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* BROAD-CASTINGS FROM *
* STATION W-W-C-E *
* World's Worst Country Editor *

DOWN in Texas, where the back yards in our farm houses are so big, the milk men often deliver a pound of butter and a quart of butter milk, instead of the fresh sweet milk they started with when they entered the back yard gate—(especially if they deliver in a Ford). Where our jelly beans mount a bucking flivver and journey 150 miles to call on his neighboring "Red Hot Mommer."

ROOSTER Neathery, who lives over west of the Point in the timber that's so tall he has to anchor his ariel to toy balloons, got in connection with WEA, New York. Rooster was some indignant when he heard one of them Tminent Physicians from Rhode Island, or Connecticut, or some of the other suburbs of Chicago, who was making a health talk. It seems that the learned Doc alleged that mankind was Biologically an Animal who had worn too many clothes for the past thousand years. Rooster says his great grand pap wasn't any Monkey, nor his great grand maw wern't a Zebra, and, as for wearing too many clothes, he says he hadn't heard of chorus girls being so healthy that the insurance companies were cutting their rates.

EVERY once and a while the Country Editor gets results from his own advertising. This week it came from running the old "Legal Forms for sale at the Signal Office" which we have had set up for the past thirteen years and run ever so often when the office "devil" misplaces the patent medicine ads, or when the big news about Squire Kelso doing over his barn in auburn paint, fails to materialize.

Adoline Branch, one of the girls about town, but who is no longer "a young thing" was the one firmly impressed with our filler ad in the current issue of the paper. After feeding the cats giving the canary his daily dozen, winding the clock, looking under the bed, Addie hooked up the old radio, unfolded our local sheet of news and knowledge, determined to be edified as well as entertained. It so happened that Radio Station WJAM at Cleveland, Ohio, had become real careless and allowed an insurance agent to get up to the megaphone who under the pretext of making a thrift talk got branched off on insurance. How in the world a sane man has the nerve to reel off death rate statistics and safety deposit figures in the same breath and name the production "Thrift" we don't know—anyway Miss Branch got the graveyard sizzles tuned out of the "Radio you luv' to hear" in time to get the full benefit of the closing remarks on "Thrift" made by the insurance artist, "MAKE YOUR WILL, YOU KNOW NOT WHEN THE END WILL COME. Staring her in the face in bold faced type from the local page of our paper was the information "LEGAL FORMS FOR SALE AT THE SIGNAL OFFICE." We didn't make the sale, due to our depleted stock in last wills and testaments—the last six of the original half dozen we stocked seven years ago having been used for paper wrappers.

Mrs. G. W. Chadwick was carried to Abilene Wednesday, where she is expected to undergo an operation which, according to members of the family, is expected to be a very serious and technical matter. Her many friends sincerely hope that same will be successful and that she will enjoy a speedy and permanent recovery.

Mr. J. C. Mason left Monday for Fort Worth, Texas, to attend to business matters.

Dean McKeown, of McMurry College preached at the eleven o'clock hour at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

"CIRCUS" AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

All preparations are completed for a Great Circus tonight at the High School building, beginning at 6:00 o'clock.

The Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen are working hard to prepare beautiful booths. Visit their booths. The booth that gets first prize receives \$5.00.

There will be a good free program in the study hall at 8:00 o'clock. The clowns will be there with their funny ways and cause lots of merriment.

Side shows, trained animals, majestic, smallest couple on earth—many things to see. Come and enjoy the High School Circus. Balloons, Candy, popcorn, peanuts, orange ade!

FOOT BALL BOYS GIVE BANQUET

On last Friday evening the football team of the season just passed gave a banquet for the business men of the city in appreciation of the loyal support given by the town during the season. The team was there in a body with the exception of two who were sick and unable to attend. About twenty business men responded to the invitations and all seemed to enjoy the eats.

Coach Jackson acted as toastmaster and to his words of welcome Mr. L. R. Thompson answered with a fine talk on "Why the business men should sponsor Athletics in High School." Every one enjoyed his talk and showed their willingness to agree with him and continue their loyal support by responding to the toastmaster's invitation to say something. Every one was given an opportunity to speak and did so in his own way.

After the speech making, the boys elected a captain for the coming season. Delbert Polly was given this responsible position and the boys afterward said they knew their faith in him would not be denied. He is a hard worker, a conscientious player, and much is expected of him next season.

The concluding part of the program was taken up in awarding the sweaters donated by the business men. They were presented by the Coach, Mr. I. L. Jackson, and each boy had a few words to say upon receiving his sweater. The sweaters are old gold in color, with a large purple "M" on the front. The last to receive his was "Boots" Smith, the retiring Captain, who expressed his desire to return for one more year of football—but this was his last year.

After adjourning Mr. Acuff gave every one a pass to see the show. Almost every one accepted and adjourned feeling that the time was well spent.

Judge E. S. Cummings, State Representative from Taylor county, whose home is in Merkel, according to the reports in the state papers and the House Journal, a daily report of the workings of the lower House of the Legislature, is evidently making a record that will not only prove pleasing to his constituents, but one that will reflect credit and ability as a law maker for the Judge. Go ahead Judge, the home folks are with you in your efforts to put through the splendid legislation which you are so ably sponsoring.

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PROMINENT BANKER TO GO TO LAMESA

We are informed that Mr. R. L. Grimes of this city, who formerly was the able and splendid cashier of the Farmers State Bank, who recently sold his interest in said institution, has this week purchased an interest in the First National Bank, of Lamesa, county site of Dawson county, and will soon move with his family to that city, and become actively identified with the First National Bank as Cashier and director.

Mr. Grimes is not only a very capable and successful banker, but is recognized by his host of friends as an honest, upright and useful citizen in the community in which he resides. He is always found in the forefront in any and all moves that have for their purpose the upbuilding and betterment of the community, and this paper joins his host of friends who regret very much that he and his estimable family are to leave us, in wishing for them the success and happiness they so richly deserve, and especially do we commend them to the best citizenship of the growing and thriving city of Lamesa.

The First National Bank of Lamesa, which institution Mr. Grimes is to become associated with, is one of the strong and substantial banks of the West, and according to their last statement had on deposit \$1,409,537.23, with loans and discounts running to \$261,866.63. To give one some idea of the volume of business the bank transacts, we are informed there are four paying and receiving tellers and one exchange teller, and two assistant cashiers.

Mr. Grimes stated that he expected to take up active duties with the bank about the 15th of February.

T. & P. ADDS PUZZLE DICTIONARY FOR FANS

The Texas and Pacific is the first railway company in the southwest to recognize the cross word puzzle needs of the traveling public.

The cross word puzzle dictionary is now considered a necessary requisite to high-class railway travel, and The Texas and Pacific has added a copy of the latest Cross Word Puzzle Dictionary to the library in the observation sleepers operating between Fort Worth and El Paso on the Sunshine Special.

In our rounds this week for news and advertising, we very gently approached Mr. Jas. H. West, of the West Company, who usually gives us an item or two at least, but who, upon this visit, very politely informed us that there was nothing doing—he did not know a thing, and all because as he said, he had with him "the plumber, carpenter and painter," all of whom were busy at his home making improvements, and he was then looking for the concrete man to put down some paving. And who could blame any man for not giving out a little bit of news when he had all that improvement going on about his home. However, Mr. West is not only improving his splendid home and making same more attractive, but in doing so he adds to the attractiveness of our city. Let others go and do likewise.

Miss Nell Swann spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann. She returned to Simmons College on Monday.

Dean McKeown, of McMurry College preached at the eleven o'clock hour at the Methodist church last Sunday.

MANY BOOSTERS TO BIG SPRINGS MEET

A big crowd of Merkel citizens, headed by Messrs. L. R. Thompson and R. O. Anderson, Cashiers of the two banking institutions of this city, and accompanied by the local Orchestra, left early Thursday morning for Big Spring, where they will attend the District meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which will be in session there all day Thursday.

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce is making big plans for a royal entertainment of some three or four hundred visitors expected to be in attendance, and the Merkel Boosters are going with the possible view of entering the contest to bring the district meeting to this city next year.

JAS. A. PATTERSON NEXT TOASTMASTER

On next Tuesday night at the regular Luncheon Club meeting, which will be held at Ed's Cafe, Mr. Jas. A. Jatterson, Jr., will be in charge as Toastmaster. Since Mr. Patterson is one of our most substantial business men and a large property owner, and a man who has been closely identified with the welfare and progress of Merkel for many years, those in attendance at this meeting may expect not only an interesting program, but one that will be entertaining and constructive.

It is also expected that one of the largest attendances of the membership will be present that has been on hand for some months. And in this particular it is urged that every one feel welcome to come out to any and all meetings of the Luncheon Club, both farmers and business men, for the work of the organization is in the interest of the whole town and community, and the whole town and community should take a part in the workings of same.

SUPT. BURGESS WILL ENLIST TEACHERS IN T.S.T.A.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan 31.—Roger A. Burgess, Superintendent of the Merkel schools, will direct the enlistment of teachers of this city as members of the Texas State Teachers Association. M. A. Williams of Abilene, Superintendent of Taylor County schools, will lead the campaign outside the independent districts.

P. E. Shotwell of Abilene is the general director of the enrollment campaign in the 17th Congressional District, of which Taylor County is a part. The aim is to get a minimum of 1000 members in each congressional district. Taylor County is expected to enroll 100 percent.

P. T. A. PROGRAM

The following program will be rendered at the next regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association on February 11th.

Devotional, Rev. Cypert, Choral Club number. "How the Teacher helped the mother," Miss Elinor Harrison. Reading, Pauline Toombs. Song—America. "Young America," Miss Flannigan's room.

School Children—Try your luck at working the puzzle and get a nice souvenir. Brown Dry Goods Company.

NEW DRY GOODS STORE OPEN HERE

A deal has recently been consummated whereby the Jones Dry Goods Company, of Abilene, purchases the lower floor of the old Star Store building, more recently occupied by the Schindler Variety Store, and the upper floor of which is owned and used by the Masonic Lodge, and will soon open a nice, up-to-date and complete dry goods store, with Mr. W. J. (Judd) Sheppard as manager.

The Jones Dry Goods Company is said to be among the strong firms of the West, and is at present operating some ten or twelve stores throughout the West.

Mr. Sheppard is well known in Merkel. In fact he is a Merkel raised man, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheppard, one of our best and pioneer families. For the past two years Mr. Sheppard has been managing a store at Brownfield, Texas, for the Jones Dry Goods Company, and has made a splendid success of the business there.

Considering the fact that he is experienced, highly capable and well known to the people of Merkel and the Merkel country, it is assured the new store will receive a splendid share of trade in their particular line.

The many friends of Mr. Sheppard and his excellent family will be glad to learn that they will continue to make Merkel their permanent home.

Mr. Sheppard, accompanied by Mrs. F. C. McFarland, left first of this week for the eastern markets to purchase new stock for the store to open soon.

NEW COUNTY AG'T PAYS MERKEL VISIT

Mr. J. R. Masterson, who has lately been assigned as County Farm Demonstrator Agent, for Taylor County, with headquarters in Abilene, was a very pleasant visitor in Merkel Wednesday.

Mr. Masterson is a capable and experienced man in this capacity, and stated to a representative of this paper that he was at this time just making a trip over the county with the view of getting acquainted and finding out about the status of his new work here.

The writer has for many years watched closely the work of County Farm Demonstrators in various counties over the state using the services of competent men, and it has been our observation that in most every case they have accomplished wonderful good, and we make the prediction now, that if the farmers and business men of this city and country will give him their hearty cooperation, they will find that his services will be a great value to the farming interests of this county.

To Mr. Masterson this paper pledges full cooperation.

Miss Willie Swann, who for several years has been the capable milliner for the Bragg Dry Goods Company, after severing her connection with this splendid firm on the first of the year, has accepted a position with the Bryant-Ling Company of Snyder, and left Merkel last Sunday for that city to assume her duties with this firm. Miss Swann is not only a most excellent milliner, but one of Merkel's very finest young ladies, and will be missed very much in this city among the church and social circles.

1ST. HALF SCHOOL YEAR IS COMPLETE

The present session of the Merkel Public Schools is beginning its second half year of work, the first having ended on January 23rd. After this week, there remain only four months of school. The work done during the first half of the year in many respects is very satisfactory. A large percentage of the pupils are passing, one hundred and twenty-nine are on the honor roll for this last six weeks, and many have excellent records on the mid-year examinations.

Cards were given to students on Wednesday of this week. The parents should examine these closely before signing and returning. Several are failing in their work, and the cards will show this. It is getting somewhat late in the year now to make up deficiencies, but if these failures are not too bad failures, and if the student will really apply himself in earnest, much can be done to remove conditions, and be promoted in the Spring. Some extra effort right at this time may save the pupil an entire year in high school. Pupils should be encouraged to do more than merely get by, for the farther along they get in their school work, the more a lack of thoroughness will show up. This merely getting by with a barely grade accounts for the large number of failures in the last two years of high school work. It is difficult then to make the work, no matter how much the pupil works.

Seventy-five percent (75) is a passing grade in the high school in the grades a general average of 85 or more is required for promotion. Please examine cards closely. If the child is not doing what he should, any of the teachers will be glad to have constructive suggestions from the parent. For the child to do his best in school, there should be a regular study period each evening of the school week which nothing should be allowed to interfere with. To secure the best work, all outside activities of whatever nature should be postponed until the week-end.

It would be well to remember that no house is any stronger than its foundation. If the child barely gets by in the grades, or in the first years of high school the structure will not stand the storm of the junior and senior years of high school—the child will then fail though he and his parents may then try ever so much.

Your cooperation in seeing that the very best work that your child can do is done, will be appreciated. Nothing other than the child's best work should satisfy the parent or the teacher.

Very respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

A PAGE OF BARGAINS

Attention is called to the big page advertisement in this paper wherein some eighteen firms are represented, and in which our readers will find some interesting bargains in the various lines. Read these as well as all other advertisements in this paper, and you will find that it will pay you mighty well. Patronize those who advertise if you would be wise.

Mrs. Homer Easterwood and little daughter, Mabel Claire, left last Saturday after a visit with relatives here, for Clarksville and Bagwell for a visit with relatives there before her return to Taft, Texas.

Mr. J. W. Schindler is planning to move his stock of merchandise known as the Schindler Variety Store, to Winters, Texas, very soon.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

The Home of Guaranteed Deposits

Officers and Directors

J. S. Swann, President
 R. O. Anderson, Vice-President
 W. L. Diltz Jr., Cashier
 Herbert Patterson, Asst.-Cashier
 J. C. Mason, Director
 David Hendricks, Director

This institution is here for the benefit of the community and we ask co-operation of our patrons and friends. All legitimate business will be handled with care and dispatch.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis Entertains

On last Friday evening at three o'clock the Alathean class of the Baptist Church met in a social and business meeting in the home of Mrs. J. T. Dennis on Oak street. The rooms were decorated with valentine colors and also carried out the class colors, white and red.

Mrs. Dennis greeted her guests with a hearty welcome. The class enjoyed the afternoon in contests which proved very interesting. We also had a little mind reader. Each one present wrote a resolution which was read without looking at it. The mind reader proved to be Miss Lola Dennis. The members then drew hearts and found their partners. Each one was asked into the dining room to find our numbers on the plate. There a delicious plate was served which consisted of fruited jello with whipped cream and individual angel food squares with red hearts on each square, with coffee. The class expressed their most sincere thanks and wished to meet with Mrs. Dennis again. There were sixteen members present with three visitors, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Guitar and Miss Lucille Guitar. The class will meet the fourth Friday in February with Mrs. Cummings. The meeting was then dismissed with the Lord's prayer on the victrola.
 Class Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case received word first of the week that a brother-in-law, Mr. R. P. Penny, residing at Uvalde, had died Monday night, and would be buried at Winters on Wednesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Case left Wednesday morning for that city to attend the funeral services.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Pipe, pump and windmill repair work. All work guaranteed. Headquarters at West Co. Phone 59. Appreciate your work. Cox Brothers. 23t3pd

TRENT SCHOOL NOTES

"Safety First," the biggest thing of the year; you can't afford to miss it. Admission 20c to school children and 35c to adults. Come early and avoid the rush.

Leon: "These exams are awful. I'm all in."

Clark: "Lou may think you're all in now, but wait till your folks get your report card next Wednesday."

If your car is frozen why not come to Trent on the 5:30 train and go back on the 10:50? If it isn't frozen why not get your neighbors and give them a treat Everybody will enjoy "Safety First."

Nalo Boyd has been quite ill the past week.

Eva Smith and Miss Martin just love to climb mountains but I've heard that it was awfully hard for Eva to come down even a small hill, without help.

If you caught your son-in-law trying to elope with your maid would you forgive them? "Safety First."

Want to see a real ghost? "Safety First."

Oscar Pennell has been out of school for over a week.

"In "Safety First" you can learn how to become an "imported woggle" and a "Bazook". This should interest all Masons and particularly all Shriners.

Zuleika—right from a Turkish harem—the cause of it all. See "Safety First."

Orin Robinson has been out of school for several days.

Shall husbands tell their wives the truth? This question is decided forever in "Safety First"

Miss Martin and Miss Ellison spent Tuesday evening in Merkel.

A real, live Baroness?? That's what they say. You see if it's true in "Safety First."

It is rumored that Mr. McAdams has signed a contract to go on the stage.

The chance of a lifetime, Abou Ben Mocha, a blood thirsty turk.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel

Solicits your business on the basis of A Record of Twenty Years Successful Banking

We are unexcelled in equipment. Have arranged for your comfort and convenience and want you to feel very much at home.

J. T. Warren, Pres. L. R. Thompson, Cash.
 Booth Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass't Cashier

DIRECTORS

Henry James G. F. West J. T. Warren
 L. R. Thompson Sam Butman

Never Missed a Dividend
 Never Assessed a Shareholder



CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends that were so kind to our darling daughter and sister we take this method to thank them all.

Friendship is a delightful thing in many ways—it increases joy and diminishes sorrow.

Without friends what is man? When the clouds look black and the muttering thunder of misfortune are heard, when our hearts are torn by the recent separation from our loved one. In these times it is the office of friendship to shield and deliver us.

When one thinks no body cares for us and we are alone in a cold and selfish world, we should ask this question: What have we done to make any body care for us. We are the ones who have had the encouragement and aid of kind friends. How soothing to her to hear their sweet voices. She spoke so often of their faces, like angels. They brought sunshine to her.

She was always sweet and had a smile for every one and assured her parents that she was ready to go if it was God's will. It gives us great joy to know that we could have her with us at home with mother and father, as this was her greatest desire in her weakness. I want to thank each and every one for the money that was given to me, which I gave to her husband to be given to her children.

(Signed) Mr. J. D. Barnes, Mrs. L. J. Barnes, Howard Phillips, W. L. Phillips, W. S. Barnes, Margaret Barnes, F. F. Barnes, Maggie Barnes, Hoyt Barnes. 1tp

Mr. John Thomas, who just about the first of the year moved to the Golan community, where he had purchased a 390 acres farm, coming to this community from Concho county, was in the city first of the week trading with our merchants. Mr. Thomas states that he is well pleased with our town and country.

As you are sitting by a good, comfortable fire

these long wintry nights, are you dreading those long, hot summer days that will be spent in that hot kitchen next summer?

Now is the time to prepare that good, easy to keep clean kitchen that you have been longing for so long.

It can be done only by

The ELECTRIC RANGE

It is SAFE, CLEAN, ECONOMICAL

No Soot, no Ashes to carry out. With the turn of the switch it is instantly hot.

West Texas Utilities Co.

A real villain.

Your only chance to see the greatest play that has ever been of ever will be in West Texas. "Safety First" played eighteen weeks on Broadway. It is only after much persuasion and with great expense that we have induced them to play here. You'll always regret it if you miss this wonderful production. February 6, 1925, School auditorium, Trent Texas. Admission 20c and 35c.

PROGRESSIVE—

On February 5th, there will be held at Big Spring the annual district meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and since Merkel came very near getting this meeting for 1925, it was decided at the last Luncheon Meeting that Merkel enter the race to bring to this city the 1926 meeting.—Merkel Mail.

Merkel is showing progressive-ness in seeking the 1926 district meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and although the convention may not be landed, the fact that it was sought will show to the rest of the competing that Merkel is very much in the forefront and the folks there are alive to their possibilities of making further advancement toward their goal.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston returned last week from their extended trip to Palacios. Mr. Huddleston states that they enjoyed their visit in that splendid southern climate, but that they were mighty glad to get back among their many friends in good old Merkel and Taylor county.

Mr. L. C. Patton returned first of the week from a business trip to Munday, Texas, and dropped into this office Wednesday morning and had us send the Mail to his father in another state.

Misses Betty Swan of Alvarado and Wilma Mitchell of Vene are visiting Mr and Mrs. Sid Coats, Jr., and relatives.

Miss Russell Entertains

Miss Christene Russell entertained Miss Mamie Ellis' Sunday School class last Friday evening at her home. A most pleasant evening was enjoyed, and Miss Russell proved to be a most entertaining hostess. During the evening music and various games were enjoyed.

Delicious refreshments of hot chocolate, marshmallows and cakes were served. The following attended: Miss Mammie Ellis, Mildred Smith, Venice Bell, Minabel Russell, Bonnie Wayne Sanders, Helen Compton, Anna Lou Russell, Messrs. William Parnell, Thomas Harris, Geo. Gest, Bran- nic Bailey, Audry and Novel Dowell, J. T. Darsey and A. J. Tucker.

I want partner who wishes to build 5-room bungalow from ear of lumber. Lee D. Williams. tf

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 Watches, Clocks and Jewelry
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 All Work Guaranteed
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SPECIAL

Twelve baby chick water fountains given free with each "Jersey" Incubator we sell in February.

LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.

If it's Hardware We Have It

"VALENTINES"

We Have Them.

See the new Caranome Compacts on display.

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There is no place in this store for poor Quality Groceries or out of reach prices.

WE DON'T MEET PRICES WE MAKE THEM

Good Broom.....50c
Extra good \$1.00 Broom.....75c
25 lb. Sugar.....\$2.00
25 lb. sack Meal.....95c

CARSON & SON GROCERIES

Buy Your Merchandise at Home

Buy your merchandise at home from a well established firm, it is the best that money can buy.

It is the same with our line of high grade Electric Merchandise.

West Texas Utilities Company

The Quality Bakery

Can furnish you at all times with—

Fresh Bread, Cakes and Pies. Also, nice fresh, pure home-made candies

Buy at home and help your home town.

A. A. McGehee, Prop.

"There is no Place Like Home"

We want you to feel that our place is a part of your home. We believe you appreciate the fact that you can still buy that good Sunset Coffe at \$1.50 for three lbs. Let us sell you a case of pure Ribbon cane syrup this week at \$5.40

W. D. Ramsey Grocery Company

COUNTY RESOURCES AND THE FARMER

You have often heard the remark: "It takes all sorts of people to make a world," and this is true in a sense. That means, of course, that you will find all manner of characters, good, bad and indifferent, and people representing all sorts of trades, professions and businesses in almost every community.

With this in mind, have you ever stopped to consider WHAT AN IMPORTANT PLACE THE FARMER HOLDS IN THAT LIST?

You see him away from his fields of growing corn and cotton and his acres of growing grain; probably meet him in town on Saturday afternoon all dolled up in his overalls and a week old crop of whiskers, and amidst the hum and bustle of business life, he doesn't seem to cut much figure: but without him, what sort of a fix would you be in?

Our farmers are the real creators of wealth. Our business men and others help to conserve that wealth, but the farmer, with Nature's help, creates it. He is responsible, year after year, for millions of acres of crops—corn, oats, wheat, hay, cotton, etc., to say nothing of the enormous quantities of potatoes, fruit, melons and vegetables. What he produces in the fields is also directly responsible for the pork, poultry and eggs which largely make up those things we must rely upon for our daily sustenance.

So, no matter how he looks, take off your hat to the farmer and give him a square deal today and every day. Next to their own home and fireside, Merkel county farmers are proud of Merkel, and justly so. Merkel is coming right along and direct cooperation between the farmer and business men is something greatly to be desired. Bring the two closer together. In cooperation wonders can be accomplished, but when its "Every fellow for himself and the devil take the hindmost," all is chaos, confusion, misunderstanding and loss.

Business men, all over the country, are recognizing this vital point and are now constantly seeking the opportunity of meeting the farmer face to face and mingling with him at picnics and other public gatherings. This makes for wider acquaintance and brings about a sense of Good Fellowship by reason of which great good is accomplished. By this means we are better able to understand one another and to establish closer relations and confidence: Let's keep up the good work. United efforts will work wonders.

We should show a united front in working for good roads. There never was a community that did not need still better roads, for here is the connecting link between farm and market—the link that bridges many a difficulty. In line of advancement all through the state, Taylor County is holding her own. The farmer is no longer isolated as in days gone by. He has his daily mail, his telephone, and it won't be long until every farm worth while will be equipped with a radio and thus be in direct connection with the outside world.

FULL LINE--

Flower Seed
Garden Seed
White, Red and yellow onion sets. Triumph and Cobler seed potatoes.

Full line of groceries.

Come to see us.

W. W. Campbell

All---

SCHOOL CHILDREN

Will Receive 25 per cent discount on all Portraits

This Month Only.

RODDEN STUDIO

The Old Reliable Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Small enough to know you, Strong enough to Protect you, well equipped to Serve you.

START AN ACCOUNT TO-DAY

Middleton's Filling Station & Tourist Camp

Tires, Tubes, Oils and Gas.

That "Good Gulf Gasoline and Supreme Auto Oil"

Phone 256 for road Service

B. P. Middleton, Prop.

Bargains in Used Cars

We have some genuine bargains in some used cars. Call and see them for your self. They will bear inspection.

Also drive around and try our gas and oils—there are none better. Our stock of tubes and tires is also complete.

Boney's Garage

C. P. Steven's Filling Station

A good Place to buy your Gas and Oils. A place where your business is appreciated. Located next door to my Black Smith Shop. And we also invite you to bring us your Blacksmith work.

C. P. Stevens, Prop.

Watkins & Vaughn Meat Market

Fresh Beef, Pork, Sausage, Lard, Chilli, and infact everything usually found in first class Market, coupled with courteous and accommodating treatment where your patronage is sincerely appreciated.

The Farmers State Bank The Home of Guaranteed Deposits

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President, W. L. Diltz Jr., Cashier
R. O. Anderson, Vice-Pres. Herbert Patterson, Asst.-Cash
J. C. Mason Director, David Hendricks Director.

This institution is here for the benefit of the community and we ask co-operation of our patrons and friends. All legitimate business will be handled with care and dispatch.

Announcing the arrival of our New "Frigid Air Ice Cream Cabinet"

We will be prepared to serve our trade with a large and complete variety of various Ice Creams.

We will handle the Pangburns Ice Cream from Ft. Worth.

Grimes-Smith Drug Company

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The Merkel Mail has never at any time published anything that would in any way prove detrimental or reflect in the least upon any person or firm in this city and there are but few who have not at some time, and some of them many times, received a boost that has been helpful in a personal or business way. We always buy our needs in Merkel. Can you say the same for and of the Merkel Mail?—Merkel Mail.

Talking to the point and almost personal, Brother Durham, but this problem cannot be solved, will be our guess. Ungrateful men and women have been with us always, and we will continue to face them day by day. Let us make the best of it. Travel along in a way that will make them realize that we are worthy, and a large per cent of our people will appreciate it. A small per cent will never do it, even though we live to be a thousand years old.—Abilene Times.

* WITH THE CHURCHES *

ELD. CYPERT TO PREACH
HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ on next Sunday at the morning and evening hours.

He cordially invites every one to be present at either or both of these services.

METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday our Lay Leader, Bro. L. R. Thompson, will have charge of the morning service, and you may expect the same good service that we have enjoyed for the last two Sundays. Only it grows better further on.

Sunday night the pastor will preach the last of the series on Personal Problems. "The Problem of Guidance."

In these times of sickness and sorrow may we not forget that those less fortunate than we need our prayers and sympathy and help. T. J. Rea.

CROSS ROADS M.E. CHURCH

There will be preaching Sunday at eleven o'clock at Cross Roads. Come let's have a great service. Adrian Rea.

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Our offer of Rogers Silverware, which is in effect only during this one-week Jubilee Sale, has proved the biggest sensation in years. It is possible only because of direct cooperation of the great Avery factory. It is made as a fitting way in which to celebrate their 100th Birthday.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. L. B. Howard and two children are spending the week in Abilene with Mrs. Howard's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Burkett.

School Children—Try your luck at working the puzzle and get a nice souvenir. Brown Dry Goods Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Sweetwater were guests in the J. T. Dennis home last week.

"Safety First", February 6, 1925 High school auditorium, 7:30 o'clock, admission 20c and 35c. It

Mr. J. E. Richardson returned last week from a business trip to Oklahoma.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson has been quite sick the past week, but is improved at this time.

Mr. John S. Hughes has just returned from Knox county, where he has been visiting relatives.

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann.

Mr. S. G. Huston of Abilene, was here Tuesday attending to business matters, and visiting with his many friends.

Mrs. Chas. Russell has been sick with the flu for the past week.

Mrs. F. P. Hamm and daughters, Evelyn and Ruby, were in Abilene Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Geo Brown and son, Jimmie, and brother, Mr. William Brown, and son, Leon, returned last week from a trip to Dallas and Wortham.

Mr. H. L. Propst returned Wednesday from a business trip to Dallas and Fort Worth.

You can not afford to overlook our Friday and Saturday "Specials" this week. Brown Dry Goods Company.

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann.

"My lamb, doesn't look at me like that." "Safety First." It

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DEY JES' NACHULLY TOO
MENNY 'FOLKS GOES T'
JAIL LOCKED AHMS WID
A PO-LICEMAN EN COMES
OUT LOCKED AHMS
WID A LAWYUH!



U. S. CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT REJECTED

HOUSE ADOPTS CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AGAINST FEDERAL AMENDMENT.

Austin, Texas.—The Senate concurrent resolution by John Davis of Dallas, rejecting the Federal child labor amendment, has been adopted by the House by a vote of 111 to 16.

The Senate adopted the rejection resolution by a vote of 19 to 2. Both houses have now rejected the amendment and the Texas Legislature is on record as not only refusing to adopt it, but as unqualifiedly rejecting it.

The sixteen Representatives who voted against rejection of the amendment were Bobbit, Moggs, Bryant, Cade, Carte, E. C. Cox, G. J. Cox, John E. Davis, J. N. Daris, A. C. Dunn, Kayton, Kemble, McNatt, Pool, Tomme, Woodruff. Bateman voted present and not voting.

Judges Norman G. Kittrell of Houston and Ed R. Sinks of Giddings, both veteran jurists, led off with speeches opposing adoption of the child labor amendment. Judge Kittrell said it would be a reflection on the intelligence of the Legislature to adopt the amendment. When Texas wants a child labor law, she can provide it, he declared.

"It's an insult to the forty-eight free States of the Union to offer such an amendment," said Judge Sinks. I appeal to the young men of the House to stand by and follow the teachings of your forefathers and the principles of liberty and local self-government.

Brief addresses for the Davis resolution and against the adoption of the amendment were made by Representatives Webb, DeBerry, Albritton and Donnell. Speakers for ratification: Dunn of Hopkins and Boggs. Representative Kemble of Fort Worth wanted the amendment submitted to a popular vote in Texas.

WOULD LIMIT WORK OF TEXAS RANGERS

Bill Confines Duties to Mexican Border Unless Called by Sheriffs.

Austin, Texas.—The Texas ranger force will be limited to protecting the frontier and the Mexican border counties and to use in other sections only at the request of the Sheriff or Mayor of a town or city, under the provisions of a bill introduced in the House by Representative W. A. Williamson.

When rangers are sent into a county at the request of the sheriff or a city at the request of the Mayor, they shall be "under the direction and in subordination of" the Sheriff or the head of the police department, the Williamson bill provides.

The Sheriff or Mayor can force withdrawal of the rangers at any time they see fit upon notification in writing to the Governor "that in the opinion of the Sheriff or Mayor the local authorities can cope with the situation and can enforce the laws without the aid of rangers."

The bill specifies that after the receipt of such notice, "it shall be the duty of the Governor to immediately withdraw the rangers."

Members of the ranger force are given authority to make arrests, and to execute process in criminal cases in any county in which they are "lawfully stationed."

Rates for Legal Advertising.

Austin, Texas.—The advertising rate for the publishing in newspapers of legal publications or notices would be fixed as the lowest rate accorded classified advertisers for each newspaper under the provisions of a bill introduced in the Senate by Senators Moore of Hunt and Pollard of Smith. The bill provides that before any newspaper would be authorized to publish legal advertising of any character, such newspaper would be required to file with the officer or agency charged with the duty of inserting such publication a schedule of rates then charged for classified advertising. Legal advertising referred to includes citations or notices of any kind in delinquent tax suits and other court proceedings.

Austin, Texas.—Chiropractors of Texas will seek the passage of a bill providing for an exclusive board to examine and license applicants to practice that profession in this State. This presages a warm contest, as the medics of the old schools have uniformly and vigorously contested such a proposition in previous sessions, and some of the warmest committee sessions and torrid floor debates of the Thirty-Eighth legislature were over the chiropractor's bill.

Texas U. Royalties Bill.

Austin, Texas.—The University of Texas will receive more than \$800,000 a year for use in building permanent structures on the campus under the provisions of a bill introduced in the House according to Representative J. R. Westbrook of Denton, co-author of the measure with Representative Bonham of Beeville. The Westbrook bill would transfer the oil royalties from University lands from the permanent University fund to the available fund, which can be used for permanent buildings.

COZY THEATRE

MONDAY and TUESDAY, Feb. 9-10
GLORIA SWANSON

—in—
"BLUEBEARD'S EIGHTH WIFE"

A Paramount Picture
ALSO—"LARRY SEMON COMEDY"

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Feb. 11-12
RICHARD TALMADGE

—in—
"LET'S GO"

Also Paramount Comedy
"SMOTHERED LOVE"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Feb. 13-14

Progress Pictures Present

"THE STING OF THE SCORPION"

A Good Western Picture

ALSO—Educational Comedy—"RUNNIN' WILD"

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Cheapest place in Merkel, cash or credit. Would accept rental property in Abilene. Also 320 acres well improved land near Trent. Terms to suit. See owner H. D. Simpson. 29t4p

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Half and half Cotton Seed. Pure, first year seed from originator in Georgia. Write for circular and price list. I guarantee 1,100 pounds seed cotton to make 500 pound bale. Address ED TAYLOR, Queen City, Texas. 1Apr

FOR SALE—A good east front residence. Also some good vacant residence lots in Merkel. See T. L. Grimes. tf

FOR SALE—A double Case planter and one Sanders double-disc. See C. C. Clark, Merkel, Route one. 6t2p

FOR SALE—Some good bundle feed. See W. C. Erwin, Merkel Route five. 1tp

FOR SALE—Some good Jersey cows, young calves. For Trade—some mules for wagons, prefer iron wheel. Dr. M. Armstrong. 1t

FOR SALE—Few S. C. White Leghorn Cocks, 75c each. R. L. Adcock. 6t2p

FOR SALE—Writing paper and envelopes to match. Name or monogram printed FREE. Call at Mail office to see samples. Blanche Durham. tf

WANTED

WANTED—Agent to sell goods for American Products Co. See J. P. Hutchins. 1tp

WANTED—Some hands to do some grubbing. See Sam Butman for particulars. tf

LOST

LOST—A log chain about 25 feet long, put together with a patent lap link in the center. Lost between my home and Stith Finner notify E. L. Berry, route four. 29t2p

LOST—On the streets of Merkel Wednesday, one Ford tire and rim. Return to Merkel Mail Office. 1t

LOST—Pretty little pup, half collie and half Airdale. Supposed to have strayed from home. Would appreciate return of same or would like to know of his whereabouts. Call at the Merkel Mail Office. tf

STRAY COW—Have at my place near Mt. Pleasant, a light colored Jersey cow since November. Owner can get same by paying feed and pasture bill. S. G. Alexander, Merkel, route 3. 1tp

I want a good, reliable man to go into business for himself in S. Taylor county selling Rawleigh's Good Health Products to farmers. A permanent, profitable and pleasant business all your own. Very little capital required. See me quick. E.B. Barnes. 30t2

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The Merkel Mattress Factory. Old mattresses made new, new mattresses made to order. We also handle second-hand furniture. If you want second-hand furniture, we have it. If you have it, we want it. We buy, trade and sell. Call and see us at old Kent street wagon yard building. Bud Mangham, proprietor. 29t2p

maize for sale. See Sam Swann. tf

The Rexall Store

We have just received a complete line of Rexall Remedies.

Caranome Face Powder	Klenzo tooth paste
Caranome Cold Cream	Klenzo Anteseptic
Caranome Rouge	Rexall Orderlies
Caranome vanishing cream	Rexall 93 Hair Tonic
Caranome compacts	Rexall cold and vanishing cream.

Jonteel Face Powder
Jonteel Cold Cream
Jonteel Vanishing Cream
Jonteel Rogue and Lip Stick

1 pound of chocolate covered cherries - 50c
1 pound of good carmel candy - 65c

See our new Narcissus Face Powder and Perfumes
Just Arrived.

We sell syringes and hot water bottles guaranteed 2 years.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How old is Thos. Edison?

A. He was 78 years old on February 11, 1925, and was born in Millan, Ohio.

Q. What is the value of all the property in the United States?

A. \$320,803,862,000 according to the United States Census Bureau.

Q. How many copies of the Bible were sold in the United States last year.

A. 30,000,000.

Q. When it is 12 o'clock noon in New York City, what time is it in Los Angeles, Calif.

A. 9 o'clock a.m.

Q. What is the meaning of the name Shenandoah recently given one of our giant airships?

A. Shenandoah is an Indian name meaning "Daughter of the Stars."

Q. What is the standard railway gauge of the United States and what other countries use the same gauge?

A. 4 feet 8½ inches. Great Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden and European Turkey.

Q. How does the number of telephones used in the United States compare with the number used in other countries?

A. There are over 22,000,000 telephones used in the United States, which is more than all the rest of the world combined. There are more telephones in New York than in Great Britain.

BUD Duckworth, who presides over all the local singing conventions, makes the few appropriate remarks necessary at the closing of the country schools, and, who enjoys the reputation of being the best fiddler between Stoney and Pecan Creeks, was the guest of the Country Editor Friday evening and night of last week. Bud missed connection with the remainder of his family aggregation, and faced the opportunity of riding home in a wagon, a neighbor's Ford, or walking. Being a true artist, and possessed of that artistic temperament to difficult to penetrate, Bud flatly refused any of these alternatives. We assured Bud that the madam would be delighted to have him for the week-end guest, which was a lie. After scouring the neighborhood for some backbone and spare ribs which we couldn't find, we fed Bud on steak and onions, canned corn and hominy, spaghetti, fruit salad and canned peaches, which probably was better after all. When Bud was comfortably seated in the best arm chair, serenely ignoring the bright cuspidor strategically placed by the madam, we sprung the radio. After listening to fiddle music from WOS, Jefferson City, Mo., we cut her off in order to give Bud an opportunity to make comment. The comment was forthcoming. "WOS is it, well they ought to name it WORST."

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Send to the Laundry and be convinced. Regular family washing. Everything included except stiff collars, silk and woolen goods at ten pounds for one dollar. Phone 218. Alfred H. Ligon. tf

We are thankful to our good friend and splendid citizen, Mr. Earl Lassiter, for a subscription to the Mail which he sends to relatives in East Texas.

According to Mr. Tom Hale, he and Mr. Herley Boden, have recently purchased the Highway Cafe, located on Front street, and will continue the same in the most up-to-date manner.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Tells How to End Night Coughing

To quickly stop hacking, irritating coughing at night, a very simple treatment may be had that often enables you to sleep the whole night through undisturbed almost at once.

The treatment is based on a remarkable prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You simply take a teaspoonful at night before retiring, and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it, without following with water. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and relieves irritation and soreness, but it quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the coughing. So no matter whether your cough is dry and tight, or loose with much mucus, the coughing soon stops, you can usually sleep your accustomed time without a break, and the whole cough condition goes in a very short time.

The prescription contains absolutely no narcotics or other harmful drugs. Instead of merely numbing the nerves, it actually helps the system to throw off the trouble in a perfectly natural way. Furthermore, it is very economical, the dose being only one teaspoonful. It is highly recommended for coughs, chest colds, tickling, hoarseness and bronchitis, and is wonderful for children's coughs and spasmodic croup. On sale at all good druggists. Ask for

DR. KING'S
NEW
DISCOVERY
FOR
COUGHS

C. N. Stubblefield and family, formerly residents of this community, but now residing at Colorado City, were here first of the week visiting friends.

Mr. A. C. Rose, accompanied by Miss Evorie Clark, left last week for St. Louis and New York to purchase new spring merchandise for the A. C. Rose Dry Goods Store.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb and son, Newton, left first of the week for Dallas, where they will visit Mrs. Cobb's daughter for a few days, after which she will return to their home here, and Newton will remain in Dallas, where he has a position.

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is on the way—

If you knew today that tomorrow fire would destroy your home—you'd prepare today.

You can't know what will happen tomorrow. But you can protect yourself against financial loss through property loss.

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Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

Paint! Paper! Canvas!

If you intend to paint your home
-use-

Shirwin Williams Paint

The Best that can be
had in Paint

If you are in need of Wall Paper and Canvas
we can Save you Money.

—and you see what you are getting,
and get what you buy.

BARROW FURNITURE CO.

King's Daughters Meet

The King's Daughters Class of the Methodist church met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. F. Patterson, with Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. V. N. Ellis hostesses, entertaining with a Valentine Tea.

The rooms of the Patterson home were prettily decorated with the Valentine season colors, red and white. Little red hearts were hung on the draperies and were carefully placed at other places about the rooms.

A business session was held first, with Mrs. Geo. Brown acting in place of the president, Mrs. Chas. Russell, who was unable to attend. Mrs. Will Smith led the devotional. During the business hour it was decided to furnish a bed at the Waco Orphans Home, which would amount to \$25.00. The sum offered by the ladies attending this tea was \$4.00. The home of Mrs. Geo. Brown was chosen as the next meeting session. A delicious refreshment plate of cake and hot chocolate was served. Those attending were: Mesdames Geo. Brown, H. A. Sanders, T. A. Beidleman, Bettye Berryman, Miller Patton, W. L. Harkrider, E. P. Beene, Will Smith, L. A. Watts, Bob Martin, J. R. Lamar, L. R. Robins, W. F. Golliday, W. W. Campbell, D. O. Huddleston, W. A. McSpadden, Dan Matthews, and visitors, Mesdames Oscar Buford, R. R. Buford and Luke Huddleston.

"A man who has to explain to his wife hasn't got her well trained." See "Safety First." 1t

When your windmill or pump is out of fix and needs repairing figure with me. Mack Cox. 23t3p

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. tf

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg left last Sunday for the eastern markets to make purchases for their store.

B. Y. P. U. Entertainment

On Friday night of last week, the Intermediate B.Y.P.U. met at the Baptist church to drive to the home of Charlie Largent for an evening of entertainment.

When all the guests had arrived several games were played indoors and then every one went out doors and many games were played there. The host asked his guests into the house and a plate consisting of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, hot chocolate, and cake was served to the following: Misses Lora Joyner, Gladys Deutschman, Orpah Patterson, Gladys Acuff, Fannie Belle Boaz, Mary Ellen Ashby, Pauline Chinn, Helen Booth, Elfe Chaney, Maurine Davis, Iris Garrett, Ava McCandless, Ora Higgins, Lillian Hughes, and Messrs. Bill Haynes, R. J. Miller, Clyde Mayfield, Durwood Owens, Tolbert Proctor, Joe Ben Ashby, and the host.

A most happy time was spent

at the Largent home, with Mr. Charlie Largent as host.

Missionary Society

A regular business session of the society was held Monday afternoon. Rev. T. J. Rea led the devotional, and Mrs. Tom Largent, president of the society, presided over the meeting. Reports were heard from all officers present. The resignation of Mrs. Eli Case as local treasurer was received and Mrs. Ross Ferrer was elected to fill the place. \$30.00 was reported as net proceeds from the Philothea Baraca banquet.

Miss Edna Jones, accompanied by Miss Philpott of Abilene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones. Miss Jones is attending Simmons College.

Mr. Earl Baze left Tuesday morning for the plains country on business.

Mrs. Lassiter Hostess at Luncheon

Mrs. Earl Lassiter was hostess on Tuesday to a few friends at her home on Bettis Heights. The guests were invited to the Lassiter home to spend the day. At one o'clock a luncheon was served to the guests.

A most pleasant afternoon was spent with Mrs. Lassiter, enjoying visiting with one another.

Those enjoying this hospitality were: Mesdames Tom McLeod, Elic Williamson, Ernest Massey, and Miss Odessa Moon of Trent, and Mesdames Twyman Collins and W. J. Largent of Merkel. Children present were: Little Misses Helen McLeod, Clara Francis Largent, Rosemary Lassiter, and Masters Marcum Williamson, Billy Largent, Wickford Massey, Jimmy Ed Massey, and Joe Earl Lassiter.

T. E. L. Class Officers Meet

Mrs. A. R. Booth, teacher of the T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church complimented the officers of the class and Mrs. L. B. Howard, who is leaving to make Hamlin her home, with a lovely dinner at her home on Wednesday. Every officer of the class was present. Most of the afternoon was spent in talking and planning a line of work for the coming year. Mrs. L. B. Scott, the newly elected president, with the other newly elected officers, told of the duty as a class officer, each one feeling that they had a great responsibility and a place to fill. Those enjoying Mrs. Booth's hospitality were Mesdames L. B. Scott, W. J. Largent, John Toombs, E. B. Barnes, T. E. Collins, Sam Swann, and Earl Lassiter.

Intermediate League Social

The members of the Intermediate Epworth League of the Methodist church met at the church last Friday evening and enjoyed a social hour. Mrs. Roy Harrell is the Superintendent of this League, and she had planned a series of games for entertainment during the evening. Mrs. W. F. Golladay assisted Mrs. Harrell in entertaining the young people.

Refreshments were served to Misses Tommie Durham, Inice Brown, Elizabeth Harkrider, Ruby Fae Golladay, Lala Hays, Dorothy Daniels, Messrs. Joe Daniels, Raymond McAdams, T. J. Rea, Victor Smith, James McAdams.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "Lives of Great Americans."
Song: "Stand Up For Jesus."
Scripture lesson, Matthew 25:31-46, by Victor Smith.

Prayer by Superintendent, Leader, Dorothy Daniels.
Life of Frances E. Willard, by Tommie Durham. Life of "Stonewall" Jackson, by T. J. Rea.
Consecration prayer. Benediction

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann. tf

We Thank You.

We wish to express to our patrons and friends our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for their business and friendship during the time we have been doing business in Merkel.

Our hope is that all of you will realize greater success in the future.

Schindler's Variety Store

J. W. Schindler, Mgr.

BAPTIST W.M.S. NOTES

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, the 10th and 11th, there is to be a Mission Study class at the church, taught by Mrs. Monteen J. Booth, of Simmons College. Mrs. Booth is both talented and pleasing in her manner in conducting a mission study class, and we are looking forward to these two days expecting to profit much by her having been here. The lessons will begin at 10 o'clock promptly in the mornings and 1:00 in the afternoons.

We hope the ladies of the church will avail themselves of this opportunity of studying and getting a seal on this foreign mission book, a chinese book. At the noon hour lunch will be served at the church each day.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Feb. 8, 1925, Lewis Giles, Leader.
1st part, Delbert Polly.
2nd part, Fred Giles.
3rd part, Bill Haynes.
4th part, Bro. Albertson.
5th part, Dovie Teaff.
6th part, Lucille Guitar.

WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS

If it is cleaning and pressing you want, that is one of our specialties. Phone 218. Ligon, the Laundryman. tf

CITY FURNITURE Co. buys, sells and exchanges new and second-hand furniture. Large shipment of dishes, rugs and army goods. Joe Garland, Prop. Across from Post Office. tf

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money. tf

WHITE CHURCH

Our school is progressing nicely and our boys have been putting in so much time at their studies they have missed quite a bit of practice in athletics, so as a result in a basket ball game with I.X.L. recently they came out second best.

Miss Mary Ellen Frazier of the Dora community who has recently enrolled in our school is staying with her sister, Mrs. Burl Brown during the attendance of the term. We are always glad to have boys and girls look to our school when they are looking for better schools. Some day we hope to be able to offer classified high school courses for the boys and girls who are ambitious to obtain at least a high school education. Other communities are doing it, why can't we?

Monday was a big day for our school and of course we were all glad to learn that the state inspector made a favorable report on conditions both in the rooms, and on the play ground. We are proud of our teachers and pupils. After their visit in the school Messrs. Williams and Hensley visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Snow, Mr. Hensley having been a college friend to both in former days.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Alfred Costephens is moving back to our community. Mr. Costephens has been absent from our community for a number of years, and his friends are glad to extend a hearty welcome to him and his wife to our community again.

We are sorry to hear that Uncle Bill Brown who has been ill for some time is still not able to be up.

Little W. L. Brown, Jr., has been quite ill for several days but is reported better at this time.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson LaFlair Saturday morning and left a fine boy.

Mr. Frank Demere and family visited A. J. Pannell and family in the Hebron community Sunday.

Mrs. Mos Brown from Abilene is visiting her son, Bill Brown, this week.

Would your maid warm up the breakfast three times? See how the servant problem is handled in "Safety First." 1t

Miss Dorris Durham spent last week end with her cousin, Miss Ruby Lee Service, at Simmons College.

Mr. Max Mellinger left first of the week for New York, on a purchasing trip of spring merchandise for his dry goods store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox and daughter, Mary Clovis, of Sweetwater, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis Sunday.

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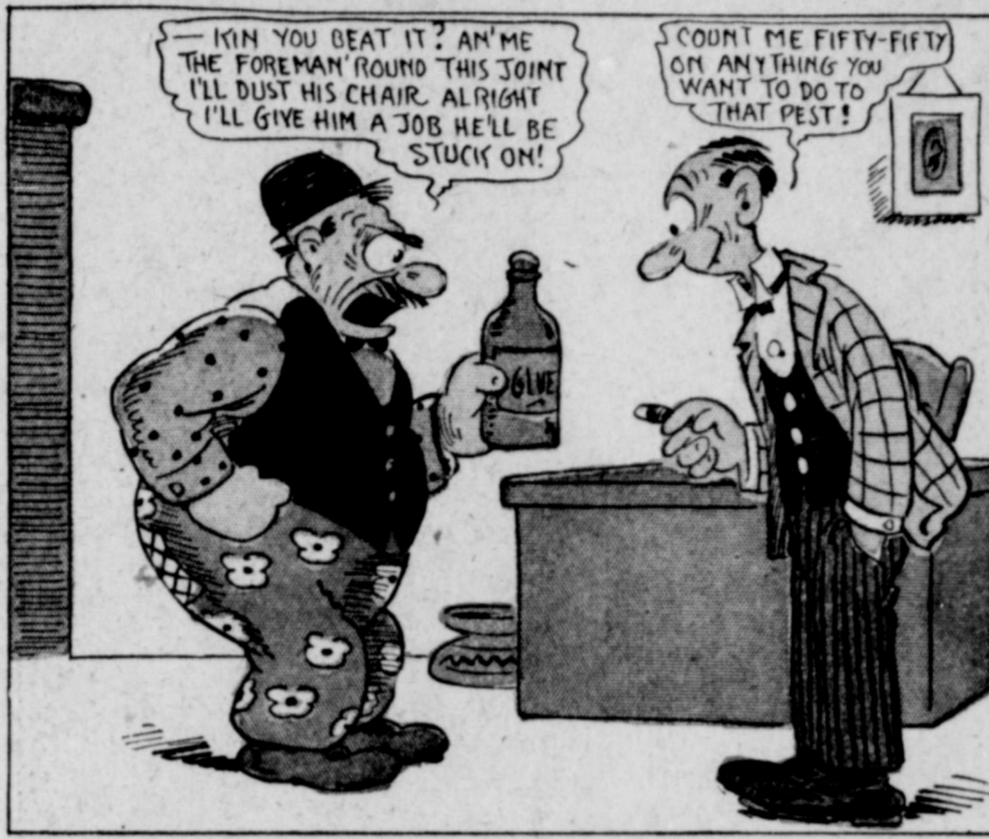
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By OSCAR HITT

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Radio in the Town and on the Farm

There Are About 100,000
Radio Sets in Texas
By DAVID J. MORRIS.

TEXAS possesses some of the best radio broadcasting stations of any State in the United States, or any country in the world. Those who own radio receiving sets suitable for long distance reception are well aware of this fact, and those who have no receiving sets will be interested in knowing that Texas is not behind in this new science.

In fact, Texas stands third in the United States in number of receiving sets for a single State. California heads the list with 43 stations, Pennsylvania comes second with 37 and Texas third with 35. Of this number Texas has 5 Class B stations, 22 Class A and 8 Class C stations.

From this number four Class B stations stand out as the farmer's friend, these being WBAP, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram; WFAA, the Dallas News and Journal; WOAI, the San Antonio Express, and WEAY, the Iris Theater at Houston, Texas. Now, be it understood, the writer is in no way belittling any of the other stations by this statement, but only gives proper credit to those stations in Texas who make it a point to broadcast during the day information and markets for the special benefit of our men and women on the farms.

A Wealth of Information.

But statistics show that the farmers of Texas are not taking advantage of this wealth of information in the air as they should. Texas has about 100,000 receiving sets, and of this number not more than 20,000 are on our farms. Take the county that the writer lives in—Williamson; there are about 200 or probably 250 receiving sets in this county. Out of the number it is safe to state that not over 20 are on farms. There are reasons why this is so, and here are a few of the reasons:

Some farmers believe that the radio broadcasts are primarily for the person who has nothing to do but sit around and listen; another reason is the cost and upkeep of the receiver; another reason that radios can be operated only by scientists and not by a farmer, and still another reason is that the farmers don't give the matter serious enough thought, and some even say that they think they will wait until sets get a little cheaper or better improved. All the above reasons have no solid foundation, as a matter of fact, when the situation is studied squarely face to face.

Just what is broadcasted for the farmer and his family are about as follows:

- 10 a. m., cotton and livestock reports.
- 10:30 a. m., cotton, produce markets, weather and road reports.
- 11 a. m. to 12 noon, general markets, cotton reports and musical program.
- 12:15 to 1 p. m., markets, news, grain and livestock reports, lectures or musical programs, agriograms.
- 1 to 2:30 p. m. grain and livestock reports, closing reports on cotton market, including spots.

2:30 to 4 p. m., closing quotations on all markets, news items and financial conditions of the world.

4:30 to 7 p. m., woman's hour, bedtime stories and later news reports, including news of sports, final market quotations, weather forecasts, etc.

Market Reports Very Valuable.

The reason for so many different periods of broadcasts is to allow farmers the opportunity to obtain information of value to their business, regardless of what hour of the day they may find time to listen, and also in order that all reports shall be direct from the wire. But notwithstanding what time of day a farmer listens in, he can be assured of getting the market reports.

In the past a farmer gathered together his produce, put it in his wagon and went to town, unloaded it at the market and took the price offered. But today, the farmer can tune in his radio, get the very latest and correct prices on his produce and then when the merchant or buyer makes him an offer he knows at once how it corresponds with the radio market reports. If the price offered is low he can either run the buyer up or take the produce to some other market paying the right price.

To illustrate: Not so very long ago a Texas farmer loaded his hogs in his truck, preparatory to taking them to market. Just before he left with them he tuned in on the market reports and heard from one of our stations that the price of hogs was much stronger. The farmer in question unloaded his hogs, put them back in the pen, kept them four days longer and received about one cent more per pound for them, or about \$20 more on the lot, than he would have received the previous time.

Then all during the day and night at special times agriograms and farm expert talks are put over the air, and if the farmer can listen, he is assisted in learning more of the modern and better methods to use, in running his farm and growing his crops. Just a night or two ago the writer had the pleasure of listening to a special broadcast given over WFAA, relayed from Palestine, in which many farm experts and the farmer who raised ten bales of cotton on five acres, John McFarlane of Anderson county, spoke and told his methods.

Any farmer permitted to listen in on such programs cannot help but be repaid in knowledge gained, for what others can do he can at least try to do.

Of course, every broadcast is not for the farmer, and those given at night are for the benefit of persons living in the towns as well as on the farms. Some persons have drawn the conclusion that the farmer does not like or appreciate music. If said persons will just visit some of our Texas farmers, especially in Williamson county, such ideas

which means square dance tunes, such as "Arkansaw Traveler," "Sally Gooden," and other similar tunes, and then the Hawaiian music holds its place. Just why this music appeals to the farmer, as it also does to most listeners, is hard to decide. Probably it appeals to the farmer because it reminds him of old days on the farm or ranch, and again it is usually a repetition of the same tones over and over, and this is very similar to his daily work, which differs little day after day during each crop season.

At any rate, whether a person listens at night or during the day, there is at his turn of the dial a wealth of information and music. During the day a radio receiver is restricted to reception up to about 300 miles, but at night this restriction is removed and radio signals are received from distances up to two or three thousand miles.

Texas Announcers.

A word about our Texas announcers, who are well known during day-time broadcasting, will not be out of place in this article. These men are doing a wonderful work and those who listen to their voices should make it a point to drop them a word of encouragement from time to time, for they like to get information from listeners as to whether or not they are putting out what is popular. This is the only means they have of knowing whether or not they are pleasing their listeners, and as this is the sole purpose for which they broadcast, we, the listeners, should so inform them.

Then, there are the bedtime stories broadcasted from many different stations at night, for the special benefit of children, whether they live in town or country. The little children enjoy nothing better than being told a story, but busy parents and older brothers and sisters, too often neglect to take the time required to read or tell them stories, but with a radio the children can tune in themselves at the right hours and listen to their hearts' content.

Radio sets are not hard to tune if good standards sets are purchased and directions furnished are studied well. The cost of a radio is very small compared to the benefit and entertainment gained through it. Delaying the purchase of a radio to save a few dollars is not worth the delay. While radio sets will continue



Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Morris, owners of Roseshill Farm, Weir, Texas, listening in over the loud-speaker to a musical concert. This is a super-circuit three-tube set, using a loop aerial. Concerts come in to Mr. and Mrs. Morris from all the larger stations in the central portion of the United States, as far east as Boston, Mass., and north to Winnipeg, Canada, west to San Francisco, and south to Mexico City.

will soon be dispelled. No person enjoys the music and concerts at night like the farmer and his family. After a hard day in the field, he likes to sit down to his radio and rest while listening to music, whether grand opera or jazz.

Old-Time Music Popular.

But a careful check on farmers will reveal the fact that there is a certain type of music that the farmer likes best of all. This music is that of the accordeon, mouth organ, old-time fiddling,

to improve for years to come, yet the same applies to automobiles. A new type of car of some different design is brought out every year, but we have not waited until cars are better improved to get one; for if we did, we would wait a long, long time. The cost of operating a three-tube loud-speaker set will run from 50 cents to one dollar a month.

Cost of Radio Sets.

A radio, even the one-tube sets, will under most conditions reach out and pick up stations as far distant as 1,000 to 1,500 miles. Of course, this one-tube set will work only head phones and the distant stations will be weak. A two-tube set will bring in the stations louder and a three-tube set will work a loud-speaker. But a one-tube set will pick up the stations just about as far away as a three-tube set. Therefore, it matters not what type set a farmer may install, he is almost sure of getting the Class B stations, if static is not too bad. There are few sets that will not reach a distance of 100 to 200 miles, therefore, when a farmer puts in a radio he is practically sure of long distant stations, especially the Class B. But if more than three tubes are added to the machine (radio frequency), longer distant stations may be received up to two or three thousand miles. An ideal set for the farmer is a two-tube regenerative set, and it will cost about \$50 or \$60 complete. This set works only headphones. A three-tube regenerative set will work a loudspeaker and cost about \$75 or \$80 complete, including loudspeaker. Of course, very much more expensive sets may be bought.

S. M. Morris, of Weir, Texas, shown in the accompanying picture, has a loop aerial set capable of picking up stations 1,500 to 2,000 miles away. Mr. W. H. Eurnap, also of Weir, Texas, has a three-tube set and picks up all the stations in Texas and many stations outside of Texas. He is a farmer and an ardent radio fan. During the day, however, no sets will reach out successfully and get stations over 300 miles distant. This is probably due to the sun-rays, or something that science has not yet fully determined.

The wonders of radio are limitless. Each night the listener has a front seat at the opera, or lecture, or sermon, etc. Consider what the cost would be to take the entire family out every night to the different entertainments, if it were possible, which are broadcasted by radio stations.

If you own a radio set and some friend does not own one, just invite him and his family into your home for an evening and let them listen in on the radio program. The result will be that one at least of the family will contract the radio fever, and after this fever has run its course you are likely to see a radio aerial going up at this friend's home, and then the friend and his family will talk of nothing else but the wonders of radio.

Confederate Home for Old Soldiers

Situated on a Picturesque Hill a Few Miles From Austin, Texas
By BERNICE M. STRAWN

THE 370 Southern heroes now residing in the Confederate Home for Old Soldiers at Austin, Texas, are greatly rejoiced by the recent passage of the amendment granting an increased pension for Confederate veterans. Words of gratitude and praise for the voters of the State and their generosity exhibited in raising the tax devoted to the maintenance of Confederate soldiers from five cents to seven cents per capita, are heard from every occupant of the old Home which is situated on the top of a green hill a few miles from Austin. This action of Texas voters will mean a substantial addition to the regular bonus drawn by the old soldiers, which now amounts to \$35 per quarter.

Early Struggles.

But there was a time when the Confederate soldier could not look to his State government for as much aid as the five-cent tax has been giving. The story of the establishment of the Confederate Home clearly shows the struggles that have been made to recompense the soldiers of the gray for their heroic service in the war between the States.

The genesis of the Old Soldiers' Home was an action in 1884, by the John B. Hood Camp of Confederate Veterans, of Austin, undertaken to secure voluntary contributions from the public in general to provide for a number of indigent Confederate soldiers. The beginning was, of course, modest. With the co-operation of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy, the John B. Hood Camp purchased sixteen acres of land near the city of Austin.

The management of the Home continued until 1891, when the Twenty-second Legislature under the governorship of James Hogg, passed an act authorizing the transfer of the Confederate Home, from private to State ownership, to establish said Home and to provide for its maintenance and first Board of Man-

agers was composed of Frank T. Roche, Henry E. Shelley, Isaac Stein, Lee Shackelford and W. B. Walker, all residents of Austin.

By the time the State assumed control of the enterprise, there were many applicants among Confederate veterans for admission, more than could be taken care of comfortably. So it was immediately necessary to provide adequate housing facilities, comfortable furniture and clothing for the inmates. In 1891 fifty soldiers were being supported. A number of new buildings were erected and an additional tract of ten acres was added to the Confederate Home site.

Funds for the erection of the first hospital were appropriated by the Twenty-sixth Legislature. This hospital proved inefficient and was converted into barracks for the inmates. A second new hospital was granted by the next Legislature, but the sick and afflicted among the old soldiers increased in such numbers that the second hospital proved inadequate. It was converted into barracks and chapel, and the latest hospital building is a new and modern structure, called the Hobby Memorial Hospital, erected in 1920 at a cost of \$10,872.

Home Site Covers 26 Acres With 38 Buildings.

The Confederate Home site now covers twenty-six acres. Thirty-eight buildings have been erected, including the main building, dormitories, chapel, hospital, steam laundry, and a power plant. The place is ideal in every respect, particularly in its old-fashioned, restful, romantic air. The main building is a rambling, green structure with a long front

porch of the old Southern type topping the hill and affording a fine view of the surrounding country. Flower beds, shrubbery and rustic arbors and nooks are cared for scrupulously, principally by the old soldiers themselves, who spend much time in "fussing" with the growing things about the grounds.



Main Building of Confederate Home for Old Soldiers, at Austin, Texas.

Confederate veterans now being supported number 370. The present superintendent is Judge Edwin Winfrey, himself a Confederate soldier 81 years old, and a most interesting character from the point of view of his military career in the Army of Northern Virginia and of his later civilian life. The keeper recently designated the home as a "haven of refuge" for worn-out, battle-scarred heroes of the South. And so it is most

truly. The wants and needs of the inmates of the Home are painstakingly cared for, and every modern convenience is provided. Last Christmas the Austin Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy presented the home with a radio. Rooms are steam-heated and lighted by electricity. A sufficient number of employees is provided to care for the buildings and grounds, keeping everything in the best of condition.

Remnant of Mighty Forces.

Could one but look back into the personal history of these aged veterans, a pitiful remnant of the once mighty Confederate forces, unknown tales of courageous combat and hardship might be brought to light. Many unusual and interesting characters are represented. A striking fact is that among the numerous inmates there are many musicians of the "old-time fiddler" type. One old soldier in particular is noted for his musical proclivities. He has two violins bearing the name of a famous maker, one of which he values at \$500. To insure and preserve the tone of his instruments, the aged musician keeps them stuffed with rattlesnake rattlers, which he boils down and inserts into the violins through the cleft openings.

Texas should be proud that her few remaining sons of the Old South, the followers of the "Lost Cause," are to spend the rest of their days in comfort and happiness, which will be much enhanced by the increased pension. Agitation for the passing of the pension amendment was one of the chief hobbies of the present keeper of the home, Judge Winfrey, during his period in the State

Legislature from 1918 to 1920. His hopes are at last realized, and he is unmistakably proud of the fact that his comrades have thus been kindly remembered by a generation, or a population, which can be but little acquainted with the real facts concerning the life of the Confederate soldier. The broken-down Southern heroes have reached "the end of the trail," since the veterans of Lee and his aids are fast dying out, but they are worthy of every protection in their present state, and Texas is undeniably contributing her share toward the maintenance and comfort of her Confederate heroes.

BRADSTREET SHOWS FEWER BUSINESS FAILURES IN 1924.

Bradstreet's failure statistics, just issued, show that the number of business failures in Texas during 1924 was considerably less than for either of the two preceding years.

There were during 1924 a total of 649 failures in Texas, with \$11,056,515 assets and \$16,742,626 liabilities, compared with 840 failures in 1923, with \$15,041,208 assets and \$22,986,750 liabilities, and 823 failures in 1922, with \$13,320,774 assets and \$21,264,279 liabilities.

The report further states there is every indication that 1925 will be a prosperous year with Texans and fewer failures than for many years.

SAVE \$1,355,434 IN FIRE PREMIUMS.

A saving of \$1,355,434.44 in fire insurance premiums during 1924, made by Texas towns awarded good fire record credits, is announced by J. T. McMillan, chairman of the State Fire Insurance Commission.

The good fire record credit, which ranges from 8 per cent to 15 per cent, is based upon the loss ratio, no credit being given if the ratio is above 55 per cent.

CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

GARDEN SEED.



As this is written, in the latter days of January, the grocers have just received their annual consignments of garden seeds. This afternoon I stopped for a few minutes in the grocery where I am extended credit for a period of thirty days, provided last month's bill has not been neglected, and lo, the big boxes of seeds were already on display! The brightest red I ever saw glittered on the packages of tomato seeds, while the richest and most inviting green wove pictures of long, graceful cucumbers on the packages carrying seeds of this toothsome, appetizing vegetable. The golden glow of the topaz was seen in the delightful pictures of the German wax bush beans, while the radish pictures were studies in red and white, and a rich purple glowed on the tops of the white-bosomed and white-rooted spring turnips. Gorgeous, indeed, were the great swelling heads of lettuce and the big, firm drums of cabbage. One could almost catch the aroma of the sweet-scented melons as he gazed upon the dotted, ridged contour of the cantaloupes, and all cares and evil forebodings took wings and sailed away as the eyes rested upon the rubied heart of the watermelon that had been halved and exposed to the unsophisticated gaze of man in all its fresh, red ripeness.

Alas, how the works of art transcend and tower above the works of nature! I recall that just about this time last year I stopped for a few minutes in the same grocery establishment, and lo, there were the very same kind of garden seeds on display, picturing their products in the same graceful lines and the same gorgeous colors! I had fully determined not to make a garden last year, having come to grief and sustained financial loss in previous efforts at gardening. Figures had been made and studied showing cost of production and the value of products grown, and they gave a big majority in favor of cost. Very sensibly I had reached the conclusion that it would be the height of folly to blister hands, soil linen and ruin socks and be provoked to profanity by neighbors' chickens in order to raise a garden, when twice as many vegetables as the garden would yield in response to toil, ruination of clothes and profanity could be purchased with half the money required to buy seeds, tools and fertilizer and remunerate old Dallas for forking up the garden plot. I dropped into that grocery in the latter days of January last year a cool, calculating man and a wise financier, but the urge and inspira-

tion of those packages of garden seeds, and their lying representations, in picture and in text, turned me into a dreamer and a foolish optimist. These pictures whispered into my ear that I could grow tomato bushes six feet high, upon which countless tomatoes, large, smooth and round, would hang and ripen into a rubied redness under the kisses of the summer sun. They told me that if I placed a few cucumber seeds in the ground, and was skillful in the tilth of the vines, the vines would spread even as the gourd vine under which the prophet Jonah slept, and upon them graceful, succulent fruit would smile as a reward for my toil. They told me the lettuce and the cabbages would spring up like magic and roll themselves into firm, beautiful heads of juicy tenderness that would prove a joy to the innards and touch a ruddy glow of health into the cheeks of the eaters thereof. These delightful chromatic representations of garden products caused me to visualize huge dishes of succulent snap beans on the dining table, garnished with strips of streaked bacon, and with crisp young onions on the side. Yea, under the magic spell of these pictures I imaged steaming creamed potatoes, toothsome mustard greens and a profusion of radishes, tender, fresh and appetizing, and I saw a way to cut the grocery bill to nearly nothing and make spring and summer glad seasons of feast and song. And so the garden was enlarged, old Dallas was engaged to fork up the garden plot, a new rake, hoe and a fancy garden plow were purchased, and everything in the whole garden seed category, except squashes and carrots were planted. . . .

In my humble opinion one of the crying needs of our day is legislation requiring garden seed packages to tell the truth, pictorially and textually. If a seed grower offers me garden seeds for sale, he should be forced to print on the packages serving as containers for same the pictures of the vegetables I grew from the same kind of seeds the year before. Furthermore, he should be required by law to print on the packages a financial statement, showing the average cost, to the man in town, of growing vegetables from his garden seeds, and the value of the products usually grown by the town gardener. And the law should further require a statement printed on the seed packages telling the percentage of gardens killed by frost for a period of ten years, the percentage destroyed by cut worms, and the average damage inflicted by neighbors' chickens, and by potato bugs, beetles and tomato worms. If this were done, town gardens would only be grown by wealthy persons for whom the doctors had prescribed less attention to office

duties and more physical exercise. Any one who stops to make and study the figures will readily be convinced that town gardening is largely responsible for high taxes and national poverty. According to my figures, each town gardener loses eight dollars a year on his garden. There are in the neighborhood of ten million town gardeners, making the annual loss to our country fully eighty million dollars. In a few years this loss would wipe out the public debt and line the county with hard-surface roads. The facts herein presented are so clear that all will quickly grasp them, but we will never get away from town gardens, their concomitant worries and their heavy losses, until seed growers are prohibited from displaying garden seeds in packages on which are printed pictures showing tomatoes weighing two pounds, cucumbers twelve inches long, and cabbage heads as large as water buckets. (I ordered twelve packages of seed sent up this afternoon, and am looking around for old Dallas to spade up the garden plot.)

VINDICATED. In one of the scientific journals recently appeared an article, written by a scientist of national reputation, in defense of the old-time lightning rods. Many years ago this noble protector of life and property was ridiculed out of existence by know-alls and half-baked scientists who declared that the lightning rod was without virtue, affording no protection whatever against lightning, and that those who had invested their money therein had been duped by smooth salesmen, who excited their fears and then got their money. Strange to say, many people believed these know-alls and self-constituted scientists, and the hand of the iconoclast was laid upon the rods that had long protected property and made safe against the attacks of lightning. Unable to stand against the darts of ridicule, many sensible people removed the rods from their homes and barns, while others permitted the rods and their ornamentation to fall into decay, or to be destroyed by young vandals who made of the rods and their ornamentation targets for bricks and rocks. I am truly glad that this learned scientist has spoken in favor of the lightning rod, assuring the people that the rods do assure protection against lightning. I am glad because the word of one who knows will cause the people to seek protection through the rods against the subtle fluid, and especially glad because the scientist has vindicated the judgment of my forebears, my brothers and sisters and myself. Well do I remember how my mother plead with my father to rod our home—how the children cried when told they were liable to be killed any minute by lightning, and how we all danced with joy when the man final-

ly came to rod our house. After the house was correctly rodded, and the big silver globes and golden roosters shone resplendent from the chimney tops and the comb of the house, there was no further fear of the unknown and unknowable force from the skies which so frequently swoops down from the clouds and visits destruction upon unprotected property and life. Old Jove might mutter himself hoarse in the realms of ether and shake the world with his awful cannonading, and lightning might plunge its keen rapier into the rolling, boiling clouds and streak all space with ribbons of fire, but, safe under the protection of the magic rods, the children laughed at the threats of the angry elements by day, and slept the sleep of the unafraid by night. Pity 'tis that ridicule and quack scientists virtually drove the lightning rod from the earth, but I am confident that the testimony of this real scientist will bring the rods back, and that soon all the homes of the country will be protected by rods and ornamented with the silver balls and golden roosters that go with the rods. For myself, I do not hesitate to say that just as soon as I get the installment notes on the phonograph and the radio out of the way, I will be ready to sign on the dotted line for lightning rods. And when the lightning rod comes fully into its own again, I shall feel that the judgment of my father, who sold two of our best cows in order to rod our home, has been fully vindicated.

THE DECADENCE OF ORATORY. Nearly every day we hear some one bemoaning the fact that true oratory has perished from the earth. We are told that we have no such orators as Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Prentiss and others who convinced audiences with their logic and charmed them with their eloquence. It is hard to believe, but old folks tell us, and history confirms their stories, that audiences used to sit two or three hours while some fellow, whose voice was as powerful as the thunder's sullen roar and as musical as murmuring waters, agitated the circumambient. We must believe these stories, and I account for the endurance and patience of the people by the fact that there wasn't much to go to those days and no cross-word puzzles to work. We even hear people of our own generation, in our own State, declaring orators aren't what they used to be. There was great disappointment in our late gubernatorial campaign over the brand of oratory dispensed by the candidates. "They make good plain talks," the people said, "but they ain't orators." Many lamented the fact that candidates who sought the high office couldn't speak like Hubbard, Hogg, Culbertson and Lanham. And where shall we find the cause of the decadence of

true oratory? It's easy; we have no neighborhood debating societies now. It was in these that the great orators of forty and fifty years ago were trained. There was no neighborhood then without its debating society, which met in the country school house or church on Saturday night and debated until midnight's holy hour. Jim Hogg once electrified a big audience in East Texas and laid the foundation for his successful political career, debating the very important question whether Washington deserved as much honor for defending his country as Columbus deserved for discovering it. In the halcyon days of my youth I heard four men discuss great questions whether the hen that lays the egg or the hen that hatches the egg is the mother of the chick. The debate broke up in a fight, but each of the speakers made a great effort, and I am told all made fine orators, each capturing a good office. Possibly the most interesting question I ever heard discussed was, "Resolved, that man will go farther for the love of woman than for the love of money." The debate was held at old Good Hope school house, near the Forkeddeer river, in West Tennessee. I recall that one of the speakers, who spoke on the money side of the question, brought down the house and apparently cinched the verdict by declaring in thunderous tones that he would walk across hell on a rock and rail if there was a dollar on the other side of the brimstone pit. But this speaker's triumph was short-lived. When the fellow who represented the woman side of the question gained the floor he raised his voice to its most sonorous pitch and swore he would "walk across hell on a broomstick, with a woman under each arm, if the women would agree to be his when the other sides of hades was gained." The audience applauded until the roof seemed in danger of falling in, and the last speaker got the decision.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BOLL WEEVIL. The government chemical service is confident that the great destroyer of the South's staple crop, the boll weevil, can be destroyed by gasing them. For two years the experts have experimented with chemicals upon the pesky weevils. To date 250 chemicals have been tried out on the great pests, with no results approaching success, but the government is not at all discouraged. One of these days, no doubt, a chemical will be found that will do the work, and then there will be a merciless slaughter and complete annihilation of the weevils throughout the cotton belt. The slaughter will be followed by a twenty-million-bale cotton crop—and the price will drop to about six cents a pound.

POULTRY RAISING FOR PROFIT

Problem of Feeding
By MRS. MARGARET STUTE.

IT HAS been with a great deal of pleasure that Mr. Allison and I have compiled the data published in this series of articles on "Poultry Raising for Profit." Mr. Allison has received so many letters from readers of the Magazine Section asking questions not covered in this and the two preceding articles that we have decided to publish one more article on the "Care of Baby Chicks," which will appear in the March issue of the Magazine Section.

In the two preceding articles Mr. Allison discussed the selection of breeds and breedings and the housing of the chickens so that they would be comfortable and yet not of too great burden to the owner. In this lies one of the main points for success, he says.

In this third article Mr. Allison will take up the problem of feeding.

Feeding.

It has long been a point of much humorous comment whether the chick or the egg came first. Mr. Allison will start with the feeding of the chick, when it is first hatched, and carry it on through all the stages of its life to the fattening pen.

Whether the chicks are hatched with a hen or an incubator, the feeding is the same. When all the chickens are hatched and thoroughly dried, take the hen from the nest or remove chicks to the brooder. When there are a few eggs left unhatched they may be tested by putting them in water of temperature in which the elbow can be immersed comfortably. Water must be deep enough to more than cover the eggs. The eggs, with live chickens, will bobble about in the water and there will be unmistakable signs of life. The infertile eggs, and eggs with dead chickens, will sink to the bottom or remain motionless.

After the chicks are strong and perfectly dry, give them all the sour or clabber milk they can drink, but under no circumstances give sweet milk; it is liable to kill them. Then give them very finely ground charcoal and oyster shell. This is all the feed necessary until they

are forty-eight to fifty-two hours old. DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY WATER AT ALL. When they are from forty-eight to fifty-two hours old, give them a feeding of the best Commercial Baby Chick Starter that you can buy. It always pays to buy the best food on the market. This starter should contain: Dried buttermilk, oatmeal, ground wheat, cornmeal, wheat gray shorts, kaffir meal and ground bone. This is only a general outline and can be varied a little, but it is best for the chicks, if the feed has the above ingredients. If a good commercial feed cannot be obtained, the farmer can make his own feed. However, as a rule, it is cheaper to buy your feed by the hundred-pound bag or more.

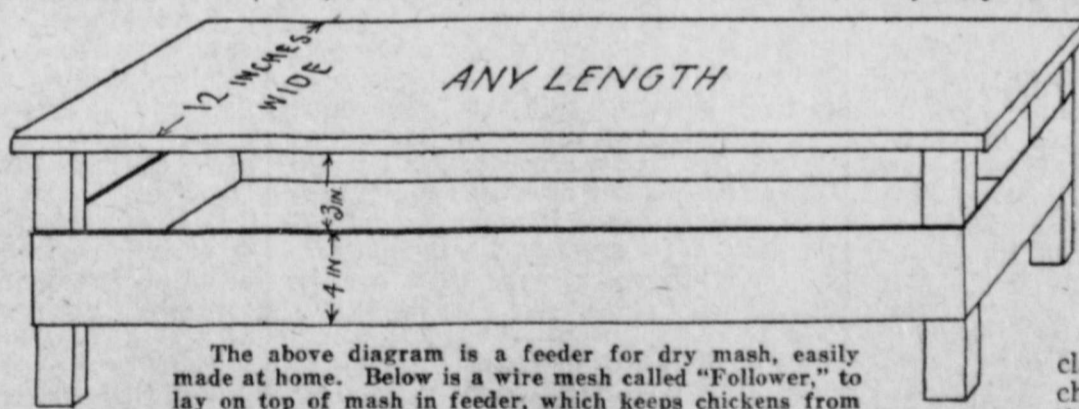
Baby Chick Starter.

The following is a good outline of the ingredients used by Mr. Allison for the baby chick starter: Two parts ground oatmeal, one part white wheat shorts, and one part bran. Add to this a little salt, one-tenth of the whole of fine powdered charcoal and a little finely ground oyster shells. Keep sour or clabber milk before them all the time. DO NOT give any cracked or whole grain or any water. Feed the chicks four times a day as much as they will clean up in ten minutes. If these directions are followed exactly you will have no trouble with diarrhoea or cholera. A good start is the most important time of a chicken's life.

If brooded with a hen, keep chicks penned up the first two or three weeks in a warm, dry place. On warm days the hen can be tied to a stake by her leg, away from pen, and the chicks will thus have a better range. If a brooder is used keep the brooder at a temperature

of 95 degrees the first week and gradually decrease 5 degrees a week until you are using very little heat. However, this matter must be regulated by your own judgment. See that the chickens do not huddle. This is a sign that they are cold. Do not keep chicks too hot.

After you have brought the heat down very low, during a warm spell, and there should come one of Texas' famous "northers," common sense will tell you to raise the heat. The chickens



The above diagram is a feeder for dry mash, easily made at home. Below is a wire mesh called "Follower," to lay on top of mash in feeder, which keeps chickens from wasting feed.

can be let out to run in the sunshine as soon as they are a few days old, if the weather is quite warm. Do not let chicks out until the dew is off the ground and ground is thoroughly warm. Damp and chill are mortal enemies to little chickens.

After they are six weeks old, gradually discontinue the baby chick starter and substitute cracked grains (finely cracked at first). A mixture of equal parts of wheat, corn and oats is excellent, Mr. Allison says. Also start to feed a good hen mash. This should contain: Ground oats, cornmeal, white shorts, alfalfa meal, bran, meat meal, dried buttermilk, salt, charcoal, and ground oyster shells. If you cannot buy this make up the following: Four parts ground

oats, two parts wheat bran, one part alfalfa meal, charcoal and oyster shells. If it can be obtained, it is excellent to add meat meal and dried buttermilk. Feed this until they are four months old.

Importance of Green Food.

Mr. Allison insists that one of the most important points in chicken raising is to give them plenty of green feed every day from the time they are hatched until they are ready for the fattening pen. This point cannot be emphasized too strongly, as it is important for both the health of the chicken and absolutely necessary for a high egg production. By keeping sour or clabber milk before the chickens all of the time the results will more than repay you. If no other greens can be obtained, oats may be sprouted and fed to the chickens two or three times a week, or oftener if possible. Do not change the feed of the chicken all at once,

but gradually, as they are much like children—they must be weaned from one and taught to like another food. When they are six weeks old, the grain feed can be put in a litter of straw about three or four inches deep. Keep the mash before them all the time. After they are four months old start on a mash of one-third ground oats, one-third cornmeal, one-third bran with charcoal and oyster shell. As the chickens grow older and stronger, make the litter deeper and deeper so they will have to scratch for the grain and to work for their feed. This is important for their proper development and growth. Give a scratch feed of one-half soaked oats (soak for 12 hours), one-fourth corn

and one-fourth wheat. It is good to add sunflower seeds, peanuts, (one-tenth of the total amount), milo maize, kaffir, if it is obtainable. This feed builds up the body ready for the strenuous effort of egg production. Feed this until they go to laying, and then return to the bran described for the chicken from six weeks to four months old. That is an egg-producing mash. Feed the same grain twice daily in a deep litter, give one handful of the grain to every three chickens. Keep the mash before them all of the time; give plenty of fresh water and sour milk. A hopper to feed the mash in is shown on this page and it can be easily made at home. However, there are several very good makes on the market. During the breeding season, for eggs to set, discontinue the meat meal in the feed. Give the hens plenty of exercise and a quantity of greens. Mr. Allison describes this as the most important point for producing strong chicks.

Separate Cockerels From Pullets.

The cockerels should be separated from the pullets as soon as the sex can be determined and penned up to fatten for the home table or for the market. Do not allow them to run with the pullets as they hinder their development. Roosters should be allowed with the hens only during the mating season for hatching eggs. Select roosters from other strains of the same breed to mate with hens. To fatten the cockerels, undeveloped pullets and old hens, shut up in a small pen for ten days to two weeks and feed cornmeal mixed with sour milk, or whole corn and sour milk. Give plenty of sour milk to drink and no water. Make your process of fattening known and you will have more customers than you can supply and at top market prices. The process makes your chickens fat and the meat tender.

With eggs retailing from eighty to ninety cents (as they have this winter) one can see that it is profitable to feed and house chickens correctly. Remember, winter eggs bring the fancy prices. If there is something more about feed-

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BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER
THE STATE

HONOR FARM TO BE CONTINUED.

The Pat Neff honor farm at Sugarland will be continued under the administration of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, it was announced from Austin recently.

EX-TEXAS RANGERS TO MEET IN RANGER.

Major W. M. Green, commanding, has sent out a letter advising the next annual meeting of the Ex-Texas Rangers' Association will be held in Ranger on August 12-14. A full attendance is expected.

INTRACOASTAL CANAL PROJECT APPROVED.

The improved project of the intra-coastal canal for the depth of nine feet from New Orleans to Galveston Bay, to cost \$9,000,000, was approved without objection, Jan. 16, when Congress passed the rivers and harbors authorization bill.

GALVESTON EXPORTS GAIN.

Exports during 1924 from the port of Galveston aggregated 2,171,739 tons and were valued at \$382,740,013, a gain over 1923 of 1,613,683 tons valued at \$14,875,740, according to figures compiled by G. H. Brown, secretary of the Galveston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade.

EPIDEMIC OF HYDROPHOBIA.

Dr. J. T. Wilhite, director of the State Pasteur Institute, at Austin, reports an epidemic of hydrophobia in Texas and advises that persons should tie up their dogs. During December the institute received 150 dog heads for examination which had died from hydrophobia.

PORT OF HOUSTON COTTON SHIPMENTS HEAVY.

Export cotton shipments through the port of Houston for the season 1924-25, up to Jan. 23, had reached 1,195,894 bales, according to figures available at the Houston Cotton Exchange. At the same time last year 874,418 bales had been exported.

TEXAS WRITER WINS \$2,000 PRIZE.

Clifford M. Sublette, fruit grower of Harlingen, has won the \$2,000 prize offered by the Atlantic Monthly in memory of the late Charles Boardman Hawes, author of adventure tales. Mr. Sublette devotes his winters to writing and his summers to field work for Rio Grande Valley commission houses dealing in fruits and vegetables.

HOPKINS COUNTY LEADS.

Hopkins county leads all counties in Texas in the amount of State aid for rural schools during 1925, according to a statement from the State Department of Education at Austin to Hopkins County Superintendent H. C. Bullock. Sixty-seven schools in the county met all necessary requirements and have been allotted aid totaling \$28,780.

TEXAS LEADS IN NUMBER OF REFINERIES.

Texas, with 123 oil refineries of 531,780 barrels daily capacity, has more plants than any other State, but California with sixty-seven refineries of a capacity of 674,720 barrels, leads in volume of operations. Oklahoma, with ninety-six refineries, of a capacity of 351,750 barrels, ranks third.

STATE INHERITANCE COLLECTIONS \$727,757.

State inheritance tax collections from Sept. 1, 1923, to Jan. 17, 1925, totaled \$727,757, according to a report from the State Comptroller's office. Commissions to county judges, attorneys, tax collectors and fees for appraisers totaling \$12,003 were deducted as expenses.

Assessments for the same period and yet uncollected totaled \$155,071.

ASKS SURVEY OF HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL.

Senator Sheppard has introduced amendments to the rivers and harbors authorization bill providing for surveys of the Houston Ship Channel, from the Turning Basin "as far as deemed necessary," and of the Sabine-Natchez waterway. The examination of the latter project would include the widening of the channel, extension of the jetties, easing of the bends, building of cut-offs and the removal of the existing guard lock.

WHAT BRISBANE THINKS OF TEXAS.

Arthur Brisbane wrote the following paragraph recently about Texas:

"How much do you think the United States is worth, altogether in thousands of millions of dollars?"

"According to the Census Bureau, all the property in the United States three years ago amounted to about \$320,903,862,000. That means 320 times one thousand million dollars, with 903 millions to spare.

"It's a great deal of money, but you may be sure that it's much less than the United States is worth. Properly developed, the State of Texas will be worth more than the total 'wealth of the United States' as now estimated."

FEMINE LOBBYISTS GIVEN HEADQUARTERS.

A room adjoining the Senate has been turned over to the legislative council of Texas Women's Clubs, an organization of women lobbyists, by Lieut. Governor Barry Miller.

A committee headed by Mrs. Claude De Van Watts of Austin called on Mr. Miller and asked him to give the women lobbyists a convenient place for their headquarters.

FAIR SEX PREDOMINATE POLITICALLY.

Besides a woman Governor, Texas has a woman County Attorney and a woman City Attorney in the persons of Miss Nellie Gray Robertson, who is County Attorney of Granbury, Hood County, and Miss Zac Drummond, who is City Attorney of Mission, Hidalgo county.

Miss Drummond is a graduate of the law department of the Texas University.

REQUEST STEPHEN F. AUSTIN POSTAGE STAMP.

A Stephen F. Austin postage stamp to commemorate the 100 years of Texas history since Austin founded his colony on Texas soil, in 1821, is the plan of Texas stamp collectors. A request has been forwarded by the local stamp collectors' club of Austin, Texas, to Postmaster General New for this purpose. The proposed stamp probably will bear a picture of Stephen Austin with suitable design, if adopted.

BURNETT LIBRARY OPENS FEBRUARY 14.

The Mary Couts Burnett Library, given to the Texas Christian University of Fort Worth by Mrs. Burnett for the advancement of liberal learning, will be completed and ready for occupancy by Feb. 14, according to an announcement given out by Dr. E. M. Waits, president of the institution.

The library will be one of the finest college libraries in Texas, costing \$150,000. The style of architecture is of classical design and is built of brick, concrete and stone. It will seat 500 persons and house 150,000 volumes.

WORK BEGINS ON CORPUS CHRISTI DEEP WATER CANAL.

Work on the first unit of the deep water channel for Corpus Christi, in connection with the port development under way there, was started Jan. 10, by the John Jacobson company, holders of a subcontract from the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific company, successful bidders for this part of the project. The Jacobson company will dredge a 25-foot channel from the Port Aransas jetties to Harbor City, it was said by John Jacobson, who is in charge of the dredge.

Work of completing the first unit will require about a year.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OFTEN OMITTED.

Several seed and nursery firms advertising in Texas newspapers have complained about receiving letters from customers and prospective customers requesting catalogues and information, who fail to sign name or address to the letters. When an unsigned letter is received it is almost impossible for the firm to whom it is addressed to trace the writer. Before posting a letter be sure to see that you have signed your name and address properly to the letter, and if you do not receive a reply to your letter in due course of time, write the firm again before passing judgment as to the honesty or good intentions of the firm.

REPORT OF RESERVE BANK FAVORABLE.

The annual report of B. A. McKinney, governor of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, made at the annual board of directors' meeting when officers of the institution were re-elected, shows general prosperous conditions in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District. Deposits increased from \$61,334,503.17 on Dec. 31, 1923, to \$67,717,422.65 on Dec. 31, 1924. It was shown. Resources increased from \$155,018,408.96 to \$166,978,428. Improvement in the condition of member banks was indicated by a reduction of loans and discounts from \$301,163,028.87 in 1923 to \$148,382,530.78. Slack demand for credit reduced gross earnings of the bank, according to the report.

COWBOY STATUE UNVEILED IN AUSTIN.

The unveiling of the statue of a cowboy on the State Capitol grounds, at Austin, were carried out Jan. 19 with impressive ceremonies.

This is a bronze statue, made by Madame Constance Whitney Warren of Paris, France, formerly of New York city, which was exhibited in the Paris salon, where it received honorable mention. The statue is a gift to the State of Texas from Madame Warren and is life-size, showing a typical western cowboy astride a bucking broncho.

Coincident with the unveiling of the memorial both Houses of the State Legislature adopted resolutions expressing appreciation to Mme. Warren for the gift.

GRAIN CENTER OF SOUTHWEST.

Fort Worth has been given official recognition as the leading grain center of the Southwest, according to Clyde W. Griffin, supervisor of the grain department of the United States Department of Agriculture. Supervision of grain of the Amarillo and Plainview districts, formerly under the Federal inspector at Oklahoma City, has been placed under the Fort Worth office of the department.

During 1924 the Federal inspection bureau at Fort Worth inspected 32,433 cars of grain, handled through Fort Worth, in comparison with 17,913 cars during 1923, official figures show.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY SECOND IN TEXAS.

The expansion of the textile industry in Texas during the two-year period just closing has placed this industry second in capital investment among the eighteen industrial groups of the State, Burt C. Blanton, local industrial engineer, of Dallas, said recently. About \$42,750,000 is invested in the industry at present, he said.

There are sixty-one cotton mill establishments, with a total number of spindles in excess of 231,000, Mr. Blanton reports. The spindleage increase in the last two years has been about 33 per cent over that in existence through 1922.

SAVING TO TEXAS CATTLE SHIPPERS.

A distinct saving to Texas cattle shippers annually has been effected by the recent ruling of the State Railroad Commission eliminating a \$1 bedding charge on all stock cars moving within the State and a \$2.50 charge for cleaning and disinfecting cars loaded with Southern live stock.

This announcement was made by A. H. Priest, manager of the Live Stock Traffic Association of Fort Worth, who filed a complaint with the State Railroad Commission asking that these extra shipping charges be annulled.

PLANS TO COMBINE STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION WITH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Tentative plans in relation to enlarging the membership of the State Railroad Commission, probably taking the form of combining it with the State Highway Department, have been made for introduction in the Thirty-ninth Legislature.

The Railroad Commission has regulatory jurisdiction over approximately 16,000 miles of railroad. The State Highway Commission has supervisory jurisdiction over about ninety-two State highways, or more than 18,000 miles of good roads. The members of the one are elected by the people and the personnel of the other is appointed by the Governor.

PREDATORY ANIMAL DAMAGE \$1,500,000.

Predatory animals are taking toll of \$1,500,000 annually from the livestock industry in Texas, according to the U. S. Biological Survey Bureau in San Antonio, of which E. R. Landon is the chief.

According to a recent report prepared by the predatory animal department of the bureau, the most spectacular losses have been sustained by the sheep and goat men, while the poultry industry has also been a heavy loser.

Coyotes and bobcats are causing the greatest damage now, according to the report. Sheep, goats and poultry suffer the greatest losses from this source, and in addition serious inroads are made yearly on the State's game crop by these animals.

Prairie dogs, jack rabbits, gophers, ground squirrels and rats also do a heavy damage to the forage crop every year in the State, according to Landon. The estimated loss of forage on a prairie dog infested range is approximately 20 per cent. During the past season 55 tons of poisoned grain were put out for prairie dogs alone.

TEXAS FACTORY-MADE PRODUCTS

A most interesting collection of factory-made products is on display in the Burton Building, at Fort Worth, sponsored by the Manufacturers and Wholesalers Association of this city. There are 121 products on exhibition and most of them are manufactured in Fort Worth, which is indisputable proof that Texas can become a manufacturing State if the proper efforts are put forth in this direction.

Among the exhibitors are: Hub Furniture Co., Fort Worth Macaroni Co., Ratliff Pure Food Products, Cheek-Neal Coffee Co., Worth Cotton Mills, Mueller Auto Works, Fort Worth Tent & Awning Co., Fort Worth Well Machinery Co., Universal Mills, Standard Battery Co., Pioneer Belting Co., Fort Worth Art Glass Co., Arze Screen Co., Bewley Mills, Burrus Mill & Elevator Co., Athens Pottery Co., Acme Brick Co. and Fort Worth Broom & Mop Co.

Mr. B. B. Buckridge, who has charge of the 121 manufactured exhibits, said recently that more floor space would soon have to be obtained in order to take care of the exhibits of several new factories which will be in operation this fall.

OLDEST MEMBER OF TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

Representative William Acker of Houston, Harris County, 84 years old, is the oldest member of the Twenty-ninth Texas Legislature, and holds the distinction of a man who came back to serve a term in the House after an absence of forty-two years.

Mr. Acker was a member of the Eighteenth Legislature from the Lampasas district and served as chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Despite his advanced age, Mr. Acker is mentally alert and walks with firm and elastic step.

804,040 MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN 1924.

The 1924 motor vehicle registrations as reported to the State Highway Department by the various County Tax Collectors ending Dec. 31 were 804,040. Included in this total were: Passenger motor vehicles, 735,270; motor busses, 3,688; commercial motor vehicles and trucks, 62,754; trailers, 2,207; tractors, 121.

There are eleven counties from which either none or only partial reports have been received. In these counties it is estimated there are at least 30,000 motor vehicles which, if added to those received, would bring the 1924 registrations to 834,040. This would make an increase over 1923 of 138,217.

The six leading counties were: Dallas with 56,018; Bexar, 44,580; Harris, 48,595; Tarrant, 34,932; McLennan, 19,006; Wichita, 19,564.

MAJORITY OF WOMEN COMPOSE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The State Board of Education now has a woman chairman and a majority of women in its membership. This occurred when Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson was inducted into office as Governor and Mrs. S. W. Meharg of Plainview qualified as Secretary of State. They, with the Comptroller, constitute the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction being ex-officio secretary, but not a member with a vote. It will fall to the lot of Sam Houston Terrell, Comptroller, to be the third member of the State board, with two women members.

This "woman majority" board will have the destiny of 1,300,000 school children within their keeping, likewise the investing of \$1,500,000 annual income for the permanent school fund besides generally supervising the permanent fund of nearly \$100,000,000, consisting of bonds, land notes and 500,000 acres of unsold lands. It also supervises the expenditure of large sums annually in the purchase of free textbooks for the school children.

Under the textbook act the Governor is a member of the State Textbook Commission and its ex-officio chairman. Mrs. Ferguson, therefore, will be chairman of the Textbook Commission and can appoint seven of its members. The law provides that of the seven to be appointed by the Governor, "at least two shall be women." This assures the next State Textbook Commission of three women members. The present board, which expired with the Neff administration, had four women members by appointment of the Governor. One more woman would have given them a majority. It remains to be seen how many women Mrs. Ferguson will place on the commission and whether the women will have a majority there as on the Board of Education.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE COST STATE \$444,825.

Eradication of the foot and mouth disease near Houston has cost to date a total of \$444,825. J. E. Boog-Scott, formerly chairman of the Texas Live Stock Sanitary Commission, announced at a meeting of the commission held in Houston.

Governor Neff authorized additional deficiency warrants totaling \$10,000, bringing the sum for salaries and expenses in fighting the disease up to \$60,000.

The State pays half the damage to live stock and property and the federal government pays half. The total cost of the live stock killed and the property damaged is \$324,825. The State stands half of this. The State has spent about \$60,000 in fighting the epidemic and the federal government an equal amount.

The State's expense accounts have been turned over to Senator Charles Murphy of Houston, who is to prepare a bill for introduction in the Legislature to cover the deficiency. Salaries and other expenses have been paid by State warrants, which Mr. Boog-Scott said had been honored by the banks.

There has been no outbreak of the disease in the infected area since October 27, and the area has been reduced to the actual territory on which the infected cattle were found. A test of the premises is to be made by placing on them healthy cattle, and if they do not become infected within a given time it will be concluded that all danger is past.

Live stock losses included 8,500 head of cattle, 60 hogs and 27 sheep. More than 140 claimants have appeared, the largest claim of \$61,490 being filed by Rev. W. Jacobs of Houston, upon whose ranch the malady originally broke out.

\$500,000 FOR HELIUM PRODUCTION.

The \$500,000 carried in the U. S. army bill, reported January 2, for production of helium at the Fort Worth plant, in the opinion of Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick, chief of the United States air service, will be sufficient when added to a like amount carried in the navy bill to carry forward this work during the next fiscal year. In his testimony before the House committee, General Patrick stressed the big saving effected through reduction in the cost of helium per 1,000 feet. Whereas, three years ago it cost \$150 per 1,000 feet, he says there was first a reduction to \$80, and now with a new method for removing carbon dioxide, it is between \$42 and \$43 per 1,000 feet.

Production at the Fort Worth plant, according to General Patrick, approximates 500,000,000 feet a year.

TEXAS LEADS OTHER STATES IN CROP PRODUCTION.

Texas retains its lead over other States in the value of crop production for 1924, as reported by the United States Department of Agriculture, which place the State has held for many years. The value of its twenty-two leading crops was \$763,667,000, a drop of more than \$122,000,000 in value compared with production of 1923. However, the hypothetical value of all crops of the State for 1924 was \$920,081,000, a loss of \$147,449,000, compared with the previous year.

The leading Texas crop was cotton and in which it also was first throughout the belt. The State had 16,189,000 acres planted to cotton during 1924, the average production from which was 141 pounds per acre, or a total production of 4,770,000 bales. The department reports the average price as of Dec. 1 in the State to have been 22.4c, thus giving the crop a total value of \$5,344,240,000. The value per acre of yield, however, was \$31.58.

The second crop of value in the State was corn, to which the State planted 4,600,000 acres, realizing an average of 17 bushels per acre, which was priced as of Dec. 1 at \$1.10, thus the total yield of 78,200,000 bushels brought \$86,020,000. The third crop was grain sorghums, the 45,375,000 bushels being valued at \$39,467,000. Other Texas crop values for the year were:

Winter wheat \$33,316,000, barley \$2,447,000, oats \$28,846,000, wild hay \$3,118,000, rice \$7,000,000, tame hay \$14,179,000, sorghum syrup \$1,518,000, rye \$302,000, broom corn \$481,000, potatoes, \$3,779,000, sweet potatoes, \$7,031,000, apples \$566,000, grapes \$246,000, peaches \$4,440,000, pears \$584,000, nut peanuts \$2,866,000.

The total hypothetical value of Texas crops was slightly below one-tenth of that for the entire country. The nineteen truck crops of the country for 1924 were valued at \$313,000,000, the following being among the values of Texas production: Snap beans \$704,000, cabbage 105,400,000 tons, \$2,321,000; cantaloupes \$817,000, carrots \$386,000, onions \$3,263,000, spinach \$2,119,000, strawberries \$356,000, tomatoes \$2,000,000, watermelons \$1,000,000.

The survey showed there were 165,000 orange trees in Texas, producing for the year a total of 12,000 boxes; 1,436,000 grapefruit trees, producing 104,000 boxes, and 49,000 lemon trees, producing 3,600 boxes.

Poultry Raising for Profit

(Continued from Preceding Page.)

If you would like to know please communicate with Mr. M. C. Allison, Box 1218, Fort Worth, Texas. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mr. Allison has given me all the data that I have passed on to you. He has been in the chicken business fifty-five years and is well versed on the subject. His flocks of wonderful single-comb white English Leghorns bear testimony to his skill and success. I think we are, indeed, fortunate to have his counsel and experience at this particular time.

When asked the best cures for the ailments of chickens, Mr. Allison said: "Don't let them happen. They can be largely prevented if my method of housing and feeding is followed." He added, however, "there are other measures that can be followed and they are very simple. Put coal oil in the drinking water four or five times a year. About once a month give the chickens one cup of Epsom salts to one gallon of water. See that they are penned up so they cannot get to any other water. About twice a year add one pound of sulphur to a hundred pounds of feed. Inoculate your chickens with Avian vaccines against chickenpox and roup."

For stick-tight flea grease with lard and sulphur. To prevent these fleas from pestering your chickens remember not to let the chickens out of pen until grass is thoroughly dry.

White diarrhoea can be prevented by giving them only dry foods, plenty of greens and buttermilk.

Mr. Allison will be pleased to hear of your success as well as your failure.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—This series on "Poultry Raising for Profit" will be concluded in March issue of the *Nebraska Section*, in which issue Mr. Allison will discuss "The Care of Baby Chicks."

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GLARING HEADLIGHT BILL.

In the House, Jan. 16, was introduced the anti-glare or headlight bill, which seeks to prevent glaring lights on automobiles in Texas. The bill is being sponsored in the House by Representative Williamson of San Antonio. It was prepared by Reed Granbury, who has given much thought to the proposition. Granbury is connected with the State Highway Department.

A former Legislature passed such a bill, but it was held unconstitutional by the Court of Criminal Appeals. The defects pointed out by the court have been eliminated in the new bill.

The good features of laws on this subject were incorporated in the Williamson bill. Texas certainly needs a law, with teeth in it, to stop glaring headlights on automobiles, which so often are the cause of fatal accidents along highways.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLERS ACCOMMODATED.

Special editions of dictionaries for the solving of cross-word puzzles, placed in the observation car libraries on the north and southbound Sunshine Specials of the Texas & Pacific Railway system, out of Dallas, has been announced by George D. Hunter, general passenger agent.

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GULF COAST OYSTER PRODUCTION INCREASES.

Twelve thousand barrels of oysters, three times as many as last season, have been taken from the beds around Galveston and marketed since Sept. 1, according to estimates of oyster fishermen and dealers. A cannery at Bolivar Point absorbs a considerable amount, interior Texas markets account for a good percentage, while markets as far as Oklahoma City are additional outlets.

A survey of the oyster business indicates that abandoned beds are being worked under the supervision of the State Game, Fish and Oyster Department and have become, it was indicated, virtually new sources of supply.

ONLY 59 HOUSE MEMBERS RETURNED.

Records disclose that there were fewer Texas Representatives returned to the Thirty-ninth House from the preceding Legislature than in many years. Out of the 150 members of the Thirty-ninth House, only 59 served in the House of the Thirty-eighth Legislature. Of the 91 members who will be in the Thirty-ninth and were not in the Thirty-eighth House, 16 saw service in Legislatures prior to the Thirty-eighth. This makes an even 75 members, or exactly half of the House membership, who have had previous legislative experience. Thus the House will be composed of half experienced and half inexperienced members.

TON LITTER CONTEST AWARDS.

Six Texas swine raisers who have been selected as winners of the \$15 prize offered by the National Duroc Record Association for the heaviest ton litter sired by a Duroc boar in each of the counties entered in the second Ton Litter Contest conducted by the Texas Swine Breeders' Association and the A. and M. College co-operating, have been notified of their winnings by A. L. Ward, secretary of the association, and swine specialist of the A. and M. Extension Service. The winners are: Charles S. Dobbs, Route 4, Grandview; T. E. Hughes, Dublin; Jim Jones (negro), Roanoke; Bonner Penney-backer, Austin; Carl Wiprecht, Bryan, and H. L. Lyle, Garland.

SENATORS DECLINE.

By a vote of 17 to 13 the Senate declined to adopt a resolution providing that it join with the House in investigation of Texas prison affairs.

The resolution provided for the appointment of a committee of four Senators to work with the committee of five already authorized by the House.

28,000,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT EXPORTED.

Twenty-eight million bushels of wheat have been exported from the port of Galveston this season, according to figures compiled by the Galveston News. Five ships alone loaded out 1,408,000 bushels in a single day in December, nearly all of which was destined for Greek ports.

Favorable report was given the bill in the Twenty-ninth Legislature authorizing the sale of the American Legion Memorial Sanatorium at Kerrville, Texas, to the United States government for cost.

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A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

WHAT'S WRONG?



"First time I ever saw a pair of them things that could stand still."

BARGAIN HUNTING.

Ikie Goldstein to ticket agent: "When does next train leaf west?"
Ticket agent: "11:45."
Ikie: "Make it 11:30 and I'll take it."

ENCOURAGING.

Motorist: "Yes, I think I can beat the train to the crossing, but I wish you were here up in front with me."
Nervous Passenger: "W—w—why?"
Motorist: "The last time I tried it I lost my back seat."

SAY IT WITH PUNCTUATION.

Many people often say what they do not mean because they do not know how to punctuate. A woman wrote this sentence: "Woman without her man is a savage." This is what she meant: "Woman! Without her, man is a savage."

THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.

Grandmother measured cloth the old-fashioned way, putting one end up to her nose and stretching it out at arm's length. After watching her for a time her little granddaughter found a piece of cloth and bringing it up, said: "Smell this, Grandma, and see how long it is."

TRY ONE YOURSELF.

A mountain school teacher asked her class in English to see which one could write a sentence containing the most words beginning with "s." This is what one boy produced:

"A sapsucker was sucking sap on a slim, slick sycamore sapling in a Southern State on a sunny Sunday morning, the seventeenth of September, seventeen seventy-seven."

LOVE LETTERS.

Dearest maiden, can't you C
That you suit me to a T?
In your smile I've found the Q
That must prompt my love for U.
If you won't be mine for A
All my life will soon DK.
But if you will promise, G!
You can't know how glad I'll B.
Dearest maiden, that is Y
You are wooed by such as I.

JOHN D'S JOKE.

John D. Rockefeller has a new joke which he enjoys telling his friends. He relates it as follows:

"I was up in the central part of my native State this summer to visit some of the spots where I spent my childhood. My car had stopped and I was looking around when an old farmer came up to the car and started to talk to me.

"He didn't know who I was. We chatted together for about five minutes and then he asked me where I was going.

"I'm going to Heaven," I replied with a smile.

"Get out," he said, "you ain't got enough gas."

AUTO HINTS

Police and insurance statistics on automobile thefts taken in a number of the larger cities of the country show that more spare tires are stolen than cars.

Brakes that aren't adjusted and equalized rattle, chatter and squeak. The tread of one or more of your tires is soon worn down; the frame of the car is distorted with strain; the wheels lose their perfect alignment. Brakes should be adjusted every 30 days.

Easy gear shifting is a matter of "feel." A skilled motorist has an uncanny sense of touch enabling him to change quickly and silently. A good plan is to depress clutch, shift from low to neutral, then from neutral to second, and release. This double maneuver almost invariably assures a silent shift.

SMALL STUFF.

The chicken saw a pigeon's egg for the first time and eyed it curiously. "It must be an egg, all right," she mused, "but it isn't like what mother used to make."

THESE THREE.

Irving Fletcher, the advertising expert, gave advice to advertising men at a banquet in New York. Among Mr. Fletcher's epigrams were these three: "Bite off more than you can chew—then chew it."

"Advertise honestly and fairly. It's the Golden Rule that brings in the gold."

"The success of the automobile business is due to automobile advertisements, which sold cars for ten years before the manufacturers knew how to make them."

KIDNEY HAD TO WAIT.

A colored woman asked the clerk in a ready-to-wear store in a Colorado town for some ostrich plumes. The clerk showed her one marked \$25. The woman admired it, fondled it, tried it on her hat on all sides, but laid it back with a sigh.

"No, miss, Ah jest can't hab it. Ah can't afford it, case Ah's got ter hab an operashun fo' floatin' kidney."

A cheaper plume, one of \$15, was tried on, and critically examined. But again she picked up the high-priced plume, caressed it, and finally made up her mind determinedly.

"Dat kidney'll jest hab to float a while yit, Miss. Yo' can wrap up de plume."

NOT UP TO DATE.

A traveling man one night found himself obliged to remain in a small town on account of a washout on the railroad, caused by the heavy rain, which was still coming down in torrents. The traveling man turned to the waitress with: "This certainly looks like the flood."

"The what?"

"The flood. You've read about the flood and the ark landing on Mount Ararat, surely."

"Gee, mister," she returned, "I ain't seen a paper for three days."

CORRECTING A LECTURER.

A lecturer was growing very vehement in the course of his address. His subject was, "The Perfect Wife."

"As we all know," he said, "the duty of a wife is to be a helpmate to her husband by cooking his food, attending to his requirements, conducting his house and household affairs in a diligent and business-like manner, and so on and so on."

Then a little man in front with a weak voice got up and said: "My wife don't do the last thing you mentioned, sir."

"Which one is that?" asked the lecturer.

"Why," said the little man, "sew on and sew on."

JUST BILLBOARDS.

An editor and a merchant were discussing the virtue of billboard advertising. The merchant contended that more people read the billboards than the newspapers. After a lengthy conversation in which neither man would give in, the men parted. The next week the merchant came tearing down to the newspaper office, wanting to know why the obituary of his wife's mother was not in the paper, especially after he had seen that a copy was taken to the newspaper office. "Well," said the editor, "I know you wanted that obituary read by the people, so I took it out and nailed it up on your billboard."

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LAMBS BRING RECORD PRICE.

A carload of spring lambs, averaging 63 pounds in weight, brought \$16.75 on the Fort Worth market Jan. 29. It is the highest price paid for lambs on this market since April, 1920. The lambs were shipped by A. M. Caraway of Cromine, Texas.

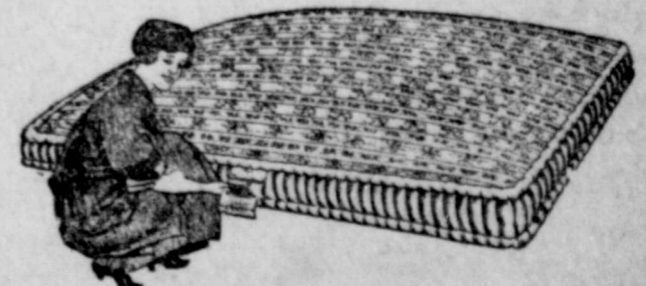
COTTON CLUB BOY WINS PRIZE.

John H. Meyer, member of the Cooke County Boys' Cotton Club, who resides on a farm four miles north of Gainesville, won a prize of \$75 offered to the boy raising the largest quantity of cotton on a three-acre tract. The young man produced 1,745 pounds on the plot.

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By AUNT MARY.

DAYS OF GRACE.

How swiftly time had passed since the intervening years from that eventful Christmas when Jo Burn had saved the life of Henry Dunworthy—saved him from drowning in the old swimming hole.

Jo had grown into a man and now that he stood at the threshold of his twenty-second year, he looked back over the fleeting years with mixed joy and sorrow. The joy was in the fulfillment of one of his dreams—which was to own a little farm for his mother. Through the wise guidance and generosity of Mr. Dunworthy, Jo and his mother had saved enough to buy a modest twenty-five acres of fertile land adjoining Mr. Dunworthy's land. They had a cow, some chickens and a few hogs, in addition to a nice, comfortable home. Last year's cotton crop was abundant, and because of the inflated war prices they had received a handsome sum for it, placing them entirely out of debt. His mother's eyes were brighter and the stoop had somewhat gone out of her shoulders. Except for a misty, far-away look which had come into her eyes since they had laid the twin boys to rest in the little cemetery on the hill, she seemed happy and contented.

This bright June morning Jo could be heard whistling as he went about his work of feeding the stock, bringing in the wood and milking the cow. There was a new and strange happiness in his face. His mother, preparing breakfast in the modest little kitchen, felt a cold and tightening grip on her heart. Her mother instinct told her that her son was feeling a problem of great importance to him in his mind. As she prepared to call him to their simple meals a silent prayer went up to her God for her heart that her son might see the right path.

This was the fateful spring of 1918, during the World War. The fighting at the front had been intense of late and the reports were not so favorable. Jo, in his quiet way, had said little about it.

To-day was the graduation at the high school in the small town near by. Jo and his sister, Lucy, with ten other young men and women, were to graduate. Lucy was only fourteen months younger than Jo, but she looked three years younger. Jo stood six feet in his stocking feet and was of that slender, yet muscular, build so characteristic of the men reared on the prairie. Jo was quiet and unassuming—almost bashful. He said very little, and that only when he had to. Lucy was the opposite to Jo. She was talkative and gay. She hardly reached Jo's shoulder in height, was plump and dimpled, kind and affectionate at heart, but fun-loving and joyous. Jo's studies were of great joy to him, yet he mastered them with difficulty and only with great painstaking and careful work.

Lucy's school problems had come easy to her. Oftentimes on the way to the class room she would glean a superficial outline of the lesson and with her keen imagination recite as brilliant as the other pupils.

After Jo had seated himself to the simple meal of cornbread, home cured bacon, with coffee, his mother called her other children to hurry and dress as there was much to be done before leaving for town. She then arranged her own breakfast beside her son and after a short blessing started to eat. Somehow she could not swallow her food, as these seemed to be a lump in her throat. Finally she pushed her plate back and said to Jo, "Son, I am very proud of you, because I feel that you are going to win the scholarship given by the University. This will mean a great deal to me, as I know your long-cherished desire to study law. This will make it possible and yet will not prevent me from giving the other children a fair education."

"But, Mother, I cannot go, for I have other plans," Jo said. This was the first time in his life that he had made a decision without consulting his mother. The lump in her throat grew larger and a mist swam before her eyes. "I hope you are not figuring on going to the war, are you?" This was a question that had been trembling on her lips for several months now, and was the paramount question in the hearts of thousands of mothers all over the country. Jo's quiet, silent way had made it impossible for her to ask it before. Just at this moment Lucy came bounding into the kitchen with the other children not far behind. All other thoughts except to help her children had been dismissed from this good mother's mind. She arose to serve those of her children who had arrived late at the breakfast table. Lucy grabbed her mother by the shoulders and swung her around, kissing her over and over again. Finally when she stopped with a rippling laugh she said, "Mother, mother, today is the big day of my life. I am to graduate and Henry has asked me to marry him." Lucy cared nothing for place or time. The news was no surprise to the family, as Henry Dunworthy had long been an ardent admirer of Lucy, to the disdain and sorrow of the other maidens. "I am happy, dear," said her mother. "I am sure Henry is a good boy."

Very little more was said of either Jo's or Lucy's future. After a hurried breakfast, with the housework done and dressed in their very best clothes, the whole family started to the little town a few miles distant, so as to be in time for the exercises at the school house. Little was said by Jo, his mother or Lucy, as all were busy with their own thoughts. The other children chatted and laughed.

The exercises started at ten o'clock with recitations, vocal solos, piano numbers and with the customary number of speeches. At noon they all went out on the lawn and a huge feast was served. Both Mrs. Burn and Jo ate sparingly, although his mother had brought a basket of fried chicken and a large cake, with all the trimmings to go with it. At one o'clock they reassembled in the school house. Now the diplomas and scholarships were to be given. All of the graduates sat on the platform which had been temporarily built for the occasion. Jo sat at the head of the line, with Lucy next and then Henry Dunworthy, with the other graduates in succession. One by one they were called to the front of the platform and received their diplomas from the Superintendent. Then they were ready to give the scholarships. The first was a short course in the Agricultural College, awarded to the boy who had made the best average for that year along agricultural lines. This went to one of the neighbor boys of the Burns' family. Then there were several minor scholarships and a few medals given. After this the Superintendent announced that he was now to give the greatest scholarship of all. The one given by the State University at Austin which allowed a full course for four years with all expenses paid. He said it was with great pleasure that he gave this, on this particular occasion. Jo's mother was crying softly behind her cotton handkerchief. It was her happy day. After an almost breathless pause, the Superintendent continued: "This year we are awarding it to a boy of great courage and ability. I know he

will bring himself and his school great credit. I have the honor of presenting it to Jo Burn." Jo felt numb with joy as well as fear. For an instant he could not arise. A mist swam before his eyes and his limbs refused to move. In this instant a groan and a crash of splitting lumber was heard, and in another instant the whole graduating class had disappeared in a great hole in the platform. The rudely constructed platform had given way. Wild shrieks and groans were heard, and for another instant the whole audience was too paralyzed to move. Then, with but a single thought, they arose from their seats and crowded forward.

Several hours later, at the home of Mrs. Burn, two nurses and several doctors were seen in consultation in a quiet and hushed room. After a little the door opened and one of the doctors stepped into the living room of the old home. He was Dr. Kruger, who had long been the friend and physician of all this little community. He walked over to Mrs. Burn, who was seated in a large chair that the doctor took one of her work-worn hands in his and said: "It is worse than I thought; but as you know, there is always a chance, and 'God works in mysterious ways. His wonders to perform.' It seems that when Jo felt the floor giving away he threw himself under Lucy so as to protect her. His leg is broken at the knee and he will always be a cripple. A falling timber struck him a glancing blow on the head. We can not tell for certain yet, but there is a possibility that he might have the mind of a child. We think it is best for him to have perfect quiet."

This opinion of Dr. Kruger, as to Jo's condition, while spoken gently, was about all the mother could bear, but as she turned her eyes to God, she felt comforted by the thought that He does work in mysterious ways, and that His ways are always for the best.

Editor's Note—Next month Aunt Mary will tell us the outcome of Jo's accident and what he did with the scholarship.

DRAWINGS FOR CHILDREN.



Last month I had a contest for the best drawing of old Pussy. The letters fairly swamped me. I was delighted to know that so many of my little readers were really and truly good artists, which holds lots of promise for the future.

Because this must go to the publisher so early, I will not be able to tell you who won the prize until March, and then we will try and have another contest.

Above is the picture of our most faithful friend. A dog does not care if disgrace or poverty comes to us—he loves us just the same. We can treat him kindly or treat him harshly, yet he is faithful. Such a friend deserves kind and considerate treatment, and I hope all of my readers will treat dumb animals kindly. Do you?

PUZZLE FOR FEBRUARY.



Here is a dandy puzzle for you to work over. See how many of you can work it. The first letter of every word represented here begins with "cat." The key for the work will be found in the following for the first word: Cat x church-reh x cup-cu, and the answer is "catchup." The rest of the words are worked similarly. I hope that you like these puzzles.

Answers to last month's puzzle: Bat, Tie, Eye, Ear, Rat, Top, Pot, Ton, Nut.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE CONTEST.

Boys and girls, read the offer of Aunt Mary at the upper right-hand corner of this page for the best CROSS-WORD PUZZLE drawing made by any boy or girl under seventeen years of age.

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Almost everywhere you meet with Cross-Word Puzzle Fans. With pencil and paper they are tracing the illusive words, both horizontally and vertically. But we have something different to offer you. We are not going to send you the puzzles, but want you to send us a puzzle.

Aunt Mary, who edits the Boys' and Girls' Department of this Magazine Section, is going to give three wonderful prizes of FIVE DOLLARS for the First Prize; THREE DOLLARS for the Second Prize, and TWO DOLLARS for the Third Prize for the best CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

The puzzles must be made after the following rules: They must not contain more than thirty words altogether. Each word must not have more than seven letters in it. Each word must represent some product grown in Texas (either a farm or garden product, live stock or poultry.) Each puzzle must be drawn on firm, unruled white cardboard, drawing to be about 4x4 inches in size. Any design may be used,

but all lettering must be plain. The "key," or answer, must accompany each entry.

We reserve the right to print any design sent in, whether a prize winner or not; and for each one used, outside of the winners, we will pay One Dollar. So you see you have a chance to earn some money, even if you do not win one of the main prizes.

This contest is open to any boy or girl under seventeen years of age. It is permissible for your parents or friends to help you, but the puzzle design and all of the writing must be done by you. Under no circumstances will puzzles that have been prize winners in the contest of other newspapers be accepted, or puzzles copied from other newspapers. Each puzzle must be original.

Now, get busy, boys and girls, and win one of these Cash Prizes.

All puzzles must be on my desk by midnight, March 1st. None accepted after that date.

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THIRD CATTLE AND CALF MARKET.

Fort Worth's number of grown cattle reaching Fort Worth's market in the year 1924 numbered 1,048,693. The number of calves was 342,199; the total cattle and calves 1,390,892. This gain puts Fort Worth back to the position as the third cattle and calf market in the United States.

Not so good showing was made in hogs and sheep. The number of swine arriving for the whole of the yearly period reached 392,417, compared with 485,895 during 1923. The sheep census totaled 372,312 for 1924, and was 385,180 for the previous year.

Friday, Feb. 13, has been designated pecan day for San Saba. A campaign for better methods of pecan culture will be inaugurated.

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TARRANT COUNTY JERSEY FARM.

The Mistletoe Farm of the Mistletoe Creameries, twelve miles south of Fort Worth, is carrying on a demonstration farm for the better breeding of dairy cows of the Jersey type. The object of the farm is to demonstrate to farmers just what can be done with the cow, the hen and the sow, specializing on Jerseys that will produce records in butter fat tests.

Just now there are five cows undergoing the registry of merit test. These cows during December produced an average of 1,485 pounds of milk and 80.5 pounds of butter fat. One of the cows, Joanna of Elmhurst, produced in December 1,672.9 pounds of milk with a test of 5.983 percentage of butter fat, making her butter fat production for the month more than 100 pounds. This is a State record, according to the records of the American Jersey Cattle Club. Another one of these five cows, worthy of special mention, is Gamboge Fox's Agatha. This cow made the remarkable record of 12,313.5 pounds of milk in the 305-day division, besides dropping two living calves in eleven months. She is a champion, too.

REVISING PRESENT GAME LAWS.

The House Committee on Game and Fish has agreed on a bill completely revising the present game laws, according to Chairman Alfred Petsch, of Fredericksburg, Texas.

The proposed law cuts down the bag limit on quail, deer and other game and shortens the season on deer and turkeys from two months to six weeks.

WILL TEACH BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Beginning Feb. 1 the Bonham High School pupils will have an opportunity to study the Bible in school, two lesson periods each week being provided for pupils taking the course, who will receive credit for the work done just as they do for any other subject. This work is free of cost to the taxpayers, as all teaching will be done by voluntary instructors. Parents of the city, as teachers, have volunteered their services.

ETERNAL LIFE.—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. This do, and thou shalt live.—Luke 10: 27, 28.

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WOMAN'S PAGE
MRS. MARGARET STUTE

HOME PROBLEMS.
DOORS OPENING OUT AND DOORS OPENING IN.

In a little town in Oklahoma a tragedy occurred this last Christmas that should stir the blood of every parent in the country to immediate and definite action. On Christmas Eve (the happiest eve of a child's life) many helpless souls were violently and needlessly plunged into eternity. During the Christmas exercises in a little, poorly constructed school house, where gladness reigned supreme, the tipping over of a wax candle changed the little school house into a roaring furnace. Parents, children, teachers, and friends, all perished as a result of some one's carelessness and indifference. Was it worth the price to save a few dollars? A thousand NOS would be the answer of the small handful of survivors. Forever the black scar will show, even after the wound has healed, in the hearts of loved ones and those who survived. Death came as a relief to the suffering and the awful tragedy was over in a few minutes, but to relatives left to mourn and grieve, their hurt will not heal so quickly. For a few hours the whole country was shocked by the catastrophe, yet soon we forget and go our several ways selfishly and ploddingly.

The little school house in Oklahoma is only one of many school houses that may meet such a fate. Around us on every hand are school buildings that are a menace to public safety. They are more prevalent in the rural districts, but many cities still harbor a few of these firetraps.

The little Oklahoma school house was a perfect "firetrap." The windows were barred with heavy iron wiring to protect them from heavy hail. These were securely fastened down and in the mad rush for a means of escape, could not be removed. The building was of frame, when it would have been far better if it had been built of brick, concrete or tile. The glaring fact that all parents, officials and friends of little children should take note of is: **THE ONE SINGLE DOOR OPENED INWARD.** Picture that little group of merry-makers suddenly facing

a fiery furnace with their only possible chance of escape cut off because there was but **ONE DOOR**, and that door opened inward instead of outward. What a horrible fate. And what a responsibility now rests with the builders of such a flimsy structure.

It is the plain duty of every parent to go to the school house where their child or children now attend school and see that there are at least two doors of each class room that open OUT. Not **NEXT WEEK OR NEXT YEAR**, but **GO TODAY.** It is one of the sacred obligations of parenthood to protect their young. If your school board refuses to provide adequate protection for your child I would say, as a mother, Get a **NEW** school board and do it at once. There are certain processes of law which provide that our public officials shall do their duty. But we can not expect them to do more than we do ourselves. We are the ones who hold the reins of government and public officials are only the instruments with which we carry on the work of good government.

I hope in the very near future that public conscience will be so awakened that in every school district there will be no more little wooden shacks dignified with the name of school houses, but absolutely fire-proof buildings, well constructed—that will inspire and encourage our children to better things. The children of the rural districts are entitled to just as good buildings and as adequately equipped school as the children of the cities and towns. But while that may not be possible just now, yet we can do many things to lessen the dangers of fire and disaster. **EVERY SCHOOL SHOULD BE SO BUILT THAT IT CAN BE EMPTIED IN ONE MINUTE.** Every school should have regular fire drills each week. The drills should be so arranged that the children, or teacher, will not know if it is a fire drill or a real fire. This will prevent panic when the emergency shall arise. The most important protection is that all doors on public buildings **OPEN OUT.**

An old friend of mine once said: "I want all of my doors to open out, except one. That one is the door to my heart; it opens in and friends who enter can come in easily, but once they are in, I don't want them out, so the door to my heart doesn't open out."

FASHION HINTS FOR SPRING AND TESTED RECIPES.

Responsibilities of Motherhood.

In a few short articles I am going to try and give you a few pointers on how to make **MOTHERHOOD** a greater joy and blessing. The suggestions offered here are taken from my own experience as a nurse and as a mother. Also suggestions which were offered by experts in the medical profession.

Motherhood should be looked forward to as the greatest event of a woman's life. Every right thinking and natural girl dreams of the day when, instead of a doll, she shall hold close to her heart her own living, breathing doll. Every young woman advancing into young womanhood feels the surge of that impulse stronger and stronger. This is a God-given gift and should be encouraged and guided by a wise and watchful mother. Every young girl should be taught the beauty and the sacredness of God's crowning gift to suffering womanhood. In her heart should be planted the ideals of worthy wifehood and motherhood. This is the sacred and essential duty of every mother in the world. Life is beautiful and wonderful if we can only see it with a clear vision, not besmirched with regret and repentance.

The expectant mother owes it not only to herself, but to her child, to take the best of care of her health. This is the most critical time in the life of both. There are a few simple rules that can be easily followed and will prove of untold benefit to both of them. They are as follows:

Dress simply, with no tight bands around the waist, all clothes falling from the shoulders. Eat simple foods, with plenty of green vegetables and fresh fruit; avoid meat to a great extent. Take plenty of exercise, but do not fatigue yourself. Regular household duties are best with out-of-door walking every day, when possible. Keep the alimentary canal (digestive tract) in perfect order. Do not take strong purgatives without the doctor's order. Place yourself under the care of a competent physician as soon as possible.

(To be continued next month.)

Old-fashioned knitted lace can be used to make any bedroom an attractive place.

Any woman handy with the knitting needles can make her bedrooms over into a bower of loveliness. Lace insertions used with voile curtains and solid colored side drapes, make the window problem easy. Knitted lace insertion about one and a half to two inches wide can be used with effect on pillow cases. Knitted lace edging for towels is easy to make. Lace dresser scarfs, pin trays and old-fashioned tidies are good.

Spring styles are simple in effect and still show the effect of the shingle bob in manish lines.

Gun metal colored hose with black patent leather shoes worn with green, red or blue dresses is a smart combination.

Hats are still small and close fitting.

Lines of morning and afternoon frocks are still simple. Evening wear is introducing draperies and the ruffled skirts.

For general wear the ensemble still reigns supreme.

More boyish than ever the new spring sport clothes forecast another season of freedom in dress.

TESTED RECIPES.

Cottage Cheese Balls.
This is a delicious dish to serve as a salad or as a side dish.
Combine about twice as much cottage cheese as ground walnuts and season with salt and cayenne pepper to suit taste. If to be used as a salad roll in finely cut celery and serve with Mayonnaise on a lettuce leaf.

Delightful Dressing for Salads.
One table spoon of tarragon vinegar, four table spoons olive oil and one and one-half table spoons catsup, one-half table spoon Worcestershire sauce, one-fourth teaspoon salt, a pinch of pepper and a little paprika. Beat until well blended and serve on lettuce leaf or green salad at once.

Quick Cake Frosting.
To a table spoon of orange juice and a half-table spoon of lemon gradually add enough powdered sugar for the right consistency for cake frosting. Add a few chopped nuts if you have them. This frosting hardens quickly, keeps the cake moist and adds to its flavor.

To Cook Cabbage.
Don't overcook cabbage or you will make it bitter and strong tasting. Thirty to forty-five minutes is usually enough for a medium sized head. If to be cooked with meat; cook the meat first and then cook the cabbage in the meat

juice. We like it very much cooked in a very slightly salted water and then put plenty of butter in the dish we serve it in.

French Fried Onions.
This recipe is very good and will prove unusual to most people.
Peel as many large onions as desired, slice about a quarter of an inch thick. Soak in half milk and half water (enough to cover them well) for thirty or forty minutes. Drain and spread on clean brown paper, dredge with flour and allow to dry. Fry in (smoking hot) deep fat until a golden brown.

Egg Custard for Children.
1 egg (yolk).
½ cup milk.
1 table spoon sugar.
Pinch of salt.
Scald the milk in a double boiler. Beat the egg yolk, add the sugar and salt; pour the milk over this, then pour back in the double boiler, cook over boiling water. Stir constantly until creamy looking; pour in mould, set in cool place until hard. This is very delicious and nourishing for little children and invalids.

Dressings for Sandwiches.
If you add a little very finely chopped pickle or olives to mayonnaise for sandwiches you will find it very delicious.

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