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Here In HICO

Just ten more days and the toll of the old school bell will summon students back to their studies. Many will rejoice, while others will start with a grudge for the work that should be welcomed by all. Some of students that start with a grudge for the work will have to be persuaded with the "rod"—the parent that fails to use rod in a case of this kind will neglect a duty that will be regretted by the parent and the child in a few short years.

The student should look at the task of being a student, as the man of the household looks at his job for providing the family. For when you are a student you are making the foundation upon which success or failure in future life is dependent. The good student looks at school work as his does a good employee does in the commercial world, and tries to do the best possible—this kind of student usually makes a success in the days that follow his school days—and employment is easily secured by the student that has made a good school record. One great educator says that every day spent in schooling is worth five or more dollars—while the student is going to school he may fail to see that it is really worth this sum in dollars and cents—but as soon as the student has finished his education and has been a good student they soon realize that it has been worth more than can be expressed in monetary terms.

The parent is one of the greatest causes in the lack of interest in students of today—many parents do not consider education in the seriousness that it should be considered—and these parents leave it up to the child to decide whether or not schooling is worth the time that is spent on it. Some few parents still remember that when they were young they did not finish high school and college—and yet, they have succeeded in making a living and some may have even attained some degree of wealth and success, but these same parents should not forget that the world has changed much in the past ten years and that if the child of today is to be the successful business man and woman of tomorrow—they must compete with men and women that have been schooled, not only in books, but in the ways of a wily business world, and if these parents will stop to consider it for a moment, they were educated about as well as the people that they had to do business with and live with. But it is necessary for the student of today to spend more time in preparing for the future than it did his father, because the world is being brought closer together each and every year—and today's students come in contact with thousands of people, when their forefathers came in contact with hundreds or in many instances less.

No matter how brilliant the mind of a student might be, a little night study is necessary for the successful student. This is where the parent usually fails down on the job—many parents will accept the petty excuses from the children, and instead of the student studying they will while away the evening in merrymaking. The student can put up some "pitiful pleas" about having study periods at school and that is unnecessary to study at night. It is true that they have study periods at school, but these study periods are only long enough for a thorough review of the studying that was done the night before. Parent, don't let them "soft talk you."

The man that offers a student a full-time position that will influence the student to stop his school work, does the student great injury, not only the student is injured but the state and the nation are injured by this man that entices the student to stop his schooling for a few measly dollars per day. Even though the sum of the salary offer the youth that does not have an education can not take advantage of these prospects that develop in the future.

This year students of Hico High School will have the advantage of one-half credit than they have in the past, and students that graduate from this school in the future will have a better rating when they start their college education. The addition of this half credit should be an encouragement for the student to work harder, for there is not many schools in cities the size of Hico that have schools that ranked with the schools here. Another advantage that Hico schools have this year that will be of great benefit to the students is a corps of trained teachers that have spent the summer in institutions of higher education, studying the newer methods of teaching in order that Hico students will have every advantage to be found in educational fields.

The teachers of today have an enormous task to perform, and Hico teachers are to be commended upon the manner in which they are handling this great task. But, it is impossible for a teacher to take the

First Hico Cow Day Was Well Attended

Thousands of people stormed the city of Hico last Wednesday for Hico's first Cow Day. Everything moved off smoothly during the sale. Will Autrey, Hico, purchased the cow for the sum of \$1.00. Previous to the selling of the cow, Judge E. H. Persons explained the meaning of "Cow Day," so that the people of this trade territory would understand that this movement was being sponsored by the Hico Lions Club and other merchants that were cooperating with the Lions Club for the purpose of bettering the condition of the dairy industry in this section, and not for the reason of personal gain for the merchants. And explained the last Wednesday of each and every month until the first of the year would be "Better Cow Day," and that the Hico Lions Club and cooperating merchants would use only registered cows for this purpose.

All farmers, when asked their opinion of Hico Better Cow Day, expressed themselves more than pleased with the manner in which the movement was handled. And commended the use of only registered cows for the purpose. The local band rendered a concert before and after the sale.

Mrs. McGill Dies at Home of Daughter

By Stella Jones
Mrs. Mary Barbara McGill Lynch, was born May 19, 1877 in Clay County, Alabama. At the time of her death she was 52 years, 3 months and 3 days old. She was married to John Lynch in November 1891. To this union eleven children were born, seven boys and four girls, all survive her. They are Mrs. Fannie Blue, R. B. and Marian Lynch of this community; Mrs. Lena Hughes, Ira Lynch, Jim Lynch, Clarence Lynch, William Lynch, Mrs. Maude Jordan and Evelyn Lynch, who still live at home.

In 1903 she came to Texas with her husband and family and resided near Ireddell until 1922, when they moved to West Texas. Her home at the time of her death was at Rails, Texas. When she realized that the end was near, she returned to Bosque County and came to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Blue, where she died August 22.

In 1908 she was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Ireddell. She was a faithful member until the time of her death.

She was confined to her bed for some time and bore her afflictions with patience. To her sorrow and troubles of this life are over and now she is at rest. Besides her husband and children, she leaves her mother, three sisters and one brother, all of whom were present at the funeral. Also she leaves a number of grandchildren and a host of friends, who sympathize with the bereaved ones. May her spirit rest in the Lord as sweetly as her memory rests in the hearts of her bereaved loved ones.

The funeral was held in the Methodist Church Friday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. Nance in the presence of a large crowd of friends. The body was laid to rest in the Riverside cemetery.

Mens Bible Class Elect New Officers

Sunday morning the Morton Bible Class of the First Baptist Church elected officers for the ensuing year. President, L. L. Hudson; Secretary, C. D. Richbourg; Treasurer, C. G. Phillips; Chairman of Committee on Absentees, Henry Hardin; Chairman of Committee on New Members, H. J. Leach; Chairman of Committee on Fellowship, J. A. Leach; Chairman of Committee on Publicity, F. S. Latham; Chairman of Committee on Literature, W. S. Patterson; Assistant Teacher, J. B. Pool; Teacher, Rev. Calence Allen Morton.

This class of men meet every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in their class room of the First Baptist Church. It is a class of men at work for men for Christ and the church. You have a cordial invitation to be one of us every Sunday morning. You will enjoy it. The fellowship is hearty and genuine and a worthwhile Bible lesson every time.

Publicity Committee.
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Callan and son, of Antlers, Okla., spent the first of the week here with her mother, Mrs. R. W. Purdon and other relatives. They sold out their newspaper at Antlers and are on their vacation. They are undecided at this time where they will locate.
place of the home—while it is true that in many cases the teacher should receive the credit that goes to the home. Before the student can get the proper benefits that are to be derived from school, the parent must cooperate with the teachers in every way—if this is done then the future of the youth of the land is secure.

Local Manager of Texas-Louisiana Co. Is Transferred

Sam D. Jones, who for the past several months has been serving as local manager for the Texas Louisiana Power Company, has been transferred to Gatesville, Texas, where he will serve in the same capacity. He will be succeeded here by Cecil Costen, of Walnut Springs, who formerly resided here, when he was serving as lineman for the company. In an interview Mr. Jones expressed a deep regret of having to move from Hico. He made the statement that he had only had time to get acquainted with most of the people, and that the citizenship as a whole here in Hico was the "best."

Hico Bakery Installs New Equipment

According to G. S. Schwartz, owner of the Hico Bakery the installation of the newest and most modern bakery equipment to be found in the state is now complete at this bakery. Mr. Schwartz said, "To keep pace with the progress that Hico is making and the prospects that it has for even a more rapid growth in the future, I have installed a revolving gas heated oven that doubles the output warts continued. 'I believe in Hico capacity of this bakery.' Mr. Schwartz for this reason I have built a bakery that would be a credit to any town of even larger size than Hico."

60 Bales of 1929 Cotton Crop Ginned Here

Approximately sixty bales of cotton have been ginned by the two Hico gins up to Wednesday night as compared with only about ten bales at the same time last year, according to reports from local ginners. The crop is going to be short this year, but the price is holding fairly good, being from eighteen to twenty cents, and farmers are well pleased with the prices paid, and the staple is of a fairly good grade.

The constant hot, dry weather has caused much of the cotton to open premature, and this is advanced as the cause of the early movement of this year's crop, and in about two more weeks the majority of the crop will be picked.

Reports from over this territory show that the cotton crop is spotted, and some sections are making an average yield, but most of the farmers report very short crops.

In face of this short cotton crop, most of the farmers are optimistic, as very good feed crops were made in this territory last year, and most of the farmers are putting diversified farming methods into practice more than ever before.

Sunbeam Class Announce Winner

During the months of July and August, the members of the Sunbeam band, the primary B. Y. P. U. and the Primary Class of the Sunday School all organizations of the Baptist church engaged in a contest for the best record. Sunday closed the time. The winners announced from the pulpit Sunday night by the pastor, Morris Lee Wolfe won first place, and will have his picture printed on the front page of the News Review. Mary Jane Clark and Jean Tinkle tied for second place. Eugene Hackett took third place and Ruby Lee Ellington fourth place. One of these, Jean Tinkle lives at Agee and his mother brings him in to the meeting every week. Mesdames Tell McLarty, G. S. Schwartz and C. D. Richbourg have the appreciation and thanks of the mothers and the church for their work.

HATCHER DISMISSES CHARGE OF ASSAULT

Austin, Texas, Aug. 28.—A charge of simple assault filed against J. Arthur Pratt, inspector for the State Banking Department, by W. Gregory Hatcher, State Treasurer, following a near encounter between the two in the hall of the Capitol, was dismissed Wednesday by Justice of the Peace Blalock after Mr. Hatcher, the complaining witness, had requested it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Russell, of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barrow, of Spur, spent a part of the week here visiting their parents, Mavor and Mrs. J. C. Barrow. They, accompanied by their parents went to Rule, Tuesday to be guests of relatives for a few days.

Mrs. C. E. Rogers and son, Billy, left Wednesday for their home in Tyler, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bowles, and her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers.

HICO TEACHERS RETURNING FROM SUMMER SCHOOL

By C. G. Masterson
The faculty has attended school this summer in many cases. Mr. Freeman received his degree from Southwest Texas Teachers' College at San Marcos, Texas. Mrs. Freeman attended the same school. Miss Hudson received her degree from the University of Texas. Miss Cox attended the Teachers' College at Denton. Miss Thorp attended Texas College. Miss Barekman studied at Jno. Tarleton College, Stephenville. Miss Shipp did post graduate work at the Baylor University. All teachers in the High School are graduates of colleges of the State of Texas. Each teacher in the grades has had as much as two year's work in a standard teacher's college.

Teachers of Hico Public Schools for the current year are given as follows: C. G. Masterson, Superintendent and teacher of Latin; John A. Freeman, Principal and Science; Mrs. R. O. Segrest, Mathematics; Miss Sara Lee Hudson, English; Miss Margaret Shipp, History and Spanish. In the grades the teachers are assigned as follows: Miss Beulah Cox, seventh grade; Miss Essie Thorp, sixth grade; Miss Quata Richbourg, fifth grade; Miss Elizabeth Barekman, fourth grade; Mrs. C. G. Masterson, third grade; Mrs. John A. Freeman, second grade; Mrs. Ewell S. Jackson, first grade.

With the approach of the school year 1929-1930, we become, as it were, school conscious.

On the one hand, we are considering the advisability of more schooling and, on the other, wondering about the attitude of mind of those who do return, either through choice or compulsion. On this decision and attitude may hinge success or failure in the undertaking.

In the modern competitive contest to make good, it becomes a conflict of wits. Adequate schooling can play an important part. There is no magic in education; it does not insure success, but there is no better insurance against failure. It helps create greater resourcefulness to meet opportunity as it beckons; stimulates ability to expand earning power; contributes to greater moral force and better citizenship.

We accept commercial forms of insurance because they are tangible. We do not question the value of insurance against sickness, accident, death, unemployment, or loss by fire, tornado, hail or rain.

The insurance State and City give us, through education, is not so tangible. Yet it is nevertheless a force with tangible results. A person may secure a good position, but it is another thing to hold it. Education, properly applied, can tighten that grip. It can give the practical turn to a groping ambition; it can inspire initiative; it can teach the profitable use of leisure; it can instill the proper attitude toward life and labor by hand or brain.

In business we build up a cash reserve to safeguard the future of the corporation. We put shock absorbers on our motor cars to get us over the rough places; we put on emergency brakes. We build up a physical reserve to give us immunity from disease.

We need a similar reserve fund in our cultural existence. Education is a fertile source of supply. It can fortify youth at every turn; it can be a stronghold of mental and physical stamina—a reservoir of resourcefulness.

School doors will soon reopen. The occasion should not be looked upon as an opportunity to get away from work, but to prepare for it; not a finishing school, but a preparation training; not an opportunity to a white-collar job, but opportunity to discover self-interests and adapt; not insurance against mediocrity, but opportunity to avoid it.

No school system or teaching force however efficient, can do much in the education of an unwilling child. It can afford the opportunity and point out the way. The child, in cooperation with the parents, must do the rest.

The school doors are wide open. Those privileged to enter therein should not feel that they have been sentenced to serve, but they have been selected for service.

The program for the opening day of school will be announced in the next issue of the News Review.

Instructions to students about assembling in their rooms will be given in the same issue of the paper and all students should carefully study these instructions in order to avoid and delay or confusion.

C. M. Tidwell, Hico Named Deputy Com.

C. M. Tidwell, who for the past year has been serving as Chief of Police in Hico, announced his resignation from this place in order to accept an appointment as Deputy Game, Fish & Oyster Commissioner, to fill the place made vacant by the sudden death of D. C. Burkes last week while enroute from Hico to Hamilton in an automobile. Mr. Tidwell will have supervision of the district composed of Hamilton, Bosque and Coryell counties.

Mr. Tidwell previous to serving as Chief of Police in Hico, was for two years a deputy under Sheriff Mack Morgan, and made for himself a good reputation as an officer of the law. Many of the local people express the belief that a better man than Mr. Tidwell could not have been found for the place.

Tidwell will continue to make his home in Hico for the time being at least. Mr. Tidwell said, "I wish to urge each and every individual in my district, to help me preserve the wild life, by obeying the laws that are made to protect it."

For the convenience of all interested the changes in the game laws that are now in effect follow:

Austin—Will J. Tucker, State Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, recently completed a revision of state game laws which will be mailed about September 1 to sportsmen throughout the state. About 15,000 copies will be distributed, Tucker said.

The pamphlet will contain changes made in the game laws by the Forty-first Legislature and new statutes created by the law-makers.

Present laws allow open season on bear in all counties from November 16 until Dec. 31.

White tail deer may be slain from November 16 to Dec. 31, and black tail deer east of the Pecos River during the same period. West of the stream the animals may be killed only from Nov. 16 to 30. Bastrop, Hemphill, Roberts, Hutchinson, Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, Palo Pinto and Parker counties have been closed to all deer hunting until 1931.

Mourning doves may be hunted from Dec. 1 to Jan. 16 in the following counties: Red River, Bowie, Delta, Hopkins, Titus, Franklin, Morris, Cass, Wood, Camp, Upshur, Marion, Harrison, Gregg, Smith, Van Zandt, Panola, Rusk, Cherokee, Henderson, Hood, Erath, Hamilton, Coryell, Freestone, Anderson, Robertson, Leon, Houston, Nacogdoches, Shelby, Sabine, San Augustine, Trinity, Madison, Walker, Grimes, Brazos, Burleson, Washington, Lee, Bastrop, Fayette, Austin, Waller, Lavaca, De Witt, Goliad, Victoria, Calhoun, Fort Bend, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Jeff, Tyler, Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson, Hardin, Liberty and Chambers counties.

In Cooke, Denton, Grayson, Collin, Fannin, Lamar, Kaufman and Rockwall counties the season will extend from Sept. 15 to Nov. 1.

The Statewide season on white wing doves covers the period from Aug. 8 until Oct. 31.

Ducks, geese, brant, snipe, gallinules and mud hens may be hunted in the south zone of the state from Nov. 1 until Jan. 31 and in the north zone from Oct. 16 to Jan. 31.

Wheeler and Collinsworth counties have been closed to prairie chicken hunting until 1931. In all others Sept. 1 to 4.

In both zones the quail season will extend from Dec. 1 to Jan. 16.

Shooting of turkey gobblers has been prohibited by legislative action until 1934 in Callahan, Eastland, Stephenson, Palo Pinto and Shallock counties and in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Willacy, Kennedy, Brooks, Kelberg and Nueces counties until Nov. 16, 1930. The remainder of the state is open from Nov. 16 to Dec. 31.

Tucker invited attention to the new north and south zone limit, which begins at the Rio Grande west of Del Rio and extends eastward along the Southern Pacific Railroad to San Antonio. From this point the zone boundary follows the H. & T. C. Railroad east to the Brazos River, turning north to where the Beaumont branch of the Santa Fe Railroad crosses the stream. The line then follows the Santa Fe east to Cleveland and along the H. E. & W. T. Railroad to the Louisiana border.

Mrs. J. H. Harper, 72, Dies At Hamilton

Mrs. J. H. Harper, 72, who has been a resident of the Fairy community for a number of years, died in the Hamilton sanitarium Wednesday night.

Mrs. Harper has been suffering for the past two months with a broken hip. She returned to her home only a few days ago, but did not improve very rapidly, so she was again sent to the sanitarium, where she died.

The remains were shipped to Greenfield, Ohio, for burial.

Mrs. Wallace Petty, accompanied by her sisters, Mrs. Truman Holliday, of Austin, and Mrs. Rusk, of Dallas, left the first of the week to spend a few days in Stamford with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wall.

High School Students Urged to Report Next Tuesday

Students in Hico High School should be prepared to report to the High School building next Tuesday and Wednesday to be classified and to receive books. Post cards will be mailed to each student in time for him to know just when to appear. Students those having seven credits will be classified as ninth grade students; who have as many as three credits will be classified as tenth grade students; and those with eleven credits will be classified as eleventh grade students.

Students who have not heretofore attended this school should come to the High School building Thursday and Friday, September 5 and 6 to be classified and to receive books. This is very important and should not be neglected. Students who expect to be in the eighth and ninth grades should come Thursday and those who expect to be in the tenth grade should come Friday. In case a student expects or desires to be admitted to the eleventh grade he should come Friday also. The superintendent's office will be open from nine o'clock until four. It will do no good to telephone. Students who neglect to attend their classification ahead of the day for the opening of school will be delayed and it may be that all can not get waited on the first day.

Texas Third State In Total Number of Tornadoes Suffered

Texas is the third state in the United States in the number of tornadoes suffered through an eight-year period, statistics tabulated by Herbert C. Hunter of the United States Weather Bureau, Washington, disclose.

Arkansas and Kansas have even more than Texas for this period and Missouri and Oklahoma are runners-up.

During last year, Red Cross officials report fifteen tornadoes in this area that have called for help from the official agent of the Government in disaster relief, an assistance that cost the Red Cross \$250,000. There are today 800 families still being helped to their feet financially and morally as a result of tornadoes, Red Cross officials report.

"It is only the overwhelming disasters like that of the Mississippi area and Florida that most of us hear about," George H. Bird, local disaster-relief chairman of Red Cross said. "But all of the time work is being carried on, smaller tornadoes occur and the Red Cross helps them with funds in the treasury. These funds come from the 50c on each \$1 membership that the 10,000 chapters throughout the country send to the headquarters."

The 28,000 members of the Red Cross in Dallas have had a substantial share in the work of helping these storm sufferers during the year, because it is partly their money that was used.

"If Dallas should be struck with a tornado or other form of disaster, the Red Cross would reach into its treasury and help as long as the money lasted. If it ran into millions, a general alarm would be sounded and all the United States called upon to help."

"The only way Dallas people can have a share in this wonderful work is by joining the Red Cross. Twenty-five dollars is the highest membership asked for. There are \$10, \$5 and \$1 memberships. And every member has a share in the world-wide campaign."

Moody Has Plan on Tax Collection

Austin, Aug. 28.—Payment of excessive fees for private tax collection contracts can be prevented by County Attorney Gen. Dan Moody said Wednesday after he had considered a proposal by the joint legislative committee which is probing the fee system that a special session of the Legislature be called to enact law to prohibit the contracting with individuals for collecting delinquent taxes.

The Governor cited an opinion by former Chief Justice Nelson Phillips of the Supreme Court in the case of Robert Maund Tax Collector of Travis County, vs. H. B. Terrell, former State Comptroller. The opinion held that County Commissioners may employ others of the County Attorney asks for assistance.

"Under his decision, County Attorneys can save the expense of private collection by refusing to let tax contractors use their names for filing suits," the Governor said.

"The Constitution makes it the duty of the County and District Attorneys to represent the counties in all suits except those where the Attorney General is authorized to act."

Mrs. Vivian Haines and son, R. H. Jr., of Dallas, were week-end guests of Mrs. W. E. Ford and other relatives here.

The Country Gentleman

WITH

By JNO. M. AITON

The News-Review has engaged the services of Mr. John M. Aiton for a weekly contribution concerning the development of the program of dairy and poultry farming in this territory. The thoughts and ideas advanced in this department will be those of Mr. Aiton and will in no manner conflict with the general news and editorial policy of the paper. Readers of the News Review will therefore discuss with Mr. Aiton any theories he may care to promote, and not align them with what the publishers will have to say through the news and editorial columns.—Editor's Note.

The extreme dry hot weather has rather upset things along all lines. The dairy folks report milk production slumping constantly as well as all other farm lines going off from day to day. This condition is deplorable and it is up to each one to make the best possible out of it. Cows and chickens with the turkey crop will be our mainstay for the next few months, so they should each be given the best of attention. Cows need extra feed just now otherwise they will go off in production so far that it will be hard to get them back again. Feed is high and it looks to us like it will be still higher and while it may not pay to feed the cows heavily just now it will most certainly pay in the long run. Keep the milk glands busy now and as soon as cool weather comes with perhaps some more moisture they will keep going on. We are of the opinion that just now the cows need more protein than at any other season of the year. This with plenty of roughness and some ground grain, oats or corn will keep the cows going nicely.

Poultry also will need special attention as this long hot dry spell of weather is trying on them. There seems just now to be a slump in egg production caused doubtless by the extreme weather. From our observation we are of the opinion that hens will moult much earlier this year than ordinarily. Indeed we have seen some flocks already shedding. If the roosts and premises are kept clean and sanitary and the roosts are not too hot the early moulting season will prove to be of unusual benefit to them and they will make up for egg production in the fall when probably they will be worth more money. If the premises are not clean, don't neglect to see that they are cleaned up at once. Clean premises have more to do with successful poultry enterprises than any other thing in connection with the business. Where poultry premises are clean and properly disinfected and kept that way no lice, mites or other insects will be found and a sick chicken is rare indeed. Clean premises beat any kind of medicine or dis-

infectant for healthy productive hens.

Some weeks ago we called attention to the fact that the Texas Homestead law ties up a large credit resource in our state. We looked for objections to our observations but so far we have not heard any. We again call attention of our readers to this matter. The central northern states who are now leaders in the dairy business mostly financed their operations by using the farm land as a credit basis. This could be done in Texas if the Homestead law were repealed. If this law was repealed it would open at once to thousands of farmers in Texas a credit resource that is not now available and would provide the way for thousands of farmers to buy cows, chickens and buildings, sheds and machinery with which to carry on the business. Of course this may seem out of place to some who have not yet studied the real character of the Texas Homestead law. The idea that a home is sacred to a widow woman and children and that this is thus secured by the homestead law is an error, for the very simple reason that with the death of her husband the widow came at one place a valid lien on what had been the homestead. This being true, it is plain that the law should be repealed and the farm land of the state be thrown open for credit resources, thus giving the farmers who own homesteads an opportunity to utilize the land and obtain loans sufficient to make improvements and to invest in better cows, better poultry, and by this investment add largely to his farm production. There is nothing of more importance just now as related to farm aid than that all lands should be made available for loan purposes. The greatest need among farmers is to obtain loans for investment in cows and poultry. The doing away with the homestead law would be one of the greatest steps we could take if we are to have more favorable conditions for the farmers.

We have not yet given up hope that we will have a Dairy Improvement Association here at no distant date. When our people get together in such an organization we will be in a position where we can carry out any kind of program we care to put on. We are getting some registered cows in this locality now, with more coming in, this is fine, but with an organization we can arrange to buy in larger quantities and hence can get better prices made on the cows we buy. It is possible also to go to localities where record herds are kept and thus we can get hold of some real to goodness merit producers. Another advantage of organization is that we would find ourselves in position to handle such problems as tests, or any other phase that comes up from time to time. When folks get organized they are sitting

on top of the world as far as looking after their products are concerned. We have suggested a number of reasons from time to time why we should be organized, every suggestion made having proved its solid value in many different localities and in many different parts of the United States. There can be no mistake in effecting such an organization and there is no question of its usefulness and service to the community in general and its members in particular.

In line with the above, we offer a recent editorial clipped from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram which explains itself and emphasizes the idea of the necessity of standardized products which is the fundamental idea of all organized efforts. Read this valuable suggestion and let us get together in a dairy improvement association and thus advance and protect our valuable produce interests.

THE FARM BUSINESS

That the farmers are backward in handling their products to advantage is undeniable. Too many of them think they have done everything that needs to be done in raising their goods. That is because they are not good business men. A prodigious quantity of their stuff goes to feed the cities, where display and quality sells goods. Imagine a city fruit stand with its stock in barrels and boxes. Where would its owner get without his appetizing display of delicious fruits?

The farmers bitterly complain of the "spread" between what he gets and what the consumer pays for his product. Here is an explanation for much of that spread. The city merchant takes a barrel of apples, for instance, sorts and polishes and displays the attractively, and retails them for twice what they cost him. "Standardization" has been urged on farmers with almost as much earnestness as "diversification." The two of them together will work a revolution in farming methods, particularly those of the South. Here in Texas we have an example. Texas fruits, berries and melons are the best in the world. Nowhere on the North American continent is there a fruit to compare with the Texas peach. Yet Texas fruits are crowded off the market by the fruits of California and Florida, which are vastly inferior in flavor. The reason is standardization—and nothing else.

Modern handling of vegetables and fruits requires uniformity—in selection, packing, grading, color, etc. It also requires dependability of supply. The California fruit growers learned this lesson early. The commission merchant knows that a California fruit or vegetable package is of the grade specified. Meanwhile Texas growers, bringing ungraded products to market or forced to be content with penalty prices, or to hawk their products from the curb.

This year Texas has produced a tremendous peach crop, due to a favorable Spring season. Many carloads of the fruit are being shipped out of the State, and are bringing good returns to some growers. But millions of bushels of peaches will never find a profitable market because of the lack of a marketing system which can be established only through year-in-and-year-out production along standardized lines.

The up-to-date farmer who grades his products and packs them attractively finds a ready market in any city or town. Butter and eggs sell better if a bit of merchandising knowledge is applied to their marketing. The same is true of every farm product, from goosefeathers to railroad ties.

A trip recently to Dublin showed us the advantage of terracing. The few fields that have been terraced along the roadway show the crops to be decidedly better than those in fields not terraced. An old saying is to the effect, "that the proof of the pudding is in the eating." If this is true the fields in this section that have been terraced most assuredly show that the terracing has paid abundantly so far. This is another suggestion that you get in contact with your county agent and have him run and stake your levels so that a little later you can throw up your banks and thus control the wash when the rains again come. We are hoping to see many fields terraced this fall, thus beginning a system of farm renewal all over this locality.

60 foot roadways are another necessity if we are to progress in permanent local road improvement. Give our commissioners abundant width or right away in which to grade a road bed of standard width, such grading will add much to the good character of the road, then if the time comes to put a coat of gravel there will be ample room at the side of the grade to protect the gravel and the permanency of the road is assured. Gravel on a narrow dump will not last any length of time, for the reason that there is no margin with which to protect it. The gravel simply slides off in the ditch and is wasted, while if there was a margin of 8 feet of dirt between the edge of the gravel and the ditch, it could not wash out in the ditch and be carried away by the wash. We are just now beginning to build local roads and to get the full benefit of the money now being spent for this purpose we should by all means direct our best thought to the permanent character of the roads being built. By all means let us make them standard width and on this foundation build for permanency.

Snyder—Gardening has flourished in Scurry county this year as a result of a garden contest among the home demonstration clubs, with 106 women and 75 girls taking part. In connection with the contest, Miss Jessie Lee Davis, home agent, has at least one demonstrator in each community canning according to the budget that will give the family plenty of fruits and vegetables in the right quantities for fall and winter.

WHAT'S DOING IN WESTERN TEXAS

The Lubbock Hilton a \$1,400,000. Structure is now up six stories. A five-story addition to Hotel Lubbock, totaling \$222,650 comes next in line. Brick work on this hotel is almost complete and the addition is expected to be complete during October.

San Angelo building permits for the year have already exceeded a million and a half dollars. The western Reserve Life Insurance Building, for \$185,000, the new Texas Theatre for \$135,000, the Baker-Hemphill building for \$121,000, and other buildings of like kind for similar prices are nearing completion.

An Amarillo farmer, J. R. Durrett uses an unique method to make his more than 7000 acre farm pay. Renters are allowed to keep cows, hogs, and chickens during the slack months for an income and are relieved of their care during harvest time on a profit sharing plan.

Decatur Baptist College, the property of the Baptists of the state is under the supervision of the Baptist General Convention, a junior college, correlated with Baylor University, and affiliated with the state department of Education. It is the oldest junior college west of the Mississippi river.

Seymour's growth and development over the last half century will be chronicled in the Half-Century Anniversary Number put out by O. C. Harrison, editor of the Baylor County Banner this month. Prosperous business concerns, permanent homes, progressive citizens and plenty of modern improvements are Seymour's.

Marfa is coming to the front as a western town with a western outlook on life. Sixty thousand dollars worth of paving, a white way, \$35,000 telephone system, her Highland Fair, grazing land, building program, marble quarry, quick silver mine, and other enterprises are getting her headlines in the daily papers.

Plainview, the home of Wayland College is a staunch supporter of the school. The school has enjoyed an unparalleled growth since it was founded by the Staked Plains Baptist Association in 1908. In 1917 it was recognized as a standard junior college and has kept that rank ever since.

Goree's first bale of cotton for the season was brought to town by W. C. Coon, who lives north of Goree across the Brazos river. The bale was ginned by the Goree Gin Company and bought by G. W. Moore for 18 cents per pound. A premium of \$27.75 was given Coon by business men.

Munday is the home of the boy who was awarded second place in the individual judging of dairy cows at the short course at College Station. He is Gilbert Myers, and competed with 153 entries. Tenth place in dairy judging and fifth place in poultry judging was won by the Knox County Club boys.

McLean's \$65,000 fire truck is now installed and ready for any emergency. The truck is of the pumper type and has a maximum capacity of 5000 gallons of water per minute delivered through the hose nozzle. It is powered by a heavy duty six-cylinder engine capable of making 45 miles per hour on runs.

Hereford has one hundred blocks of paved streets, a fine courthouse, built of Georgia marble, a modern \$30,000 city hall, the very best of fire fighting equipment, \$200,000 worth of churches, a population of 5,000, natural gas, modern telephone system, and a fine water system.

Abernathy is the home of Elton Beene, the youngest cornet champion in the United States. The boy is twelve years old and has played the cornet half his life. He is the son of C. W. Beene, band master at Abernathy.

CLUB GIRL SEES NO BAD LUCK IN THIRTEEN

Dallas—A 4-H club girl in Dallas county has sold \$63 worth of eggs and chicks from 13 Rhode Island Red hens in a little less than six months' time. She is Bertha Thompson of the Coppell home demonstration club.

Keeping them in houses built of scrap lumber and wire, she gathered an average of 95 eggs from each of these hens during this period. This was her demonstration flock, and from this and a small flock of English White Leghorns she has made a profit of \$78.73 this year. She is a junior in high school and plans to make enough from poultry to put her through college.

Thirty other club girls in this county are in the standard bred poultry business in demonstrations conducted in cooperation with Miss Ruth Clark, assistant home demonstration agent.

Childress' largest hatchery, the Scott and Welling, has increased its capacity from 32,000 chicks to 100,000 and a building is being prepared with facilities for hatching from five to ten thousand chicks at a time. Two or three men will be employed in the plant the year round.

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COTTON LEAF WORMS DO GREAT DAMAGE

College Station—Cotton leaf worms were present in greater or less degree the first of the month as far north as Williamson county, according to reports to R. R. Reppert, Extension Entomologist, who states that in most cases an immediate application of poison is needed. "Their further spread," he says, "will depend on natural conditions, including the occurrence of showers. It is possible that damage may be experienced as far as the Louisiana and Oklahoma borders by August 15th, and in the light of previous years' experience it is probable that infestations will occur not later than September 1st. We have an unverified report of leaf worms in the West, in Schleicher county.

Our recommendation for control is that calcium arsenate be applied, either in the dust or spray form." Mr. Reppert continues, "Dusting should be done at the rate of from three to five pounds per acre, according to the size of the cotton, and is best accomplished when the dew is on, although dusting is fully practical in the drier sections, and at mid-day, especially when the wind is not blowing.

"Many farmers have proved to their own satisfaction that spraying is more practical and where this is to be done the same material may be used in the proportion of two to three pounds of calcium arsenate to 50 gallons of water, keeping the mixture well agitated during application. Any spray machinery capable of breaking the liquid up into a mist will answer the purpose."

"Where calcium arsenate cannot be obtained, lead arsenate may be used in the same manner and proportions, but will be very expensive. Paris green is almost sure to prove injurious to the cotton and is not recommended as long as other materials can be obtained. Present information indicates that calcium arsenate is still available, though stocks are low.

"Many farmers, even when the poisons recommended above can be obtained, insist on making applications of stock dip or mixtures of white arsenic with sal soda, as well as other soluble arsenicals sometimes sold by insecticide companies. There is great danger of injury to cotton, even resulting sometimes in the complete ruin of the crop, by the application of these materials. They are not recommended by either the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station or the Extension Service."

Don't forget Dr. C. C. Baker, the dentist, is in his Hico office every Friday from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. Lady assistant. Office over the Ford sales. Phone 276.

PROFIT MADE ON WHITE LEGHORN PULLETS

San Antonio—After deducting for feed, mortality, and depreciation of stock, a net profit of \$5.89 for each of 40 home raised White Leghorn pullets has been made in eight months' time by Herbert Rittman, Bexar county 4-H club boy. Entering his flock in the third annual farm flock contest here, Herbert closely followed the instructions of Paul Cunyus, assistant county agent, as to feeding and housing and management. His flock averaged 73.6 percent production through this period ending June 30th, and the eggs were sold for an average of 39.9 cents per dozen. One year ago this young poultryman made a net profit of \$3.50 per bird from a flock of 100 Barred Rocks.

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John Golightly is now building a new bungalow home on their farm west of town. Mr. Golightly is a very prosperous farmer, who believes in building and repairing, which makes farming a pleasure.

wife out of the 6th story window?
—Yes, I did it without thinking.
—You should be more careful — it might have been dangerous if someone were passing along the sidewalk about that time.

—That's too bad that you broke that Chinese vase—but you didn't mean to do it I am sure.
Maid—I should say not, I just got through sweeping.

(To Prospective Maid)—and why did you quit your last place?
—Who is this speaking please?
—Well, I am not asking you why your last maid quit.

Father (at Museum)—Son that is the Statue of Minerva there.
—Son—and is that her husband there behind her?
—Father—No, son, she was the Goddess of Wisdom.

He—What would I have to give you to get one little kiss?
—She—Chloroform.

—You threw your Madam (to Maid)

Barnes & McCullough
HICO, TEXAS

Country Correspondence

By authorized correspondents of the News-Review in this vicinity

RURAL GROVE NEWS

Most everyone is busy getting ready to pick cotton.
Mrs. M. Shannon visited Mrs. W. C. Kilgo Sunday evening.
Several from this community have been attending the meeting at Iredell this week.
Those who visited R. W. Royal and family Wednesday and Thursday are of Ft. Worth; Mrs. Willingham, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Russell and of Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Patterson, of Union Hill; Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Royal and family, of Walnut Springs.
Rev. and Mrs. Nance and Edomom, Rev. Watson, Thelma Kilgo, of Iredell were pleasant visitors in the J. P. Montgomery home Sunday.
Miss Opal Webb has returned home from a visit in Oklahoma.

Falls Creek News

We are still having some dry, hot weather at present.
Cotton picking and corn gathering is the order of the day.
Mr. and Mrs. Sim Allen, of Waco are visiting Mr. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Allen this week.
Mr. Judson Cole spent Sunday with the Russell boys.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Slaughter spent Sunday with Mrs. Slaughter's mother, Mrs. John Smith.
Those present in the A. O. Allen home: Mrs. L. E. Powledge and family of near Hico, Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Gatesville.
Miss Francis Voiles spent Sunday with Hazel Russell.
Mrs. J. R. Griffiths visited a few days last week with her son, George Griffiths, of Hamilton.
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hall were in McGregor visiting her mother.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell and family and his mother, Mrs. Russell are in Schleicher County visiting relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. George Griffiths visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Griffiths.
Mr. Lee Roy Hatchcock was in the Charley Russell home Sunday.
Mrs. John Smith is on our sick list. Glad to say she is better at this writing.
Mr. M. L. Foust was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foust, Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Russell and daughter were in the John Smith home Sunday, also Miss Francis Voiles.
Our protracted meeting closed Sunday night at County Line Church, with no additions, but had some very fine sermons by Rev. Lester.

DUFFAU NEWS

The Methodist revival closed Sunday night, which was conducted by Rev. Bell of Abilene. Good interest and several additions to the church were made.
Miss Myrl Bell and her mother spent Monday with Mrs. Carley Trimble.
Miss Sybil of John Tarleton College, spent the week end with home-folks.
Mr. and Mrs. Shipman and children of Glen Rose, spent a few days in this community visiting relatives.
The well Mr. Lackey was having drilled on the gin lot has been completed and the drill has moved to Mr. McAnall's place.
Mrs. Halswell and children are visiting her parents in Eastland county.
Mrs. Eric Bell and Miss Myrl Bell spent the day Tuesday with Mrs. W. D. Jones.
Mrs. H. H. Ramake, Mrs. Lillian Burgen and Mrs. Hancock went to Fort Worth Tuesday to see Mrs. Ramake's sister, who is there in the sanitarium.
Mrs. Barnett, of Stephenville, visited in the H. H. Ramake home last week and attended the meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield of Fort Worth, were here visiting Tho Mayfield to attend the meeting, she being a sister of the Rev. Bell.

COUNTY LINE NEWS

Still wishing for rain. Several wells in this community have gone dry.
Johnnie Ragsdale who has been working at Luling, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ragsdale.
A large crowd enjoyed a party at the John Ogle home Saturday night.
Hot weather is still the old familiar cry.
Mrs. Jim Ragsdale and nephew, Ernest, visited in the C. W. Russell home Sunday.
D. Fellers and family visited in the John Ogle home Sunday.
Mrs. Luther Cole and Mrs. Jim Ragsdale visited Mrs. C. W. Malone Friday afternoon.
Miss Lois Ragsdale is with her aunt, Mrs. Mattie Hammit of Corsicana.

Growing interest in the production of pecans is indicated by the number of "pecan schools" being held. Brady, county seat of McCulloch, held a successful school in May, with experts giving instruction in pecan grafting and budding and putting on a demonstration of the work. J. F. Roseborough, A. & M. horticultural expert, who is devoting a lot of time to this work, was in charge.

Texas has 253 organized and one unorganized county—Loving.

YIELD OF COTTON IN TEXAS HAS DECLINED 27 PERCENT

Austin, Texas, Aug. 28.—Average yield of cotton in Texas has declined about 27 percent, or 49 pounds per acre during the last 30 years, and the average staple length of Texas cotton has declined about 1 1-16 inches to 7-8 inch, according to Dr. A. B. Cox, director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas and chairman of the Texas Cotton Committee. The Texas Cotton Committee has for one of its purposes the arousing of public interest in cotton raising and marketing, and it hopes to accomplish this more effectively through the analysis and presentation of the significant facts bearing on the problems of cotton production, marketing, consumption and their inter-relationship.

TIME SOON HERE TO PLANT SMALL GRAIN PASTURES

College Station—Pointing out that oats, barley, rye and wheat are all valuable winter pasture crops for livestock and poultry in most parts of Texas, as well as serving a very useful purpose as cover crops to hold available plant food in the soil, E. A. Miller, Extension Agronomist, suggests early sowing of these crops to get the most out of them. Experience has shown, he says, that small grains sowed by the middle of September furnish more grazing than crops seeded later.

MILK FLOWS WHERE SUDAN GRASS GROWS

Navasota—Twenty acres of Sudan grass pasture has been paying \$4.30 a day this summer to J. J. Johnson, dairy farmer of Lynn Grove community.
Until this year the production of his cows had slumped in the summer when the demand for sweet cream at the local ice cream factory was greatest. But this season his 40 cows increased their milk flow two gallons a day as soon as they were turned into the Sudan grass pasture, and in eight days had increased 25 gallons daily. The milk averages four percent and sells for 50 cents per pound butterfat, making the pasture yield \$4.30 per day, not counting the value of the skim milk. At the end of eleven days the grass was eaten down and the cows had to be removed for a few days to get another start. He intends to plant one acre of Sudan grass for every cow next year, the county agent reports.

Tulia—Putting pork on to seven

litters in the first 110 days of the ten litter contest at a feed cost of \$2.73 per hundred is the accomplishment of J. K. Adams, Swisher county club boy. It was done largely by running the pigs on alfalfa pasture and feeding a protein supplement. The litter weighed 1040 pounds at the end of this period and the feed cost of making this gain amounted to \$28.45.
The object of the contest is to demonstrate that good feeding management of well bred stock results in desirable market hogs at 150 days with substantial profits to the owner.

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Determine now to enter this contest and gain one of these well-earned winning awards. As a first step come in and get the explanatory booklet, "How to Safeguard Your Family's Health" with detailed rules and regulations.
But you must act at once. This contest is short and snappy. It closes September 30th. Come in today!



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Hico, Texas, Friday, August 30, 1929.

ONE FROM ANOTHERS PAGE (Waco Times-Herald) AMERICA PREFERRED

The radical American who compares our country and government with those of the Russians and prefers the red republic to our own should contemplate the number of automobiles owned in the two spacious countries. In America there is one car for each five inhabitants; in Russia the proportion is one to each 6980 inhabitants. In other words, the average American has 1369 chances to become the owner of a car where the average Russian has one.

Of course the mere ownership of an automobile is no positive proof of happiness and economic well-being. But the disparity between the number of American cars and Russian cars is symptomatic of a condition which touches and directs almost every phase of life in the two countries. Where the chance to own a car is so negligible the chance of owning anything else worth while is exceedingly poor. The bare necessities of life are obtained with serious difficulty where the purchasing power of a people is so amazingly poor.

America lacks much of being the Utopia of the dreamer, but it is a wonderful country for all that. Nowhere else on earth today are living conditions better, nowhere else are the necessities of life so easy to obtain nowhere else do so many people enjoy the luxuries of our modern times. Theorists may discuss the advantages of communism and the disadvantages of capitalism to their hearts' content, but the average American remains content with his present lot and refuses to exchange the certainties of American life for the empty fancies of the soviet land.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson and sons, Frank, Jr., and Woodrow, of Waco, and Claude Wilson, of Dallas, were here Sunday visiting old friends and taking their lunch near Old Hico, where they spent their childhood days. Mrs. Frank Wilson was formerly Miss Memmie Perkins, and was employed in the postoffice for several years.

Roscoe Purdom left the first of the week for Clarendon to accept a position as linotype operator in a newspaper office there.

Local and Personal News

PHONE 132 IF YOU VISIT OUT OF TOWN OR HAVE GUESTS

Miss Christine Fewell is in Killeen visiting her friend, Miss Alice Swope.

Mrs. L. C. Jameson and children were visitors in Clifton, Tuesday.

Pictures framed while you wait— Surprise Store.

Miss Mildred Hooker, of Stephenville, was here the first of the week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Barrow are visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Barrow, at Hamlin.

Jewell and Will Hobson, of Groesbeck, are here visiting their grandfather, J. G. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Grant, of Hackberry, La., are here visiting his father, J. A. Grant.

Mrs. W. H. Hooker has returned home from Fort Worth where she has been visiting her son.

Mrs. Susie Sloane and Miss Mary Gandy visited friends in Hamilton Sunday afternoon.

We buy and sell everything used in the home.—Surprise Store.

Hershell Williamson has gone to Waco, where he has employment. Mrs. Williamson and daughter will join him later.

Charlie Burkett, of Pecos, who is employed with the Texas-Louisiana Power Company, is here for a few days, recuperating from his recent illness.

Mrs. Birdie French has returned home from a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Pitt Pittman near Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Holliday, of Austin, are here on their vacation visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Ed Wollard and little daughter, Peggy Louise, are spending the week in Gatesville with relatives and attending the fair.

H. E. Hall, of Rush Springs, Okla., is here visiting his father, W. R. Hall, and his sisters, Mrs. Jim D. Wright and Mrs. Tyrus King.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Cole left this week for Arcadia, Louisiana, on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Cole's brother. Mr. Cole is one of the engineers at the Texas Louisiana Power plant.

Mrs. Katherine Sawyer left on the noon train Saturday for Wichita Falls, being called there account of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. N. S. Bishop.

Mr. Ray of Stamford, is here this week visiting Jim Crow and family of near Fairy. Mr. Ray states that he has fifty acres of cotton and will not get one bale out of the fifty acres.

Mrs. Louise Baldwin was a visitor in Stephenville Monday. Miss Urcie Homer, who has been here as guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Patterson, returned to her home at Stephenville, accompanying Mrs. Baldwin.

Mrs. W. F. Adams and friend, Mrs. S. V. Martin, of Coleman, were here this week visiting her mother and sister, Mrs. N. C. Agee and Miss Ollie of Hico. Mr. and Mrs. Nance of Coleman, came after them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Chandler and son, Pat, spent the first of the week in Waco, where Pat had his tonsils removed. Pat stood the operation fine and is doing nicely at this time.

Mrs. H. E. Anderson and little daughter, Jane, returned Sunday to their home at Oakland, Cal., after a pleasant visit here with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Bellville. Mr. and Mrs. Garland Tunnell and Mrs. Bellville accompanied them as far as Waco on their return.

New and used Furniture.—Surprise Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. McCullough and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Penn Blair and daughter, and Herbert Wolfe and children, spent the week-end at the Goldthwaite Lake fishing and swimming. They caught fish for the party while there, besides bringing a goodly number home.

Dining room suits and bedroom suits at the Surprise Store.

Roy Burleson returned home Saturday from points in Kansas, where he spent the past several months. He also went to Detroit, Mich., before his return home. He attended the University in Kansas and was employed a part of the time.

L. A. Powledge has returned home from points in Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Georgia. He stated that he was in all four of the states the same day. He enjoyed his old boyhood home.

KINDERGARTEN will open September 9 at my home. For details call Mrs. Carmean.

Miss Emma Dee Hall, who has been a student in the State University at Austin, is here for a short visit with her father, Dr. Chas. M. Hall, before going back to Austin the latter part of the month to again enter the University for the coming year.

The home of H. Gleason, which is located in the south part of town, was purchased by Herbert Wolfe this week, and the Gleason family are moving to their new home in New Mexico the first of next week. Mr. Wolfe, having sold his residence in the north part of town to his mother, will move his family into the Gleason home as soon as the necessary improvements can be made.

Miss Katherine Randals was hostess to a bridge party at her home Monday afternoon for Miss Mary Annette Gleason, who is leaving the first of the week for New Mexico to make her home. The rooms were decorated suitably for the occasion, and attractive tally pads and score cards were used. A salad course was served to the guests.

Those present were: Misses Doris Sellers, Laurel and Mildred Persons, Mildred Hooker, Mary Annette Gleason, Katherine Smith, Jeannette Randals and Pauline Driskell.

Clocks, watches, guns musical instruments.—Surprise Store.

The Graham Chamber of Commerce has started issuing a bulletin every month carrying details of the work done by the body. Civic improvements, service library, the fair, the stock law, advertising, airways, airport opening, highways, the membership drive and paving were topics covered this month.

Spur has changed the position of its White Way. The light posts until recently were in the center of the street, but are now shedding their light from the curb. This expensive move was found necessary because the posts were a hindrance to traffic.

Mart—Serving trays of veneer bottom and reed sides and handles, large enough to hold a pitcher, and eight glasses, have been made by 36 McLennan county women following a demonstration by Miss Mayme Lou Parr, home demonstration agent, at a short course held here recently. Materials have been ordered for making 50 more of these artistic and inexpensive trays.

The Medicine For Pelegra

Dr. J. L. Leverett, prominent Paris, Texas, Specialist, is attracting National attention with his NEW method of treating Pellagra and certain forms of stomach trouble closely resembling Pellagra. Under a rigid test of more than 3000 patients the treatment proved to be all that was claimed. A 25 day trial treatment for \$5 and this money back if the patient is not benefited and the patient alone is the judge. The medicine doesn't make you sick to take it. For particulars, testimonials and blank for FREE diagnosis write J. L. LEVERETT, M. D., Paris, Tex.

Mrs. R. B. McRee and daughter, Miss Lillian, of Trent, and Miss Nella Stone, of Cameron, were here Thursday evening, guests of Mrs. Susie Sloane.

Don't forget Dr. C. C. Baker, the dentist, is in his Hico office every Friday from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. Lady assistant. Office over the Ford sales. Phone 276.

For the lowest subscription rates on the Dallas Morning News and Dallas Journal, see J. C. Huchingson in Postoffice Building.

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Mrs. Odie Mingus and daughters and Mrs. Emmy Barnes, of Dallas, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mingus and daughter, Miss Charlotte.

NOTICE!

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It has come to our knowledge that certain parties have been circulating a report to the effect that our marriage was not voluntary. We take this opportunity to state that such reports are absolutely false. We married because we loved each other from our first meeting. My wife's character was pure and spotless, as anybody may go to Roscoe where she was reared and investigate. We invite investigation.—Signed, Dr. S. W. Pruitt.

COTTON CROP'S CONDITION IN TEXAS SPOTTED

Washington, Aug. 28.—Weather conditions during the past week were unfavorable for cotton over large parts of the belt, especially in the West, where conditions continue hot and dry, it was announced today by the Department of Agriculture in its weekly report.

The cotton crop made good progress in the extreme western and parts of northwestern Texas, but elsewhere in that state it mostly deteriorated, with considerable shedding and premature opening and complaints of small imperfect bolls. The general condition is spotted, ranging from very poor to very good.

Deterioration continued also in Oklahoma, where the drought was unrelieved and intensified by high temperatures. Plants are wilting during the day with much shedding and premature opening in the drier areas. In Arkansas, progress was mostly good to excellent, except in some western central and southern localities, where it is poor because of the long drought. Unfavorable conditions persist in Northern Louisiana.

Progress varied considerably in the eastern belt. In the south some local areas were too wet, with further complaints of shedding while droughty conditions continued in some interior sections, more notably in Northern Georgia.

Conditions continued favorable in

SINGLE TEXAS PRISON PLAN IS FAVORED

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Plans for a single penitentiary large enough to house all prisoners now scattered through Texas' decentralized system has grown in the minds of members of the Texas prison centralization committee since they have inspected the finest prison systems developed in the Southwest and the North.

W. E. Paddock, chairman of the Texas commission, declared Tuesday after visiting the huge new Illinois penitentiary at Stateville, Ill., that decentralization has been the cause of inefficiency in the Texas penal system. The commission, he said, had collected sufficient data for a complete revision of the Texas system on modern lines.

The delegation planned to visit three state institutions in Illinois Wednesday, before turning toward Texas to prepare a report.

Comanche's insurance key rate has been reduced 4 cents with the installation of the new pumper. This brings the key rate down to 40 cents. This will allow mercantile establishments to carry full value insurance instead of three-fourths as heretofore.

Frank Aiton left the latter part of last week for San Angelo, where he is employed on a newspaper.

Advertisement for Hico Ice & Cold Storage Co. featuring an illustration of a man and a woman eating ice cream. Text: 'EVERYONE LIKES ICE CREAM FLAVORS. We manufacture that Good Velvet Ice Cream—by using Velvet Ice Cream you are stabilizing your local market. Hico Ice & Cold Storage Co.'

Large advertisement for G. M. Carlton Bros. & Co. 'At Carlton's Saturday Aug. 31st. A very Special Showing of New Merchandise—every Department is having a Special Showing Saturday. You are cordially invited to come to see us—see the new coats—new dresses—new hats—new shoes—new silks—new velvets. See the new, while they are new. Special Offer. A WONDERFUL PURCHASE of WASH DRESSES Make it possible for us to offer you for SATURDAY a Real Honest to Goodness Bargain—if you see these you will buy them. For Sat. 98c. G. M. Carlton Bros. & Co. 'The People's Store'

Advertisement for A&P grocery store. 'Quality, Cleanliness and Low Prices. Have made the A&P stores popular shopping centers for the Texas housewives.' Lists prices for oranges, lemons, green beans, Idaho white potatoes, potted meat, penick's syrup, karo syrup, iona corn, Quaker Maid beans, Encore Macaroni or Spaghetti, Van Camp's Tomato Soup, All kinds N. B. C. 5c Package Cookies, Bulk Rice, Calumet Baking Powder, Fresh Bulk Peanut Butter, Rich Creamy Cheese.

COMANCHE COUNTY'S OLDEST WOMAN SAYS THAT MEN ARE WORSE

(Comanche Chief) Mrs. Mary Rogers, 95 years old, who not only enjoys the distinction of being the oldest person in Comanche, but belongs to the select few who were born in Texas, when it was still a Mexican province.

several years and had four children. Joe had always been an expert at driving oxen and as soon as war was declared he was called into service to handle teams and oxen and I never saw him for several years.

GORDON NEWS

Frankie Dawson and family, Mrs. Wick Simpson and Mrs. Bud Smith spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Smith.

FRIDAY NIGHT - SAT. Matinee

"The Million Dollar Collar" - "Featuring RIN TIN TIN FOX NEWS SAT. NIGHT (Two Shows) Tom Tyler - "THE AVENGING RIDER" A Western Picture Comedy "OLE GREY HORSE"

PALACE THEATRE

"The Home of Good Pictures" This is Paramount Week Monday-Tuesday George Bancroft and Nancy Carroll - "WOLF OF WALL STREET" FOX NEWS Wednesday and Thursday William Powell and Louise Brooks - "THE CANARY MURDER CASE"

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the border districts." This question should be given the most careful consideration and should be decided on its merits, the justice of the case and the needs of American industry and agriculture.

SARGON PROVED TRUE BLESSING "Sargon has done more for me in a few weeks than all the other medicines I took put together during the ten years I suffered."

Methodist Church Sunday School, 9:45 A. M., J. C. Barrow, superintendent. Monthly Communion Service, 11 A. M., also Orphan's Service.

Baptist Church Sunday morning every Sunday school officer and teacher is expected to be present with full classes. At 11 A. M. all the Sunday school officers of the church are expected to be present for installation into their offices.

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Ginger Ella

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CHAPTER II

It was a pleasant house, the old brown Methodist parsonage at Red Thrush, Iowa. While it was old in point of years, it was not called the old parsonage for its age, but because a new one was in production. It is true that it boasted all modern improvements, but they were improvements so obviously added to cater to a progressive generation that they



It Was a Pleasant House, the Old Brown Methodist Parsonage at Red Thrush, Iowa.

fitted but inharmoniously into its general contour. The bathroom had been painstakingly installed in a corner bedroom. Electricity had been wired in, at as little expense as possible. A furnace had been introduced into a cellar room, and at that time, to facilitate the piping, the partition between parlor and sitting room had been removed to make one large living room, in strict conformity with the style.

It was the living room which boasted the second charm of the old house. In the form of a circular staircase rising grandly from the back of the room. Perhaps, in the most technical phraseology, it was not altogether a circular staircase, but it curved gracefully upward, and gave the same effect. The girls loved it.

But where the old parsonage was merely of a drab pleasantness, the new one was to be a model of modern architecture. It was to have electric refrigeration—a parsonage! Only five houses in Red Thrush had electric refrigeration—the new parsonage would be the sixth.

In the true sense of the "Discipline," the old parsonage was no parsonage at all. It was merely a house, owned by a member, and rented to the church for its pastoral use for ten dollars a month. The Methodist church had thrust its small spire above the surrounding maples when there were more than a dozen houses in the township, a staunch little testimony to the indefatigable determination of early Methodism. The building itself had not been much in its best days, and was nothing at all in these, its worst ones. As anything but a church it would have been abandoned for practical purposes years ago.

It was the growing realization—and it takes a church group many years to grow up to this realization—of the absolute need for more ample accommodations that brought Mr. Tolliver to Red Thrush. The district superintendent had been asked to pick out a "hustler" to put the new church over on the congregation. Mr. Tolliver was known as a hustler, and so he came with his four daughters to the shabby brown parsonage in the maple grove beside the old brown church.

It was the nervous strain of over-work attendant upon hustling the new church into Red Thrush that finally resulted in a nervous reaction and physical wearing down which led at last to temporary blindness, a cloud over his eyes, a thick mist fogging his vision. Rest, the specialists in Chicago said he needed, good food, good air, a general building-up. The eyes would be all right, when he was all right. And so his eyes were carefully bandaged from even the faintest light, to insure complete relaxation and freedom from strain, but his entire system must gain strength in order to feed strength to the weakened members. His body must rest. His mind must rest. His eyes must rest. His spirit must rest.

a few weeks, by the first of September at latest, it would be ready for its formal opening. The new parsonage existed in blue print. After all, a few months of blindness was a small price to pay for this achievement.

Freedom from worry, the doctors promised, complete rest and mental ease would soon restore his sight, and Mr. Tolliver, although greatly handicapped in his work, did not worry as to the final outcome. True, upon his first visit to the doctors, some three months previous, they had thought a month's time would be amply sufficient for his recovery, and at the end of the month the mist was still dark upon him. Another month, and still the mist. He should have returned some days ago for a third examination and treatment, but the financial situation in the parsonage was such as to render this impossible. He told himself there was no hurry, he would go soon. For what with the travel, and hotel expenses, and medical treatments, the burden of his misfortune was more financial than physical.

But all this was only for a short time. When the new church was a fact accomplished, he felt it would be easier for his ardent spirit to find the rest that would mean restoration for his eyes. He felt no sort of resentment for his affliction. He got on very well. The girls were good, they helped him greatly. The members were patient, full of sympathy, because they loved him. He knew his Bible from cover to cover, and his every thought was centered upon his work, so that his sermons did not deteriorate. Just a little rest, freedom from killing worry. If only there were more money!

If the girls felt anxiety on his account, bravely they gave no sign. A hundred dollars a month is not a great deal of money on which to support a family and maintain three daughters in school. And Mr. Tolliver had never relinquished his old custom of tithing—a tenth of his mite for the Lord. If sometimes the girls felt that ten dollars a month could better be spared from the church than from the parsonage, that the Lord in His affluence might better be deprived than the pastor in his poverty, they did not complain. Ellen thought about it, of course, for she was turbulent, given to turbulent thoughts. It was her birth which had cost the home its mother. Perhaps it was sorry knowledge of what she had cost the family that stirred her to a great eagerness to do something for them, that determined her to carry life before her with a high and triumphant hand. Perhaps it was only her youth, for she was not yet seventeen. It was for this turbulence of hers that she was known as Ginger Ella.

Helen, who was twenty-three years old, after two years of training at the normal school, had served for two years as a teacher in a neighboring town. Her small check coming into the parsonage every month had meant something almost akin to richness, until the unaccustomed expense of medical treatments had made such voracious demands upon them. Now the twins also were ready to go into the normal school for training in the fall. Ginger felt that it was a real extravagance on the part of the family to assume the expense of educating Marjory to teach school. That money might better be saved. Marjory was beautiful. The obvious end of beauty is marriage to great fortune. From her earliest childhood, in her queer, small heart, Ginger Ella had sacredly dedicated her beautiful sister to that high estate. She would enrich the family by marriage.

In her inexperienced youth, Ginger divided all men broadly into three general groups—regular men, romantic figures and base pretenders. Regular men were like her father, settled, urbane, and immune to sex. Like Eddy Jackson, Ginger called him a regular. Eddy Jackson had been one of their first friends when the Tollivers came to Red Thrush. He was a farmer. Not that Ginger called what Eddy Jackson did farming. The neighbors did not call it that, either. Ginger Ella called it playing. They called it kid-gloving. Eddy Jackson was an agriculturist, an experimentalist. He was of the new school, one of those who studies the land as a mechanic studies his tools. The neighbors laughed at what they called his high-dinkuses—but the fact that he made, in spot cash, every year, nearly twice as much money as they did from the same amount of land, gave him a certain authority among them. They said he was lucky, but they went to him for advice.

There was a long low building on his farm which Ginger called the "shed." Eddy Jackson called it the "garage." He had there, with microscopes and curious tubes and a funny little box of sand and soil,

Eddy Jackson did strange things, with soil, with seeds and sprouts. Often, during the summer, young men, students from the state universities, came and stayed at the farm—which Eddy called Pay Dirt—and hobbled about with him fraternally. But when Eddy told them to do anything, they obeyed as if they were servants. And so they were. But not the servants of Eddy Jackson—servants of the soil, of the state, the great farming state of Iowa.

So Eddy Jackson, for all his youth and his sometimes flippant way of dealing with serious subjects, fitted into Ginger's classification as regular—just like her father. He never waxed sentimental. He never succumbed to what she bitterly termed "pawing." He went about with Helen until Professor Langley attained the heights of monopoly in her time as well as her affection, and then he obligingly transferred his attentions to the twins, taking them interchangeably according to the occasion, or both together, and sometimes, although she always protested, Ginger herself.

Eddy did not talk nonsense. He never stopped the car to leap out and pluck a wild rose to present with a flattering word, a soft look, and a sly touching of fingers. He did not quote poetry. He did not sing. He just strolled blithely in with an offering of fruit from the farm, fresh vegetables, or a chicken ready for broiling, and announced that he would like company for a ride. Regular. Just like father. That was Eddy Jackson.

Ginger took her responsibilities to the family with a great deal of solemnity. If only she could hold them in line, the twins, that is, for Helen was now irrevocably lost to her sisterly schemes. Still, even Ginger found some grounds of justification for Helen. She was getting old—nearly twenty-three. And Helen was an even-tempered, unexcitable, unromantic type. Perhaps after all it was just as well.

She regretted that they could not afford money enough to adorn Marjory's beauty in a fitting manner. Ginger was not very patient. And it did seem hard to wait, and keep on waiting, for Marjory's hour of triumph at the side of the romantic figure dispensing countless millions in charitable enterprise—and looking well after the Tollivers, also.

In the meantime, Ginger quite burned to do something on her own account. It was not that she had not tried. What, indeed, had she not tried? She had bought, from her personal allowance, at low rates, copies of Sunday editions of all the Chicago papers, for the sake of the advertising sections. Column after column she had studied, and after she had answered. But these, although in type they seemed to promise such lavishness of reward, turned out most disappointingly. The one about advertising envelopes for instance, in the advertisement it had seemed a rosy road to fortune, home work, quiet, easy. And Ginger had to try it before she realized how very, very long it took to address a thousand envelopes, and how very, very little remuneration was sixty cents for this expenditure of time and ink.

The plain sewing had turned out to be the complete manufacture of overalls at fourteen cents apiece, and Ginger ruined three of them and was obliged to pay for the material before she would confess herself beaten. One magazine's private road to fortune, she discovered, proved to be via the taking of subscriptions, and this was not just the thing for a minister's daughter in a small town, where parishioners felt obliged to do whatever the minister's daughter asked, and then were aggrieved at her for asking.

Very nearly had Ginger become a raiser of gin-seng. She had read a simply thrilling account of how one could take an absolutely negligible amount of gin-seng seed, and set it out in a small shady corner of the garden, where in practically no time at all the produce would attain a market value almost unbelievable. She had written, feverishly, for the promised details, and while awaiting their receipt, unwilling to allow one unnecessary moment to elapse between her effort and the market value, she went to work on the shadiest spot in the garden. She dug, she hoed, she raked. And long before the details arrived in Red Thrush, her garden spot was ready, and subjected to most inquisitive and ironical comments from her sisters, who teasingly wondered if she had prepared the soil for manna from Heaven.

When the letter of details at last arrived she carried it, in quivering expectancy, to her attic studio, her sanctuary, only to find that there was an original outlay—for seed, for especially prepared soil rich in humus, potash and phosphoric acid, for particularly recommended lath frames to supply artificial shade. The entire expenditure amounted to not more than forty dollars, from which, within an amazingly short time, according to the printed matter, but what to Ginger was not less than a five-year eternity, a fortune was guaranteed.

Ginger reluctantly sowed flowers in the garden spot, and hid in a fresh supply of Sunday papers. In her pursuit of profitable exercise, she was an insatiate. Although she chafed at her inability to turn effort into cash, she did not despair. As long as the Chicago papers continued to hold out rose-colored inducements, so long would Ellen Tolliver, called Ginger Ella, follow the rainbow trail.

Horace, by the unwritten law of a family of sisters, Miriam, Ginger, and their father sat on the veranda. They were thrilled and expectant. They must wait—wait for the wealth of prizes—wait for Marjory shining, rapt, triumphant—for fifty dollars in gold.

"Oh, father," cried Miriam suddenly, "if we are just sitting here—waiting for it—and she should not get it—she will feel bad—about disappointing us—"

Breathless with the horrid fear of this embarrassing truth, they rose simultaneously and hastened upstairs, crowding upon each other.

"As if we care whether she gets it or not," said Ginger stoutly.

Mr. Tolliver, with the courage of his conviction, went instantly to bed. Not for worlds would he confuse a daughter of his with the thought that he expected her to bring him money by her loveliness. But the two girls, however much they might wish to spare their sister's feelings, could not entirely sacrifice their own. They must see her—they must—must catch the first thrill of her voice—feel the first touch of her quivering fingers.

They took off their shoes, making pretense, and thrust their feet into their shabby old mules. This was to prove that they were utterly indifferent to the outcome, practically in bed and asleep. Then they sat on the bed and waited a while. It seemed a long time to them.

"She won't be here for hours and hours," mourned Miriam.

"But if we go to bed we may fall asleep," protested Ginger. "And she would come home in whispers, and it would be morning before we knew what had happened."

This was too hopelessly awful even to consider. They stared at each other disconsolately.

Sheer desperation finally drove them up the corridor, beyond the twins' room, to the one which Ginger shared with Helen. Helen, in spite of the excitement attendant upon the beauty pageant, had been putting some last tender touches to her wedding gown, and had left it carefully spread out across her bed.

"So slinky," cooed Ginger.

"Real lace," exclaimed Miriam.

"If only it were the prince of Wales instead of Horace Langley."

"But Helen loves Horace."

"So dumb of her."

They lapsed into moody silence. Ginger broke it at last. "It's not that I'm altogether opposed to marriage, you know. But people should marry somebody that is somebody, if they're going to marry at all. You must admit that it is silly of Helen to marry a common school teacher who doesn't earn a cent more than father does. She's not gaining a thing by it, not a thing. She's giving up a rollicking good time with us just to shut herself up alone with one mathematical man. You have to admit it's dumb."

"Money doesn't make happiness."

"No. But it keeps it from starving."

In absolute depths of desperation, although the slightest touch upon the shimmery whiteness of the gown was strictly prohibited, Ginger lifted it up, carefully, and held it against her own slight figure, smiling at her reflection in the mirror.

"Oh, beautiful," she sighed rapturously. "It would be almost worth attaching a husband just to get to wear it. Miriam, listen. There isn't a thing to do—she won't be home for hours and hours—and she won't come up while he's there! I'm going to try it on."

Miriam's start was one of abject horror—but she listened, frowning. And she showed interest. Still arguing against it, she held the gown carelessly high from the floor, while Ginger slipped out of her modest little frock and into its silken slip. Giggling ecstatically, nervously, both girls held their breath as Miriam lifted the soft folds over Ginger's sleek little head.

Ginger posed with great dignity before the mirror, practicing a slow bridal step.

"Oh, Ginger, it is lovely. Why, really, you're quite pretty."

Ginger paraded back and forth before her mirrored reflection in a complete ravishment of delight. "How sumptuous—I mean, scrumptious," she exclaimed. "How dignified I am! Why, I look as old as Helen. Oh, I wish we had a veil." Her face fell disappointingly.

removed one of the long thin curtains from the rod, and shook it carefully out the window to remove the dust. Then, with a nice regard for effectiveness, she attached it by pins to the wreath in Ginger's hair. Ginger trembled with delight.

"Oh, Miriam—honestly—I'd marry him myself. Think of walking into church like this."

"You must walk slowly and look very sad. Brides always look sad. To keep from laughing, I suppose."

"Can't I have your white slippers, Miriam?" Ginger cast a disapproving look at her clumsy old mules. Mercy! What—on—earth—"

Sudden discordant clamor pierced the stillness of the night, and brought a sudden pause to their mischief. Ginger stopped in her peacock pluming, and tilted her small head under the creamy flowers and the filmy curtain, listening intently. Downstairs, Helen and Horace also heard the unaccustomed uproar, and went to the front window to investigate. Mr. Tolliver heard it, and sat up in bed, wondering, regretting his helplessness in his own home. But his life with four gay daughters had accustomed him to accept strange experiences without much question, and he subsided quietly.

The mad medley of noises presently detached itself into distinct and recognizable consonants. There was an overtone of excited girlish laughter, a chorus of admiring bass.

"Marjory!"

The big car careened dizzily up to the end of the flagstone path, and figures, many figures, disentangled themselves from running boards, fenders and hood. The dark shadow of them surged across the lawn, and standing out against it, laughing, pale silk, dull gold, with cream-white face and arms glimmering in the moonlight, was Marjory. She was smiling, had fallen to sudden silence, only the twanging discordancy of the ukulele proclaimed her triumphant return.

"Oh, Margie," cried Helen, as she ran to the door to greet her. "How wonderful! How lovely!"

Like moonlight Marjory tripped into the dull old house, with her shadowy train of admirers—glimmering moonlight.

In her arms were roses, heaps of roses, soft-petaled and fragrant. Marjory's face was flushed, her eyes were twin stars, her red lips tremulous with sheer delight. Eddy Jackson bore trophies of her conquest, a great loving cup, pieces of silk and lace, shimmering silver, golden chains. But in her own hand Marjory held a small purple box that bore the prize, fifty dollars in gold.

"It was—unanimous," she stammered, with shy pride.

The two evildoers above, rapt, speechless and spellbound, had forgotten their mischief as they crept to the stairs, noiseless, without breathing hearing every word—sharing every heartbeat, softly, softly, down the top step, the next and the next, nearer

and nearer, irresistibly drawn by the currents of joy that surged through the shabby parsonage.

Helen kissed her sister rapturously and Horace Langley, flinging pedagogical dignity to the winds, clasped her in a bolsterous embrace.

"This is my sister Helen—and Professor Langley. Helen, this is—everybody." Marjory introduced, almost incoherently. "Where are the girls? Where's father?"

"Angels," cried Eddy Jackson, gazing suddenly up to the curve of the circular staircase. "Or are the goddesses coming down from Olympus to gaze upon, and envy, Beauty?" He pointed dramatically to the stairs where Ginger Ella, with Miriam fast on her heels, crouched in quivering excitement, the wedding gown forgotten, forgotten, too, the veiling curtain, the canvas gloves, the flappy mules.

"Ginger—run!" cried Miriam, in weakening realization.

But Ginger, trapped, was not one to fly before confusion. She proceeded calmly down the stairs, even strutting a little.

"I didn't hurt it a bit, Helen," she reassured her sister. "It's—oh, just a—rehearsal."

"Why, it's little Cinderella—just got a fall from her pumpkin," chortled Eddy Jackson, and a ukulele caught its cue and whined into the wedding march.

But Ginger turned away from them, scornfully, a bit too scornfully, for one of the flapping mules, too large for her, slid from her slender foot. Clat-

ter, as she slipped, in sudden consternation, hesitated for the barest fraction of a second. It was too long. Eddy Jackson saw and seized it, and ran to kneel mockingly at her unslipped-foot.

"Cinderella, the prince returns your glass slipper."

In the midst of their merry laughter, the ukulele's sudden hush silenced them.

"See here, somebody ought to introduce me," protested the player, plaintively. "You forget I'm a stranger—I wasn't even invited." His eyes wandered to the bottom step of the circular staircase where Miriam sat just as she had dropped in that first shocking moment, still, rapt and breathless.

"Oh, I forgot," apologized Eddy Jackson. "Everybody's supposed to know everybody in Red Thrush. This is our old friend Tub Andrews. He went to school with us when he was a kid, but they moved to Detroit, and now he's come back to help run the First National bank. Janitor, aren't you, Tub?"

"Assistant janitor," said Tub Andrews pleasantly. "But next week they are going to promote me to stamp-licker. Pleased to meet you." He dropped down on the step beside Miriam. "Why didn't you go into the beauty pageant and give your sister a run for her complexion?"

"I?" Miriam was shocked with amazement. "She!"

"Sure. I was one of the judges. Your sister had it easy, the way it was. But if you had been against her—well—me—I'm one gentleman who don't."

"Don't what?" Miriam followed the jovial young banker with some difficulty, but with interest.

"Prefer 'em." He indicated the golden Marjory with a light wave of his ukulele. "They freckle on the nose, and peel on the neck, and go dark in streaks—their hair does. I'm a blonde myself. I know all about 'em."

"I'm going to turn you all out now," called Marjory, with a smile that took the sting from her light dismissal. "I want to go upstairs and see my father and all my sisters have to come along. You've been perfectly marvelous to me—Eddy, you're an angel—"

"I know it," he agreed, briskly. "With much laughter, many light sallies, a hundred gay words, the happy group dispersed slowly.

"I'll come and take you for a ride tomorrow," said Tub Andrews to Miriam. "If you have not objection to flivers."

"I haven't. I like them."

"I don't. I only drive them. About eight, then."

And then, breathlessly, with Ginger still in the forbidden gown and the ridiculous curtain, the four girls ran upstairs into their father's room and flung themselves upon his bed, where he sat erect, waiting, knowing they would come to him. Marjory dropped on her knees beside the bed, and buried her bright face in his shoulders laughing, with tears in the laughter.

"Father—I got it. It was unanimous."

"I had a sort of a vague idea maybe you got it," he said, teasingly, but with tender warmth, transferring her from his shoulder to the curve of his arm, where he held her closely. "It just seemed to me there couldn't possibly be such a ricket without some prize to show for it."

"Father, give me your hand."

Into the outstretched palm she pressed five small round pieces, gold fifty dollars in all, and curled his fingers tightly upon the treasure.

"Oh, my dear—" he began protestingly.

"Father, don't say a word. Why Providence put on that beauty pageant—to give us the money for you to go to Chicago again. Oh, father, we knew you were just putting it off because you couldn't afford it! And now you can. For your eyes, darling."

The silence that followed was as slight as to be barely noticeable, and his voice was only slightly husky as he said:

"You're a nice girl, Marjory. And you are quite right—the eyes need cure, and I hadn't the money. It is a joy to take it from you—one of my girls. You're more than good looking Marjory, you're just plain nice. You're all nice. I wish they'd offer four prizes the next time—the proceeds would run the parsonage for a year."

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

BOLL WEEVIL SITUATION LEFT TO THE FARMER

College Station—Commenting on the cotton boll weevil situation, R. R. Roppert, Extension Entomologist, has this to say: "The situation as regards the stage of growth of the cotton crop and the presence of numerous insects is abnormal. Ordinarily we would advise that attempt at the control of the boll weevil this late in the season would be impractical, but with much of the acreage at this time devoid of any maturing bolls, it must be left to the judgment of the farmer as to whether he can afford yet to apply control measures. It will be very difficult to reduce boll weevil numbers to the point where a crop may be set in cases where practically all squares are now being punctured. But if farmers are determined to position at intervals of four or five days and have the machinery available, it may yet be practical to make application of calcium arsenate in dust form. Five pounds per acre is used and application made while the dew is on."

Preliminary plans are reported under way for piping Texas natural gas to Chicago, indicating the belief on the part of the promoters that the Panhandle gas supply is ample for many years.

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NEWS FROM IREDELL COMMUNITY

By MISS STELLA JONES

Mrs. Sam Henderson and daughter, Francis, of Mathis returned to their home Friday after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Phillips.

Mrs. Augus French, Mr. and Mrs. Scales and Allen Dawson were in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. "Si" Davis have moved to the residence that was vacated by Mr. Jacob and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Williams, of Meadors, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tidwell here this week.

Mr. Charlie Tidwell, of the Rio Grande Valley visited his brother, Mr. Tom Tidwell here this week.

Mrs. W. V. Jones and son, Jack, and two other boys, of Ft. Worth were visitors here Wednesday. They were camped in Glen Rose.

Mr. Loughlin and family are in Meridian making mattresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellah and son, of Fort Worth visited her brother, Mr. R. Y. Patterson here this week.

Mrs. Golden, of Meridian visited her sister, Mrs. M. G. Hurt this week.

Mrs. Charlie Mitchell was taken suddenly ill Tuesday afternoon and was taken to the sanitarium at Stephenville. Some of her folks went with her but returned home. Her friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

J. C. Buffalo of Oklahoma, is visiting his nephew, Mr. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prater and children spent the week end with relatives close to Hillsboro. While there they had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Brockett, a former pastor preach.

Mrs. Clara Richard, Misses Laurain Tidwell, Opal and Vera Laurence, Dorothy Carness, Maxident Sadler returned Friday from Denton where they have been attending summer school. Miss Eugenia Pike also returned from Clifton Saturday, where she has been attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Golden of De Leon, spent the week end here with relatives.

Miss Gertrude Paramore, who has been ill for sometime, was taken to

Hamilton Sunday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pike and two children, Miss Valla and Gene and his mother, Mrs. Jabe Pike, of Shamrock, spent the week end here. They were enroute to Temple to put their daughter, Miss Valla, in the sanitarium, where she will take training to be a nurse.

Tom Bryan returned home Friday from Vernon.

Mrs. John D. Cox, who has been ill for sometime, has recovered enough so as to go home with her daughter, Mrs. Wintz of Meridian. She went Sunday and will be there for sometime.

Horace Sanders has leased the blacksmith shop from Mr. Heyroth till a year from next January.

Mrs. Hanshaw, who has been ill for sometime, is improving and will soon be well of which her friends are glad to know.

John A. Hammond of Colorado City, visited his sister, Mrs. M. G. Hurt this week. Mrs. Hurt has been ill for sometime and is not improved much.

Mrs. W. H. Loader received word that her brother, Oley Youngblood, had recently married at Hart, Texas. The bridegroom is well known here and has many friends who wish for him and his happy bride much happiness and may every blessing God can give bring peace to them while they live.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Worrrell and two children returned Friday from a visit of 10 days in the west where they have been visiting among relatives, while they also visited on the Plains. They report the crops no better there than they are here, and in some places not so good. In some of the fields the feed has fallen down and some said it will take 10 acres to make a bale of cotton. In Lamesa everything looks good, as they have had rains there. In Lamesa they found plenty of watermelons, peaches, peas and roasting ears. These good things were at H. W. Worrrells, a brother of Mr. Worrrell. He lives 10 miles north of Roscos. His farm is on the sand and all places are not like his place.

Miss Katie Locker is suffering from the effect of a nail piercing her foot. It isn't very bad and she is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Kemp and four children of McCauley, came in Friday to visit her uncle, John Caldwell and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tidwell and children of near Hico, have moved here and are living in the A. L. Harris house on the north side, that was vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Odie Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lott and children of Dallas, spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cavness and daughter, Miss Clarice Joyce, of San Marcos, spent the week end here. Miss Dorothy Carness, his niece, accompanied them home for a visit.

Mrs. Charlie Mitchell, who is in the Stephenville sanitarium, is reported to be some better. Her mother, Mrs. Phillips, and others were to see her Sunday.

Guy Main is very low at this writing. He isn't expected to live through the day.

Arch Parks, a prosperous farmer, has sold between \$600 and \$700 worth of melons which are fine. He says they are getting a little scarce now.

Mrs. Wilhelm is visiting a sister in law in Clifton who is ill.

The Methodist revival closed here Sunday evening. The preaching was done by Rev. Watkins of Cooleidge, which was fine and no doubt did much good. There were three conversions and two additions to the church. Very good crowds in the day time and larger crowds at the evening services. A nice donation of something over a \$100 was taken for the Rev. Watkins. The church and some

of the good Baptist people voted for our pastor and family to take a vacation and a nice collection was made up for them. They left Wednesday morning for Carlsbad, Mexico and will go to Colorado Springs. They expect to be gone about ten days.

Rev. Watkins, while here, made friends wherever he went. He is a fine preacher and we hope he will come again. We want to thank the good Baptist people for their cooperation. The service Sunday morning will be one long to be remembered. At the close of the sermon, Rev. Watkins asked everyone to go and shake hands with anyone in the house that had been a blessing to them in any way, and the scene brought tears to almost everyone's eyes. He requested all to bring their alabaster boxes with them and they certainly were a goodly number broken at the morning service. Everyone enjoyed the service very much. If anyone has been a friend to you tell them of it now. Don't wait till they are dead and say good things about them. Give them the roses now. The Christians were brought closer together and very much revived. We feel that the meeting was not in vain.

Mr. and Mrs. Paine came in Thursday with their picture show and it will be the best ever brought here to Irede. There will be talking with it. Everyone come and enjoy the pictures. Will show on the lot north of my residence.

YOUNG MAN MET DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR CLIFTON

Ab Williams, who lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams south of town a short distance, on the Terrell farm, was almost instantly killed a few minutes after 8 o'clock Sunday evening as he was driving alone on the highway near the Frank Howard place, five miles south of Clifton, and his car, a small roadster, turned over as he was rounding a corner which was shown in the evidence taken by Justice of the Peace Hering when the inquest was held.

Dr. T. C. Coston, who was returning home on the highway accompanied by several young men, was the first to find young Williams after the fatal accident occurred. When Dr. Coston reached him his pulse was very weak and death followed almost immediately and from the evidence the young man died quickly after the accident without a struggle or ever being conscious. He was thrown quite a distance from his car when it turned over; however he was not badly bruised or lacerated; a few places about the face and head showed signs of bruises and cuts. One shoe was thrown from his foot during the wreck.

Young Williams had been employed by the gas company in the construction of the Clifton mains and it is said that he worked here all day Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence at 3:00 o'clock on Monday afternoon and concluded at the grave in the Terrell cemetery by Elder G. E. McCaleb of this city.—Clifton Record.

TEXAS CITIES TO BUY CURRENT AT CHEAPER THAN MAKING IT

After careful study of the cost of installing its own power plant, the City of Sherman decided it was cheaper and more satisfactory to buy current from the Texas Power & Light Co. for its street lights and for running its waterworks pumps.

The City of Dallas, also after careful deliberation and long consideration with many arguments for establishing its own steam plant, reached the same conclusion—i. e., that it could buy current from the Dallas Power & Light Co. for operating its huge pumps more economically than it could furnish power from its own plant.

The big gypsum plant at Sweetwater, which established its own power system when it started work five years ago, recently has abandoned its own and is buying power from the Sweetwater plant of the Texas Electric Service Co. as being more economical and more satisfactory.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW AS SEEN BY EARL BIRKENHEAD

The Earl of Birkenhead, one of England's foremost statesmen, in a recent article entitled, "One Hundred Years From Now," attempted to prophesy some of the forces which civilization in 2029 will have at its command. Among other striking statements he made are the following:

1. Babies will be produced by chemists in laboratories.
2. The entire institution of marriage will be changed.
3. We will all live to be 150.
4. No one will need to work more than two hours a day.
5. Agriculture will be obsolete—except as a hobby—all foodstuffs will be produced synthetically.
6. Man will be able to alter the geography or climate of the earth.
7. Coal mining will be an extinct industry.
8. A 48-hour day will come into being by retarding the rotation of the earth.
9. Sitting in our homes we will see and hear events the world over.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS LOST AT GINS

College Station—Millions of dollars worth of good cottonseed for planting purposes are lost annually to Texas farmers by becoming mixed with poor quality seed at gins. The simplest way out of the difficulty, and the most profitable, is for every farmer in a community to plant one variety of good, pure seed. Where this has not been done, the only course remaining is to hold back the cotton from which planting seed is to be saved, and gin it late enough in the season to enable the ginner to take time to clean out the gin rolls.

These facts are pointed out by E. A. Miller, Agronomist in the Extension Service, who explains that the problems of mixed seed came about when the South shifted from the old private plantation gin to the public gin. Experiments show that a farmer may get as high as 25 per cent of seed from the bale preceding his at the gin, and that some mixtures also occur in the second and third bales, and may even continue to some extent to the fourth bale, if the seed be allowed to go through the seed conveyor.

"It's no wonder that cotton seed run out so fast," declares Mr. Miller. "If the bale that was ginned before yours happened to be of a poor variety, or if it was a grown from mixed seed, you will get a bad mixture that will usually reduce your next year's yield and give a mixed staple that is very objectionable to the spinner. The ginner should not be held responsible for these losses because it takes time to clean out the gin rolls and many customers would be lost in the rush of the season if this were attempted. But if farmers will wait until the slack part of the season to gin their cotton from which seed is to be saved, part of the inferior seed losses may be avoided."

"On account of the danger of becoming mixed in the seed conveyor, it is best to run the seed on the floor and then sack it or shovel it directly into the wagon box. Another method is to take several bales to the gin at one time, not saving seed for planting purposes until the first, and preferably the second bale, has passed."

RE-BUILT LAND MAKES BUMPER CORN CROP

Richardson—By producing and marketing 1500 dozen ears of roasting ears from a five-acre field in 80 days, D. W. Webb, local farmer, has taken in \$375 during the period July 30th to August 10th. The farm has been in cultivation for 50 years and when Mr. Webb proposed to produce a paying corn crop on old worn-out land his neighbors hooted at the idea.

This is the way it was done. For the last two years this five-acre field has been sowed in the fall with a bushel of wheat and one-half bushel of rye, and pastured with hogs and sheep until spring. The last cover crop was plowed under the last week in April and planted to corn May 12th. In spite of an exceptionally dry June and July, Mr. Webb's corn stalks stayed perfectly green and many of them had two ears. The land is to be re-seeded to wheat and rye again next month.

According to reliable figures on the cotton crop on black land in Dallas county, as given by A. B. Jolley, county agent, farmers averaged \$5.55 profit per acre from cotton last year.

LOSSES FROM POULTRY PARASITES REDUCED EIGHTY PERCENT

Goldthwaite—Losses from internal and external poultry parasites in Mills county are estimated at about one-fifth of what they were last year as a result of continued campaigns begun a year ago in the control of lice, mites, worms and chiggers. The most serious poultry menace has been worms and these have been successfully checked by use of tobacco dust and other expellants. In addition to keeping poultry premises drained and clean, W. P. Weaver, county agent, has shown that one of the most valuable preventives is the periodical feeding of tobacco dust in the mash at the rate of two pounds of 100 pounds of feed. This is continued for three weeks and then repeated at the end of a rest spell of the same length.

THE PECAN INDUSTRY

A comparatively new industry in the Southwest is now attracting attention. The humble pecan nut is rapidly coming into its own. A few years ago only the Southern and Southwestern Indians knew anything about the nutriment contained in the wild pecan. They cut the trees down in order to gather the crop.

This seeming waste opened up thick groves and permitted the growth of an occasional tree producing a large-size, deliciously flavored, "paper shell" pecan. Thousands of acres of bottom land in the Southwest were denuded of pecan groves to plant less profitable crops.

But this is changing. Pecan culture is increasing and one of the largest nut shelleries claims to have purchased 700 carloads of Oklahoma pecans during 1928.

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HYDE OUTLINES FARM PROGRAM

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 28.—Secretary Hyde, in an address at the annual farm dinner given by J. D. Barnum, editor of the Syracuse Post Standard, said Wednesday night the Federal Farm Board does not threaten the existence of the Department of Agriculture.

The functions of the two organizations, he said, are "solely to achieve the maximum of results for agriculture," and these results, he maintained, could be secured only by close co-operation between the two.

The Department of Agriculture, Mr. Hyde said, is fundamentally a great research organization created to collect and diffuse useful knowledge to those engaged in agriculture, a field into which the Farm Board has neither the funds, the power, nor the disposition to go. The department, however, he said, has no legal authority nor is it a suitable agency to put facts to develop to use in every field, while on the other hand, the Farm Board as an agency through which economic facts can be applied in the solution of agriculture problems will be able to put the department's findings more directly to the service of the farm.

"The general program," he said, "is one of reorganizing agriculture in many respects with the Farm Board taking the active leadership."

COLLECTIVE LIVING IS NEW PROBLEM

Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 28.—Collective living was held up as a growing problem to home builders at the convention of the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations Tuesday. Lee C. Stidd, of Portland, Ore., declared the modern tendency was not conducive to home ownership; that the expense of maintaining a home has increased until "in comparison with renting it has become an economic factor."

"Our greatest liability to society today," he asserted, "is to minimize the burden and expense incident to home ownership. Our exemption laws exempting the home from confiscation when adversity overtakes the owner, are a step in the right direction."

He compared what he termed "the rapid dissipation of natural resources in the industrial field," with the situation in the building and loan field. He said the demand for growth in assets was leading building and loan concerns away from personal contact with investors into a field of mortgage loan competition.

"In other words," Mr. Stidd added, "the prospects for developing the building and loan business do not hinge on our ability to finance large apartment houses, industrial plants and other business enterprises, but they do most emphatically depend on our ability to develop the desire among the renting population for homes of their own."

STUDYING HIGHWAY QUESTION

Today street and highway building absorbs a larger percentage of the tax dollar than any other item except schools.

The United States Chamber of Commerce, through committees, is studying the proper relationship of four chief sources of highway finance—general revenues, special property assessments, special taxes against the highway users and highway bond issues.

They will endeavor to determine when bond issues are justifiable and the best means of redeeming them, how gasoline taxes should be applied, what the property owner's contribution to the highway past his door should be, the proper relationship of the Federal government to the highway program and other important questions.

The improvement of secondary roads to open up the back country and relieve congestion on main highways is a question of outstanding importance.

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WORK ON GALVESTON-SEATTLE HIGHWAY PROJECT BEING PUSHED

(Stamford Leader)

The work on the Galveston-Seattle Highway project is being pushed right along, according to W. S. Cooper, manager of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, of this city, who was in conference with J. E. P. Peters, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Cisco. Mr. Peters is hard at work on the project from Galveston to Cisco. Mr. Cooper is taking up the work from Stamford northwest and will go just as far as he can that way, when other men will take up the work and push it on to the conclusion.

Now, just what will have to be done to get the road built?

There is really not very much to do, as the highway is built nearly all the way. There is a linking of various roads that means something in the shape of work. It is no easy matter to fill the gaps that will be continually showing up, and yet, that is very much easier to do than build a new road altogether, of course.

If you will take your map and trace good roads from Galveston to Seattle you will see just what a fine idea some man had—maybe several men had when they made that proposal to start a highway from Galveston to Seattle. You can see what a fine trip it will be what towns it will serve and, you will also see that several good towns around here will be on that line, including Stamford among that list.

Looking at it that way, it is fine. Getting on the other end—up at Seattle—you will see it is mighty good to come this way down that road.

Those in this move, so Mr. Cooper tells us, are dead in earnest and are pushing things right along.

THE BATTLE OF BALLOTS TO BE FOUGHT NEXT YEAR

(Stamford Leader)

With the next primary election a year in the future it appears that there will be no dearth of candidates and that from the governor's office on down there is to be waged a battle royal until the Democratic polls close. It begins to look like there will be a four-cornered contest for the governorship, with Tom Love and Barry Miller presenting to the people the issue of Tammany and anti-Tammany—Roskoff or Hoover on the one hand, and Earl Mayfield and Pat Neff seeking to let the people decide whether they did wrong in retiring Mayfield from the senate, and whether Mayfield did wrong in fighting the re-nomination of Neff to the board of meditation. It will be recalled that Mayfield was not returned to the senate and that after that was determined he fought the reappointment of Neff to the board. In the meantime it appears that a large number of people see in this four-cornered fight between men over matters in which the people themselves have lost sight to an opportunity to elect some man the governor's office who is interested in the welfare of Texas, and that there will be no dearth of men willing to sacrifice themselves on their state's altar, men who see, too, a chance for the victory of a conservative while the radicals are fighting among themselves.

And the opportunity is a good one. Love and Miller are staunch warriors. They are going to wage a warm battle. Neff and Myfield, should they cross swords are able fighters. Their battle will be no small affair. The state will ring with the noise of conflict. Leaders and would-be leaders will line themselves up with one or the other of the four leaders. There

will be lots of fun for everybody, but little sleep, and little attention to the needs of the state. Lots of men will make enemies of their friends because those friends refuse to line up with them.

And while the battle is raging there will be opportunity for some good democrat, like Ross Sterling to outline a platform of service to Texas and wine out over the battlers.

Who that man will be it is not as yet known. But there will be such a candidate, and the chances are good for his election. The great common people are tired of the war between the factions, the war over men. They are going to have a say this year, and they are going to speak loud enough to be heard in the July and August primaries and in the November general election. Texas is going to have a political house-cleaning this year and out of the cleaning is going to arise the new issue of the welfare of men, and that is an end worth striving for.

Waxahachie—Thirty two home made dressers costing \$3.67 each have been made by 4-H club girls in Ellis county. They were made by sand papering and painting two orange crates, placing them on eight door stops for legs, and covering the top with a 14x36 inch board. With four yards of crotone for curtains, and cushion and cover for back of chair, and with a mirror to hang above, the dresser is complete.

Post has taken the first forward step towards the securing of a modern airport. The name of the town has been painted in a prominent place in box-car letters, and a committee of investigation of West Texas Airports.

DUBLIN COW SETS NEW STATE RECORD

(Dublin Progress)

Lil's Sultana's Marie, owned and tested by T. E. Hughes, of this city, not only won a Silver Medal but set a new high record for butterfat production by a yearling in a 365-day test in Texas with her first Register of Merit record recently completed. Started on test at the age of 1 year and 11 months this remarkable heifer yielded 565.95 pounds of butterfat and 9,638 pounds of milk in 365 days on less than three milkings per day. During her best month she produced 74.18 pounds of butterfat and for three other months her yield was well above the fifty-pound mark. She qualified for the Silver Medal in Class AA, carrying calf for 215 days.

In winning the 365-day yearling championship of Texas, Lil's Sultana Marie supersedes Benedictine Jolly Fernleaf, tested by Shelton Brothers, Brownwood. This former champion held the honor with a record of 532.35 pounds butterfat and 9,636 pounds of milk in a test started when she was 1 year and 11 months of age.

Lil's Sultana's Marie is one of the three Register of Merit daughters of Sultana's Noble Fox. Her dam, Oxford Combination Lil, is a Gold and Silver Medal cow, winning both medals and the junior 3-year-old championship, 306-day division, of the Stat of Texas with the one Register of Merit record she has completed.

She, also, was tested by Mr. Hughes, her record of 674.20 pounds of butterfat in 305 days being more than 125 pounds above the record of the junior 3-year-old champion she superseded.

TEXAS CHARGES DENIED BY MANUFACTURING FIRM

Washington, Aug. 28.—The Fairbanks-Morse Company, electric light plant manufacturers, denied in a brief filed Wednesday in the Supreme Court that it had induced repudiation of contracts between utilities firms and customers as charged by the Texas Light and Power Company and the Texas Public Service Company.

The utilities companies were unsuccessful in the lower court in their application for an injunction to prevent the manufacturing firm from interfering with their business of supplying electric current to Seymour, Commerce and other Texas cities, and appealed to the highest court for a review.

The companies asserted that the Fairbanks-Morse Company had "entered into a conspiracy" to have municipalities purchase power plants from them during the term of contracts with the utilities firms.

In protesting against Supreme Court consideration of the case the Fairbanks-Morse firm said it held the solicitation of business to be had after the lawful termination of existing contracts was not actionable.

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