

BRADSHAW AND MERKEL GAME TIE

With weather conditions favorable, except for a slight wind which blew dust in the eyes of the large crowd of spectators, the Merkel High School "Badgers" and Bradshaw team entered the game here on the last day of the Community Fair, Saturday, September 19, at 4:01 p.m. at the school gridiron, for the second game of the season, which ended in a scoreless tie.

Little, for the "Badgers", kicked off to the visitors at 4:01 and the game was on. In the first few minutes of the game the large crowd was thrilled and chilled when Newby, quarter back for Bradshaw, ran 80 yds. for a touchdown after receiving Merkel's punt—but a penalty for the interference using hands prevented the score from being counted. Both teams tightened up and a punting dual and aerial attacks were resorted to when both teams seemed to be unable to make gains through the line. Most of the game was played near the center of the field and in Merkel's territory, and Bradshaw was only allowed one attempt at field goal while Merkel got three trials. Nineteen passes were attempted by both the teams and only four were completed, all by Bradshaw; two passes were intercepted by Merkel; the rest were incomplete. Merkel made two first downs and Bradshaw one.

P. Harrison, captain of the Bradshaw team said in regard to his team: "This is the second game we have played this season, and we only had two weeks' coaching by Stubblefield of Cisco before we entered the game with Merkel last week. All of the team are high school boys except 3, and none of us have had more than two years' experience." The Bradshaw line averaged around 180 pounds and the back field about 165. Merkel's line averages around 157 and the backfield 155. Rogers was unable to play except for a few minutes in the last quarter because of a sprained ankle sustained when he jumped from a car Saturday morning. The rest of the "Badger" team was in excellent shape for the game with plenty of reserve. Patterson did not play as was expected.

Some believe that few class A High Schools present as strong a team as Bradshaw while others do not think so. Coach Jackson seemed pleased with the outcome of Saturday's game, and is now planning for the next game, which will be with Cisco on next Friday. Make your plans to go and support the "Badgers."

Following is the game as played by quarters.

First Quarter

Tittle kicks off for Merkel at 4:01 and Bradshaw returns the ball 10 yds. to 30-yd line. Merkel holds and Bradshaw passes (Continued on page eight)

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YEGGS GET \$600 FROM BLAIR SAFE

Safe-blowers obtained \$600 in cash from a safe in the Addison store at Blair sometime during Tuesday night, it was reported on Wednesday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff W. F. Whaley following his return from there.

The robbers knocked the knob from the safe, poured nitroglycerine into the hole, packed it with soap, and encircled the safe with a mattress to deaden the noise. People living only a few yards away were not aroused by the sound.

Of the money taken \$500 belonged to one of the churches at Blair and had been raised in a subscription campaign. The other \$100 belonged to the store.

The deputy sheriff expressed the opinion that the robbery was committed by experienced yeggmen. The safe door was blown clear and no material damage was done to the remainder of the safe.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

COMMUNITY FAIR PREMIUM LIST

Following is the list of winners of prizes in the Community Fair:

Community Prizes

Salt Branch, first, 93 points, was awarded \$50. Dora, 2nd, 83 points, \$25. White Church, 3rd, 78 points, \$15. Nubia and Horn tied for 4th place with 77 points each and received \$10 each.

Agricultural Department

Corn: A. W. Cook of Dora, first and third; J. A. Neighbors of Nubia, second.

Five stalks grain sorghum, Joe Higgins, Salt Branch, first. Best 20 bolls cotton: Jess Higgins, Salt Branch, first and third. Lee Baker, Salt Branch, second. Best entry of 3 stalks of irrigated cotton, S. O. Patton, Salt Branch, first.

Best entry 3 stalks of cotton, dry land: L. H. Hatfield, Horn, first.

Best entry gallon of peas with vine: J. A. Jaynes, Salt Branch, first.

Best bundle of forage crop: A. M. Daniel, Horn, first.

Best six variety of fruits any kind: Carl Higgins, Salt Branch, first, second and third.

Best jar of fruit any kind, Mrs. Will Sumpter, Rt. 1, first on Plums; Mrs. O. W. Reed, White Church, 2nd on peaches; Mrs. Sy Dennis, Dora, third on peaches.

Best watermelon: E. L. Wills, route 1, first.

Best entry of 10 ears popcorn: L. H. Naron, Horn, first.

Best pumpkin: A. M. Daniel, Horn, first.

Best Kershaw: A. M. Daniel, Horn, first.

Best 10 ears roasting ears: L. R. Page, Dora, first.

Best entry 12 tomatoes: D. W. Jones, Dora, first. Best bunch of radishes: Joe Higgins, of Salt Branch, first. Best three heads cabbage, Mrs. Jno. Burfiend, of White church, first. Best entry gallon onions, Mrs. J. W. Wallace of Dora, first. Best jar Beans, Mrs. Mary Cook, Dora, first.

Best entry 6 sweet peppers, Mrs. S. O. Patton, Salt Branch, first. Best jar of Honey in comb, Lee Baker, Salt Branch, first. Best entry strained Honey: Lee Baker, Salt Branch, first. Best entry 10 heads maize (Club girl), Ora Ford, Dora, first; Jewell Burklow, Dora, second. Best entry 10 heads maize, Ora Ford,

SUNDAY INSTITUTE FOR ABILENE DIST.

It gives me pleasure to announce to all Methodist Sunday School teachers and workers that I am in receipt of a communication from our Presiding Elder announcing that on September 30, at ten a.m. at St. Paul's church, Abilene, there will be held for the entire Abilene District a "One Day Sunday School Institute," under the direction of four of the best trained workers on the General Board staff at Nashville. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions, and I join him in urging that as many of the Sunday School workers of the Merkel Methodist church as can attend.

Besides the fact that you will come in contact with and have the privilege of hearing these trained workers, you will be royally entertained by the Abilene church workers. Let's all be there.

On the following day, October 1, the Presiding Elder has also asked to meet all the pastors of the district at ten a.m. at St. Paul's for the purpose of a conference with them regarding the work of the churches of the district. He wants to know about the progress of the churches for the year, including finances, etc.; hence it behooves every Methodist in our church to do his or her bit in helping us to be able to make this report as creditable as possible. Let us not falter in all this and we will be made happy and glad of our efforts. T. J. Rea, pastor.

Dora, first; Joe Higgins, Salt Branch, second; Jim Burns, of Stith, third. Best entry ten heads of feterita, Tom Howell, Dora, first and second. W. E. Price, Salt Branch, third. Best entry 10 heads of Kaffir corn, B. A. Lewis, Dora, first, second; G. W. Wheeler, Dora, third. Best entry 10 heads of hegeri, G. W. Whitaker, Dora, first; John Atkins, Dora second; W. A. Elliott, Dora, third. Best entry of peaches, Mrs. Sy Dennis, Dora, first. Best Plums, Mrs. R. P. Dunlap, Dora, first. Best tomatoes, Mrs. R. P. Dunlap, Dora, first. Best Beans, Mrs. Jno. Burfiend, White Church, first. Best Beets, Mrs. Jess Higgins, Salt Branch, first. Best cucumber pickles, Mrs. Jno. Burfiend, White Church. Best entry sweet peach pickles, Mrs. E. H. Cordill, Nubia. Best jelly, Mrs. J. L. Barker, Salt Branch. Best plum jelly, Mrs. Minnie Higgins, Salt Branch. Best watermelon preserves, Mrs. O. W. Weed, White Church. Best apple preserves, Mrs. O. W. Reed, of White Church.

Poultry Department

Black Minorcas: I. V. Garrett, 1st cockrell, 1st pullet and second pullet, and 1st pen. Black Jersey Giant: P. F. West, first cock, first pullet, 1st hen.

Dar Cornice: R. J. Miller, 1st cock, first hen.

Rhode Island Reds: R. A. Ellis first young pen, 1st cock, 2nd old pen, first and second pullet and best cock bird in entire show. Jess Higgins, third pullet. W. C. Lee, 3rd cockrell and 3rd pen. E. H. Cordill, 1st old pen, 1st hen, 2nd young pen, 2nd cock, 2nd cockrell, 3rd hen. Lee Baker, 1st cockrell.

Partridge Wyandotte: T. I. Harvell, 1st old pen, 1st cock, 1st and 2nd hen, best pen in entire show.

Columbian Wyandotte: L. C. Williams, 1st cockrell.

White Langshang: Walter Phillips, 1st pullet, 1st hen, 2nd hen, 1st and 2nd cockrell and 2nd pullet.

White Wyandotte: Bob McDonald, 1st cockrell, 1st and 2nd pullet, best pullet in entire show.

Barred Rocks: Joe Higgins, 1st and 2nd pullets.

White leghorns: A. J. Barbee, Jr., 1st and 2nd cockrell. Mrs. E. C. Perry, 1st pen.

Silverlace Wyandotte: C. B. Ellis, 1st pen, 1st cockrell, 1st pullet and 2nd pullet.

Speckled Hamburgers: O. R. Dye, 1st and 2nd pullet.

Columbian Wyandotte: John R. West, 1st cock, 1st hen, 1st pen, 1st and 2nd pullet.

Turkeys, Bronze: R. L. Adcock, 1st young tom. Mrs. Besie Jones, 2nd old tom. T. M. Mullen, 1st old tom and 1st hen.

White Holland Turkeys: W. R. Sumpter, 1st young tom, 1st young hen.

SPECIAL DAY WITH BAPTIST SUNDAY

Sunday will be promotion day and State Mission Day in the Baptist Sunday school. Children having reached the age of promotion will be promoted from one department to another, and all children will be promoted to new classes.

Let us have a full attendance as we will be able to show something of what the children are learning in Sunday school. Our promotion program is made up largely by the children. Due recognition will be shown those being promoted and also those who have a perfect attendance record for the year.

In connection with promotion day we are observing State Mission day. Again in this program the children will have a prominent part. And there will be a special offering for Mission work being done in Texas. This offering will not in any wise disturb our regular offering but will be handed in as an extra offering. It will go, every dollar of it, directly to state missions and no part will be divided with any other work.

These special features will take the 11 o'clock hour and will be well worth while. At the evening hour the pastor will preach on "Adventuring With God," continuing the study of the faith of great Bible characters. This will be a study of the faith of Abraham.

All B.Y.P.U.'s will meet at 6:30 and an effort will be made to start a B.A.P.U. This is a Baptist Adult Peoples Union. In many churches over the country there is an adult department to the training work. This gives our older people a chance to be in a training service and at the same time it gives parents a chance to come with their children and see that they are in their places.

Let as many people as will come and we will see if we have enough to justify starting this work at this time.

Workers council and training classes Monday 7:30 p.m. Ladies meeting Tuesday at 4 p.m. Prayermeeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Choir and orchestra rehearsal after prayermeeting.

Sunday would be a good day to start into Sunday school as all classes are being reorganized and you could start in better now than at any time at all. Come find your place Sunday. Some one will meet you with a welcome and you will be conducted to a congenial class.

Every one in Merkel ought to be in a religious service every Sunday that health will permit. Find your way to one of the churches in Merkel Sunday morning, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." Hebrews 10:25. Ira L. Parrack.

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EMMETTE GRIMES NEXT TOASTMASTER

On next Tuesday, September 29, will be held the regular meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club, and by invitation the same will be held at the Stephens Hotel, formerly known as the Collins House, promptly at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Emmette Grimes has been chosen Toastmaster, and will no doubt have for those present a very interesting and inspiring program. In fact Emmette, who is one of our enterprising young business men, believes in putting life into anything he does. He is progressive and wide awake, and if you miss this meeting you will always regret it.

Already more than 30 plates have been sold and many more are expected, so if you have not a ticket already see the Secretary, Mr. Dee Grimes, and procure one now.

PROMOTION DAY WITH METHODISTS

Next Sunday is promotion day in the Sunday School at the Methodist church. An appropriate program has been arranged for this occasion and will be given at the Evening hour in the main auditorium of the church. The entire church membership is invited to be present. Those who are not in the habit of coming regularly to Sunday School are urged to come hear this program. The different departments of the Sunday school will take part and classes will be promoted from one department to another.

1200 BALES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE

Cotton ginned by Merkel gins up to Wednesday evening was as follows:

Guitar gin 218, Hamm gin 252, Southside gin 143, Planters gin 143, Swann gin 357 including round and square bales.

The Farm Bureau platform had received 200 bales and the Public Yard 1,000 bales.

OLD CONFEDERATES TO MEET HERE OCT. 1

At a meeting of the Sons of the Confederates, in this city first of the week, it was agreed that they would see that all of the Old Confederates in this community have a way to go to Abilene on October first to attend the State meeting in that city of all Confederate soldiers. The Old Soldiers are requested to meet at seven-thirty, October 1, at the Armory building, where they will be provided conveyance to the Abilene meeting.

BIG EXCURSION TO FORT WORTH LEAGUE SERIES

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the Dixie Series Base Ball games to be played in Fort Worth September 26, 27, and 28, the Texas & Pacific Railway will make a special rate of one half fare for round trip, so as to leave Merkel on the 26th and see the entire series, returning September 29th.

Also a special rate of \$4.80 for the round trip will be offered so that one can leave here Saturday night, see the game there Sunday, and return home on the early Monday morning train. See agent for particulars.

COMMUNITY FAIR IS A BIG SUCCESS

An extraordinary diversity of soil resources marked Merkel's annual fair a show place for this section of the country, and every kind of agricultural product common to the West is grown in this prt of Taylor County.

The Merkel Community Fair this year enters its third season. This year's session, which opened last Friday morning, is declared to be the most successful of the fair's history, and large crowds attended each day to view the exhibits.

The field and garden products exhibited in the agriculture hall could not have been surpassed by any county or state fair. Salt Branch was awarded first prize of \$50 for the best community exhibit. The success of this fine exhibit is due to the untiring work of Messrs. Higgins and Jaynes, coupled with the ladies of the community in arranging the display.

Next came Dora, the Heart of the Divide, who drew second prize of \$25. The success of this display was entirely due to persistent efforts of Prof. and Mrs. McDonald; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook and son Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGee; Mrs. Sy Dennis and Mrs. Hiram Phillips.

White Church of the upper Mulberry Canyon, where the first church house was built in the Canyon, came in for the third prize of \$15. The committee out there to gather and arrange products for exhibition were; G. L. Shuff, E. L. Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressley, Mrs. F. R. Demere, Mrs. Clyde Williams and A. W. Harrison. The flowers displayed in this collection were from the yard of Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Nubia, in the lower Canyon, was only one whit behind her sister of the upper canyon, capturing the fourth prize of \$10. The committee out there was composed of W. L. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cordill, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pribble.

Horn community over on the Clear Fork in Jones county, had an excellent display, especially watermelons, and was awarded \$10 also.

The poultry display in that department, presided over by R. A. Ellis, was excellent. Fowls of nearly every strain were on exhibition.

Seventeen merchants and business men of Merkel had booths arranged in the exhibit hall displaying their wares which was a credit to the city and the exhibitors.

There was the culinary department where delicious pies, cakes, jellies, jams, bread, etc. were on display.

Then there was the old curio shop and the display here showed many curious things.

RIFT IN MARITAL LIFE OF BURKETT AIRED IN COURT

Eastland, Sept. 22.—The rift in the marital life of Joe Burkett State Highway Commissioner, will be aired in district court here some time within the next 30 days. A formal petition for divorce was filed by Mrs. Burkett September 12, it was learned here today.

At the same time, Burkett waived citation service of the suit and filed an answer denying allegations set down by his wife. Mrs. Burkett's petition was left in the hands of attorneys who could not be located today.

Mrs. John T. Morgan and baby of Dallas are here for a visit with friends and relatives.

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SENIOR CLASS ENTERTAINS FOOTBALL BOYS

On last Saturday evening the Senior class of the Merkel High School entertained the football boys with a watermelon feast on the lawn at the Dr. Gambill home. Amusements suitable for a lawn party had been prepared for entertaining the guests and refreshments of iced watermelon were served and a jolly good time was had by those attending this party.

Miss Ouida Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, left Tuesday morning for Canyon, Texas, where she will enter the Northwest Texas State Teachers College. This is Miss Campbell's second year at this splendid school.

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Cedars of Lebanon Famed for Centuries

The cedar of Lebanon is native to Syria, Asia, Palestine and the island of Cyprus. It usually grows in the mountains at elevations of 4,000 and 6,400 feet above sea level. These trees famous from early times in sacred and profane writings, are large, ornamental evergreens with wide-spreading branches. They are noted for the size of their trunks rather than for their height as many people suppose. Until the outbreak of the World war one of the original groves mentioned in the Bible was still standing at the head of Kedisha valley near the ancient Lebanon. This last remnant of the cedar forests so often referred to in the Old Testament was visited by the English botanist Hooker in 1860.

He found about 375 trees growing in nine groups. Five of the oldest trees measured thirty feet or over around the girth. Hooker estimated them to be about 2,500 years old. Some of the younger trees were estimated at 100 years.

Many of these survivors of antiquity were destroyed during the great war. In ancient days the white gum which oozes from the trunks and branches of these cedars was used for embalming.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Animals Have Various Methods of Signaling

Birds all have good voices, barring a few like the pelicans and cormorants that are virtually silent, and so we find that they communicate their messages mainly by means of the voice. Mammals, on the other hand, are not possessed of such ready voices and so are given much more to the use of gesture, says Hamilton M. Laing, in the Winnipeg Free Press.

The common Richardson ground squirrel and striped spermophile of our prairies, the prairie dog and some others of these rodents, apparently use their tails in signaling. It can be noted, too, that each animal is very prone to repeat the signal. This trait is so pronounced that often we hear them called "flicker-tails." These fellows all have a shrill whistle that is much more useful as a danger signal, and this is true of the marmots (woodchucks) also.

The red squirrel of the woods expresses a great many things by means of his great feathery tail, but he seems to use it not so much to signal to his kind as to express his own feelings. He has a good voice and his messages to his kind are sent by means of it.

But Peter's Thoughts

Old Peter, the postman, footsore and weary, had reached the end of his round and was congratulating himself upon having finished in such good time.

"Postman," came a voice from the last house in the street, which could only be reached by climbing a hill of about 300 steps.

"I wonder what she wants?" thought Peter, as he started to climb the steps. "She may have an important letter she wants posted."

At last he reached the top of the hill and stood puffing before the woman.

"Did you have to pass an examination to get in the post office?" she said. "Certainly," said Peter.

"Oh, that's fine. I imagine you are pretty bright, then. Will you tell me how to spell 'psychological'?"—London Answers.

Effectively Guarded

Stephen McKenna, in "An Affair of Honor," tells a good Ben Trovato story about King Edward when he was prince of Wales. He disliked being surrounded by detectives, and one night signified that he wished to attend the opera informally. "The hint was taken. For one night the traditional boots and reefer-suits of the secret police were not to be observed. His royal highness was enjoying himself thoroughly when he happened to inspect the house through his glasses and found that every one, on every side of him was dressed and made up to reproduce him in every detail. Hundreds of princes lolled in their boxes or stalls. A millist, had one been present, would have been carried away prostrate."

Evolution of Shoes

Among the ancient Jews shoes were made of leather, linen, rush or wood. The Greek philosopher, Pythagoras, would have his disciples wear shoes made of the bark of trees, probably that they might not wear what was made of the skins of animals, as he refrained from the use of everything that had life. In England, about 1462, the people wore the points of their shoes so long that they cumbered themselves in walking, and were forced to tie the up to the points to their knees. In the reign of Edward IV this was prohibited by law.

Paul Was Puzzled

Little Paul was turning the pages of a new picture book which had been given him. He came to two which were uncut. He tried to turn the page, found that he could not, lifted up the corner and peeped under, and stopped to ponder the situation.

"Mamma," he called. "Mamma, come here a minute."

"What is it, dear?" asked his mother.

"Look at my book," said Paul, showing his mother the leaves were stuck together. "How did they ever get the pictures in there?"

Old City of Wales Buried Under Sand

We are accustomed to buried cities of the East, and even in the forests of Africa one is not surprised to hear that ancient ruins have been buried in the jungle. But to find a buried city in Wales seems something of an anomaly.

Yet on the borders of Swansea bay, in the heart of a great sandhill, lies the buried city of Kenfig. There is today a village close by called Ton Kenfig. It is behind the sandhills in which the buried city lies, and from which the broken wall of a ruined tower projects to this day.

In the days of the Conqueror Kenfig was a walled city, a great commercial center, and filled with armed men. But an insidious foe—the blown sand—was always liable to break down its best defences. Year by year, bit by bit, it gained the victory, till by the time Queen Elizabeth began her reign there was little to be seen of the city except a dune and a ruined tower.

For ages tradition had it that the town was submerged by sand in a great storm, as Pompeii was overwhelmed by volcanic dust, but the chronicles of Margam abbey, which have recently been examined, make it plain that the sand encroachments lasted for many years, and that the process of burying this Welsh city was a slow one.—London Times.

Mistakes Made by Great Painters

Magnificent and incomparable as was the workmanship of the old masters, as found chiefly in the churches and picture galleries of the Continent, when it came down to detail, things both ludicrous and anomalous were apt to appear. A picture is to be seen dealing with the crucifixion in which a confessor holds out a cross to the dying thief. A painting by a Dutch artist, representing the sacrifice of Isaac, is to be seen in which Abraham stands over his son holding a blunderbuss! In the National gallery, too, may be found an old-master painting, in which a saint holds a very modern-looking pair of horn-rimmed spectacles. Painters of extremely advanced views seem to delight in this sort of thing. Not long ago a picture of "The Deluge" was exhibited in London, by a student of the Slade school, in which Noah and his sons wore derby hats.—London Mail.

The Man Who Counts

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and short coming; who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Wrong or Right

There is an old judge of the Supreme court in New York who recently in private conversation was heard to vigorously defend one of his friends who had fallen by the wayside. He was challenged for defending a man who had been proved to be wrong.

"That was only one failure," said the old judge. "Consider the fine things about him—"

"But," objected one of the critics, "I don't see how you can stand up for this fellow even if he is a friend. He certainly was wrong."

"Any man will stand up for you when you are right," replied the old judge. "But it takes a friend to stand up for you when you are wrong."

And there was silence.—Dellineator.

Birth of Rocking Chair

Rocking chairs are commonly referred to as an American institution purely. They had their greatest development, of course, during the Nineteenth century, when they passed through the stage of makeshift rockers cut flat on top with the bottom in the form of an arc, to those which constituted an integral part of the chair, and from these to those monstrosities of furniture called patent rockers. That was the beginning of their decadence, says the Boston Transcript. Rocking chairs are made now, but they are simple in construction, and the elaborate arrangements of springs and bases are known no more.

Had Learned Something

A woman called at a studio for a sitting. The photographer made two negatives and promised proofs for the following day.

The next day her husband called for the proofs, but the photographer showed him only one. The husband said: "My understanding was that there were to be two proofs."

"I did make two sittings of your wife," replied the photographer, "but in one she held her lips apart and showed the end of her tongue."

"My goodness," gasped the husband, "let me see that one. I didn't know there was an end to it."

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THOMAS C. HALE

Thomas C. Hale was born in Hood county, Texas, June 14, 1886, where he grew to manhood, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hale, well known and well-to-do citizens of that county at the present time. Deceased was one of a family of nine children, four boys and four girls survive him along with his parents, wife and baby son.

Mr. Hale came to Merkel about six years ago with his brother, Mr. J. G. Hale, and for several years they were engaged in cotton buying, and by their honest and fair dealings built up a large circle of close friends who deeply mourn with other friends and loved ones, the sudden and unexpected departure of the one time strong and healthy man.

On September 14, 1920, he was married to Miss Virgie Taylor of Palo Pinto County, and to this happy union one child was born, a son now almost two years of age. Mr. Hale was converted and joined the Baptist church about ten years ago. He was honest, kind and courteous to all with whom he met and was associated with, and during his entire life always claimed a large circle of close and admiring friends.

During the world war he served his country faithfully as a member of the 111th Ammunition train and spent 13 months in the struggle over seas.

After some two weeks suffering from appendicitis he underwent an operation at an Abilene Sanitarium, but his condition was such that he could not withstand and overcome same, and on September 16th his soul went out to meet his Lord and Saviour. The remains were shipped to Lipan, Hood county, where in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and loved ones, they were tenderly laid to rest.

This paper joins many friends here and elsewhere in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones, and especially the

faithful wife and baby boy.

Junior League Program

"Flying over Bible Lands." Leader, Nell Durham. Song: Scripture lesson by Juniors. Prayer. Song.

We will have an imaginary airship and fly over foreign fields.

First, Mildred Richardson. Second, Mary E. Grimes. Third, Duncan Briggs. Don't forget your dues. Our new officers are doing fine.

Mrs. G. H. Bradley of Olney, Texas, is here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. P. T. Allday.

On Track—Car Colorado Family Lump Coal at summer prices, \$12.50 at car, \$13 delivered in town. Swafford, phone 44. It

BILIOUS SPELLS

Kentucky Man Finds Relief from Dizzy Attacks.

"I suffered with severe bilious attacks that came on two or three times each month," says Mr. J. P. Nevins, of Lawrenceburg, Ky.

"I would have dizziness and couldn't work."

"I would take pills until I was worn-out with them. I didn't seem to get relief. After taking the pills my bowels would act a couple or three times, then I would be very constipated."

"A neighbor told me of Black-Draught and I began its use. I never have found so much relief as it gave me. I would not be without it for anything."

"It seemed to cleanse my whole system and made me feel like new. I would take a few doses—get rid of the bile and have my usual clear head, feel full of 'pep' and could do twice the work."

Made from pure, medicinal roots and herbs, Black-Draught is nature's own remedy for such symptoms as the above, when due to a torpid liver.

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MR. P. T. ALLDAY DIES VERY SUDDENLY

It was indeed a sad shock to the entire community when on last Monday the sad news went out that at eleven-thirty on that morning Mr. P. T. Allday had died. He had only been sick for a few days, and his condition was not thought to be of a serious nature until a short time before his death, and but few friends even knew of his illness. The immediate cause of his death was said to have been congestion of the stomach.

Peter Thomas Allday was born in Milam county, Texas, on March 15th, 1865, in which community he grew to young manhood. In 1891 he was married to Miss Elizabeth West, at Owensville, Texas, and to this union there were born two children, one son and one daughter, as follows: Mrs. I. F. Shaffer, of Texline, Texas, and Thos. Allday of this city.

With his good wife and two children, who survive him, he came to Merkel in 1905, where he had led a useful and upright life, gaining a large circle of close friends. He was not a man given to much ado about things but quietly went about his own business, always leading a good, clean, moral upright life.

Besides his immediate family two brothers, J. E. and W. H. Allday, of Franklin, Texas, and one sister, Mrs. Hugh McMillan, of Franklin, survive him, with two grandchildren, all of whom were present except one brother.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the family residence, by Rev. T. J. Rea and Rev. Ira L. Parrack, with interment in Rose Hill Cemetery immediately after.

This paper joins many friends in extending to the bereaved family sincere sympathy during this their sad hour.

MANY ORDERS COMING IN FOR NEW FORD CARS

As people become more familiar with the attractiveness of the improved Ford cars interest not only increases, but orders for cars are growing in numbers, according to local Ford dealers.

Probably the best evidence of the widespread interest manifested in these cars comes from the general offices of the Ford Motor Company at Detroit where it was stated that since the new cars were announced orders for more than 192,368 have been booked by dealers throughout the United States. Thousands of orders are coming in every day.

This is not only a striking example of public confidence in the Company's products but is also a sales record without precedent.

Added significance is given the sales report by the fact that the public generally has not yet had an opportunity to inspect all the new types. Distribution of cars among dealers so far has been limited principally to touring cars. In fact dealers in many sections are still awaiting their first car. In spite of this, orders continue to come in from all points not only for cars of the type shown, but the rest of the open and closed line as well, an indication that prospective purchasers are impressed with the soundness of the redesigning and refining of the cars and are satisfied that they will find the same standard reflected in the type of their preference.

Assembly at the Dallas branch of the company which supplies this territory is increasing daily will be much more rapid from now on than it has been up to the present time. However, those desiring a new Ford car for use during the coming fall and winter will do well to enter their orders early and avoid delay in delivery.

ANOTHER PIONEER DE- PARTS WALK OF LIFE

Exactly at the hour of seven o'clock yesterday morning, September 24, 1925, the spirit of D. C. Hutcheson, pioneer and beloved citizen of Merkel, took its flight to that home in heaven where in eternal rest it will abide throughout all time to come.

The deceased, who had reached the ripe old age of 89 years, had been in failing health for several years and following the death of his faithful and beloved wife, which occurred last March, he gradually grew weaker until the final summons came Tuesday morning.

Mr. Hutcheson was born in the state of Tennessee, where he grew to manhood. He was married at the age of 26 to Mary Jane Dean, at Georgetown, Tennessee, and to this happy union eight children were born, five of whom survive as follows, who were present for the last sad rites: C. R. Hutcheson, W. D. Hutcheson, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Mrs. J. T. Skillern, all of Merkel, and Mrs. W. H. Warren of Greenville.

Deceased when a young man was converted and became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, in which faith he remained true and steadfast until the end. Grandpa Hutcheson came to Texas from Tennessee in the year 1872, settling near West Fork school house near Arlington, Texas. In 1878 they moved with their family to Elizabethtown, Denton county, and seven years later came to Taylor county and for many years resided on a farm, later moving to Merkel, where for more than 21 years they have resided in the old Hutcheson homestead. Coming here as he did more than 40 years ago, Mr. Hutcheson has been a great factor in the upbuilding and development of Taylor county and

STOVES!! STOVES!! AND More Stoves!-!

We are arranging our display of heating stoves this week. The cool wave has hit and the best thing to do is to select your stove now and get it up. It is cool enough that Baby and Grandmother will need a little fire to keep their blood circulating.

We are also showing a nice display of Perfection cook stoves and heaters. Drum Ovens, Pipe, Shovels, Dampers and scuttles.

Let us show you if you are not ready to buy now we will be glad to show you anyway.

LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.

If it's Hardware we Have It



Just around the Corner

EVEN big-city folks must have their "neighborhood stores"! Most of them would no more think of going down town to fight their way through the crowds in search of a roast for dinner than they would of walking to the factory to get a pair of shoes.

City women know that their neighborhood stores can supply them just what they want — and that, in most cases, the service is more alert and friendly.

The same thing is true of this "neighborhood". Our merchants—the men whose ads you read in this paper—are in position to furnish your home with the best and most popular brands of goods. Not only can they save you money, but they gladly relieve you of a lot of worry and loss of time.

**Read the Ads in this Paper
and save yourself money by trading at home**

West Texas. Soon after coming to the county he and his good wife helped to organize the first Cumberland Presbyterian church and in fact they always took part in and helped to carry on in the efforts of the great and good people of the pioneer days, in their efforts to blaze the way and help make this the great country that it is today.

Besides having been successful in business and leaving to his posterity considerable property, he also leaves to the memory of those who knew him a life of honesty, industry, and good citizenship, and the two sons and three daughters, who are likewise good citizens, will carry on in the future as has been the custom of their beloved father.

Funeral services will be held from the First Methodist church today at 10:30 o'clock, with burial immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery.

This paper joins a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones in their loss of this one of the community's best and most respected citizens.

Church Committee Extends Thanks

In behalf of the Blair Methodist church we wish to extend our sincere thanks to every one, everywhere, for their kind assistance to us in our effort to build a church at Blair. The donation from Merkel was \$175.00 to the Womans committee and the men's committee was given \$90.00 from Merkel. The Canyon gave us \$15.00 and the Planters gin \$25.00 and Blair gave us \$1100. Committee.

Roy Elliott left last week for Arlington, where he entered the North Texas A. & M. College.

W. C. Calvert, Nolan County Farm Demonstrator, was mixing with the fair visitors Saturday and said: "It's just fine and Merkel should be proud of her fair."

Store to Close Next Monday

On account of Jewish Holiday my store will be closed all day, Monday, September 28. Open on Tuesday. Max Mellinger.

Mrs. Myrtle Bradley of Beeville, who has been here for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney, left Wednesday for her home.

Judge and Mrs. C. Eakman of Amarillo are here for an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr.

Mr. S. A. Coats returned last week from a trip to his old home in Dallas county, where he visited old friends and relatives.

BIG AND LITTLE PIPES FOR NEW ORGAN AT STATE FAIR



Here's the "biggest" and "littiest" pipes for the great Barton organ, now being installed in the new auditorium at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas. There are more than 8500 pipes in the big instrument, which will be heard every day during the 1925 State Fair, Oct. 10-25. The man at the right is holding the smallest pipe in his hand. It's only 6 3/4 inches long and about as big around as a lead pencil. The others are eighteen feet in height.

The Merkel Mail

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WE DENY THE CHARGE

Under the caption of "Going
off to School," our friend, The
Colorado Record, in speaking of
the State schools, says: "Our
State schools cannot teach re-
ligion, and we are glad of it. But
it seems strange that they can-
not teach religion, but can teach
against religion. They cannot
teach the Bible, but they can
teach against the Bible."

Right here is where we dis-
agree with friend Whipkey. We
deny the charge that our State
schools teach against religion
and the Bible. This is an old
charge that was used years ago
to boost church schools. It is
used today, and lots of people
who do not trouble themselves
to investigate the charge, actu-
ally believe that this is true.

After years of personal ob-
servation and investigation of
the State University, we are pre-
pared to flatly deny that this in-
stitution does now, or ever did
teach against religion or the Bi-
ble. The contrary is true. There
is no institution in Texas that
offers greater opportunity and
encourages religious sentiment
more than the University of
Texas. It is very true, the Uni-
versity of Texas is a democratic
institution and does not force
the Bible or religion on any stu-
dent but the student who is re-
ligiously inclined and is desirous
of learning the Bible and wor-
shipping God according to the
 dictates of his own conscience,
is not only free, but encouraged
to do so by those in authority.

Why, man, you will find that
almost every man connected
with the University, from the
janitor to the president, is a de-
vout christian and a member of
some church. The faculty of the
University of Texas furnishes
more Sunday School superin-
tendents and teachers than any
school in the state. The student
body is composed of a greater
percentage of church members
than any University in Texas.
In close proximity to the Uni-
versity grounds are churches
representing almost every de-
nomination in christendom, and
it is a goodly sight to see the
hundreds of young men and wo-
men going to these churches
each Sunday to worship. These
are facts which anyone interest-
ed in the truth can obtain.

Does any man believe that
such men as Robert Vinson and
Walter Splawn would preside
over an institution that taught
'against religion and the Bible'?
If we had a thousand boys and
girls to send to college, we would
not be afraid to send them to the
University of Texas on account
of religion.

We quite agree with Bro.
Whipkey that grand old Baylor
University has turned out some
great men. Even this humble
editor for a brief period sat un-
der the dripping eaves of this
great Baptist sanctuary and im-
bibed some of the teachings of
Rufus C. Burleson, of blessed
memory, but Baylor has no mo-
nopoly in producing great men.

Denominational schools are all
right—even if it does take a big
bank roll to patronize them—
but let us not knock the State
schools, where the poor man's
boys and girls must go to be
trained for the battles of life.
If you want your boys and girls
to be Baptists, send them to a
Baptist school; if you want them
to be Catholics, send them to a
Catholic school, if you want
them to be Methodists, send
them to a Methodist school; but
if you want them to be plain
scholars and broad-minded Amer-
ican citizens, send them to the
State Schools.—But by all means

send them to school. —Sterling
City News-Record.

IT HAS LASTED

Merkel People Must Believe Such
Convincing Testimony as
Mrs. Williams.

No one in Merkel who suffers
backache, headaches, dizziness,
rheumatic pains or distressing
urinary ills can afford to ignore
this twice-told story of a Merkel
resident. It is confirmed testi-
mony, telling of lasting benefit
from Doan's Pills—a stimulant
diuretic to the kidneys. It's evi-
dence that no man or woman in
Merkel can doubt.

Mrs. A. D. Williams, Merkel,
says: "I had a dull ache in my
back which felt as though a
heavy weight were bearing down
on my kidneys. I also had head-
aches and my kidneys acted too
freely. After using Doan's Pills,
I was relieved. (Statement given
May 5, 1919.)

On May 6, 1925, Mrs. Williams
said: "Since Doan's Pills cured
me I haven't had kidney com-
plaint."

60c. at all dealers. Foster-Mil-
burn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

FOR SALE—FOR SALE

I now have more than 10,000
acres of land on the market in
lots from 15 to 640 acre blocks.
all of this land is in the Merkel
Trade Territory, and all of it is
priced worth the money. I have
handled more than \$28,000
worth of land in the last 40 days
and still have some of the best
bargains on hand, so if you are
contemplating buying a home in
the city or a farm, let me tell
you what I have for sale. Costs
you nothing to look, and since
the rain I am full of talk, so
come to see me. I am strictly in
the land business and I think I
have most of the bargains to of-
fer both in city and country
property. Talk it over with me.

E. D. COATS.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

State Fair "Crop" Superintendent



J. A. MOORE

J. A. Moore of Grand Prairie,
Tex., is superintendent of the ag-
ricultural department at the State
Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25,
and expects the most compre-
hensive agricultural display ever
seen in Texas. A practical farmer
himself, and for many years in
the farm demonstration service,
Mr. Moore is peculiarly fitted for
the position he holds. Fully sev-
enty-five county exhibits are ex-
pected at the 1925 State Fair.

NEW AUDITORIUM TO BE DEDICATED AT 1925 STATE FAIR

Magnificent \$500,000 Building Added
to Permanent Structures—Big
Broadway Show the At-
traction

At the State Fair of Texas, Dallas,
Oct. 10-25 this year, the magnificent
new \$500,000 Fair Park auditorium
is to be dedicated and added to the
many handsome permanent structures
within the great Fair park.

Each year some big improvement
of this character has been added to
State Fair equipment within the last
decade, but the new auditorium is
perhaps the most pretentious of all
the structures of the State Fair plant.
For its dedication there will be
first, an organ recital on the \$50,000
instrument installed within the audi-
torium. This will be given by Clare-
nce Eddy, acknowledged as one of
the world's famous organ perform-
ers. His recital will be given in the
afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 10, open-
ing day of the 1925 State Fair.

Each night throughout the State
Fair, with several matinees per
week, "Sky High," a great musical
comedy production direct from Broad-
way, will be offered. "Sky High" is
a big Shubert production, and the
Shuberts are recognized in New
York, as the greatest producers of
the age. As one New York critic
has said, their name connected with
an offering is a guarantee of its
goodness.

The State Fair management has
contracted for "Sky High" in its en-
tirety, just as it has been offered in
New York at the Winter Garden
since last February, and as it is
still running. It will cost \$100,000
to bring it to Texas by special train,
including Willie Howard, the famous
comedian-star, and the entire com-
pany of 108, with all the scenery,
the big orchestra, etc.

The auditorium is a building more
than 200 feet each way in outside
dimensions, and will seat 5,000 peo-
ple. It is provided with an up-to-date
heating and ventilating system and
is fire-proof. It will prove one of
the big sights at the 1925 State Fair,
outside of the entertainment offered
in it.

DAIRY ANIMAL BREEDERS TO MEET AT STATE FAIR

Meetings of both Jersey and Hol-
stein breeders have been scheduled
for the State Fair of Texas, Dallas,
Oct. 10-25 this year. Positive dates
for the sessions have not as yet been
announced, but all members of both
the Texas Jersey Cattle Club and of
the Holstein Breeders' Association,
have been notified that the gather-
ings will take place, and a big at-
tendance is expected at each session.
The Texas Jersey Cattle Club is
offering a special premium at this
year's State Fair, on county herds.
Each herd must be made up of eight
animals, owned by at least five dif-
ferent owners, and be representative
of the county from which it is en-
tered. Secretary, D. T. Simons of
the club, expects at least twenty
such entries.

TO PASS UPON MERITS OF STATE FAIR FOWLS

Keen interest is already manifest
in the poultry show to be held at
the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct.
10-25, according to Walter Burton of
Arlington, superintendent of the pou-
ltry department. Judges of the State
Fair poultry show will be Newton
Cosh, Vineland, N. J.; D. E. (Ted)
Hale, Chicago, and E. C. Branch,
Lee's Summit, Mo.

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IN MEMORY OF EARL BARLOW MARTIN

Earl Barlow Martin, age 21
years, 8 months and 1 day, was
born and reared in Merkel until
1917, when with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. L. E. Martin, moved to
McKinney, Texas, where he was
living at the time of his death.

Earl was stricken with men-
ingitis, and passed away after
four days of intense suffering,
on September 3rd at 2:30 o'clock
at the city hospital. Everything
that skilled physicians, nurses,
and the loving care of his heart-
broken parents, with other loved
ones and kind friends, who
watched over and ministered to
his every want during his fatal
illness, was to no avail. We could
not stay the hand of death; God
in his goodness and mercy called
Dear Earl to come up higher
and forever live with him.

Earl was converted four years
ago and lived a beautiful Chris-
tian life. He was a devoted son
and brother. He loved his home,
was never happier than when
with his mother and other mem-
bers of his family in the home.
He was a most wonderful lover
of music and would often sit for
hours and hear his mother play.

Besides his father and mother,
one sister, Ella Mae, and a bro-
ther, Billy, survive him, and
numerous other relatives mourn
his passing away.

His funeral was held at the
first Methodist church, conduct-
ed by his pastor, Dr. Gibbs
Mood, assisted by Bro. J. A.
Seale, a Baptist minister of
Sherman, and friend of Earl and
the family. The many beautiful
floral offerings attested the love

and high esteem in which he was
held. The out-of-town relatives
who were with Earl in his ill-
ness were his uncle, W. F. Buc-
hanan and wife, Mrs. Vernon
Boring, Miss Bert Boring, Miss
Jessie Deane Crenshaw of Fort
Worth, and Mrs. Will Boring
and son Jack, of Tyler. One
uncle, Emmett Boring, was un-
able to reach him. We laid his
remains away in Pecan Grove
cemetery in McKinney to await
the resurrection morn, while his
spirit went home to live with
God. We shall all meet you, beau-
tiful jewel. His Grandmother.

MULBERRY NEWS

By Miss Hazel Thomas

The farmers are real busy
trying to get their cotton out
before the fall rains.

Most of our community at-
tended the fair Friday and Sat-
urday at Merkel. Glad our neigh-
bors, Salt ranch, took first prize
in the exhibits.

Miss Ethel Bird entertained
with a party Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh and
Mrs. C. E. Thomas attended ser-
vices at Merkel Sunday and Sun-
day night.

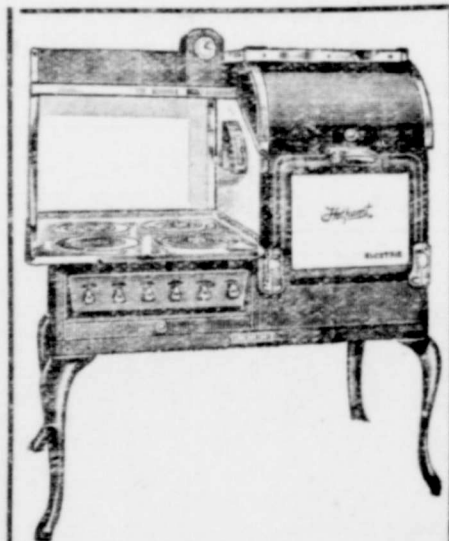
Miss Thelma Smart, accom-
panied by Mr. and Mrs. Gene
Reagan and Miss Lois Reagan,
returned to her home near Lub-
bock Friday.

Mr. M. G. Guin and Miss Lila
are visiting on the plains this
week.

Mrs. M. G. Guin called on Mrs.
E. A. Thomas of Merkel Satur-
day evening.

Miss Raye Arnwine spent the
week-end with home folks.

Electric Cookery is Better Cookery



YOU'LL BE PROUD OF YOUR COOKING WITH THIS MODERN RANGE

Perfectly cooked, delicious tasting
foods, with no waste from shrinkage,
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variable results with an electric range be-
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the time designated
accurately controll-
ing the cooking time

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ways maintains the
oven heat at the cor-
rect cooking temp-
erature without
watching—never
burns nor under-
cooks.

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Free Facials, Massages and appointments at residence or at the drug store.

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THE HAMM DRUG COMPANY
The Rexall Store

THE OLD FOLKS

Somewhere they are sitting—thinking. Resting in some quiet place, off the main road of life—waiting. Thinking of the good old days—thinking of you—wondering what you are doing. Waiting to hear from you. Wondering how you look now. Wishing they could see you.

Have they a good portrait of you? But when was it taken? Not recently. Imagine them, with trembling hands, opening a big flat package and taking out a splendid likeness of you.

It's such a little trouble, and it would mean so much to them. SPECIAL DISCOUNT NOW.

RODDEN STUDIO, Merkel, Texas

SENIOR NOTES

By Sallie Brown

Say, Listen!

Now that the Seniors are organized we will show you what real fun is. We are strong believers in feasting and having a good time in various ways for we are honest to goodness sports and full of pep. You will hear us from time to time throughout the year. Move over and give us room for we are coming with a boom.

Lawn Party

On September 19, 1925, the Senior class of M. H. S. entertained the football boys on the lawn at Dr. Gambill's. The evening was enjoyed by playing out-of-door games and music. The refreshments of watermelons were enjoyed by all and there were plenty of them. There were thirty-one present and all said they had just a "regular good time."

Why Teachers go Crazy

A mountain range is a large cook stove.
Shall I write on both sides of the paper?

BLUE BUGS?

Feed MARTIN'S POULTRY TONE to your chickens and paint the hen house with MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT to kill and keep away insects. Guaranteed by Merkel Drug Company

BACK HURT BAD

Lady Had Severe Pains in Back and Got Very Weak.

"I think very highly of Cardui for I have had great benefit from its use," says Mrs. Cora Nicholson, of Ware Shoals, S. C.

"I was in bed quite a while. It looked like my strength would not come back, and I suffered with severe pains in my back whenever I would try to get up. Sometimes I would scream out, my back hurt me so bad."

"My husband got me some Cardui and I took two bottles. Very shortly after I began to take it I could notice I felt better. I began to get stronger. My appetite was improving and I could see that I was much better."

"After I had finished the second bottle I was able to be up and do all my own housework, so of course I think Cardui is fine. It is the best tonic for women that I know anything about, and I am glad to recommend it. Not long ago I told a lady friend of mine about it, and it did her as much good as it has done for me."

At all drug stores. C-32
CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

"ONLY CHILD" IS UNDER HANDICAP

Fated Not to Succeed Well in Life.

In a discussion of the "Influence of Early Environment on Personality," before the members of the New York Academy of Sciences, section of anthropology and psychology, Prof. William Ogburn of Columbia university presented the results of his research into one specific phase of the general subject, but added that some additional data were not quite ready for presentation.

Taking for granted that a repeated stimulus in the life of the child interests the personality of the child, Professor Ogburn expected to find some objective evidence of this factor in a study of family life. He therefore decided to study "the intelligence quotients" to see if they varied with the position of the child in its particular family; that is, to see in what manner the oldest child, the youngest child and "the only child" would be affected by the investigation.

He said that in this way he could study the emotional stability of the child, its achievement in school, and the teacher's estimate of the child's personality. His first consideration, he said, was to define the position of the child in its family, and in this procedure he used fifty different categories, which included differentiations according to age, taking a period of five years as the dividing line, and also considering differentiations according to sex. But the data in the matter of the sexes had not been completed, he added.

Selecting "Who's Who" as a criterion of success, Professor Ogburn said that by analyzing the data given here in reference to the position of the child in the family, he might compare his results with the statement of Doctor Brill and other psychologists who claim that "the only child" does not succeed very well in life, that it tends rather to fail in the struggle for existence.

Three thousand names were selected at random, the professor stated, covering three separate lines of endeavor, namely, 1,000 artists, including painters, actors, musicians, authors; 1,000 scientists of all grades, and 1,000 of a more general classification, including statesmen, business men, journalists and others of "good mixing qualities." In these questionnaires, he said, the position of the individual in his family was requested, and there was no classification for females, since there were only a few listed. From the 1,700 replies received he endeavored to see whether a certain type of child appeared in the lists of "Who's Who," with the following results:

Of these families of "Who's Who" were found 577 individuals who were the oldest males in the family, each of whom had a brother less than five years younger, and all of them living; 342 of them were in "Who's Who," making a proportion of 59 out of 100. There were 398 of these who were the youngest children with a brother five years older; 155 of them were found in the lists of "Who's Who," representing 39 out of 100. Regarding the intermediate children, that is, between the oldest and youngest, 729 were discovered and only 237 of them in "Who's Who." These results, Professor Ogburn concluded, seemed to favor the intelligence of the oldest child, with the youngest next and the intermediate child in last position. He found these data the most significant of the many categories.

Sting in It

Edward S. Harkness of New York, congratulated on his recent gift of \$1,000,000 to Yale, laughed and said: "Philanthropists never like to hear any allusions to their philanthropy. These allusions are always well meant but they are somehow apt to resemble the butler's speech more or less."

"A Lady Bountiful, famous for her charities, once declared to her butler that if the townspeople persisted in their design of building a garage right opposite her bedroom windows she would leave the town."

"That's what I told 'em, ma'am," said the butler excitedly. "I told 'em that at the town meetin'. And I asked 'em, ma'am, if they wanted to lose the goose what laid the golden eggs."

Cannibals Still Exist

Until the recent murder of the Canadian explorer, Charles Penrose, in New Guinea, by cannibals, the fact that man-eating humans still existed was not generally realized. This tragedy revealed authentic modern records of the cannibalistic tribes in the outreaches of civilization. In New Guinea they live in the extreme interior where the country is thickly forested and the tribes are difficult to locate. No traveler has dared to go too far into this interior although neighboring tribes have given out information on their less sociable neighbors.

Mimic's Fun Ended

For some time at Pasadena, Cal., V. K. Fisher enjoyed his ability to imitate a police siren to perfection with his voice. He fooled the traffic policemen as he drove his car down the street at a terrific rate, emitting siren-like screeches. At each corner, the policeman would wave traffic to a stop and would give the youth the right of way. Fisher met his Waterloo when a motorcycle officer heard the siren and followed to see what was happening.

COMPERE NEWS

By Miss Alma Stout

Every one is busy picking cotton in this section. Everybody took a holiday Saturday and went to the Community Fair.

Mr. Allred and family attended the dedication services at the new Presbyterian church in Merkel Sunday.

Those visiting at Mrs. Stout's a while Sunday were Hall, Bob and Jasper Hobbs, Mr. Donaldson, George and Delmer Donaldson and Charlie Allred.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin were in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas visited at Mrs. Marshall's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout have as visitors this week, Mr. Charlie Stout and Miss Annie Schmitt from Arlington, Texas.

Mr. Allred and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin went to Abilene Saturday to see their brother-in-law, Mr. Winters, who is in the sanitarium.

Miss Opal Rister spent last week with relatives in Merkel.

The teacherage at Compere was completed a few weeks ago. The principal and his family moved in several days ago. School will start about the 2nd of November.

Rev. Bryant will preach his regular monthly sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday. Everybody is invited.

PIANO PUPILS WANTED

I still have room for several more pupils in piano. Those wishing to enroll please see me in my studio at the Ward building or call 38. Credit is given pupils studying with me. I am introducing the course of music study as outlined by the State Music Teachers Association for High School students. Certificates are granted to music pupils who attend Texas High Schools that have passed the examination after having this music study. Madge Yoakum, teacher of piano and theory. It

WARREN NOTES

By Miss Vera Jones

The cotton is opening very fast and we are very glad to know that there has not been any damages so far.

The Fair was attended by a large crowd from our community Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster spent the day Sunday with her parents of Merkel.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Pettijohn of Anson, Mrs. V. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dean of the Kale community, Misses Willie Newman, Helen McCormick, Carrie Ellington and Stella Kelsoe. Messrs. Oddie, R. V. and Hima Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Burks of Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick spent the day Sunday with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Shouse of Trent.

Miss Anna Hudson spent the day Sunday with Miss Rose Ellington.

Miss Willie Ellington returned home Friday evening and remained until Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones spent the day Sunday with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited her parents of the Salt Blanch community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Numan spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Owens.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one who during the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and brother, extended help and condolence during this our saddest bereavement. May the Lord bless and keep you in the sincere prayer of the undersigned. Mrs. T. C. Hale and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hale. It

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

C. D. Ambrose of San Angelo, who represents the Dallas Farm News, was mingling with the big Fair crowd here Saturday. He said: "Your exhibits in the agricultural and poultry departments are as fine as I ever saw and are a credit to any county or state Fair." Come to Merkel.

The Blue Bird says



A hick town is one in which the traffic officers are still polite to motorists.

Never admit that a man is a convincing speaker until you hear him try it on a traffic cop.

It is remarkable how few of the people killed at railroad crossings on Sunday were on their way to church.

It is getting so that church is about the only safe place to go on Sundays.

Betting is denounced because it is a means of getting money for nothing. It is worse than that. It is frequently the means of getting nothing for your money.

A magazine writer says that we need a new religion. Let's not do anything rash until we try the old one.

Quantity production cheapens everything—including laws.

A New York woman who has just returned from Soviet Russia says it took her over three years to get out, and she considers the time well spent.

Children are not naturally bad—but some are supernaturally that way.

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If you are going to need some good warm Comforts, Quilts, and Blankets for the winter you will find here a large assortment of good, durable warm covers that will please you in the extreme.

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WARREN NEWS

By Miss Rose Ellington

The farmers are all enjoying the fine weather for cotton picking.

Several from Warren attended the Community Fair at Merkel Friday and Saturday and all reported a fine fair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and baby son and daughter, Charlie T. and Artie, visited her mother, Mrs. Shouse of Trent, Sunday.

Miss Annis Hudson spent Saturday night with Misses Willie and Rose Ellington.

Misses Willie Newman and Stella Kelsce spent Saturday night with Misses Vela and Vera Jones.

Miss Cordie Ellington spent Saturday night with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Clyde Shouse.

Miss Willie Ellington from Draughon's Business College, spent the week-end with home folks and friends.

Those who called on Grandma and Ella Hobbs Sunday were Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee Chancey of Mulberry, Mrs. Bob Cannon and family, Mrs. John Hobbs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cas Patton of Merkel, grandma and grandpa Harvell and little granddaughter Claudene Harvell.

Misses Vela and Vera Jones, Willie Newman, Lottie McCoy, Flora Tarpley visited Misses Rose and Willie Ellington for a while Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Tom Harvell spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ellington.

Misses Willie and Rose and Lorene Ellington and Claud Ellington and Annis Hudson spent Sunday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patter-

son and grandma and grandpa Patterson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Barba McCoy.

We are all glad to know that Buster McCoy is at home again and doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hudson of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman spent Saturday night with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Owens.

Mrs. Emmett Patterson visited her mother, Mrs. Finck of Hodges Tuesday.

Misses Vivian and Lottie McCoy and Flora Tarpley visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy a while Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Floyd, of Merkel.

Mr. Bill Harvell spent Saturday and Sunday in Baird and Clyde.

At The Methodist Church

Your soul is your battery. When you neglect it, it gives no sign of alarm; but some day when you badly need it, it is likely to fail you. Better have it looked after at regular intervals at the service station. A little of the water of life is needed once a week at least.

Come to church Sunday. Sunday school at 9:45 and preaching at 11 o'clock. Morning subject, "The Law of Love." Evening service at 7:30, subject "God's Reasoning." Do you do your share? Come and bring a friend with you.

T. J. Rea, pastor.

Elder Cypert Will Preach Here On Next Sunday

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach in this city next Sunday morning and evening at the North Side Church of Christ, and extends a cordial welcome to every one who will attend.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our thanks and appreciation to each and every one who in any manner extended favors or gave comfort to us during the late illness and death of our beloved husband and father. We sincerely appreciate the kindness of all and extend special thanks to the physicians and ministers for their efforts and kindness. May the Lord's blessings rest upon and abide with you. Mrs. P. T. Allday, Tom Allday and Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Shaffer.

On Track—Car Colorado Fancy Lump Coal at summer prices, \$12.50 at car, \$13 delivered in town. Swafford, phone 44. It

Mr. E. D. Coats for many years one of the successful real estate men of this city, but who for the past year has been in ill health, dropped into this office one day this week to place in our columns an advertisement concerning his business and incidentally mentioned that he was happy to state that his health had been practically regained; in fact he said: "I am feeling better than for more than a year."

A little fellow said to us Saturday while mingling with the Fair crowd: "Mister I'll trade you my hotbug for a gun." What do you call a hotbug and why do you want to trade it for a gun, I asked. "This is it," and he gave it a twirl and said "if it gets broke I can't fix it and I can have a gun mended." A wise boy, but I assured him I had no gun to trade for a hotbug.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Foster have purchased the E. S. Cummings place on the south side and have taken up their abode there.

THREE STAKE EVENTS ON STATE FAIR RACING CARD, AT DALLAS, OCT. 10-17

Five races a day, with three stake events scheduled for the meeting, are on the program for the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25 next.

The race meeting will be held Oct. 10 to Oct. 17, inclusive, except for Sunday, Oct. 11, when there will be no races.

The stake events are "The Cotton Stakes," at \$2,000 added money, to be run Dallas Day, Tuesday, Sept. 13; "The State Fair Handicap," at \$1,000 added, to be run on closing day, Saturday, Oct. 17, and "The Texas Special" at \$500 added, scheduled for Monday, Oct. 12.

Entries for the stake events close Oct. 1, and programs and entry blanks are now ready.

Entries for ever night races close at 11 a. m. daily. Purse will be \$400 and \$500. Dr. A. E. Flowers is superintendent of the racing department, and the track is declared to be in the pink of condition.

REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL DAYS AT STATE FAIR

Organizations desiring to reserve special days at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, should file such requests early, according to Secretary W. H. Stratton, in order that the designations may appear on the daily program.

While several such reservations have already been made, there is evidence, according to Mr. Stratton, of some disposition to wait until the last minute.

Monday, Oct. 12, has been named as Press Day; Tuesday, Oct. 13, will be Dallas and Dallas County Day and T. C. U. and Baylor Day. Farm Bureau Day is Wednesday, Oct. 14, and the following day has been designated as Texas Poultrymen's "own." Saturday, Oct. 17, will be Traveling Men's Day and University of Texas Day.

"TIME CARD" ANNOUNCED FOR STATE FAIR EVENTS

Night performances of "Sky High," the big Broadway musical comedy to be offered in the new auditorium at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, will begin at 8 p. m. Matinees will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, at 2:30 p. m. The races and rodeo before the grandstand, will start at 2 p. m. It is announced.

COAST COUNTRY EXHIBIT TRAIN AT STATE FAIR

"The Blacklander" special train, carrying agricultural exhibits from the Gulf Coast country, will be seen at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25. A spur track is being built into the Fair grounds, from the Texas and Pacific mainline. The four car special will remain on the spur throughout the Fair. The famous "Blacklander" boys' band will accompany the train.

UNEARNED CRITICISM

By FRANCIS H. SISSON

Chairman, Public Relations Commission American Bankers Association

There has been some disposition to criticize the administration of the country's banking system for the sudden collapse of prices and curtailment of credits in 1920 and 1921, and the subsequent financial difficulties of the farmers. As a matter of fact, what ever blame may attach to bankers must be for the too generous financing, in many cases, of speculative investment in farm property during the period of inflation. If any just criticism could be directed at the manner in which the Federal Reserve System functioned in this situation in the opinion of many it would be that the Reserve banks delayed too long in raising the rediscount rates. An earlier effort might have stayed the process of inflation.

The collapse of 1920 was by no means confined to agriculture, and was the inevitable sequel to the inflation period. All branches of business suffered in this period of reaction and perhaps none more than banking, against which this criticism has been leveled. The financial situation of the farmers was greatly aggravated by the fact that the high land values and high prices of agricultural products had led many farmers to incur obligations based on the inflated values. If the farmer was victimized at all, indeed, he was the victim of too much rather than too little consideration. The real progress which has been achieved in agricultural finance in recent years lies more in the intelligent distribution of farm credit than in volume.

With agencies now functioning for the provision of ample credits for the American farmer, his enduring success depends upon the wisdom and foresight with which he meets the problems of production and marketing. More than ever before, his activities must be regulated with reference to world conditions, and his profits, like those of the manufacturer or merchant, will reflect the measure of his success in adjusting his activities to these conditions.



Francis H. Sisson

Buy Another Fine Farm

Mr. D. O. Huddleston, who already owns many fine farms in this community, last week purchased the 240 acre farm belonging to Mr. W. N. Farris, which is located about eight miles north of the city.

This is said to be one of the best improved and most fertile farms in this section of the country. Mr. Huddleston has been here many years and denotes continued faith by his added investments in real estate.

Mr. A. W. Cook, Dora, said: "We are doing our best in displaying our field, garden and orchard products for the limited time we had to prepare them. Next year we are coming in high."

Henry Rose of Sweetwater said about the Fair: "A fine Community Fair; a credit to any county and your poultry department is hard to beat."

Prof. McDonald of Dora: "I never saw a finer display in any agricultural hall of farm and garden products, and certainly is a credit to this section."

C. P. Stevens and family spent last Sunday with relatives in Hamlin.

Mr. H. M. Rose, formerly of this city, but now of Sweetwater was down during the Fair and very kindly consented to judge the chicken show for the Fair. Mr. Rose is a real chicken enthusiast and knows a good fowl when he sees it, and did the job of judging well.

Mr. B. C. Gaither returned last week from his trip visiting with relatives in Tennessee. He reports a fine time.

Mr. W. F. Golliday, we are informed, has purchased a fine farm in the Shiloh community from C. P. Church.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the many friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our beloved mother Mrs. J. S. Burns. May the richest blessings be with and rest upon each and every one who in any way aided us. O. R. and Rennie Burns. 1tpd

We accosted a bright, happy, freckled-faced little fellow on the Fair grounds and said: "Son, does your mother put up jellies, jam and preserves?" "Yep, Ma puts 'em up and I put 'em down" and he walked away with a grin on his face.

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DESPOTIC ACTION CHANGED HISTORY

When King Cromwell to Leave England.

A fascinating speculation concerning both American and British history is aroused by memories associated with May day. For it was on that date, 287 years ago, that Charles I of England forcibly prevented a certain trio of English Puritans from following those of their fellows who had already migrated to North America. The significance of the incident is seen in the identity of the three men. They were Arthur Haslerig, John Hampden and Oliver Cromwell.

The Stuart mind was a law unto itself, and we cannot venture to interpret the inner motives which caused that misguided king to insist upon keeping those troublemakers of his realm at home, instead of letting them go to the colonies, perhaps to forget their grievances in the strenuous work of building up new communities, or perhaps to get scalped by the Indians. Possibly he thought it safer to have them where he could keep his eye upon them. He could scarcely have feared that they would foment rebellion among the mere handful of colonists when settled on these shores. Anyway, he did it; and tremendous were the consequences, an editorial in the Washington Post comments.

For it requires no stretch of the imagination to suppose that with those men out of England, there would have been no civil war; or, at any rate, none so serious as to upset the throne. We cannot envision Nashy and Marston Moor without the general of the Ironsides. It is certain that the Puritan protest against royal absolutism would have been made, and it might have been effective. It would have been made through the strenuous and inexorable means. There would probably have been no scaffold in Whitehall, and no protectorate, and the Stuart dynasty might have been maintained even down to our own time.

No less interesting is speculation upon the effect upon America of the coming of those great Puritan leaders. Cromwell would almost certainly have become a dominant figure in the politics of New England. And a continuance of undisturbed Stuart sovereignty would have meant a different policy toward the colonies than the varying policies pursued by the Commonwealth, the Restoration, and the reign of William and Anne. Whatever had happened we may feel sure that we should not now be commemorating the sesqui-centenary of the beginning of our Revolution. The break might have come earlier, or later, or not at all; but it certainly would not have come just when it did and for the same causes and in the same manner.

On the whole, despite the tragedies which it entailed, that act of Charles I. in keeping Cromwell and his companions in England was probably for the best for both England and America—we might say for all concerned, save for Charles himself. To him, it was the bitterest irony of fate.

Remarkable Experience

Experience with lightning is described by a Rand (South African) pioneer in a letter to a Johannesburg paper. He says, "Some years ago I was riding a bicycle in the country and was caught in a thunderstorm; in making a Kaffir hut for shelter I was struck by lightning. The flash caught me in the back of the neck, and made a hole there; it then ran all over my body, took one shoe clean off, and burned my clothes to ribbons. The flesh was peeled off my body, and I was unconscious for a long time. The doctor said I could not live through the night, as my injuries were so severe. The drums of my ears are broken, so I am still very deaf, but after careful nursing and six months in bed I got better, and grew a new skin, which I find quite as comfortable as the old one."

Glacier May Yield Dead

Reports from Geneva, Switzerland, are that alpinists are watching the glacier Des Bossons closely this year in the expectation of finding the remains of six men who perished there in September, 1870. One was an American, H. Randall of Chicago, and it is regarded as possible that his body may be among the others which it is hoped will be given up by the "river of ice." Statistics show that the glaciers usually give up their dead within from ten to thirty years, but one case is recorded of a glacier's retaining bodies more than forty years. The hopes of recovering the bodies of the party that met death fifty-five years ago are based upon the recent discovery of an ax belonging to a local guide who met death at that time.

Popular Ailment

A ten-year-old boy developed a rash and was sent to the doctor. The doctor said the malady was not serious or infectious and placed no restrictions on diet or exercise, but advised staying out of school, thinking, apparently, that the boy's appearance might occasion false alarm among teachers and pupils.

Much of the "enforced" vacation was spent on a new bicycle. While on an errand to the grocery one afternoon the "victim" met a schoolmate who inquired as to his absence from school. On hearing the facts, he began to look envious and ejaculated: "Gee, how'd you get it? I wish I had it, too."

CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR RENT—Furnished room, and board if desired, for one or two school girls or teachers. See Mrs. Tom Hale. 1t

ROOMS—Have two furnished housekeeping rooms for rent. See Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. 1tp

STRAYED—Five young turkeys from our home on the Warren Lake farm, about 2 weeks ago. Please notify Mrs. G. E. Ellington. 1tpd

APPLES. Arkansas Apples at the Merkel Fruit & Vegetable Store about the first of October. Call and see us. A. B. Burkett. 1tpd

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

On Track—Car Colorado Fancy Lump Coal at summer prices, \$12.50 at car, \$13 delivered in town. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

GEORGE SHARP MARRIES A FORMER MERKEL GIRL

We are informed that on September 11, at Iowa Park, Mr. George Sharp and Miss Geraldine Cook were happily united in marriage, and are now making their home in Fort Worth.

Mr. Sharp is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp, who are among our very best citizens, while the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook, now of Holliday, but formerly residents of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sharp were school children in the Merkel public school a few years ago, and have a host of friends here with whom this paper joins in extending congratulations.

C. L. Brown, or "Uncle Charley" as he is familiarly called by those who know him best, was among the fair visitors Saturday, and to a representative of the mail stated that he had lived in upper Mulberry Canyon for nearly fifty years and was still satisfied to live there. Upper Mulberry Canyon was settled before Merkel was known and that he, among others, helped to build the first church house erected in the Canyon and was then and is still known as the White Church settlement. It derived its name from a white chalky peak on the south side of the range of Blowout Mountain. The White Church settlement is one of the richest agricultural settlements in the Canyon as the exhibits in the Community Fair attested.

WANTED—Cotton Pickers, have a house for their use. See Jack Latimer, route 5. 1tp

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Don't forget "The Country Store" every Wednesday for four more weeks.
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MERKEL-BRADSHAW GAME
ENDS IN SCORELESS TIE

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on the 4th for first down, but ball is brought back because of offside and Bradshaw is penalized 5 yds. A pass fails. Bradshaw penalized for only 6 men on line. A pass fails. Merkel's ball on 20-yd line. Bradshaw holds and Merkel fails at field goal from the 18-yd line. Bradshaw's ball on 7-yd line. Bradshaw punts on 4th and Merkel runs ball back to 37-yd line. They make first down. Three more downs fail to gain and Merkel punts 40 yds. to Newby, quarter for Bradshaw, who runs 80 yds. for a touchdown, but ball is brought back because of interference using hands and Bradshaw is penalized, the ball being placed on Bradshaw's 13-yd line. Merkel covers a fumble on 10 yd line. Merkel is penalized 15 yds for holding, placing the ball on Bradshaw's 25-yd line. Merkel fails at field goal, and Bradshaw has the ball on 13-yd line. They punt 30 yds to Polly who returns 5 yds. A pass fails. Merkel punts 30 yds and Bradshaw returns 20 yds. First quarter ends with Bradshaw in possession of the ball on her own 35-yd line, score 0 and 0.

Second Quarter

Bradshaw fails to gain and punts 40 yds. Polly returning 10 yds. An end run fails to gain. Polly punts 40 yds and McGehee downs Bradshaw on her 5-yd line. Two downs net one yd. An end run loses one yd. Bradshaw punts 35 yds to Polly who drops the ball and is recovered by Bradshaw. A pass is intercepted by Chaney. Polly makes end run for 5 yds. A line play fails. Polly punts out of bounds on the 35-yd line. Bradshaw has time out. Bradshaw fails to gain and punts 45 yds. Polly returns 10 yds. Merkel's ball on her own 20-yd line. Merkel fumbles and recovers. They fail to gain and punt out of line on 27-yd line. Daniels throws Bradshaw for an 8-yd loss. Jimmie Toombs goes in for Vick. Bradshaw makes 20 yds and first down on a pass to Newby. Second quarter ends nothing and nothing with Bradshaw in possession of the ball.

Third Quarter

Bradshaw kicks to Chaney who returns 20 yds. A pass is blocked. Another pass is incomplete. Merkel punts 35 yds and Bradshaw is downed on 35-yd line.

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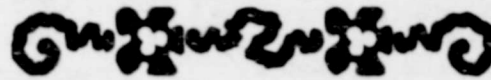
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Women of Solomon
Islands Fade Early

In their youth, the women of the Solomon Islands are slender and graceful. However, they are like certain flowers, they blossom early and very soon fade. They marry sometimes before they are in their teens and become prematurely old from the drudgery of the day's labor—bringing up babies, tending gardens, making mats and pottery. Their dress consists of a fringe of hemp-fiber; or, where the white man's influence has penetrated, of a skirt of calico, called "lava-lava." The figures on the imported cloth occasionally suggest new designs for ornaments or pottery made by a native artist, who adapts them to his own best needs. By the help of a sling thrown over her shoulder, a young mother from the island of Malaita carries with ease her sturdy, healthy babies, one on each hip. Though unclothed, they wear necklaces and anklets. Children are usually carried in this fashion until they are three or older, despite their weight. Like the men, a woman prepares for the delights of smoking in some chance hour of rest by tucking her clay pipe and perhaps her tobacco and match-box into the pocket formed by her tight armband.

When Greeley Proved
He Was No Minister

Most people know Girard college, if they know it at all, for its stringent rule that no clergyman shall ever enter its gate. Whenever the institution is open a guard stands at that entrance, and his one question is, "Are you a preacher?" Long ago Horace Greeley, with his usual white tie and angelic smile, stood at that gate.

"You can't come in here!" exclaimed the guard.

"Why not?" queried Greeley humbly.

"Because you are a clergyman."

"The h—l I am!" blurted out Greeley.

"Excuse me, sir," stammered the guard, "come right in."

It was not prejudice against clergymen that caused Stephen Girard to make that law, but rather his desire that the boys should not be confused by denominational controversy, and that "on their entrance into active life they may adopt such religious tenets as their matured reason may enable them to prefer."—Carl HOLLIDAY in American Mutual Magazine.

T. R.'s Three Speeches

Sir William Reach Thomas, English war correspondent, in his book, "A Traveler in News," tells the following anecdote about Colonel Roosevelt, whom he met in the United States:

"Whether or no he possessed a great brain may be debated, but I never met a man who had so much control over his mental processes. A friend told me that he had heard him address a crowd in the open air on a windy day. Only those toward whom he turned could catch what he said; so he spoke three speeches—one to those on the left, one to the center, one to the right. The three speeches were different and were given in alternate sentences; but he managed the triple feat without confusion, without pausing for a word or thought."

Old Army Punishment

The expression "running the gantlet" meaning to suffer ill treatment at many hands, is derived from a form of military punishment once in vogue, in which the culprit, stripped to the waist, was obliged to run repeatedly between two lines of soldiers facing inward, each one of whom struck at him with a short stick or switch. The custom is said to have originated in the "Thirty Years' War," (1618-1648) and to have been adopted by the European armies as a mode of punishment. The word "gantlet" does not derive from the iron glove, but from the Swedish word gatlopp, meaning "a running down a lane."—Exchange.

Variation in Story

Leon Bloy, to whose memory a monument has been erected in France, was a deep student of ingratitude. One day a lady asked him if the children of this era were usually ingrate. "Yes, madame. Allow me to tell you a story. There was a young villager who wanted to leave the parental roof, and who pestered his father into dividing up the family live stock and giving him his share—" "I know that story," interrupted the lady. "It is the parable of the Prodigal Son. Subsequently he returned, repentant, to his father's home!" "No, madame," said Bloy. "In my story it is the pigs that return."

First Egyptian King

According to Greek authors, as well as according to the Egyptian list of kings, the first king who ruled over the Nile valley was Menes, called Mena in Egyptian. His family came from Tebi, a spot in middle Egypt, which formed a certain religious center of the kingdom down to a late period. Menes was the founder of the so-called first dynasty of Egypt (4400-4133 B. C.). Tradition represents him as the builder of the great city of Memphis.

Explaining the Boosters

"One thing I can't understand," remarked Jones to his neighbor, Smith, as they walked home one evening, "is what has happened to all the boosters that used to infest this town." Smith laughed. "That's easy to explain," he replied. "It's like this. All the boosters who haven't sold their real estate have bought some."

Fourth Quarter

Bradshaw completes pass for 10 yds, then punts 35-yds and ball rolls over goal line. Merkel has the ball on her own 20-yd line. A line play fails. A pass is incomplete. Merkel punts and downs Bradshaw on her own 35-yd line. Merkel intercepts pass on 50-yd line and is downed in tracks. A pass is incomplete. Polly punts 40 yds out of bounds Bradshaw fumbles and recovers on her 10-yd line. Time out. Rogers takes L. T. Toombs place at quarter and Toombs takes Mayfield's place at guard. Bradshaw punts and Polly returns 20 yds. Merkel punts back 30 yds and downs man in his tracks in 6 yds of Merkel's goal. A penalty places Bradshaw 1 yd from

goal line. Bradshaw punts and Polly returns ball 15 yds. Tittle takes Vick's place at tackle. Tittle is taken out of the line to kick field goal, but fails as the ball hits the cross bar. Bradshaw has ball on her 20-yd line. A pass is intercepted by Adams and returned 5 yds. Here the ball is somehow given to Bradshaw. They complete a pass for 10 yds. A pass is incomplete. A pass fails. Penalty for 5 yds on Bradshaw. A pass is incomplete. Game ends in a scoreless tie.

The Bradshaw players were: Holliday, center; Graham, left guard; Johnson, right guard; P. Harrison (Captain), left tackle; Price, right tackle; A. Harrison, right end; Roberts, left end; Newby, quarter; Fox, full; Johnson, left half; Hardy, right half. Only one substitution was made.

The starting line-up of the "Badgers" was: Polly (Captain) and Daniels, end; Vick and Mayfield, guards; Witcher and Tittle, tackles; Joe Bailey Toombs, center; Chaney twins, halves; Adams, full; L. T. Toombs, quarter. Substitutions were: Jimmie Toombs for Daniels, Wells for Vick, Rogers for Toombs.

Anthony from McMurtry College was referee. Herman Bond and Bounds from Abilene were linemen. Mr. J. A. Summerhill and a Bradshaw man were timekeepers.

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