions which the modern inventions have put out of business.

I miss keenly the old-time livery stable which was an important and popular establishment in every town and village before the automobiles and the airships came and sent it to the scrap heap. I

see yet a livery stable sign in nearly every town I visit but the proud title on the gable of the big building is as much a misnomer and builds within me as much sorrow as an old and forgotten bock beer sign builds within those who used to imbibe the brew of Gambrinus. There were always places to sit down at the livery stables, and it seemed to me that the wisest and friendliest people in all the world gathered there. They knew everything, and would talk to anybody. And the people who gathered there were never nervous or in a hurry to leave. One could go to the livery stable and hear discussed every subject under the sun, from the moon theory to politics. It was at the livery stable that I learned when the moon is light and when it is dark, as well as the effect of frost on vegetation during the lunar dispensations; I also learned all about the signs of the zodiac, and to this day I know when to mark hogs, when to go fishing and when to save my fish bait. The old livery stable was a library of current literature, and an art gallery as well. All the notices regarding sales, strayed stock, elections and meetings were posted on its walls, and those who wished to be posted need go no further. I have never seen finer pictures anywhere than the supposed likeness of the wonderful stallion, whose pedigrees ran clear back to Buchephalus, the noted steed of Alexander the Great, that lined the walls of the old livery stable. And, speaking of heroes, Babe Ruth nor Napoleon ever wore such splendid halos as the men who worked at the livery stable. They had but to speak and every horse would jump into his place, and they could ride or drive the wildest broncho that ever bucked or kicked. The fondest dream of my boyhood days was that some good day I might work in a livery stable, boss the horses and sleep on the hay, and so when finally released from the farm I made my way to George Moss' livery stable and asked for a job. It was truly life's darkest moment when I was told no help was needed. The fondest memories of youth cluster around the old livery stable, and associated with it is the saddest disappointment that I have ever known—the heart-breaking announcement that there was no work for me there. I would gladly have worked for nothing, but the cruel proprietor didn't even consider my application.

The telephone, the wonderful invention of Mr. Bell, is another modern device that has worked a rather sad revolution and ruined the business of many deserving boys. In my coming up most any boy could earn 10 to 20 cents a day carrying notes from love-

sick swains to their souls' affinities. No money is to be earned in this way now, since there are no notes to be carried. I remember very well how the notes read, as I always read the notes I carried. Gallant swains would indite something like this: "Compliments of Mr. John Smith to Miss Eliza Brown, and would be pleased to accompany her to the singing at Mrs. Gray's tonight, if agreeable." Having written the epistle, young Mr. Smith would call a small boy to the back of a house, draw the tender missive from his inside pocket, and entrust it to the carrier, cautioning him not to let any person see it, and urging him to hurry back with the reply. Upon receiving the note, Miss Brown would consult her mother, and if permission was granted, would indite a reply like this: "Compliments of Miss Eliza Brown to Mr. John Smith, and would be delighted to accompany him to the singing at Mrs. Gray's tonight." Yes, the telephone is a great invention, but it has kept many worthy boys from having candy or going to the circus, and I am not sure that it has not caused more misery than it has done good. Furthermore, it seems to me that there is no longer any real romance or thrills in courting since a fellow can call up his girl and make a date by phone.

FIGHTING THE BOLL WEEVILS. The clans are organizing for another great fight against the boll weevils. They are holding meetings and sending out literature telling us how many million dollars a year the weevils are robbing the south of. I am ready to say with the fighters that man, the crowning work of God, must not stand helpless before an insignificant bug and be starved to death by a pest, but in saying this I go further to say that the weevils must not have all, or too much of the cotton, but I am convinced that it is best for them to have some of it. It would not sound well to say the weevil family should not be wiped out, and yet that is the way I feel about it. What would happen if every weevil were killed tomorrow, or before next planting time? We of the south have not yet found a way to get along without growing cotton, and more acres of cotton will doubtless be grown next year than ever before. If every weevil should be killed, twice as much cotton as the world needs would be produced, and then what would become of the cotton growers? We of the south have seen an overproduction of cotton, when there were no weevils, and we know what it means. Cotton selling at 7 or 8 cents a pound would bankrupt every cotton grower in the south. The weevil is an enemy, it is true, but he is also a friend.

We don't need enough of them to destroy the cotton industry, but we do need enough of them to hold production within the world's needs.

NOVEMBER November is with us now, and before it passes the people of America will be asked to observe two great days. The first of these is Armistice Day, November 11. This is the anniversary of the most eventful day the people of our generation have seen. When the news came, five years ago, that the Kaiser was whipped, there was joy unspeakable throughout our land, and for this rejoicing there was abundant cause. The waves of a mighty ocean had long foamed and lashed between mothers and sons, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters. The flower and chivalry of our country were bleeding and dying and the fate of the world was uncertain. We had watched, we had hoped, we had prayed, but still the terrible slaughter went on. But one good day the news came that the victory had been won, and the world was no longer threatened by a tyrant. Don't neglect the observance of this day. Observe the day as you will, but observe it. Temperaments differ. Some give expression to joy and gratitude by noise-making; if it is so with you, urge your voice to its most sonorous pitch, toot the shrillest horn and saw the deepest-voiced fuzzy-guzzly. Others express joy and gratitude in silence. If it is so with you, bow your head in thanksgiving for the success of our arms and pray that never again will grim-visaged war stalk through the world.

And then, on November 29, comes our nation's most thoughtful and beautiful custom—a day of national Thanksgiving. May it have a thoughtful and beautiful observance. Surely we should pause and give a day to the counting of our blessings and thanking Him who is the author of all good. Our country is blessed above all others. We have a better social and industrial order, and a more abundant prosperity. We have greater wealth and fewer debts, and occupy a warmer place in the hearts of the people of other nations than any nation under the sun, for in truth we have been the friend of all. Individually our blessings are innumerable. If we have not counted ourselves blessed, it is because we have not beheld the goodness of God. Selfish desires often grip us and cloud from our minds and hearts the beauties and blessings that radiate from nature, from friends and from God Himself—blessings that should rejoice our hearts and make us truly grateful. When Thanksgiving Day comes let us step out from selfish-

ness and try to count our blessings. If we do, we will find them as numberless as the sands, as constant as the stars and as kindly as the dews of Heaven.

Learn everything, young man; learn everything you possibly can, and be sure you learn everything that's in the books. Much of the stuff in the books looks like foolishness to you now, and will for a long time, perhaps, but you will need it bye and bye. I recall in the old Ray's arithmetic that I studied in the long ago, three or four pages were devoted to "enumeration," with great rows of figures strung across the pages and marked off into hundreds, thousands, millions, billions, trillions, quadrillions, sextillions, etc. It seemed very foolish to go into such things as octillions and quadrillions when there were not that many of anything to count, and I counted the time I spent poring over such things as worse than wasted. But if I hadn't learned them, how in the world could I know now how many German marks are in circulation?

I have an old uncle back in Tennessee, the good old state that so many of my readers were run out of, who makes me think of our government and its business policies. My kinsman doesn't look anything like a government official, having never held any office save that of road overseer, but his ways of doing things are so much like our government's ways of doing things that when I think of one I am always reminded of the other. The peculiarity of my uncle's that fixes him so firmly in my memory and makes me think of him so frequently in connection with our government's business policies is that when times are hardest, and there is least to do, he hires the largest number of hands. And that is exactly what our government does. The figures just read show there are 100,000 more government employes now than there were when the war began. Since the war the government has materially reduced the size of the army, but it has employed 14,000 more men in the war department. The government entered into a covenant with other nations to scrap many of its war ships, and did make targets of many boats that cost millions of dollars, but it employed 7,000 more clerks in the offices where naval affairs are looked after. My uncle, when asked why he always employs more hands when there is less to do, jokingly replied that in times of idleness it took more hands to keep up a conversation. Possibly this is the way our government looks at the matter. Any way, since we have fewer soldiers and fewer ships to look after, we have 11,000 more people holding down swivel chairs in the war department.

Growth of Home Building in Texas



The signing of the armistice between Germany and the Allied Forces ended the mightiest war of all history. General rejoicing followed that act from one end of this country to the other. But thinkers knew very well that the conflict had left in its wake many serious problems to be met and settled. The question of housing the people of the United States was one of them. In Texas this problem was especially distressing, because there had been no home building of any consequence from the date of our entry into the European struggle. This was the result, first of the demand that was made by the government for the use of every available force in getting ready to lick the foe and second because during those particular years crops had been mighty bad throughout the state.

"What are we going to do about it?" was the interrogative that was daily asked. Everybody realized that while the population of the state had increased very rapidly and the number of families were daily growing as a result of marriages, that there had been only a very few residences erected and no one seemed to be able to build, or willing to build, at that particular time, when lumber and wages were both sky high.

Solved a Serious Problem.

The housing problem was indeed a problem from the Red River to the Rio Grande, and statesmen shook their heads in doubt as to what would be the outcome. Mr. W. plans were discussed

and a movement was started and gained some momentum to undertake to get the federal government's aid in helping the man without a home to secure one.

Only a few years have passed since this problem first presented itself and we have gone through the distressing period of inflation during those years. Yet, what is the condition today? The problem has been practically settled, just as every other serious problem that ever came up in this country has been settled. We need never lose faith in the American people, the Texas people, especially, for they can always be depended upon to rise to any emergency regardless of the obstacles that might be in their way.

At no time since the first white colony was planted in Texas has there been a greater era of home-building as has taken place the past five years. Every section from El Paso to Texarkana and from the Northwestern Panhandle to the Gulf, has shown spirited progress along this line, and today on every hand is evidence that the acuteness of the "housing problem" has passed.

The greatest progress has been made in 1923. In no single year was there ever so many homes built. The growth of practically every one of the larger cities has simply been marvelous, yet the good work has not been confined entirely to them, or to any particular section of the state. It is wide-spread, and can be noted along the border counties just as it is noted in the heart of the central portion or the eastern portion or out in the plains country.

With the sole exception of Los Angeles, Dallas leads the nation in the number of new homes built this year in proportion to population, the department of labor announced recently.

Houston and Fort Worth also enjoy high positions. Figures for El Paso are not given, as only cities of 100,000 population or more are included. Figures given are for the six months ending June 30, 1923.

Los Angeles leads with 22,036 families being provided for in new buildings, or 382.1 families per each 10,000 of population.

Dallas, in second place, shows 2,227 families provided for in new buildings,

and a rate of 140.1 families so provided for each 10,000 of population. During the corresponding period of last year, the number of families provided for in new buildings in Dallas was 1,665 and the rate 104.7.

Fort Worth shows 1,034 families provided for in new buildings during the first six months of 1923, or a rate of 97.1 families per 10,000 population so provided for. Corresponding Fort Worth statistics for last year are unavailable.

Houston shows 1,670 families provided for in new buildings during the first six months of 1923, or a rate of 120.8 families per 10,000 population so provided for. During the corresponding period in 1922, the number of families so provided for in Houston was 1,670 and the rate was 120.6.

Thousands of Modern Homes.

This writer recently had occasion to visit four of the biggest cities in Texas. He was shown thousands and thousands of new, modern homes. It is not at all unusual to find whole blocks, and, in some instances, whole streets, "rising in brick and mortar" at the same time. And there is no comparison in the beauty and modern conveniences.

One can get on a railroad coach and ride across the state in any direction and see more new houses than he ever saw before. The people are building substantially. You rarely ever see a shack. The most prosperous regions of Ohio and Indiana and Illinois cannot make a better showing, either as to numbers or quality. It proves that the crisis has passed; that faith in our soil is unshaken; that we are growing stronger year by year; that Texas will be, if it is not already, the greatest home-owning state in the union.

The remarkable thing is that this period of building has been at a time in which there was much economic distress. The agricultural interests predominate in this state and the agricultural interests have suffered more than any other from the troubled conditions of the world since the war. But the facts evidence one thing, positively, and it is, that Texas has passed the uncertain stage; that it is easier to prosper here under trying circumstances than

elsewhere when everything is favorable. The man who owns a lot in any good town can get money to build a home on it because the money-lenders know that every good town has a solid foundation and that it is certain to go ahead or, at least, hold its own.

A land owner in the country can also get the funds to make any reasonable improvements that might be desired. Texas land is today regarded as the best security in the world. It is new, rich and productive, and the demand for the products it will yield will never grow less.

It was the courage of the Texas people and the certainty of the value of Texas property, that swept us past the housing problem. We are forging ahead and building on a faith that is solid as a rock. The Texas man who sets his heart to the task of having a home can soon be the possessor of one.

A great issue has been met and settled on the side of comfort, happiness and safety. A home-owning people means a people who will stand for a strong government and contribute their quota to the upbuilding of society and civilization. There is no better bulwark against national disaster. You cannot raise healthy-bodies and healthy-minds in a crowded tenement house. The environments of the fire-side are needed for the heart and the freedom of the yard for the health. The most pitiful sight in all the world is a child deprived of the sunshine, of the association of sweet flowers and the wholesomeness of fresh air.

In this respect what an opportunity Texas is giving her little ones. They are not crowded and contaminated as they are in the great cities of the east.

Progress in home building is at its height; the achievements of the past few years in this direction have been wonderful, and we are going ahead with the building of more homes, which reflect the prosperity of the present and will add materially to the strength of the citizenship of the future.

YOUR HOME TOWN

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The new postoffice was also a marvel in size and architecture, compared to the postoffice of early days. I vividly re-

member the postoffice lobby of days; there was always mud on floors—wet mud in wet weather a mud in dry weather.

The public schools and church my old home town have shown the marked improvement. The old houses, with one exception, were buildings, poorly heated and lighted. One of these old school set far back amid a grove of trees with a big play ground. The big play ground is gone a the big oak trees. Front f have risen amazingly during g... that have passed in my old hon and the play ground of the new story high school building is re to a few feet all around.

Within three blocks of the new building is the new face-brick mental-windowed Methodist chu can still remember how I was the tall and imposing steeple o Methodist church. In my y agination the tallness of the seemed to typify a close aff heaven.

The paved streets of my old now reach far out beyond waded fields of grain and the old town has grown—a am that it has grown and It marks the passing of an o, the ushering in of a new era the spirit of push and progre let me not disparage the wo founders—who struggled aga nite odds. There were lean ye drouth, insect depredation and cial panics. They, too, no doubt, for better streets and better hig They, too, had to contend with ing in civic pride and commun building. The cause went on, h and eventually triumphed. A li has been builded of modern bea modern comforts.

Sometime, when I am thred mad rush of city life, I may g my old home town and li's mander of my days—to quill beauty, its sincere its sweet simplicity.

The fresh water la are reported teemir and geese.

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER
THE STATE

EL PASO WINS IMPORTANT LABOR MEETING.

At the recent meeting of the American Federation of Labor held at Portland, Oregon, El Paso, Texas, won the convention, which meets in 1924, by a vote of 14,588 to 12,884.

HEARNE CONSTRUCTS SEWER SYSTEM.

Carloads of sewer pipe are arriving at Hearne for use in the construction of Hearne's new sewer system. The bonds for this valuable improvement were recently sold.

DALLAS GETS MEDICAL CONVENTION FOR 1924.

The forty-first annual medical convention of the Texas Electric Medical Association will be held in Dallas in 1924. Dr. Rosa B. Gates of Waco, Texas, is the newly elected president of the association.

WILD DUCKS AND GEESE ARRIVING ON THE COAST.

Wild ducks and geese are arriving in large numbers on the Texas coast, according to Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner W. W. Boyd, who returned recently from Port Lavaca, accompanied by his chief deputy, H. W. Wells.

TYLER T. N. G. TO BUILD ARSENAL.

The Tyler unit of the Texas National Guard is building an arsenal and stables at an expense of \$8000.00. The stables of Troop F. 112th Cavalry were destroyed by fire in the summer and the animals and equipment have been kept in temporary quarters since then.

AN UNUSUAL MIGRATION.

Recently for more than twenty-four hours thousands of butterflies were seen over the city of Fort Worth and North Texas, moving South. According to local biologists it is the first time in 20 years that such a migration has been witnessed. Neither the cause nor the probable effect is known to scientists.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK COMMITTEE WILL VISIT TEXAS.

Headed by Representative McFadden, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, a committee of Congressmen will make a tour of the Middle West and South in November for the purpose of investigating local banking conditions in relation to the Federal Reserve System.

PAID A DEBT OF 21 YEARS STANDING.

Texans are paying up old accounts this fall as never before. Law & Delling, a mercantile firm of Petty, received payment for a debt of 21 years standing, recently, that was contracted by a former citizen of that section, who now lives in West Texas.

OYSTER PROPAGATION TO BE EXTENDED.

W. Boyd, Game Commissioner, has announced that oyster propagation will be extended this year throughout Matagorda Bay and over a larger area than before. Owing to storms along the coast, oysters have been scarce this year.

ROYAL APPOINTED U. OF T. REGENT.

Er Royall, a prominent banker of Dallas, has been appointed Regent of the University of Texas. He is now President of the National Bank and Royal Loan and Investment Company of Palestine.

REMOVING CUT OVER LANDS.

Opposed to the towns and cities of Texas join hands in a common action for the purpose of turning over lands into farms and colonies. The one-time forest sections of Texas, has been launched by George of the Lufkin Daily News. The position is receiving a warm response wherever presented.

AUTOMOBILES ARE REGISTERED IN TEXAS.

Of 635,388 automobiles have been registered in Texas during the year, according to official reports by the State Highway Department. Texas is destined to have over 650,000 by the end of the year. Over 3,196 motorcycles have been registered, 2,585 dealer's plates, 1,500 chauffeurs, and there were 1,500 cars transferred.

MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY DO JURY SERVICE.

In Antonio, Texas, recently, the fortune must have had something to do with the jury wheel as the wheel resulted in seven members of the same family being called one time to do jury service in the county courts. The seven members of the family were called together despite the many miles between them and were all drawn when a single jury was called. The result was three members of the family served together. The jurors are members of the same family and are scattered over the state.

ROTAN BUILDS LARGE RESERVOIR.

A reservoir that will have a storage capacity of 150,000 gallons is being constructed at Rotan, Texas. The stand-pipe has a maximum water level of 150 feet with pressure running, according to contents, of from 80 to 50 pounds. It is an addition to the fire fighting apparatus and better water system of Rotan.

PRISON ADVISORY BOARD FAVORS EDUCATION.

The Texas Prison Advisory Board has announced that it strongly favors plenty of books and educational opportunities be furnished all prisoners in Texas. Mrs. J. E. King of Kerrville, Texas, is Chairman of this Board and Homer D. Wade of Fort Worth, Texas, and Dr. J. T. Harrington of Waco, Texas, are the other members.

101-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DIES NEAR BRENHAM.

Mrs. Martha Flournoy Shropshire, 101 years old, the oldest person in Washington county, died recently at the home of her great-niece, Mrs. Nettie Estes Fischer, and was buried at Prairie Lea Cemetery, near Brenham. She was born in Georgia, but lived in Brenham more than seventy years. Three husbands and seventeen brothers and sisters had preceded her to the grave.

A. & M. GLEE CLUB TO TOUR STATE.

Sometime after the Christmas holidays the A. & M. Glee Club of A. & M. College will make a ten day tour of the state of Texas. This has been the custom for the last two years and has met with considerable success. The matter has been taken up with school, church and civic organizations in thirteen cities of the state. Twenty-four men will be carried on this tour, including members of the faculty department.

TAYLOR COUNTY VOTES GOOD ROAD BONDS.

The good roads bond issue for Taylor county carried by a vote of 5 to 1 and now Taylor county will spend \$350,000 improving its roads. The money will be used to match a sum of \$650,000 from the State and Federal Government for paving two cardinal highways across the county, one being known as the Bankhead Highway and the other as the State Highway.

NEW DUCK STORY.

McKinney citizens recently returning from the Dallas Fair, tell a new duck story which a score of persons vouch for as being true. It is claimed that many ducks were killed by autos returning from the Fair. The ducks would light on the hard surfaced roads because of the glare of the lights falling on the bituminous roads made the highway appear as a body of water and when the ducks alighted the autos would run over and kill them. This is a brand new way to go duck hunting.

NORTH OF THIRTY SIX PROBABLY WILL BE FILMED IN TEXAS.

James Cruze, Director for Lasky, has recently been in Houston, Texas, and vicinity, investigating the availability of that section for the filming of the play "North Thirty Six" that is expected to create a sensation similar to the "Covered Wagon." Mr. Cruze directed the "Covered Wagon." One of the scenes in the new picture will be 5000 cattle swimming a stream and being stampeded so as to give to the picture realistic value.

DENTON FATHER SAVES HIS SON FROM ELECTROCUTION.

When Marshall Webster, 23 years old, of Denton, Texas, was recently standing on the wet ground handling an electric light extension and working on his automobile his hand came in contact with a defective insulation on the wire. He was so severely shocked he was knocked unconscious for several minutes and undoubtedly would have lost his life if his father had not heroically come to his rescue and, by risking his own life, jerked the wire out of his son's hand. The father was in turned shocked and knocked down but not seriously injured.

CUERO TURKEYS.

Every year Cuero, Texas, gives a turkey trot that is the real thing. Thousands of turkeys are rounded up and trotted or driven through the streets of Cuero and a big celebration is pulled off. It is really something to celebrate. It is dollars and joy all in one, for the farmers of the Cuero section have learned that diversification is the best and safest way to beat the boll weevil and that one of the best ways to diversify is to raise fine poultry, and, especially, an abundance of turkeys. Every year thousands of turkeys are shipped to the Northern and Eastern markets from Cuero, and the turkey trot has become an annual event that attracts attention from all the United States. Even the motion picture concerns film it as one of their main news features. From present indications Cuero this year will have the largest number of turkeys for Thanksgiving dinners than any previous year.

GRADE CROSSING CASUALTIES FORTY-SIX.

Twenty-six highway accidents at railroad crossings occurred in Texas in August with casualties totaling forty-six, according to a statement issued by the Railroad Commission. Eight persons were killed and thirty-eight others injured.

Four of the automobiles accidents were reported to have resulted from attempts made by drivers to beat trains over crossings.

SOME FIGURES.

According to the Houston Chronicle, Harris county, Texas, now has thirteen million dollars more taxable values than the entire State of Texas had in 1870. The state in 1870 had taxable values of \$170,000,000, whereas Harris county alone now has taxable values of \$183,000,000. In 1870 Texas had 711 miles of railroad whereas Texas now has 16,000 miles. The total valuation in Texas is now in excess of \$3,000,000,000. Texas is growing in wealth and importance every day.

IMPORT LIQUOR IN CIGARS.

Custom officials at El Paso, Texas, are keeping a close watch out for violators of the Volstead Act who, it is affirmed, have been importing cigars that contained small glass tubes filled with liquor. These cigars have been sold by curio dealers to Juarez visitors, and suddenly became a very popular brand of cigars. But orders are orders and the word has now been passed to custom officials to confiscate such cigars in future and possibly to take charge of the possessors thereof.

HEALTH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD BY TEXAS AND MEXICAN OFFICIALS.

An International Conference of great importance is to be held soon in Mexico by Dr. Beazley, State Health Officer of Texas, and two or more Texas Bureau Chiefs with Mexican Officials at the invitation of President Obregon. The conference is to discuss joint health regulations, including control of communicable diseases and international immigration regulations to prevent the spread of diseases.

TEXAS LAWYERS RESIGN BIG POSITIONS.

Robert S. Lovett, formerly a well known Texas attorney, but for many years Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Union Pacific Railway System, has resigned his former position with the railway company on account of ill health. For a number of years he has resided in New York but has always been considered a Texan. Judge R. L. Batts, formerly a well known lawyer of Austin, Texas, and later Assistant Attorney General of the United States under Attorney General Gregory and later General Attorney for large oil interests with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., has resigned his connection and has returned to Austin to make his future home. He will practice his profession there with his former partner, Judge Brooks.

TOBACCO COMPANY ADVERTISES IN HOUSTON BY SKY WRITING.

The advertiser is the man who gets the business all the time. The American Tobacco Company is a big advertiser and spends its money freely for the big results obtained. This is demonstrated by the advertising methods it has been recently using in Houston. This company has had Major J. C. Savage of London in Houston for the purpose of giving its products publicity by his method of what is known as "Sky Writing." Major Savage has patented the process which is made possible by the use of the aeroplane and some kind of smoke that, combined with the patented mechanism, causes smoke letters to be reproduced upon the sky. In some instances these letters remain visible and legible to the naked eye for forty minutes at a time. The smoke letters are written 10,000 feet above the earth. Meteorological conditions have to be just right, and are taken into consideration by the pilot of the plane while flying 100 miles per hour.

FATHER AND SON WEEK.

November 11-18 the Nation will observe the National Father and Son week. This is the week that has been set aside each year for the fathers to become better acquainted with their sons and for the sons to become better acquainted with their fathers. It will be observed in Texas, and San Antonio in particular, is making special arrangements for its observance. It is sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. as a National movement for the purpose of instilling a better sense of mutual respect and appreciation of fathers for sons and sons for fathers. Certain days during the Father and Son week have been specially designated for the observance of different ideas. The days announced this year are: Monday, civic day; Tuesday, Home Day; Wednesday, School Day; Thursday, Industrial Day; Friday, Banquet Day; Saturday, Recreation Day, and Sunday, Church Day. Services will also be held in various churches throughout Texas and the day made a memorable event.

STATE IS WARNED OF DENGUE DANGER.

According to the State Board of Health, the recent rains in Texas have been most favorable for the multiplication of the dengue-carrying mosquito.

GAINESVILLE'S BOY BAND.

It is not generally known but it is claimed that Gainesville, Texas, has the largest exclusively boy band in the United States. It has 151 members ranging in ages from 8 to 17 years of age and has been organized for two years.

NEW WOOL AND MOHAIR RULES.

The Railroad Commission October 24 issued its new wool and mohair concentration rules, to become effective Nov. 13, and also more clearly defining the rate definitions in the wool and mohair tariff but not changing the figures. The rules will more nearly conform to the interstate regulations on wool and mohair.

HUGO STINNES BUYS LAND ON HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL.

News dispatches state that Hugo Stinnes, the German financier, has purchased a body of land on the Houston ship channel which he will use as a site for the shipping of oil that he expects to export into Germany for use in his factories. It is said he will erect a loading station for loading oil bought in North Texas which will be piped direct from the North Texas wells to his Houston station.

WILLIAM BUCHANAN FOUNDATION FUND ATTRACTS STATE WIDE NOTICE.

The act of William Buchanan of Texarkana, Texas, in setting aside \$1,000,000 for the purpose of establishing the "William Buchanan Foundation Fund" to be used for the benefit of suffering humanity is attracting state wide commendation. Press reports and comments from all over Texas indicate that it is the outstanding humanitarian act of the year in Texas and that the public is thoroughly in accord and sympathy with the sentiment and the manner of its expression. It is considered the big act of a big man of broad vision and large means.

CHRISTOVAL BECOMES PERMANENT REUNION GROUND OF MOUNTAIN BRIGADE.

The Mountain Reunion Brigade of the United Confederate Veterans have chosen Christoval, Texas, as their permanent annual meeting place. For the past two years the veterans have used this place as their annual reunion ground and they have been so much pleased with the delightful hospitality and cordiality of the people of this section that they have decided to make it their permanent meeting place. The veterans are scattered throughout the Christoval section of the state and also other sections of the country.

NOLAN COUNTY ROAD BONDS CARRY BY BIG MAJORITY.

Nolan county recently voted \$600,000 for good roads. This sum will be matched with \$800,000 from the State and Federal Governments. The vote in Sweetwater was 600 to 62 and in Roscoe 222 to 50 and in Blackwell it was 106 to 13. Nolan county is the third successive county to vote bonds for hardsurfing the Bankhead Highway, Taylor and Callahan counties having previously voted to hard surface that highway. Nolan county's action insures at least 100 miles of surfaced road on the Bankhead Highway which is said to be the most important highway in Texas.

EAST TEXAS AND TYLER TO HAVE NEW POWER PLANT FACILITIES.

An extension of the Texas Power and Light Company's high voltage wire is to be built from Corsicana, Texas, to Tyler, Texas, at an expense of \$300,000. The line is to be fed by the powerful generating plants of the company located at Fort Worth and Waco and this will supplement the power generated by the local plant in Tyler. When completed it will go a long way toward improving power conditions in East Texas and in aiding manufacturing enterprises to avail themselves of power for industrial purposes. Power for industries will be sold at rates ranging from 6 cents a kilowatt hour to 2 cents, according to the quantity consumed.

FAMOUS COTLE COUNTY WOMAN DIES AT HER RANCH HOME.

Mrs. Mary Richards, 53, owner of the famous 3D Ranch is dead. She was one of the old-timers of Cottle county, having moved there in 1894 from Collin county, Texas. She was widely known as one of the most successful ranch owners and cattle raisers of West Texas. She managed a 40,000-acre ranch stocked with some 1,500 head of fine cattle and in spite of the recent business depression, so managed her affairs that at her death she did not owe a cent. She made liberal donations both to churches and schools. A special train from Paducah to Quanah, Texas, carried her body to the Quanah cemetery where it was buried.

JEFF DAVIS' BODY GUARD LIVES IN TEXAS.

J. F. Sanders, familiarly known as "Dad Sanders," who lives near New Boston, Texas, is now 93 years old and a Confederate Veteran, claims the distinction of being the only living member of Jeff Davis' body guard, in which capacity Mr. Sanders was serving when Jeff Davis was taken prisoner by the Yankees.

WIDOW OF RANCHER ENDOWS COLLEGE.

A gift of \$25,000 as an endowment to McMurray College, the new Methodist institution at Abilene, was announced recently by President J. W. Hunt. The gift was made by the widow of a West Texas ranchman, who prefers to remain incognito. Thirty-five years ago, when a boy, President Hunt was associated with the woman's husband on the cattle range.

STATE TO SEND OUT DAILY REPORTS ON TURKEY MARKET.

The State Market Department at Austin has announced that it is planning to send out daily reports showing the condition of the turkey market. It is intended to keep a daily record of arrivals of dressed poultry in the various Eastern markets and the trend of sales of poultry both at the consuming point and at the dressing plants throughout the State and Nation.

NOTED LADY TO LECTURE AT A. & M. COLLEGE.

November 22, 1923, A. & M. college will be visited by Mrs. Carry Chapman Catt, who will deliver a lecture to the students. Mrs. Catt is one of the most noted women suffrage leaders and lecturers in the United States and takes a very active interest in civic affairs. She is making a tour of educational institutions of Texas and her lecture at A. & M. is only one of a number she expects to make in Texas on problems of suffrage and citizenship.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS FORESTRY COMMITTEE.

During the last Legislative session the Senate passed a resolution looking to the appointment of a committee to take up the work in Texas for the preservation of Texas forests and to make recommendations to the next Legislature as to what should be done to properly direct and accomplish this desired end.

Acting under this resolution Governor Neff has appointed the following committee: Senator I. D. Fairchild, Lufkin; Senator E. E. Witt, Waco; Representative T. H. Burmiester, Christine; Gary B. Sanford, Carthage; W. Goodrich Jones, Temple; R. W. Weir, Houston; Former Representative Leonard Tillotson, Sealy; R. A. Gilliam, Dallas; F. H. Farwell, Orange; Mrs. Ben F. Boydson, Greenville; Former Senator W. L. Dean, Huntsville.

CORNELL PROFESSOR CHOSEN TO HEAD EDUCATIONAL SURVEY OF TEXAS.

The survey Commission of Texas, created by an act of the last Legislature, has chosen Dr. G. A. Works of Cornell University to direct the survey of all schools in Texas supported by State taxes. Dr. Works was the director of the survey of rural schools of New York state in 1921. He holds the position of Professor of Rural Education in the State School of Agricultural in Cornell. He is on the program of the Texas State Teachers' Association that will hold a meeting in Fort Worth on November 28 to 30, 1923. Dr. Works was assisted in the New York state survey by Dr. Brooks of Baylor University and Dr. T. H. Shelby now Director of Extension Department of the University of Texas; at that time Dr. Brooks and Dr. Shelby were in the graduate school of the University of Chicago. The Survey Commission is expected to meet in Fort Worth a day or two before the meeting of the State Teachers' Association, but the exact date has not yet been announced.

STEEL VEST MAN VISITS SHERMAN.

Recently Ben Schuster, representing the Bullet-Proof Vest Corporation visited Sherman and gave a demonstration to Shermanites, including State Ranger Captain Tom Hickman, of a steel-ribbed bullet-proof vest that covers all the vitals of the body and is intended to be worn by peace officers, paymasters and others who are likely to be shot in performance of their duties. Mr. Schuster permitted Chief Police Frank Reece to fire point blank at his chest. The gun used was a 38-caliber six-shooter and the vest stood the test in every respect. It will not, however, stand a test of rifle bullets but Mr. Schuster stated his company is now experimenting on a garment that it is expected will resist rifle bullets and leave the wearer harmless. The vest has every appearance of an ordinary vest. The invention of a rifle bullet shedding garment would revolutionize warfare and would have saved the lives of thousands of soldiers in the recent war. No vest, according to Mr. Schuster, will be sold without the approval of the sheriff of the county in which the vest is sold. This precaution is taken to prevent crooks from buying them.

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BE BRIEF.
A Kansas man visiting in Florida got so warm that he decided to telegraph his wife for his light underwear, so he sent the following telegram:
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GOL DURN DUDE!
Mrs. Winrow: "You ought to wear a belt 'stead o' suspenders next Sunday, Hiram, seein' as how we're goin' ter have guests from the county seat."
Mr. Winrow: "Anythin' to please you, old gal, but, gosh! how I hate them these formal affairs!"

ALL OUT.
A fellow went to find out about a fire that happened in a certain house. Going to the door he asked for the woman of the house. "She's out," the maid said. "Any of the family will do," said the fellow. "They are all out," answered the girl. "Well, wasn't there a fire here, yesterday?"
"Yes, but that's out, too."

TO SETTLE THE QUESTION
"Brothah Binkly, would yo-alls be so kind as to lend me yo' razzor?"
"Suttinly, Brothah Bimbo, so an yo' brings it back. Fo' what occasion does yo' requiah its possesshun?"
"I'se jes' gwine to attend a li'l social. De members of de Rise an' Shine Lit'ry Sassocety, of which I'se president and chairman, is a gwine to have a frienly argyment on de prognostification of worl' peace."

POSTMARKED MICHIGAN
An Ohio agriculturist bought a farm in the northern part of Michigan where people raise the Northern Spy apple and are not backward about boasting of its size and taste. Hearing that a neighbor who lived a couple of miles north had raised a large apple crop, he sent his son over to get a bushel.
All the son got was this reply:
"Boy, you got back and tell your father I wouldn't cut an apple in half for any man living."

WEATHER EXPERIENCES.
Two explorers of the far North were relating their experiences to each other and naturally drifted around to the subject of temperature.
"Would you believe it?" narrated the first. "In 1911 it was so cold up around Baffin's Bay that if a man wanted to get downstairs in a hurry, all he would have to do would be to throw two or three buckets of water out the window and slide down the icicle."
"Call that cold?" ridiculed the other. "Why, up in Greenland on the hottest days of the summer, we had to build a fire under the cow to keep her from giving ice cream."

TOP-HEAVY JUSTICE.
A justice of the peace, whose home is in Indiana but whose farm runs along the Ohio State line, was oppressively imbued with a sense of his own responsibility, and never lost a chance to show his authority.
One day a fist fight arose between his son and the hired man. The justice, quick to see the situation, climbed on the border-line fence as a better bench of justice and commanded "peace in the name of the State of Indiana." No sooner, however, had he delivered this order than he fell over backward and went sprawling into Ohio. Lying prone on the ground, he belloyed to his son: "Give him the devil, Bill, give him the devil! I've lost my jurisdiction!"

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN
Joe: "Lo, Bill. Ain't seen ya since the Oregon? Didja get a war cross?"
Bill: "War cross? Did I get one? Look me over. I done married one."

WHAT, INDEED?
Irate Woman: "Say, you, do you remember marryin' me to Albert Blinks, bachelor, six months ago?"
Justice of Peace: "Why, er—yes, I think I do."
Irate Woman: "Well, wotcher goin' to do about it? He's escaped."

A man of three hundred in weight Attempted to vault o'er a gate,
But the thing was so high
That he fell on his thigh,
Which was why he was late for his date.

ONE STEP IN PROGRESS
"We must be gettin back to normalcy."
"What makes you think so?"
"When I went into that store to buy a dime's worth of cheese nobody laughed."

A REASON
Sunday School Teacher—"Now children, who can suggest the lesson we are taught by the downfall of Samson? Very well, Georgie."
Georgie (seriously)—"Don't patronize women barbers, ma'am."

HIS CLASS.
A group of negroes were at the terminal station Sunday morning, telling a few departing brethren good-bye. A trainman noticed one negro looking on sadly, and inquired: "John, are you going north?"
"No, sir," said the negro addressed. "I'se a Class B nigger."
"What do you mean by Class B nigger?" asked the trainman.
"Well," said Sam, "I B's here when dey leave, and I B's here when dey come back."

NO DAMAGE DONE.
After much excitement the Smiths had at last managed to catch the train. Now, when they could sit quietly for a while they began to wonder if they had left anything behind.
Mrs. Smith gave a shriek.
"Oh, Harry," she gasped, "I forgot to turn off the electric iron!"
"Don't worry, darling," he replied. "nothing will burn. I forgot to turn off the shower bath."

UNCLE SI.
Uncle Si Perkins was standing in the doorway of his grocery store and it was raining—had been raining two or three days—and business was dull. When business is dull Uncle Si is more communicative than at any other time.
"Did you see that young man who just passed by," said Uncle Si. "Well, he's the son of old man Jim Howard, the banker, who died 'bout five years ago. The old man left lots of property, to his children, but this boy run through with his, and I wouldn't trust him for a dollar's worth of groceries. I knew the boy's father well—fine man and good citizen. That boy's been wild all his life; give his pa lots of trouble, drinkin' and gamblin' most of the time. The thousands of dollars the old man left him are gone, he's seedy-lookin' and sorry a man as I ever want to see. But he married the purtiest and smartest gal in this town. And that's always been a mystery to your Uncle Si—how a triflin' fellow most generally marries the best woman in town. It's funny, but you know it's so. I reckon the womenfolks aint ever goin' to get over this mushy stuff. They think theys' gettin' a man, but they gets a jelly fish."

AUTO HINTS

When working on the engine in such a way that it is necessary to lean against one of the front fenders the wise driver is careful to see that all unnecessary buttons on his overalls are removed. It prevents scratching the car.

The following suggestion is not recommended for all motorists, but it has worked occasionally and is, therefore, worth considering when everything else has failed:
Should the car develop a chronic squeak, and greasing of every part of the chassis fail to remove it, the chances are that the wood framework of the body has dried out. This is especially likely to happen to a car which is seldom washed, provided it is seldom out in the wet. Under these circumstances it is advisable to remove the seat cushions, tools, and the floor mats and wash the car inside and out. This method, while rough, has been known to remove many

a persistent squeak. It does not have to be done in such a way as to damage the trimmings or the mechanical units of the car, simply enough to eliminate the dryness from wood work.

What would happen to the engineer of a locomotive—
If he were discovered sitting at the throttle with his pet dog in his lap, adjusting his glasses with his hands and reading the billboards along the way—while traveling 40 miles per hour?
If he took his twelve-year-old boy along with him on Sundays and permitted him to run it?
If he discussed his golf score with the fireman and missed a number of signals along the way, even though nothing happened?
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Colonel Sherman's regiment was the first one to get in action at the battle of San Jacinto and he was officially commended for his bravery and generalship during the battle. On the field of San Jacinto it was General Sherman who sounded the battle cry of "Remember Goliad! Remember the Alamo." The entire army took up this battle cry when they charged and routed the Mexicans, killing 630, wounding 208 and capturing 730 prisoners. In this battle, which was decisive, the Texas army under General Houston numbered 783 men, while the Mexican army, under Santa Anna, numbered about 1600 men.

In 1842 General Sherman was elected representative to the congress of the Republic of Texas from Harris county, and afterwards was Major General of state militia.
He died at Galveston in August, 1873.
In the January issue of our Magazine Section I will tell my little readers something about the life of Colonel Mirabeau B. Lamar, who commanded a cavalry company at the battle of San Jacinto.

BIRD STORY.
This story was sent in by Marion Graves, Box 88, R. F. D. No. 1, San Gabriel, Texas. The judges thought it was the best "Quail Story" so I am publishing it this month:

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This winter on a crisp morning you will find the following recipe to come in handy. It is delicious, I assure you:

French Toast.
3 tablespoons milk or cream.
1 egg.
Salt.
5 slices bread.
Beat the egg, add milk or cream and salt; dip into this mixture slice of bread. Brown thoroughly in a little butter in a hot frying pan.

FAMILIAR POEMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.
How many of my little readers know why we celebrate Thanksgiving Day? If you don't know ask mother or dad or maybe your school teacher.

Thanksgiving Day.
Over the river, and through the snow,
Now grandmother's cap I spy,
The horses know the way to carry the sleigh,
Through the white and drifted snow.
Over the river, and through the wood;
Oh, how the wind does blow,
It stings the toes,
And bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.
Over the river; and through the wood;
And straight through the barn-yard gate;
We seem to go,
Extremely slow;
It is so hard to wait.
Over the river, and through the wood,
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Hurrah for the fun,
Is the pudding done,
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MOTHER NATURE WAS GRASS THAT WENT TO SEA.
As you walk along or paddle among the pools left by the receding tide you cannot help noticing the long strands of green weed that fringes them. Its leaves, which look like so many ribbons, are less than half an inch in width, though often they are three or four feet in length.
This particular weed is called grass-wrack, and, strange to say, is not really a seaweed at all. It is a land plant which for some reason has taken to a marine life.
If you examine it carefully you will find real flowers growing upon it, each encased in a kind of sheath formed by one of the shorter leaves. No proper seaweed blossoms in this way.
Why it should have chosen to go to sea instead of remaining on land no one can say, but probably it found that it was easier to live under water than on dry land. In some places it is so common that it is harvested like hay, and is used, after it has been dried, instead of straw for packing glass, china and other delicate objects.



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WOMAN'S PAGE

MRS. MARGARET STUTE

HOME PROBLEMS.

THE HOUSE.

Besides the conveniences in the kitchen mentioned in our previous article, a rocking chair can be added and not be considered a luxury. A built in ironing board and other built in features are well worth the money.

From the kitchen we go to the dining room and here "simplicity" and "taste" must surely predominate. No other room in the house harbors so much friendliness. Meal time should be "happy time" in every house hold. A few simple pictures may be used here the best selection being either of fruit, game, etc. The furniture should be substantial and always clean. A hard wood floor that can be kept free from dust is best to use. However, a carpet is permissible if it is easily cleaned. Fancy china and glass ware can be displayed in a china cabinet. But never on tables exposed to the dust.

If possible, a breakfast room is great addition to the home and a great labor saver. It is best built adjoining the kitchen. The furniture is best if built of the "movable" type. Benches built against the wall are difficult to clean. Painted furniture is best as it can be washed. Simple draperies to harmonize with the wall paper are always charming.

The reception room or "parlor" is today usually used as the living room. The old fashioned "parlor" that was usually kept closed except for "company" is now "out-of-date." People realize houses were built to live in not to look at, so only as many rooms as are necessary for the comfort and convenience of the family should be built. So the living room should be furnished as the center of attraction in the home. In arranging the furniture choose a piece of central interest and arrange it accordingly. Perhaps the center of interest may be a big fireplace in the winter, then we arrange chairs, lounges, etc., so as to face it. A large window in summer may be used as the group center. Pictures here may be of landscapes, flowers, animals, etc., but only a few well chosen ones. Never use photographs in this room. A few vases or pieces of bric-a-brac can be used only sparingly. Never overcrowd anything. Lace curtains and artistic overdrapes to harmonize with the room can be used.

The children's bed room should be well supplied with windows first of all and kept open the year round. Arrange the beds so that they will not be in draft. Painted furniture is usually most serviceable as it can be painted over now and then. Plain straight curtains that can be easily laundered are the best to be used. Delicate colors are best to use.

The guest bed room should be daintily and artistically arranged. A bed, dressing table, a rocking chair and a straight chair are all that is necessary in the way of furniture.

For all bed rooms a linoleum carpet will be found to be economical and sanitary. There are many pretty patterns made up and one can achieve almost any effect. Small rugs may be used in front of the beds and dressing tables in cold weather. Curtains made from easily laundered materials with small flower designs are best used. Ruffled edges are very pretty but where there is a large family should be discarded, as they are hard to laundry. In the bed rooms family pictures may be used.

Study your home and make it as attractive as possible. Your family will enjoy it better and in their joy you will find your recompense.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

"Better washers for water faucets can be made of cardboard than of leather," says a plumber, "for the cardboard swells when wet and prevents leakage."

Cut out and burn the old raspberry and black-berry canes that have fruited.

The best time to save seed potatoes? Why that's easy—as you dig them. When you come to a hill that has a nice lot of uniform, good-sized ones, put them aside for next year's planting.

It requires more intelligence to be a good farmer than any other occupation in the world. There must be a new conception of the farmer's place in the economic scheme.

Care of paint brush: After using, wipe the brush with a piece of clean, soft cloth or tissue paper. Place the brush in a pan or basin of vinegar, let the handle extend. Put the vessel on the stove and bring the vinegar to a boil. Rinse the brush in the vinegar and boil for a few minutes, or until the paint is dissolved in the vinegar.

Wipe again with a soft cloth or tissue paper. More furniture is made to look like junk by neglect than by use. Get a good furniture oil and some old rags and go over your furniture once or twice a month.

Don't forget the rose bed this fall. Cut all dead branches and "suckers." Fertilizer added to an old bed will greatly improve it.

Cull out your flock of chickens. Old hens or roosters are of little or no value to you. Besides they lower the average of the flock.

Insist on your children wearing rubbers to school on rainy days. Wet feet lays the foundation for many diseases.

Something is wrong with the home when its occupants would be rather out of it than in it.

FIRST AID TREATMENT and QUESTION BOX.

"Burns and Frost Bites."

In case of a slight burn a simple treatment of applying vasoline, carroll oil, or white vasoline and keeping protected from air and dirt. To protect it is essential or infection is liable to set in.

For scalds, cover the surface with gauze or soft muslin wet in a solution of bicarbonate of soda or carroll oil. Keep the dressing wet for several days. If severe a doctor must be consulted.

For burns by acid, water is poured over the burns and then compresses wet with lime water or bicarbonate of soda or, for carbolic acid, apply alcohol.

For treating frost-bites the person is kept in a cold atmosphere and the frozen parts rubbed gently with snow, ice or cold water until circulation is re-established. By no means take the patient in a room or apply heat as serious complications will result.

Question: What are some of the complications accompanying burns?

Answer: Shock, pneumonia, due to the inhalation of smoke; hemorrhage, from the sloughing of blood vessels, and inflammation of the internal organs due to absorption of purulent matter from the discharge.

FOOD.

Its use to the Body and Proper Preparation.

Cakes, pastries, pudding, sauces, etc., also comprise a large part of our starch diet. But must be used with care as they will dull the appetite of children for more necessary and simple foods. Then undernourishment may result.

Sugar, molasses, syrups, honey and other sweets are necessary as fuel foods and flavoring. In certain diseases they must be rigidly avoided, especially in kidney or liver complications. Children require a certain amount of "sweets" and "home-made" candy, cooked fruits, fresh fruits, etc., are very necessary in a child's diet. Home-made ice cream, simple cookies and cakes are nice ways to supply the sugar necessary for a balanced diet.

Fats, such as butter, lard, meat fats, and olive, peanut, cotton seed and other fats and oils also supply body fuel and gives to the food an agreeable quality, commonly called "richness." Fats used in frying must be used with care and knowledge. In "deep fat" frying, as in French fried potatoes, "the fat must be heated to the point that it will send off a thin bluish smoke. In simple fried foods only enough fat must be used to keep the articles from sticking or burning. Fats are a necessary part of our diet as they not only help to give us energy but are necessary to help in our digestion. Some fats contain more food value than others. "Natural" fats are usually the cheapest and most economical if used properly.

Every meal must be perfectly balanced. A food from each group is necessary for a balanced diet. Over feeding of any one food is liable to cause complications at some time or other.

Bulletins can be obtained from the U. S. Department of Agricultural at Washington, D. C. and any other Agricultural College on the subject of food. It is the duty of every mother to acquaint herself thoroughly with the subject.

This ends my discussion of food and I hope I have been of some benefit to you all.

TESTED RECIPES.

Bran, Maple and Raisin Cake.

Contributed by Mrs. Lula Land, Route 1, A, Ralls, Texas. Thank you.

A nice cake which is not too expensive: Put in a mixing bowl 1/2 cup of shortening, butter and cooking oil, or butter and lard, or either one of the three—add 1 cup of maple syrup and mix well, take 1 cup of buttermilk or clabber, add 1 teaspoon of soda stir and add 1/2 cup of sugar, add to this 1 teaspoon each of allspice and cinnamon, take 3 cups of sifted flour add 8 teaspoons of good baking powder and sift again, add to mixture and beat until smooth then add 1 cup of Kellogg's bran, and 1/2 cup of raisins. Bake in slow oven for ten minutes then increase heat until brown. Cook in two pie plates or large bread pan.

Scalloped Oysters. (Individual Rule)

- 1/2 cup oysters.
- Salt.
- 1/4 cup cracker crumbs.
- Pepper.
- 1/4 cup stale bread crumbs.
- 1/2 tablespoon cream.
- 1 tablespoon melted butter.
- 1 tablespoon oyster liquid.

Prepare the oysters. Stir together crumbs and melted butter. Butter a small baking dish and sprinkle part of the crumbs in it. Put in half the oysters, sprinkle with salt and pepper, then a layer of crumbs, pour over enough cream or oyster liquor to moisten well, add the remaining oysters, season, and finish with a layer of crumbs on top. Bake in a hot oven about ten minutes, till oysters are plump and crumbs browned. Serve hot.

Note: Never allow more than two layers as they will not cook evenly. A sprinkling of mace or nutmeg is considered an improvement by some. Sherry wine may be used in place of cream.

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