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BADGERS WINNERS OVER COLORADO

Before a crowd of enthusiastic spectators estimated at 2000, of which about 200 were Merkelites, the Merkel High School "Badgers" defeated the Colorado High School "Lone Wolf" eleven to the tune of 12 to 14 in the first interscholastic game played this season by Merkel, which places them in fair running to capture the district title again this year.

It might be said that the ability of the Badgers to kick goal won the game. Or the inability of Colorado to kick goal lost the game for them. Merkel scored their first touchdown in seven minutes after the first whistle blew, never failing to make downs. Everything looked rosy for Merkel, but when Colorado got the ball things changed, as they pushed over a touchdown in 8 minutes without failing to make downs, but failed at goal. The other scores came in the second suarter. Merkel never seemed to have much trouble making gains through the heavy Colorado line, but the swiftness of Gist caused the "Badgers" much trouble in stopping Colorado. There was never a time from the first whistle to the last when there was any certainty of the outcome of the game.

Good sportsmanship on the part of both sides, the thing that is after all what football and other athletic contests are meant to teach and cultivate, was probably never more manifest. No College or University contest was more marked by enthusiastic rooting and good feeling after the game than was this high school game, a thing that has been brought about in a measure by the Interscholastic League.

The Colorado Coach said that his team averaged 177 lbs. The line averages 190 lbs and backfield 165 lbs. The Merkel team averages about 157.

Following is the game play by play:

First Quarter.

Flint for Colorado kicked off at 4:06 with a fake, the ball rolling on the ground about 15 yds and Mayfield covered for Merkel on her own 45-yd line. Lerner Chaney makes 7 yds on off tackle play. Acuff makes 2 yds thru line. V. Chaney makes 1st down. L. Chaney makes 5 yds. Acuff makes 2 yds. Jimmie Toombs makes 2 yds on enr round end play. Acuff makes 3 yds and 1st down. V. Chaney makes 1 yd. Time out for Colorado; Grabie takes place of Venable at tackle. L. Chaney makes 8 yds. Polly makes 2 yds on end around end and 1st down. Acuff makes 3. L. Chaney makes 5 yds. Chaney makes 1st down. Ball is in 5 yds of goal and 4 downs to go. Acuff makes 1 yd. Acuff goes through line for 4 yds and touchdown. Tittle kicks goal. Score 7-0. Tittle kicks off 42 yds and Colorado returns 20 yds. Colorado's ball on 50-yd line. A plunge nets 1 yd. A fake enr run makes 20 yds and 1st down by Gist. They make 2 yds thru line. A fake gains 5 thru line. A play nets 5 yds and first down. No gain thru line. Another fake gains first down and places ball in 15 yds of goal. They lose 1 yd. Merkel penalized 5 yds for offside, places ball in 7 yds of goal and 3 downs to go. A play places the ball in one yd of goal. First quarter ends.

Second Quarter.

Merkel holds, Colorado has a conference. Gist for Colorado makes touchdown on enr run. They fail at goal. Score 7-6 in favor of Merkel. Colorado kicks off 25 yds out of line. Nobody touches ball and they kick again

SAY POISON LIQUOR SOLD TO STUDENTS

Austin, Texas, Oct. 6.—Declaration that poisonous liquor was being manufactured either in Mexico or San Antonio and being sold to students of the University of Texas in Austin was made by District Judge James R. Hamilton in his charge to the new grand jury which was impaneled here Monday. Judge Hamilton said it was the duty of Travis county officers to protect these students and he urged the grand jury to thoroughly investigate the bootlegging industry with a view of breaking up the illegal whisky traffic in Austin and Travis county.

Suggestion was made that the grand jury direct its attention to the apprehension of the "master minds."

5,020 BALES ARE RECEIVED HERE

According to those in charge at the local cotton yard, there had been weighed there up to 1:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon, 3,120 bales, while at the Farm Bureau Cotton Platform, the managers reported about 1,100 bales, and there had been ginned 800 round bales, making a total of 5,020 bales to date, counting the round bale a whole bale.

Up to this date last year, there had been received 6,000 bales, whereas the year before 10,000 bales had been weighed up to this time.

Last year there was a total of 13,587 bales shipped from this city. As to the total production for the Merkel territory this year it is quite hard to estimate as there is so much cotton that is very poor and yet there is some that is mighty good, but according to various estimates of different citizens, the yield will run from 12,000 to 14,000.

The staple is at present being gathered very fast, and with favorable weather, a few weeks will end the story. A light drizzling rain yesterday halted the gathering somewhat. More than 2,000 bales have been received here since our last issue of the Merkel Mail.

35 yds to L. Chaney who returns 15 yds. Time out for Colorado. Merkel fumbles and recovers on own 30-yd line. L. Chaney makes 1 yd. L. Chaney makes 5 yds. 4th down 5 to go. Tittle slips and punts ball backward 15 yds and Colorado covers on Merkel's 21-yd line. A play nets 1 yd. Gist makes end run for 20 yds and a touchdown. They fail at goal. Score 12-7 in favor of Colorado. Colorado kicks off 40 yds and Jimmie Toombs returns 5 yds. L. Chaney makes 5 yds. V. Chaney makes 3 yds. Acuff makes 1st down. L. Chaney makes 5 yds. Colorado substitutes Carr for Grantland at guard. Acuff fumbles and recovers, 4th down 2 to go. Tittle kicks 35 yds and Polly downs mon on Colorado's 15 yd line. Colorado punts 25 yds out of bounds on own 35 yd line. Merkel has time out. Merkel's ball on Colorado's 31 yd line. Adams makes 9 yds. L. Chaney makes 1st down. Adams makes 5 yds. L. Chaney makes 1st down. Ball is in 5 yds of goal, 4 downs to make it. Vernon Chaney puts ball in 2 feet of goal. Rogers goes thru for touchdown. Tittle kicks goal. Score 14-12 in favor of Merkel. Tittle kicks 45 yds and Colorado returns 20 yds. First half ends.

Third Quarter.

Colorado kicks off 40 yds and L. Chaney returns 25 yds. Mer-

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'LADIES NIGHT' NEXT LUNCHEON

"Remodeling Merkel." will be the theme for discussion at the next meeting of the Luncheon Club, which subject has been chosen by Mr. Henry C. West, who has been named next Toastmaster. And it is a fine subject and Mr. West is a capable and proper man to be in charge for the occasion. While the subject alone is sufficient to cause every business man and citizen to desire to be present, for certainly every one should be interested in "Remodeling Our City." When a man's home becomes run down out of date and needs repairing he immediately sets to work to make some modern and up-to-date improvements. The same view should be taken regarding towns, and such is the case where the citizenship is a live and up and doing. But, as we started to say, the subject is sufficient to bring to the meeting every business man and progressive citizen, but there is another reason why every man should want to come, and that is because the next meeting has been designated "Ladies Night," and that is sure to bring every one out to the meeting.

Mr. West has been reared in Merkel, is one of our progressive business men, has served as Mayor, has his all here, and naturally is deeply interested in the future of our city. He will bring forth one of the best and most constructive programs that has ever been rendered, and those who do not attend will long regret their action.

The Luncheon Club is an organization for promoting the best interests of the city and ALL its citizenship. It may have made mistakes, may have failed in some respects, but it has done lots of good for Merkel, so let every business man and citizen interested in the future of Merkel come and bring his wife, or if a single man bring your best girl.

The next Luncheon will be held at the Stephens Hotel (formerly the Collins House) and the price for each plate will be 50c.

TWELVE TRAGEDIES

A man cut his advertising to see if he could save money. He's broke.

A man touched a trolley wire to see if it was charged. It was.

A boy blew in his .22 rifle barrel to see if it was unloaded. It wasn't.

A girl turned bandit to get a thrill. She got it from a pistol. A country boob blew out the gas so he could sleep. He is still sleeping.

A man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank on his auto was empty. It wasn't.

A man patted a strange bulldog on the head to see if the critter was affectionate. He wasn't.

A man speeded to see if he could beat the train to the crossing. He couldn't.

A man undertook to pass two speeding cars on the public highway. He didn't.

A jay-walker tried to beat the flivver across with the "go" sign on. He'll never walk again.

A guy took a drink from a strange bottle to see if it had a kick. He's been blind since.

A sheik kissed a strange girl to see if she would stand for it. She wouldn't.

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HAS REMEDY FOR TREE INSECTS

One of the most destructive insects that confines its operation to the South, with which the fruit growers have had to deal, is the peach tree borer. Until this year, there had been no practicable remedy for this pest. The U. S. Department of Agriculture recently discovered a means of eradicating the worm from the tree.

The peach tree borer moth deposits from 200 to 800 eggs during a season at the base of a fruit tree, especially the peach, and these eggs hatch into worms that eat their way up the body of the tree and soon destroy it. Where the tree is infected with borers, wax may be seen oozing from the opening where the worm enters.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has discovered a Chrysal called paradichlorobenzene, which gives off a gas that enters the canal made by the worm and kills the insect. This remedy should be applied in the fall, preferably in October.

The chrysalis should be crushed so fine that they will sift through an ordinary window screen.

The application follows: A shallow trench should be dug around the tree, two inches from it, and the fine chrysalis should be sifted in the trench. After which five or six shovels of dirt are heaped over it and packed to the shape of a cone. No trash or rubbish should be in this layer of dirt. The gum that is oozing from the tree before the application is made. One-half ounce of the paradichlorobenzene for trees that are from 3 to 5 years of age, and a very small amount more for older trees. The dirt should be dry when the application is made. After two weeks remove the chrysalis. I will be glad to give detailed instructions to those who are interested in making an application of the chemical.

J. R. MASTERSON, Co. Agent.

TWO MAKE BOND IN LAWN SHOOTING

Clarence and Homer Allen, brothers, who have been held here since Monday afternoon in connection with the shooting of Walter Pettite, 42, deputy sheriff which occurred on the main street at Lawn, this county, hom of all three men, at 1 o'clock, Monday, waived examining trial Wednesday morning before Justice of the Peace P. B. Ford and were bound over for appearance in district court on January 14, 1926, on charges of assault with intent to murder.

Clarence Allen, alleged to have fired the shot that critically wounded Pettite furnished bond of \$5,000. His brother, Homer, furnished bond of \$2,500. Oliver Cunningham, local attorney, represented them.

Pettite, who is in a local sanitarium in a serious condition from the effects of a pistol wound through the body, was reported late Wednesday morning to be doing as well as could be expected, although the attending physician stated that the crisis may not yet be passed. However, considering the serious nature of the injury and of the operation necessitated, he is resting better than was expected it was reported from the sanitarium.—Abilene Daily Reporter

WRITES TO MAIL FROM CALIFORNIA

October 3, 1925.

To the Merkel Mail:

And my friends in Dear old Merkel. This is the first time I have attempted to write to the Merkel Mail. We are located in Los Angeles, California, and are doing very well. Lots of work and lots of people to do it. We enjoy this wonderful climate and fruits, flowers and vegetables. The weather is fine at this time and in fact we do not have any real cold weather at all. There is lots of improvement going on all the time. Lots of sights to be seen, but I don't know of anything that would look so good to me as Merkel, Texas. If any of our friends should come this way we would be so glad to see them and if any of them would write us, our address is 132 West 82nd Los Angeles, California. Please find one dollar for the Merkel Mail to Mrs. S. B. Mayberry, 132 West 82nd Street, Los Angeles, California.

METHODIST WILL RENDER PAGEANT

At the Methodist church next Sunday evening there will be an interesting Pageant, "The Voice of the Future," by the Adult membership of the Sunday school, in the interest of the Sunday School children.

It is said to be very interesting and those in charge of putting the same on are working hard to present a program that will not only be interesting, but helpful to both old and young.

Both the parents and children are urged to be present. In fact, if you are a Methodist, and want to see your church and the Master's work progress and go forward, you will make it a point to be present. The following is a sketch of the program, with characters and the names of those taking part.

Rosie Laney, Voice of the Future. Mr. L. W. Cox, Father. Mrs. L. W. Cox, mother. Children: Neil Durham and Gertie Lou Pee, Mossie Sears, Community. Ethel Wilson, Sunday school. Erma Lee Rea, Day School. B. P. Middleton and Lynn McSpadden, Pages.

Loring Hamblet, Martha Bird and Willie Toombs, first procession. Mary Eula Sears, Tommie Durham, Inice Brown, Sallie Brown, Ruth Newberry and Edna Watts, second procession. Music by special choir.

ELDER CYPERT TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ next Sunday, at the morning and evening hours, and extends a cordial welcome to one and all to hear him.

Buys 300 Head of Cattle

Mr. W. H. Laney returned first of the week from a trip to Barnhart, south of San Angelo, where he purchased 300 head of cattle. He expects to ship about 200 of them to market and the balance he will bring to his ranch near this city.

Mr. Thos. F. Murray, correspondent for the Waco Sunday Times-Herald, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson. Mr. Murray spent some time in this community several years ago, and has numbers of good friends who will be glad to meet him again.

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NEXT GRAND JURY PROBE HOME BREW

District Judge W. R. Ely stated Monday morning, that the statutes make it unlawful for merchants to sell malt preparations for making home brew and choc beer and that future grand juries will be charged to vigorously investigate such transactions. He warned those handling such preparations against it, saying that many were selling the product under the mistaken opinion that it is legitimate to do so.

Quoting from the statute he said that it is unlawful to knowingly sell or purchase any material for making any liquors containing in excess of 1 per cent of alcohol by volume.

Unrelenting war on the bootlegger, in which county officers are being joined by college authorities and other citizens is being waged in Abilene. A half dozen cases wherein the defendants are charged with making, selling or possessing liquor in Abilene and environs are on the docket for trial before Judge W. R. Ely in District court this week.

Expert Testimony

District Attorney Long and County Attorney Smith are procuring expert testimony as to the alcoholic content of all liquor confiscated when raids are made. O. O. Watts, professor of Chemistry in Simmons University testified in two cases this week. He found the home-brew alleged to have been taken in one raid to contain 3.4 per cent alcohol by volume and that said to have been taken in another to contain 4 per cent. His testimony is relied on by the state to do much toward bringing convictions, Attorney Long stated.

President J. D. Sandifer of Simmons University was an interested spectator. He has inaugurated a movement for improving the moral conditions of the city for the sake of both home boys and girls and the several thousand young men and women who are here from other places to attend the colleges and university.

Refuses to Sell Malt.

It was called to the attention of those attending district court Tuesday morning by local officers and members of the bar that an Abilene wholesale dealer recently refused to handle a well-known malt preparation in West Texas, writing a letter to his salesmen in which he stated that he felt that principle should be placed above dollars and cents and informing them of his refusal to be responsible for helping to supply bootleggers with a necessary ingredient for manufacturing bootleg beer, some of which may be sold to young men and girls.

President Sandifer stated that he had learned from reliable sources that there are professional gamblers in West Texas who come here during the Fall quarter of the college year to prey upon young men who are inexperienced and are "easy marks" for fleecing in crooked and dishonest games.

That the bootlegger and gambler as well as the habitual "masher" must be driven from Abilene to protect the name of the town for moral cleanliness, which must be upheld at all cost because of the number of parents who send their children here to school, is the statement made by Dr. Sandifer.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith were up from Abilene Sunday visiting the former's father, Mr. F. J. Smith.

We Stand on Our Record

The things a bank stand for are best determined by its record in the past

In inviting people to avail themselves of the service of this bank, we make no promises of conferring unusual privileges; but we do stand on our established policy of giving every one who comes to us the same courteous, efficient, service, and every assistance that sound banking practice will allow.

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Mrs. Mitchell of Cisco, mother of Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, came in Saturday night for an extended visit with the latter.

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Triangle Ranch Girl to Compete In State Fair of Texas Rodeo



Bea Kirnan of the Triangle Ranch, one of the most fearless cow-girl bronc riders and clever trick horsewoman, will be a contestant in the State Fair of Texas rodeo, Dallas, Oct. 18 to Oct. 25, inclusive. Her favorite trick horse is "King." She is an excellent horsewoman with a pleasing personality and never fails to make a hit with her daring work in the arena. She carries a string of six beautiful, well trained animals.

Youngest Entrant State Fair Rodeo



Fred M. Clancey, Jr., a youngster who is attracting much attention at the Northern rodeos with his clever roping and trick riding, will be one of the entrants in the State Fair of Texas rodeo, Oct. 18 to Oct. 25 inclusive. He is the eldest son of "Fog Horn" Clancey, and a few years ago got his name in the papers because of his mysterious disappearance from home. They found him after a week or so, on an Oklahoma ranch. His love for the great open spaces had been a lure too strong. He had joined up with the cowboys during a big round-up.

SPECIAL DAYS NAMED FOR SEVERAL COUNTIES AT 1925 STATE FAIR

Several Counties have already named their "special days" at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, on which big attendances are expected.

The list of special days now includes:

Saturday, Oct. 10—A. & M. and Sewanee Day.

Monday, Oct. 12—Press Day, Georgia Day, Manufacturers' and Wholesale Merchants Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 13—Harrison County Day, Elks Day, Baylor and T. C. U. Day, Dallas and Dallas County Day.

Wednesday, Oct. 14—Farm Bureau, Swine Breeders, Hunt County.

Thursday, Oct. 15—Poultrymen's Day, Jersey Cattle Club Day.

Friday, Oct. 16—Franklin County, Texas Welfare Association, Children's Day, American Per Women's Day.

Saturday, Oct. 17—Traveling Men, Texas Commercial Executives, University of Texas, Auburn, All College Circus Day.

Sunday, Oct. 18—Spanish War Veterans.

Monday, Oct. 19—G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps, Texas Ginnery.

Tuesday, Oct. 20—Gregg County Day, Confederate Day, Holstein Breeders' Day.

Friday, Oct. 23—R. O. T. C. Day, Indiana Day, Lions' Day, Life Insurance Day.

Saturday, Oct. 24—S. M. U. Day and Oklahoma Day.

Magnificent Fireworks. "Rome Under Nero," declared to be the most magnificent fireworks spectacle ever seen in the South, will be offered nightly, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

LOW RAILROAD RATES FOR STATE FAIR OF TEXAS DALLAS, OCT. 10-25

Excursion Trains to Be Run on Several "Special Days"—Opportunity to See Broadway Show.

Texas railroads have granted extremely low round-trip rates on account of the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, Oct. 10-25, and at least one line has thus far announced that it will run several special trains to accommodate expected travel to the Fair on various "special days" that have been designated.

These excursions, it is planned, will be run on those days on which matinee performances in the new State Fair auditorium, are to be given. This will give opportunity for excursionists to see the New York production in the afternoon, after having taken in the other attractions of the Fair during the morning, and return home that night.

A special week-end round-trip rate, permitting a Saturday and Sunday stay in Dallas, has also been announced.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR STATE FAIR STADIUM

Five Collegiate games and two major high school contests are scheduled for the athletic stadium at the State Fair of Texas, during the 1925 State Fair, Dallas, Oct. 10-25. The schedule shows:

Saturday, Oct. 10—A. & M. vs. Sewanee; Tuesday, Oct. 13—Baylor vs. T. C. U.; Friday, Oct. 16—Forest High, Dallas, vs. Highland Park (Dallas); Oak Cliff High vs. Kansas City High (one morning and one afternoon game); Saturday, Oct. 17—Texas vs. Auburn, with the All College Circus and a unique night game under the powerful electric lights, beginning at 7:30 p. m.; Monday, Oct. 19—Wylie College, Marshall, vs. Oklahoma Normal, Coyle, Okla. (negro teams in conference game); Friday, Oct. 23—R. O. T. C. competition; Saturday, Oct. 24—S. M. U. vs. Oklahoma.

TWELVE R. O. T. C. UNITS IN STATE FAIR CONTEST

Twelve R. O. T. C. units will compete in the military contest at the State Fair of Texas, Friday, Oct. 23, in the athletic stadium. Companies have been entered from San Antonio, Ft. Worth, Arlington, Stephenville, Terrell and Bryan, in addition to six Dallas units.

Horse Wins Cost Price.

P. J. Fuller, Snyder, Texas, racing man, purchased "Bodyguard," a colt, at the Cleveland, Ohio, track several weeks ago. Within ten days the horse won for Mr. Fuller his purchase price of \$3,500. The Fuller string, it is expected will race at the State Fair of Texas, race meet, Dallas, Oct. 10-18, inclusive.

State Fair Race Program.

Five running races daily, for the seven days of the meet, Oct. 10 to Oct. 17, are announced for the State Fair of Texas at Dallas. The races begin at 2 p. m.

Col. Mitchell at Fair.

Col. Wm. Mitchell of the U. S. Air Service, it is announced, will judge hunters and jumpers at the State Fair horse show, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

Statement of Condition

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK
Merkel, Texas

Close of business September 28, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$247,836.27
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	25,453.84
Overdrafts	958.66
Bonds and Warrants	25,410.33
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	90.00
CASH, SIGHT EXCHANGE	
AND U. S. BONDS	239,524.42
Total	\$549,036.02

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	18,045.15
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	474,740.87
Total	\$549,036.02

IN THE ABOVE STATEMENT ALL BONDS ARE OWNED BY THE BANK.

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Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw received news from her daughter, formerly Miss Amy Bradshaw, stating that she had become Mrs. W. A. Johnson. Her husband is a young business man of Dixon, Texas. Miss Amy is well-known to Merkel people and her many friends will wish her many days of happiness.

Miss Lillian Watts left Saturday night for Dallas, where she will visit.

Messrs. Fred Giles and Ray Garrett, who are Simmons students this term, spent this week-end at home.

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WINTER

Auto Necessities

These crisp autumn mornings serve to remind us that winter is just around the corner. Now is the time to get the car in shape for cold weather. You'll find our store the ideal place to purchase the items you may need for the job. Our stock is complete; our prices are fair.

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Oh, Boy! Cake!

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TRY OUR FINE HOME-MADE CANDY

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THE RAY HOWELL PLAYERS IN MERKEL ALL NEXT WEEK

The above company begins a week's stay at Merkel on next Monday night, October 12th. The following complimentary notice is taken from the Cherokee, Okla., Messenger:

"The Ray Howell Players, showing in Cherokee this week in their tent theatre, made a distinct hit with the large crowd which attended the initial performance Monday evening. Ability to make people laugh, good, clean comedy, plenty of excellent music and real entertainment features, are qualities possessed by this unusually good troupe of players. They came to Cherokee highly recommended from Anthony where they played last week and to date they have lived up to the advance notice in every particular.

"While the company is presenting some clever plays, they are especially strong in vaudeville acts. Ray Howell, one of the managers, is the comedian and kept his big crowd in uproar of laughter in 'Toby's Trip to New York,' presented Monday evening.

"L. G. Hulett has the lead parts and possesses dramatic talent such as is seldom seen in Cherokee. Miss Smiley is leading lady and nearly got murdered by a number of the crowd who were 'knocked out' by her acting as a female villain in the initial performance. Jack Lathrop takes care of the character parts excellently.

"Numbered among the vaudeville acts are the Sutherland Saxophone quartet which in itself is a rare entertainment. This

company has recently played the larger theatres in Los Angeles, San Diego and Honolulu. Stanford and Barton, dancers and singers, have recently come off the big time vaudeville circuits to join the Howell Players.

"The entire company is unusually high class and clean. It is rare that Cherokee and Alfalfa county have an opportunity to attend a performance such as the company is giving."

See their ad in this issue for special inducements for the ladies on Monday night, the play presented, prices, etc. This company comes here under the auspices of the Fire Boys.

WARREN NOTES

By Miss Vera Jones

The farmers are all very busy picking cotton.

The health of the community is very good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited Mr. and Mrs. Shouse of Merkel Sunday.

Messrs. Oddie, R. V. and Luna Jones visited Mr. Verner Hudson Sunday.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones.

Miss Ruth Chancey visited Miss Artie McCormick.

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

On the Stroke of Twelve

By JACK WOODFORD

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"YOU of course understand," said Henry Hall severely, "that I am no coward, and that I am not given to magnifying trifles. This letter is similar to many others that I have received during my lifetime, and yet, because I am almost certain who it is from, I have a feeling that—"

Prentice, the young manager of a metropolitan detective agency, leaned forward and addressed the wealthy man in a tone almost of pleading.

"Won't you tell me whom you think it is from, so that in case, in case—"

"So that in case," put in Hall calmly, "the man succeeds, you will know whom to look for. Well," he mused, "I don't think I will. Years ago I did a thing to this man that would justify his murderous design now, and I am going to be sport enough to refrain from naming him. If he succeeds in doing away with me, as he says he will, at 12 o'clock tomorrow night, well and good. I shall even give him an opportunity to escape by not naming him now, but I'm leaving it up to you, and the town police, to prevent it." Hall stopped talking and drummed nervously upon the table.

"The man is probably insane," put in the detective impatiently, "brooding over his fancied wrongs all of these years and—" Prentice rose.

"If you do as you have planned, stay right here in your room tomorrow evening, until after 12 o'clock, and, between my operative and the town police every foot of your grounds and the territory around and near the place is watched, there is no way on earth..." Hall smiled wanly.

At sundown the following night the operatives began to arrive silently. Not a shadow about the immense, gloomy old mansion but which had its human guardian. Across the street, in the village square, the town police had turned out to a man and were pacing up and down, eyeing everyone who passed. Eleven o'clock came and nothing untoward happened. Prentice knocked upon Hall's door.

"Come in!" called out the Croesus rather irritably. Prentice passed into the luxuriantly furnished room and stood opposite his employer, his hands resting upon the mahogany table as he leaned forward to speak.

"Well, sir, I'll guarantee that even a wraith couldn't get in or out of this house tonight without our seeing it; however, I do wish that you'd give me the name of the man who wrote that letter, just in case..."

"No," mused Hall, taking the letter from the drawer and tossing it across to the detective. "I won't." Prentice took it up and read it through aloud.

Henry Hall: You remember what I told you several days ago. Tomorrow night at precisely 12 o'clock I shall kill you; may God have mercy on your soul.

There was no signature. "Wanted to give me plenty of time to pray, I suppose," said Hall with a short laugh. "Don't know but what I would if I knew any prayers. Instead, I'm reading 'Treasure Island.' Between every line I recall how I felt when I was a boy and read it for the first time; and I wish to recall my childhood tonight; it, at least, was clean." The detective shrugged and took up the large revolver which lay upon the table to examine it minutely. He took out the cartridges and shook them, whirled the magazine, and snapped the hammer once or twice. Satisfied, he said good night and left the room.

At five minutes to 12 the town was as quiet as death itself. Eleven fifty-nine came, and nothing happened. As the clock in the city hall tower began to whirr, preparatory to striking 12 o'clock, several of the officers loitering about upon the green arose and stretched themselves.

The clock in the tower began to strike: "One," it tolled out, and not an untoward thing happened; "two, three, four, five, six," still everything was quiet as though perpetual sleep had visited the scene; "seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven..."

But no one ever heard the stroke of 12.

There was a terrific explosion, and a flash as of a bolt of lightning. Suddenly the light across the street went out. The frightful "Boom!" echoed and re-echoed between the hills surrounding the town. The officers ran around in circles, shouting excitedly; lights began to flash on in houses all over town.

It took them 20 minutes to discover that the old cannon upon the courthouse lawn had been thrown back 20 feet from its usual position. It was Prentice who found it.

"Last thing on earth I'd have suspected," he said ruefully to the town chief of the police.

"The fellow, whoever he was, evidently discovered that this old Spanish-American war weapon pointed directly at Hall's room, and so he sent that note, figuring that under the circumstances Hall would want to spend the last hours in his own room. Then, I suppose, he threw in a half dozen sacks of powder, and a clock mechanism to set it off, and finished up with shrapnel—poor Hall!"

Men Scarce There

Many thousand English girls want to marry but can't because of the scarcity of young men in England, Dr. A. T. Schofield, noted nerve specialist, says.

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SALT BRANCH ITEMS

By Miss Wynona Patton

All the farmers in this community are busy picking cotton.

Several were at Sunday school Sunday morning. A large attendance was at singing Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Lawrence Fitzgerald will fill his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Fannie Thompson was the guest of Miss Wynona Patton Sunday.

Salt Branch B. Y. P. U. program: Subject, "The Fruit of the Spirit." Leader, Mr. Joe Jaynes. Intro., by leader. Part 1, Mr. Charlie Price. Part 2, Mr. Buster Horton. 3. Mr. Tilman Derrick. 4. Miss Pauline Pinckley. 5. Miss Annie Reeves. 6. Mr. Byers Petty. 7. Mr. Jesse Reeves. 8. Mr. Earl Walker. 9. Rev. Fitzgerald. All members be present. Visitors are welcome.

HEBRON GOSSIP

The farmers are getting out bales of cotton plenty fast now.

There was preaching at the church Saturday night and Sunday by Bro. Nickelson. Bro. O. B. Tatum, the pastor, had asked him to fill his regular appointment. Bro. Nickelson preached some fine sermons and we would like to have him with us often.

Several of we young people from Hebron attended the party at Mr. Hubert Harris' of the Union Ridge community Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

Miss Lillie Davis was the guest of Miss Jewel Skidmore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews called on Mr. and Mrs. Pannell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris went

to Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pannell were in Abilene Saturday afternoon on business.

Mr. Howard Garner was in Abilene Saturday.

The bungalow of Mr. A. J. Pannell is just about complete now.

"Mayflower."

Junior League Program

Leader, Billie Lloyd Smith. Song; Prayer. Boyhood of Jesus, Luke 2:7-9, Mildred Richardson.

The Widow's Son, Luke 7:12-14, Dahlia Watkins.

Song: Take the Name of Jesus with you.

The drought of Fishes, Luke 5:1-3, Irene Rister.

Phillipians 4:8, Opal Huskey.

"Making Faces," Ethel Hamilton.

"As a Man Thinketh," Nadine Tippet.

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At The Methodist Church

Sunday School at 9:45. Lee Cox, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11 a.m. Subject: "As for me and my House, We will Serve the Lord." An urgent invitation is extended to all parents to come to the morning service.

It is exactly one month from Sunday until our Annual Conference meets at Canyon. Let every member of our splendid church put his shoulder to the wheel and help to keep up the former fine record of this church. Be sure to worship with us Sunday. T. J. Rea, pastor.

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Nina Belle Russell. Topic: "They First gave their own selves."

Scripture reading: 2 Cor. 8:1-15. God owner of all, Mildred Smith. Song.

Consecration of all, Venice Bell. Gifts of money, Helen Compton. Song. A talk on "The Principles of Stewardship," Rev. Little. Song. Announcements, Mispah.

Intermediate League Program

Every one come to the Intermediate League Sunday. We have a fine program and have organized. Our officers are as follows: President, Dorothy Daniels; vice-president, T. J. Rea, Jr. Secretary, Nadine Tippet. Treasurer, Victor Smith. Devotional committee, T. J. Rea, Jr. Hazel Leslie and Dorothy Daniels. Social department: Irene Campbell, Thelma Jones. Missionary Department, Dorothy Miller, Hazel Leslie and George Woods. Epworthian Agent, George Woods. Librarian, John D. Coats.

Program for Sunday

1. Ananias' Deceit and Repay: Acts 5:1-11, Victor Smith.
2. Lying an Abomination: Proverbs 12:22, Dorothy Daniels.
3. Lying condemned: Psalm 5:6, George Woods.
4. Lying punished: Proverbs 19:5, T. J. Rea, Jr.
5. Lying punished by death: Revelation 21:8, Weldon Coats.
6. Jacob's deceit and Repay: Genesis 17:1, 4, 37, 31, John Dee Coats.
7. Gehazi's deceit and repay: 2 Kings 5:20-27, Irene Campbell.

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Baptist Announcements

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with classes for all. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6:30.

Reports from the association and from the W. M. U. meeting will be brought to us by those attending these meetings, in connection with the morning service.

Training class and counsel meeting Monday 7:30 p.m.

Ladies missionary meeting on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Choir and orchestra rehearsal following prayermeeting.

The members of the T.E.L. Class are boosting the prayermeeting attendance for the month of October, and will furnish one or two special numbers at the beginning of the service each Wednesday evening. The scripture lesson for the next Prayermeeting is the third chapter of the Acts.

It is a very busy time now but let us remember that the Lord gives us the crops and health to gather them in. Therefore let us meet in His house on His day to return Thanks to Him for all His blessings.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mrs. Ted Lassiter, accompanied by her daughters, Bernice and Vivian, and Miss Annie Bickley, visited Abilene Saturday.

Experts Would Make

Cemetery Like Park

"A remarkable change is appearing in the cemeteries and on the memorial stones of America as a result of the efforts of memorial dealers to incorporate art in design," says Prof. W. H. Varnum of the department of applied arts in the University of Wisconsin.

"We are trying to get away from the lack of beauty of the older cemetery monument," says Professor Varnum, "by eliminating the unnatural looking granite blocks with heavy bases. Monument experts are trying to make cemeteries more like parks with memorials that harmonize with nature."

"Memorials in the future will be personalized. Line rather than elaborate floral design will characterize the deceased person. A successful sculptor's memorial, for example, should be a slim obelisk, showing the successful termination of a strong life that has led in one direction."

Symbolic lines also would suggest the youth rather than an ornamental design which "slops over" in taste and sentiment. The youth's memorial would likely be tapered but not pointed, so as to suggest an abrupt ending of a young life. It would be of lighter material and with a small base.

A mausoleum, according to Professor Varnum, should be simple in line and set apart from the surrounding memorials so as to give it an adequate setting. The overuse of elaborate floral design has been due, in part, he points out, to the process of sand-blasting for enrichment of the plain stone. The process has been cheap and has therefore been used to excess. The former demand for huge blocks of granite has been due, in part, to the effort of dealers to give as much for the money as possible.

In many cemeteries now the authorities are formulating and enforcing regulations as to the design and size of memorials and causing their height to correspond to the immediate surrounding topography.

What Makes Grapes "Wild"?

Robert, the young son of Sheriff Burns of Petersburg, was present during a conversation between his mother and some friends, who were discussing the merits of the wild grape for pies, jelly, etc. With a puzzled expression on his face, he said:

"Mom, what kind of grapes are wild grapes?"

Mother Burns explained to him that wild grapes grew in the woods and were much smaller than "tame" grapes, whereupon Robert again asked:

"Will the wild grapes run away from you when you go after them, and will the tame grapes come to you when you call them?"

It was then that mother realized how utterly futile her attempts to make clear to her son why the wild grape was called "wild."—Indianapolis News.

Why He Likes Knickers

"I've finally decided that knickers are a practical garment for men," declared a golfer. "I wore an old pair today and just before I started out I bought several new balls, tendered a bill in payment and received some silver in change. This I thrust into my pocket. There happened to be a hole in this pocket and when I came in I reached down for the change. It was gone. Now, if I had been wearing long trousers I'd have lost that money. But, since I wore socks outside my knickers, all I had to do was to search the proper sock. And there was my money. That's why I'm so certain that knickers are a very practical garment."

Ireland and Egypt

The term "Dominion" is applied generally to the self-governing British possessions beyond the seas, although the word does not in all cases form part of their names. In the case of Canada the word is part of the name, but such is not the case, for instance, of the Union of South Africa, or the Commonwealth of Australia, nor is it the case of the Irish Free State, and yet they may all be referred to as dominions. On November 18, 1914, a British protectorate was declared over Egypt, and the khedive assumed the title of sultan. In March, 1922, Egypt was declared to be an independent kingdom.

Miami's Building Record

More houses per capita were erected in Miami, Fla., last year than in any city in the country. An average of one dwelling for every five families is the record for the southern city. Figures collected by the United States Labor department show 2,248.9 families provided for to every 10,000 of population, which is referred to by the Washington experts as a phenomenal ratio of house construction. For the three years prior to 1924 Long Beach on the California coast held the honor of being the most ambitious home-building center in the country.

New Way to Purify Water

Two scientists in Paris recently dropped a bottle containing chloride of lime in a vessel of impure water. The bottle was corked tightly so that its contents could not come in contact with the water. Yet 24 hours later, when the bottle was taken out, 25 per cent of the microbes in the water had been killed. An explanation advanced is that the antiseptic gives off rays that attack microbes, just as ultra-violet rays do, says Popular Science Monthly.

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$127,711.83
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	611.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	155.12
Bonds, stocks and other securities	125.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	4,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,600.00
Cash on hand	4,942.76
Due from approved reserve agents	39,014.63
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	3,932.36
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,156.16
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	26,931.92
TOTAL	\$211,680.78

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	10,030.11
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	434.53
Individual deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid	162,950.54
Individual deposits on which interest is paid or contracted to be paid	8,009.60
Public Funds on Deposit (School \$256.00) total	256.00
TOTAL	\$211,680.78

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County of Taylor)

We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. Warren, President.

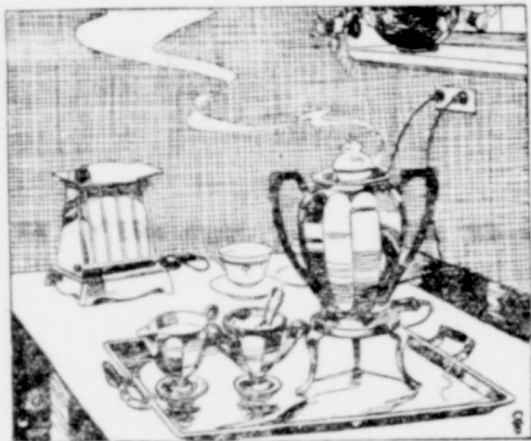
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of October, A.D. 1925. (Seal)

L. R. Thompson.

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

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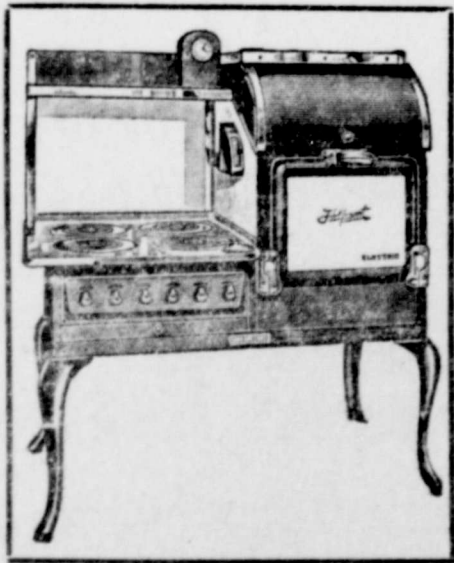


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NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN IN RANKS OF GREAT

Writer Puts Franklin Pierce at Head of List.

The greatest office ever held by a New Hampshire man, and held by him as a resident of New Hampshire, was held by Franklin Pierce. It is something for us to reflect upon that he is one of the few who have gained much renown who gained it as citizens of the state, observes the Manchester Union.

Daniel Webster would, of course, be held as our greatest man, and yet he won his fame in another state and it was Massachusetts, not New Hampshire, that sent him to Washington as a senator. Still, Massachusetts has given him up to us just as it has given up Calvin Coolidge to Vermont. Webster's personal interests remained with us, his love went to New Hampshire, not to Massachusetts.

Franklin Pierce, who was President, was also a military man, possibly looking more like a soldier than being one. His military training was slight, yet he was gallant in action and made a very handsome appearance on horseback, which had a good deal to do with his nomination. The South used to decide who should be nominated by the Democracy, and nomination by that party then was nearly a guarantee of election. The South liked New Hampshire and liked the looks of Pierce. New Hampshire was the one New England state that was popular in the South and was the most popular Northern state. Does anyone in the South think of New Hampshire now? This liking by the South meant much in the way of political patronage for us, we got things no other Northern state could get.

Gen. Lewis Cass of Michigan, who was almost President, was easily the most distinguished soldier who was born in New Hampshire. But his career was made in the West. He remembered little of New Hampshire, the one thing that stood out in his recollection being the fact that he was held in his nurse's arms to see President George Washington ride into Exeter.

Gen. John A. Dix got fame more from some ringing words in the first doubtful days of the Civil war than for exploits in battle. He said a stirring thing at a right time, pronouncing a slogan at a period when that highland Scotch word was not used in our country. "If any man starts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot." People who have autos stolen might well wish General Dix were here and in charge of that problem. It would cease to be a problem after two and a half auto thieves had been shot. Two auto thieves shot to death and a third one filled with birdshot would stop auto stealing for a long time.

Salmon P. Chase was another of our great men who developed elsewhere. Of late years, to somewhat make up for the important men we have contributed to other states, we have been attracting men of note. Of our contemporary leading men several came to New Hampshire. It would be invidious to try to catalogue the living, to mention those still with us. Ralph D. Pierce actually belonged to us. Winston Churchill is well identified with us and McDowell and Saint Gaudens had some New Hampshire background.

He Knew His Stuff

Gilbert H. Ayres of Taylor university, who has just been announced as winner of the \$1,000 prize essay contest in chemistry, offered by the National Chemistry society, and open to all colleges and universities of the United States, told a good story on himself the morning he received the prize.

In the evening mall of the day before he received a notice from the Up-land bank saying that his account was overdrawn 13 cents. On receiving his check he went to the bank at once, informed the cashier that he had come in to adjust his account and then, with the coolness of a millionaire, passed in his check for \$1,000.—Indianapolis News.

French Colonials in Paris

The interest taken by France's colonial subjects in the decorative arts exposition adds to the picturesque aspect of the crowds daily along the Esplanade des Invalides and in the grand palais in Paris. Swarthy Moroccan chieftains, Algerians, Tunisians, Senegalese, all in native costume, promenade in and out among the booths and pavilions, pausing to inspect with gravity and awe the various displays. Some are there in connection with the exhibits of the French colonies and protectorates, but the exposition authorities say that a far greater number are in the real tourist class, paying their own expenses and following their own programs.

Cancer Investigation

A German scientist, Dr. A. Werschinski, has obtained results that seem to confirm the view that cancerous and tumorous growths are similar to embryonic tissue, in that they are simply masses of rapidly growing cells; but that they have "run wild" and escaped from the controls of normal growth. Doctor Werschinski injected finely minced embryonic kidney and adrenal tissue under the skin of a guinea pig, which subsequently developed characteristic tumorous growths in two different parts of its body.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Etheredge are spending this week at Potosi.

Misses Beatrice Meadows and Ruby Pearl Mitchell from Simmons University spent the past week-end with Miss Lola Dennis.

Miss Annie Bickley will teach in the Moro school the coming session.

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Mrs. A. G. Elliott of Sweetwater was visiting in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

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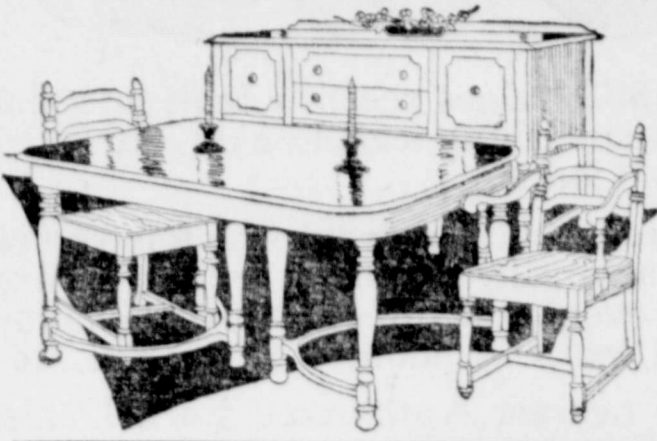
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FRESHMAN NOTES

By Irene Campbell

The Freshman Class organized Tuesday. They elected Fannie Belle Boaz president, Roy Giles, vice-president; and Irene Campbell, reporter and secretary.

The classes are selling tickets for the football game Friday, the first prize is the last forty-five minute period off, the second prize is reserve seats at the ball game. The Freshmen are working hard for the prizes.

Some things we want the Sen-

iors to tell us:

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee,

Or a key for the lock of his hair?

Can his eyes be called an academy,

Because there are pupils there?

In the crown of your head

What jewels are found?

Who travels the bridge of your nose?

Can you use in shingling the roof of your mouth, the nails at the end of your toes?

Answer us that!

P. T. A. HAS INTERESTING MEETING WEDNESDAY

Wednesday afternoon, September 30, with the president, Mrs. A. R. Booth, presiding, the Parent-Teachers Association met in a special session for the purpose of making plans for the year's work. Mr. Summerhill briefly outlined the needs of the school and told the club what he would like to see done first.

The Club argues that every parent who has a child in school becomes a member of the P.T.A. and all people interested in the work of the school have a special invitation to join the association. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14. Everybody come. Reporter.

Pep Squad Entertains The Football Boys

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff on last Saturday evening the Pep Squad of Merkel High School entertained the football boys. The party was held on the lawn and a color scheme of purple and gold was carried out. Many out-door games and music from several victrolas furnished entertainment for the evening. A delicious refreshment of sandwiches and lemonade was served by the pep squad. Those who acted as chaperones were: Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson, Misses Sudderth and Hearn.

SIZIN' THEM UP

Honest, now, what do the flappers think of their young gentlemen friends?

You'd be surprised! We were, when we first saw this "Letter to the Editor" in a New York newspaper:

Editor Mirror: Say, girls, what do you think of the 1925 type of masculinity, or should I have said effeminate males? Arent' they a scream with their garterless socks revealing a limb which is anything but fair to look at? At the rate which men have adopted feminine attire in about 10 or 15 years we shall see them with a skirt and sporting berib? boned garters and vanity cases. Only this morning I saw one of these so-called men sitting in the subway manicuring his nails. Here's hoping these custardites change for the betterment of mankind. A Disgusted Flapper. —Abilene Daily Reporter.

JUNIOR NOTES

The classes are getting more interested in school now, especially holidays and football games. We are boosting the "Badgers" and are trying to have all the High School out for the game Friday to see Roby get a surprise.

Mr. Jackson: (in geometry) "Now you pupils watch the board and I will explain the proposition and go thru it."

Mr. Summerhill: "Bob, is there anything you're not going to flunk in this term?"

Bob: "Yeah, History."

Mr. Summerhill: "How did that happen?"

Bob: "I'm not taking it."

Miss Durham: (in chemistry class) "A fool can ask more questions than a wise person can answer."

Luther: "Yes, and that's why we all flunked."

Mr. Summerhill: "They have machines now that can tell when a man is lying. Seen one?"

Mr. Jackson: "Seen one? Gosh I married one."

Tommie: "See that fellow coming out of the laboratory? He is Weldon Wells. He likes girls but he is so bashful he acts like litmus paper."

Inice: "How is that?"

Tommie: "Why, when he is with a girl he turns pink, and when he is alone he gets blue."

Mr. Jackson (in geometry): "Charlie, explain that proposition." Charlie explains the proposition. Mr. Jackson: "Hhat's not correct."

Charlie: "Well, you can't prove it is wrong."

Mr. Jackson: "Well, I guess it is right."

Winner Class Organizes

On last Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour the Winner Class organized for the coming quarter. The officers are as follows: President, Nadine Tippet; vice-president, Hazel Leslie; Secretary and treasurer, Dorothy Daniels. Chairman social committee, Irene Campbell. Reporter, Hazel Leslie.

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Improving on History

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Will Rogers

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A Question of Color

By NELLIE R. EBERHART

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THE spacious high room with its rug-hung balcony across one end blinded him—gave him an unpleasant impression of barbaric splendor. It was painted terra cotta and ivory, decorated in gold and relieved with black. Through the large meshed curtains of the arched windows he blinked at an intolerable gold sun irradiating dazzling sand and darkly vivid blue-green sea. If forgetfulness had blotted out the remembrance of the ferry and the suburban train, he might have imagined himself set down in an Indian palace in a tropical desert. A dull black piano and a golden harp, however, proclaimed the place a studio.

"She hasn't changed," he groaned to himself. "Indeed, she must be worse than ever."

Martin Andruson frowned as she approached; the sight of her angered him. He narrowed his lids as if the strong hues hurt his eyes. The girl held out her hand, smiling impishly:

"I recognize the old expression, Martin. Since you are still displeased at the same things, why are you here?"

"Unfortunately, I still love you, Jeryl." His frown gave way to a wistful longing. "Can it be that this—" his contemptuous gesture circled the beautiful room—"keeps you from me?"

She sobered. "Let's sit down," she invited, leading the way to a corner comfortable with a divan and easy chairs. "We may as well come to a final understanding."

"Final, Jeryl?" His stubborn blue eyes met her dark troubled ones.

"Final, Martin. What we decide today goes. I'm in love with you now, but I intend to marry while young. If not you—the question in my mind is—are you worth giving this up for?" Andruson colored.

"Am I worth more than red walls and a professional career?"

"Don't put it that way, please." Jeryl's tone was sharp. "I am an artist, a singer; I was born and trained to it. As for these colors, they symbolize a need of my nature."

He looked distastefully around. "I don't admire this room, Jeryl, yet it would not annoy me in the least if it did not threaten to separate us. But my mother—"

Jeryl interrupted:

"There are other beautiful colors, Martin, softer, more restful. I do not demand these particular ones. But this summer I needed them." She looked at him a little sadly. "I wanted to be shocked into life. As for your mother—"

"We must live with her and she will never leave the old home."

"I did not object."

"You antagonized her."

"I merely refused to allow her to choose my clothes and personal surroundings. The day of submissive brides is over."

"Dearest," he leaned over and took her hand. His eyes pleaded. "I don't care what you do. But mother—and the town—"

"Your mother must compromise."

"Jeryl, this is utter foolishness."

Jeryl snatched her hand away. "Is it? Then what about my mother and her ideas? She is a vegetarian, you know. Will you give up meat to please her?"

He laughed aloud.

"Of course, you are joking."

She gave him a whimsical look.

"So my mother and I are jokes because we stand for beauty and pure food? What are you and your mother?" He flushed but understood.

She jumped up. "We won't be crude enough to quarrel over a difference of opinion. We'll have a cup of tea and you'll go back to Holcomb and I'll stay here."

Martin's face whitened. He caught her hand despairingly.

"What is the compromise you spoke of?" he asked.

"Merely a suite in your mother's house to furnish as I like and entertain my friends in. I shall give and ask tolerance. I'll be a good daughter to her, Martin. And I'll cook your meals, if necessary; give up public appearances. But I shall keep up my music for my soul's satisfaction."

She laughed at his puzzled frown.

"Really, Martin, this is a serious matter with me. I believe American homes lack beauty and I would be false to myself and to America if I bought my love with ugliness. Look out at the sea and sky, Martin. The Creator uses color lavishly, yet you consider my love of it a mere fad." She looked up at him adoringly. "You are handsome, too, Martin. I loved you first for your viking eyes and hair. And you like my color schemes—though you don't know it."

He drew her to him, hungrily, happily. Evidently, he did not consider he had yet lost his cause. He objected:

"But mother—"

"I go only on my own terms, Martin. That must be settled now."

"But Holcomb—"

"Oh, leave the town to me, Martin. I've lived in small towns before. Holcomb's bored to death and just waiting for me to come and amuse it."

The man's face cleared; he took her decisively into his arms.

"I'll risk it," he declared, solemnly. Jeryl laughed helplessly.

"I am the one who is taking the risk," she murmured against his coat.

When the Worm Turns

By M. and R. M. TERRELL

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ALL his life Phineas Olmstead had been a good Samaritan. He had always believed in giving mankind the benefit of the doubt. The night was bitterly cold, the thinly clad man waiting before Olmstead's book store, his face as expressionless as though it had been gnawed out of rock, needed no story to portray his condition. Good old Phineas didn't hesitate a second. He took the stranger by the arm, took off his heavy mackinaw and forced it on the coatless derelict and marched off swiftly for his homelike little bungalow.

They finally reached the cheery bachelor home. Phineas, who kept impossible hours at his book shop, was accustomed to midnight homecomings. In a jiffy he had a fire going on the old-fashioned hearth and something hot for his chance guest to drink.

"Mr. Olmstead, your name should be Mr. Prince," the stranger summed up his sentiments as they smoked in front of the crackling fire before turning in. "I've heard of your pranks, sir. But you're too keen a gambler; you're taking a long-shot chance on me. My story? It's as old as the hills and as much a bore. I'm down and out. We'll let it go at that. And you took me in—the right way. I would have frozen to death out there. No, I didn't see your light in the back. Mr. Olmstead, are you making a habit of this good samaritan bunk? Most men aren't worth it."

"You're wrong there, Mr.—er—"

"Call me the exception that proves the rule."

"Most men are good at heart if you give 'em a chance, Exception. There's no risk, my boy, I'll share my dough bag with the very first fellow that comes along who needs it. He may return the lift some day."

"One question, Mr. Olmstead, and then you can show me some corner to hit the hay in," he remarked. "Haven't you ever had that admirable faith of yours nickered by somebody?"

"Only three times in twenty years' experience," Phineas acknowledged truthfully. "A poor young devil in here once over night switched watches on me. Dick Todhunter, who is our leading banker now, once did me out of a hundred, and Clay Hastings, who is our town's terrible example, has never paid me \$27 I once loaned him to get his daddy out of jail." He chuckled. "You see, Experience, old cynic, you're barking up the wrong tree. I'll make up that davenport if you'll move over here. No, I'll trust any man once."

"Well, you'd better hide that wallet sticking out of your coat pocket, Mr. Olmstead. It's making faces at me. There might be money in it."

"I take the chance on you, Exception."

"Suppose a burglar took it before morning. Where would your faith be in me?"

Phineas awoke the next morning, the same old determined believer in his fellow men. A few minutes later, for the first time in his life, the worm turned. Phineas found that Mr. Exception had proven the rule—he had decamped; with him went Phineas' watch and his wallet from the coat pocket. The stranger's bed had been made neatly back into a davenport. There were signs of a hasty breakfast in the kitchen; Phineas could remember no noise, that was all.

Olmstead dressed quickly and sought his old friend, Detective Jack Saywood, and poured forth his worm's turning into that wise bird's best ear. Saywood was a decent sort; he didn't say "I told you so," and he didn't laugh. Together they searched most of the late gathering places below the "dead line." Exception was a long shot; he never showed at all!

Saywood walked over to the bookshop with Phineas. As they entered Phineas' cubbyhole of an office, Mr. Exception, who was the only occupant and who strangely was reading, jumped to his feet and started speaking at once.

"Mr. Olmstead," he exclaimed, "I've been looking for you everywhere. Here's \$127. Todhunter wasn't so bad. I only had to scare the devil out of him. That blackjacker, Hastings—I had to lick it out of him. Don't look at my right eye. It's a knockout, sir."

"Todhunter? Hastings?" sputtered Phineas. The detective contented himself with a near smile, which would let him out all right, either way the story went.

"Why, Mr. Olmstead," the young fellow cried. "A man with a faith like yours has got to have a clean slate—no exceptions. It was up to me. Then, you're the only good Samaritan who runs 100 per cent to the good."

Phineas heard himself saying, "Ah, Exception, you forgot my watch."

"No, I had that last night, but I held it over. I'm the chap who exchanged with you, years ago. Here it is. I've never hooked it, because, funny thing, that faith of yours stuck in my craw."

Saywood took a hand. "See here, where's that wallet?" he began belligerently.

The Exception who had proven the rule looked up in unfeigned surprise.

"Good Lord, Mr. Olmstead, you don't think I—Surely you remember getting up in the night and chucking it in your laundry basket!"

Recollection came to Phineas. Also his old faith.

"Boys, kick me for a lunkhead!" he cried. "Sure, I got up. I'd forgotten all about it. Let's eat—on me, Exception, your name must be Prince."



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The Leopard's Spots

By J. A. WALDRON

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THE doctor of mental, social and physical problems had finished his address to an audience composed of women—many of whom had left buoyant youth behind—and they were filing out of the hotel parlor. Where there were comradeships among them they whispered and gave one another glances colored by enthusiasm, or skepticism, or blank amazement.

Some persons called the speaker "the prophet." His public talks were free, but he gave advice privately by appointment, for a consideration. He sat silent and apparently preoccupied as his auditors left. His address had been elevating. He had dwelt upon the power of the individual will, properly directed, for legitimate ends, assuming that certain perfections were within the scope of human concentration on a plane of ideality. He emphasized the necessity for right-doing to win happiness—a notion which would improve the world if generally adopted. He was a large, impressive man, and his eyes were magnetic. There were those who declared his eyes were hypnotic.

A woman who had been among the later ones to approach the door lingered until she was the last, when she turned. In a moment she impulsively made her way back to the solver of problems.

"Couldn't you give me an appointment now?" she asked. Her manner was timid and deferential.

"Your name?" He consulted a pocket diary.

"Melrose—Mrs. Melrose."

He did not find her recorded among his engagements. "It is unusual," he said, "but if you will signify your particular desire, or loss, or trouble, I may give you a moment. You can call upon me later at my apartment in this hotel, if necessary."

"I have lost my husband. I want to find him—want him to come back. He left me suddenly—without warning."

"But, madam, husbands are leaving wives and wives are leaving husbands suddenly and without warning all the time. I don't pretend to offer specific advice after the fact. The results of temperament, or misreading, or whatever the cause may be, may not be corrected then. Yet your case may be one in which advice even now might result in benefit. Was there unhappiness—individual or mutual?"

"We were not unhappy. At least I was not unhappy, and my husband did not seem to be. When he was ill-natured it was because I would not give him money."

"Did he marry you for money?"

"He pretended to love me."

"And he went away, perhaps, because you would not meet his demands?"

"On the contrary, I gave him \$5,000 the day before he disappeared."

"Ah! And you had money left?"

She hesitated. "I had a little—a few thousand dollars—but he didn't know."

"And you want him back?"

"Yes."

"How long ago did he leave you?"

"Two years. And I have had no word from him—don't know where he is."

"Or even whether he is alive?"

"No."

The doctor of mental, social and physical problems thought for what seemed to Mrs. Melrose to be a long time. "Your love for your husband has survived?"

"Yes. If I could only get him back! I thought you might help me."

"If he should come back and you should have money would it not be the same thing over again?"

"Perhaps he would be sorry and more considerate. I should do everything within reason to please him. I have just received a legacy—a considerable sum from an uncle—but should not want to give him much money again unless he was changed."

"I confess I am a little puzzled, madam, as to your case. Reform is always possible, but sometimes it isn't logical. It rests with the individual. Character may be recast in a way, but in essentials it is likely to dominate along original lines of impulse. If you think your husband might be different, and that you might influence him aright, and that he may return, try to will it so. It may not be necessary for you to come to me again unless you have some sign—some symbol—related to your desire."

Mrs. Melrose thanked the doctor and left him. A month later she called him on the phone. "I want to thank you again," she said. "I am Mrs. Melrose. You remember me?"

"Yes. I remember you. Your husband had disappeared—and you wished him back."

"He is returning. He was in South America. I have a letter from him."

"Then there certainly has been a sign—a symbol—in line with your desire. I hope you may be happy together."

Melrose did come back. It appeared that he had read of Mrs. Melrose's legacy in an American newspaper. But he left Mrs. Melrose again suddenly and without warning, after a specious story and professions of affection, this time with \$10,000.

Another Accident

Twenty-seven—An awful accident up street!

Twenty-eight—What happened?

Twenty-seven—A car ran into a garage.

Both Swift and Sure Was Vigilante Justice

The Montana Vigilantes, who delivered that territory of such notorious gangs as Henry Plummer's in the '90s, were nothing if not methodical in their self-appointed task. Besides Plummer's band of road agents and murderers, to which a total of 102 deaths alone is credited, the population of the gold fields numbered many fugitives from justice from all parts of the country.

In many places the lawless element was totally superior in force to the honest citizen group, which was driven to the establishment of a Vigilance committee to protect lives and property. Outnumbered as they were, the Vigilantes worked in secret and as mysteriously as possible; their principal tools were the mask and the rope. Some time during the night a white card always exactly seven by nine inches and bearing the numerals 3-7-77 in black ink, was pinned on the tent or tacked on the door of the desperado who had been sentenced to be banished at a secret meeting of the Vigilance committee.

The men who received such a notice knew whence it came and that it meant, "Pack up and leave within 24 hours or swing on the second night."

If he had the least glimmer of sense he also knew the warning was no bluff.

The Vigilantes held no public trials, but if sometimes a mistake was made and the victim appealed for a review of the facts through certain channels, he was certain of a second hearing. In such a case a midnight tribunal was held which reconsidered and sometimes reversed the sentence. More often it reaffirmed the banishment with a second placard, against which there was no appeal. If the warning was disregarded, the lawless one found himself the center of a very interesting and determined crowd on the second night and he did not live to see the next sunrise.

The Vigilantes constituted themselves judges, jury and executioners all in one, and their trials were certainly short. Whenever a highwayman or murderer was caught, the leader of the Vigilante band would say:

"All in favor of hanging this man step to the right of the road; those who are for letting him go step to the left."—J. R. Johnston in Adventure Magazine.

Positive Identification

C. S. Collins, superintendent of the identification bureau of Scotland Yard, who has made nearly 500,000 finger prints of criminals and suspects, retired recently after 30 years' service in the London police department. From the finger prints on file in Mr. Collins' department some 200,000 identifications have been made, according to authorities, without a single mistake. "I would stake my life on the probability that there never will be finger prints alike, even if the world goes on indefinitely," Mr. Collins said recently, in speaking of his work. During the next generation, he asserted, finger prints would be much more generally used everywhere, not only in the identification of criminals, but as a matter of record in births, and numerous other directions.

Having Their Fling

It was last year in a strict boarding school, and my roommate and I had always been on our good behavior, writes a correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. We realized we had missed a lot of the fun the other girls had enjoyed, even though they had paid for it by being up before the faculty many times.

One night we decided we'd be daring and slip down, after midnight, to the rarely occupied guest room and sleep in the four-poster bed in there. The corridors were dark and the stairs creaked, but we tiptoed along until we had almost reached the guest room. Just then we heard the watchman coming down the corridor. We popped into the guest room and onto the bed.

A series of screams aroused every one. We had sat upon a visiting missionary from Africa.

A Surprise

Amateur theatrical stuff had been indulged in by certain members of the group out for a day's outing. One of these stunts included the placing of black wax on one or two of the front teeth, which left an appearance of toothlessness.

One young man, tiring of the wax, tried to remove it and found he could not. He asked a young woman of the party whether she knew how to get the wax off.

"Sure," she said, boldly. "That's easy." And forthwith she grasped the wax firmly between thumb and forefinger and pulled.

Imagine her amazement a moment later when she held in her hand the full upper set of false teeth belonging to the young man.—Indianapolis News.

Ominous

"I've been studying a good deal about resigning my office!" declared Constable Sam T. Slackpooter, the guardian of the peace and dignity of Petunia. "It's getting too ominous."

"Too—what?" returned Mayor Numbers.

"Ominous—or dangerous, if you like that better. You know the new shooting gallery that opened up last week? Well, I've seen no less than eight women, all told, practicing shooting there. It may mean suthin', and it may not; but—"

—Kansas City Times.

Warder Murphy's Gold Mine

By JAMES F. DWYER

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WARDER MURPHY grounded his rifle and looked dreamily across the ten-acre patch of vegetable garden that surrounded Darlinghurst penitentiary. A dozen "trusties," short-sentence prisoners with full good conduct marks, were working in a line that stretched across the potato field, and Warder Murphy formed the extreme left wing. On the right was Warder Finnerty, and between these two living obstacles in the path to freedom, the squad of convicts toiled industriously.

Murphy's conscious mind became aware of the fact that No. 307, known to his prison companions as "The Rat," had moved a few paces to the left toward a little stream that trickled over a gravel bed, and was then busy with an empty tomato can washing a few handfuls of the sandy soil. The warder was astonished. He moved rapidly toward the prisoner and angrily ordered him back to his work.

"The Rat" turned a weak cunning face up to his guard and made a motion for silence.

"There's gold here, Mr. Murphy," he whined. "Gold, real gold, sure!"

The warder's eyes blinked suspiciously, but he choked back the threat that was on his lips. The prisoner twisted the can vigorously, while his eyes and tongue pleaded with the officer.

"Let me just wash this tinfel," he whispered, hoarsely. "I know there's gold here, Mr. Murphy; I've been a miner and I know the looks of the ground."

With a final twirl "The Rat" jerked out the last of the muddy water that the tin contained, then he peered at the silt in the bottom.

"Look!" he cried, "didn't I tell you there is gold here?"

Murphy grasped the tin with trembling fingers. In the bottom of the can were three little yellow pellets that glistened in the wet sand. Murphy emptied them into the palm of his big right hand and eyed them greedily.

"It's gold," he gurgled.

"Sure thing," affirmed the prisoner.

The warder gloated over the find, and "The Rat" watched him closely.

Presently Murphy looked at his watch.

"We'll be going in to dinner directly," he said, excitedly. "What about this?" He nodded at the three pellets in his hand.

The prisoner considered a moment.

"Gold is no good to be," he muttered, sadly. "I can't get out to spend it, but I'll tell you something that I can use. What do you say if I'm willing to take a plug of tobacco instead of the yellow stuff, and then I'll keep mum about the find?"

Murphy was foraging in his pockets before "The Rat" had finished his proposition, and he hastily slipped an untouched plug to the prisoner who eagerly closed his hand over it and looked inquiringly at the face of the guard.

"Tain't much for three lumps of gold," he mumbled.

"I'll get another plug off Warder Finnerty and give it to you," stammered Murphy. "But hold your tongue about the gold whatever you do."

The second plug, which Murphy immediately obtained from Finnerty, reconciled "The Rat" and he wore a smile upon his white cunning face as he marched in with his eleven companions when the jail bell rang for dinner.

But Warder Murphy had no appetite. Visions of gold in unweighable quantities came up before his mental eye. But now the knowledge had to be put to good use. Murphy had no money, and he rapidly ran over in his mind those of his friends who had capital to invest. Weisler, the German Jew, who owned a watch repairing establishment near the penitentiary, had money, and ten minutes after the prisoners had been locked in their cells for their midday meal, Murphy was in the shop.

"Hey, Weisler," he cried, joyfully, as he laid the three little pellets upon the counter, "what would you give for a patch of ground where you could dig those up by the bucketful?"

The Jew picked up the pellets one by one, and after examining them keenly laid them back on the counter.

"I would give noddings, Mr. Murphy," he said, slowly, "dose are tree little lumps of brass."

When Warder Murphy returned to the jail, the chief warder called him aside.

"There's trouble brewing for you," he said, grimly. "We searched 307 and his pal 59 at dinner-time, and found that each had a plug of tobacco in his possession."

"No. 307?" queried the astounded Murphy.

"Yes, No. 59," snapped the chief, "that friend of 'The Rat' who works in the brass shop."

And then it dawned upon the fear-stricken warder how No. 307 had obtained the necessary material to salt the mine in the potato patch.

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HOGS—On October 16 and 17 I will offer for sale at my ranch Pigs, Shoats and Hogs. This is your chance to get your meat hogs for the coming year. Sam Butman. 1t

FOR SALE—Stationery for individuals. 200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address printed in blue ink, or monogram, on both paper and envelopes for \$2.00. Colors: white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink and yellow. It has individuality when it's printed. See samples at THE MERKEL MAIL OFFICE. tf

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WANTED—Place on halves or job by month on farm. Write Robert Gibbs, Munday, Tex. 2t3

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FOR RENT—Brick business house on Front street. Possession January 1. Apply to W. S. Telford, Box 446, Merkel. 1tp

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Hot and cold running water and bath. Can be rented to January. Mrs. C. L. Tucker. 1tp

ROOMS—Have three furnished rooms for rent. Prefer man and wife. Mrs. M. J. Williams, opposite Methodist church. 1t

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Some where between the home of D. J. Rawlings and Estep's Store or Brown's Garage, at Trent, a baby's blanket, pink and white checked. Was lost Tuesday, Sept. 29. Finder please return to D. J. Rawlings, Trent, Texas. 1t

LOST—In the city of Merkel, on Wednesday, possibly between Dennis' store and Corner Garage, a \$5.00 bill. Finder please return to E. A. Click, Merkel, route three. 1tpd

HONOR ROLL OF THE WARD SCHOOLS

(Mrs. Len Sublett, Principal)
The following pupils of the Ward school have made an average of 90 for the first month, with no grade less than 75, have not made less than 90 on deportment and have been neither tardy nor absent:

Seventh Grade

Nadine Tippet, Nina Vantrees, Pauline Toombs, Lela Mae Riddle, Francis Frederickson, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Weldon Coats, Missie Dye.

Sixth Grade

Leo Tucker, Lucille Cole, Mary Ligon, Joel Darsey, Fred A. Baker, Thelma Jones, Dorothy Little, Fannie Jones.

Fifth Grade

Ross Ferrier, Nell Durham, Lida Mae Leach, Thelma Leach, Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

Fourth Grade

Imogene Middleton, Zeldia Belle Miller, Alice Reeves, Jack Tucker, Joyce Wheeler, Fay Vantrees, Mildred Richardson, Florene Rider, Margaret Miller, Helen Best, Lucille Campbell, Claud Lindsey, Nell Hughes.

Third Grade

Julia Proctor, Mabel Morton, Mary Nell Summerhill, Sarah Sheppard, Valeria Parks, James McClure, Dallas Sharp, Hazel Reeves, Tiny Smith, Frances Adcock, Rogene Dye, Laverne Holden, Maxie Abbot, Walderine Huskey, Jim Chaney, Neil Durham, David Gambill, Joe Earl Lassiter.

Second Grade

Jack Lowe, B. L. Carter, Ragan Gray, Glenna Rea, Billie Robins, James Pilcher.

Low First Grade

Juanita Huskey, Elmo Smith, Glen Abbot, Eldon Reeves, J. D. Tucker, Aileen Parks.

High First Grade

Hollis Huddleston.

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of being a subscriber to this paper is that you and your family become attached to it. The paper becomes a member of the family and its coming each week will be as welcome as the arrival of anyone that's dear. It will keep you informed on the doings of the community and the bargains of the merchants regularly advertised will enable you to save many times the cost of the subscription.

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MOUNTED CAVALRY BAND TO ENTERTAIN CROWDS AT 1925 STATE FAIR

A big cavalry band, mounted on thoroughly trained horses, is to entertain visitors to the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

Announcement is made that the band of the 112th Cavalry, Texas National Guard, is to play daily throughout this year's exposition.

There are twenty-five men in the organization, which is commanded by Capt. Chas. K. Davis and is stationed at Mineral Wells. Capt. Davis was an officer in the 144th infantry during the world war. Warrant Officer David Burnswick, who directed a similar band in the army of occupation in Germany, is its director.

NIGHT FOOTBALL GAME COLLEGE CIRCUS EVENT

A night football game in the stadium, will be one event in connection with the All College Circus to be given at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, on the night of Saturday, Oct. 17.

The queen's coronation and ball will be given in the new Baker Hotel on Friday evening, Oct. 16. The famous Benson orchestra, of Chicago, will furnish the music for the ball. The "circus" itself will be offered between halves of the football game.

EXPECT 600 ENTRIES FOR STATE FAIR KENNEL SHOW

Fully 600 dogs of high degree, it is expected, will be shown at the Texas Kennel Club dog show, to be held during the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, according to officials of the club.

Dates for the 1925 kennel show are Oct. 23, 24, and 25 and the show will be held in the big poultry building, where last year's display was given.

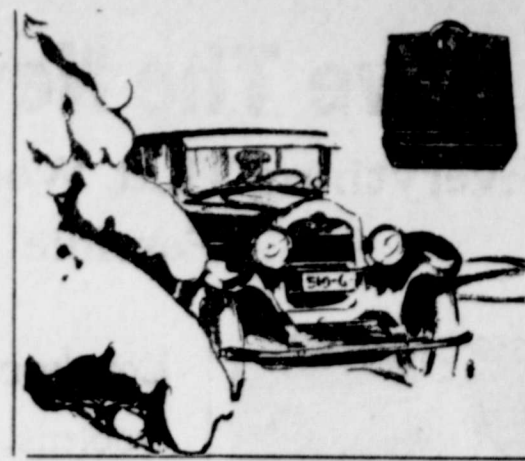
It is declared that more trophies than ever before will be offered, and that a full "5-point" show will be given in every particular.

Breed captains have been named by officers of the Texas Kennel Club. It will be their duty to see to entries in the respective breeds in which each is interested. Weekly meetings of the show committee will be held at Dallas from now until opening of the show, to the end that all details may be worked out completely.

Officers of the Texas Kennel Club are: Dr. E. P. Hackney, president; E. V. Shearer, first vice president; Arthur Bickham, second vice president; E. O. Mangrum, treasurer; O. T. Evans, secretary; E. M. Dealey, chairman bench committee.

State Fair Runners Arrive.
S. S. Lindsey, a Texas owner, is the first to arrive at the track with his string of runners for the State Fair of Texas races, Dallas, Oct. 10-18, inclusive. He will train at Dallas in preparation for the State Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes are the happy parents of a baby daughter who was born on last Saturday evening. The little lady weighed about nine pounds and is named Marilan Sue.



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Mr. and Mrs. Dicy Tyler were here Sunday from Abilene, the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Roberts.

Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert returned Monday from Slaton, where they had been visiting their son, Roten, for a few days.

W. H. Brown, one of the substantial citizens of the Canyon, was in the city the forepart of the week.

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By November 1, we expect to have installed one of the best Disc Plow Sharpeners in the world. Bring us your Disc Plows and have them sharpened and ready for use. Stephens & King. 9t3

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Mr. W. N. Farris who recently sold his farm near here, as well as his home in this city, left this week for Friona, Texas, where he will build a home on the section of land he recently purchased there. They are fine folks and we regret to lose them from among our citizenship.

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FOR REAL ESTATE

Either farm, ranches, city property or town lots, etc., good plains land to exchange for farm land near Merkel, in all these I can fit you up.

I am also offering for sale my home and that of Mrs. G. J. Jones in Merkel. You will do well to investigate. If you want to buy see me; if you want to sell see me. T. L. GRIMES. tf

E. R. Meeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks, who for several years has been sojourning in Denver, Colorado, came in this week for an extended visit with home folks and friends. He is having to go about on crutches on account of a broken limb which he suffered last June.

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Mrs. H. S. Miller, of Spindale, N. C., says: "Five years ago I was very much run-down in health. I would give out with the least exertion. At times I would have to go to bed."

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"The Mountain of Megiddo" was a city west of the Jordan which was rebuilt by King Solomon, probably after its destruction by the armies of one of the pharaohs, and it is entirely possible that exploration of the site will disclose ruins and records of first-rate importance. But even greater interest attaches to the adjacent plain of Esdraelon, to which indeed the name of Armageddon has often been applied, and which is one of the most famous battlegrounds of the world. It was there that Barak overthrew and destroyed Sisera and his army, and that Gideon vanquished the Midianites. It was also there that Saul was finally defeated and slain by the Philistines, and that Josiah met a like fate at the hand of Pharaoh Necho of Egypt. On the height overlooking it at the west Elijah fought with the prophets of Baal the great "Battle of the Gods," and across it Jehu drove for the conquest of Jezreel and the kingdom of Israel. There occurred one of the greatest conflicts of the Crusades, and there the armies of Napoleon fought. And finally, in the present day, it was the scene of General Allenby's overwhelming victory over the Turks, which ended their dominion in Palestine.

The site of the city and its immediate environs has been known by many names. Herodotus called it Magdolon. The Egyptians called a place in that vicinity Taanach. In modern times known as Tannuk. The ancient Legeon, since called Lejjun, has been thought to be identical with Megiddo itself, and it has been called by the Arabs Has el-Kishon, meaning head of the brook Kishon; and it has long been known to possess well-preserved remains of buildings of great size and magnificence. The entire region, indeed, is invested with history and tradition surpassed by few spots in the world, and it is cause for rejoicing that American scientific explorers are at last to reveal the treasures of ancient information which probably lie thick beneath its soil.

Philippine Paternalism

Recently there came to Manila, on a boat bringing shell from Bohol, an unusually intelligent youth with some high school education. The company buying the shell wished to employ him, with a view to raising him eventually to an important position. He could not accept the offer, however, "until I return to Bohol and get the consent of my amo (master), so that he will not flog me. I did not tell him I would stay in Manila." In Visayan native culture, expressed in such customary law, deliberate offense to one in authority over you is very grave. It is under such rigid mandate that the coastal barter is safely carried on; the same thing perpetuates the good character of Filipino sailors in the ocean trade.

Grecian Boy Scouts

The organization of the boy scout movement as an educational force among the children of 2,500 new refugee villages throughout Greece has been approved by the ministry of education. Initial plans call for the recruiting of 25,000 scouts.

An appropriation of 10,000 drachmans by the Near East relief will be used to provide uniforms and equipment for a model troop in one of the Athens refugee camps, and it is expected that the American gift will be followed by many similar donations from wealthy Greeks and Armenians. The model troop will consist of picked Armenian boys under fourteen years of age. It will travel to various parts of Greece as a recruiting force.

Waterproofing Golf Clubs

A new process for treating wooden golf clubs makes them waterproof and extremely hard, according to the Popular Science Monthly. Heads of seasoned persimmon wood are subjected to a vacuum that extracts every particle of air and moisture from the wood, which then is impregnated with the newly discovered chemical. The club heads then are dried and hardened. Clubs treated in this manner are said to have greater driving power than other wooden clubs and not to shrink or expand with varying atmospheric conditions.

Lizard Skins in Demand

Lizard farming in England has been greatly stimulated within the last few months since the skins for women's shoes have become fashionable. Lizard shoes for street wear have become popular in London this summer and lizard slippers for evening wear have been the fad for some weeks. Dealers say lizard skin shoes are here to stay, as the material is serviceable and comfortable and not nearly so expensive as is usual when a new idea is introduced. Lizard skin shoes retail in London at from \$15 up.

IF YOU GET UP NIGHTS YOU'RE OLD BEFORE YOUR TIME

Prostate and Bladder Trouble Makes Many Men Feel Twenty Years Older Than They Are.

It is said that fifty per cent of men past forty and many younger ones are victims of prostate trouble.

One of the commonest symptoms of this dangerous disease which saps vitality and makes you old before your time is the necessity of getting up several times a night.

Other symptoms are dull, dragging, aching at the base of the spine, pain in groin, burning sensation of organs, lack of vigor and frequent attacks of the blues.

But there is hope for you, no matter how old your case, from a wonderful new formula. It seemingly brings new health, vigor and freedom from these troubles to both old and young.

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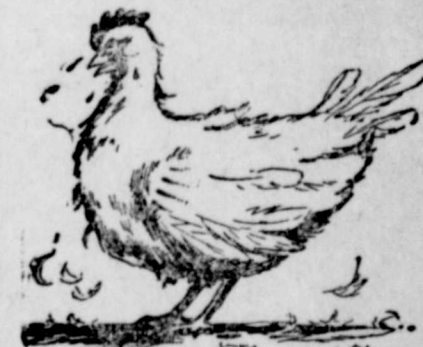
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THE FASHION

Pine Street

Abilene, Texas

Mrs. Clifford Rose and daughters, Margaret and Iris, who have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chadwick, for the past month, returned to her home in Long Beach, California, Saturday. She made a stop at Fort Worth to visit her brother, Mr. Jay Chadwick. Mrs. Rose returned via the states of Kansas, Washington and Colorado, and will stop and view the Royal Gorge. She was accompanied as far as Abilene by her sister, Miss Jewel Chadwick, who visited friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and children and Mrs. Wylie Roundtree spent the week-end at Lamesa.

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Bolshevism Has Taken Firm Hold on Tartars

One does not have to be in the Crimea very long to see that Bolshevism has revolutionized the life of the Tartars who inhabit the peninsula. Like all Moslems, the Tartar women were wont to wear thick veils on the rare occasions when they showed themselves in public and at all other times to remain in the rear or women's room of the house.

Now all this has changed. Tartar women appear on the streets with not even a head covering. They are going into the factories and offices, a thing which would have been quite impossible before 1917. They attend open meetings, participate in discussions and frequently become members of the soviets.

Before the war most Tartars in the Crimea lived in houses the outside walls of which never had any windows. For God forbid that a strange male should peep in through the pane and catch a glimpse of the harem beauty within. But today Tartars are moving into Russian homes constructed in the ordinary fashion. This is true even in the smaller towns and villages, whither new forces penetrate only slowly.

The Tartars one engages in conversation all complain that the strength of their religion is diminishing. The youth no longer attends mosque services and is becoming more and more weaned from the teachings of Islam. In the Moslem parts of Russia the Communists are cautious in conducting their atheistic propaganda, fearing to offend the susceptibilities of the fanatic faithful.

Even the edict to close all religious schools was not applied with that 100 per cent thoroughness which marked its application elsewhere. Nevertheless the buoyant spirit of the revolution has weaned the younger generation of Tartars away from the mosque and metes and Koran. Lenin has taken the place of Mohammed as their prophet and Marx's "Capital" is competing strongly with Islam's Koran. Louis Fischer, in a Simferopol Letter to the Brooklyn Eagle.

Aid for Armenian Refugees

Dr. Fritof Nansen, famous Arctic explorer and peace champion, has just completed a survey of Russian Armenia, where he has been co-operating with the Near East relief in studying plans for colonizing 100,000 Armenian refugees there.

As high commissioner of the League of Nations, Doctor Nansen hopes to find homes for 45,000 Armenian refugees now in Greece, 5,000 in Constantinople, and 50,000 strewn over other countries of Europe and the Near East. His report shows that colonization will have to be preceded by large scale irrigation projects in order to make arid lands available for cotton and grain.

Restoration of this land, says Doctor Nansen, will mean a final solution of the Armenian refugee problem. The capital required for the purpose is a serious obstacle, as it will run into several million dollars. The Nansen project, according to official opinion, will have to be started on a small scale.

Beetles Eat House

Beetles have practically destroyed a large vicarage at Genthin in the Mark, according to a Berlin dispatch. The first of these insects, called "brass beetles," entered the vicarage a few years ago, and proceeded to work like knife blades on clothing and bedding, carpets and curtains. The insects multiplied rapidly and penetrated walls, floors, plumbing and cellars. The human inhabitants fought with all the weapons they could think of but to no avail. Now it has been decided that the vicarage must be burned in order to prevent the plague from spreading to other dwellings. The National Biological Institute will superintend the burning in order to study the behavior of the insects.

Like American Shoe Polish

The United States continues to supply the shine for the world's shoes, according to the Department of Commerce. During May 41,837 pounds of shoe polish, valued at \$122,342, were exported. Cuba bought 54,811 pounds; Mexico, 44,514 pounds; Canada, 43,977 pounds; Australia, 40,877 pounds; Japan, 35,688 pounds; Uruguay, 32,191 pounds, and Spain, 30,053 pounds. The May shipments were more than 2,500 pounds in excess of exports during April. During the five months ending May, 1923, foreign markets consumed 2,500,003 pounds of American polish, valued at \$507,585.

Apples Need Pure Air

We are told that apples, like men, breathe. They take in oxygen and give off carbon dioxide. If there is insufficient ventilation in the storage rooms they get suffocated and die of brown heart. Since scientists made the discovery there has been a revolution in shipping ventilation, and, though a quarter of a million pounds was lost through brown heart only three years ago, this year it is regarded almost as a curiosity. The new instrument which records the atmosphere of storage chambers by a chemical process will make the delicate work of adjusting the ventilation a very much simpler matter.

Radio for Lords

To improve the acoustics in the house of lords in London loud speakers have been installed. The microphones have been disguised as books to match the reference volumes against which they stand.

HOME PROTECTION.

Every Parent Should Recognize the duty he owes his family.

SUBJECT FOR SUNDAY MORNING—

"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS

Methodist Church



SHILOH HAPPENINGS
By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Farmers are all busy gathering cotton, while the sun is shining.

Had good attendance at Sunday school and prayermeeting on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge of White Flat Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bill James.

The young folks enjoyed a party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge visited Mrs. B. L. James and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazier and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert James.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson visited S. L. Grayson and family Sunday.

Mrs. Bud Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, Mr. Marshall Naron and Bro. Campbell were the guests of J. D. Wommack Sunday.

Misses Mollie Hardie and Grace Washburn were guests of Miss Edrie Tiner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill James spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winter Sunday.

Mrs. Annie James spent Monday evening with the Writer.

Mrs. E. H. Grayson visited Mrs. Bert James Monday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Tiner and Grandma Tiner visited Mrs. S. L. Grayson Tuesday evening.

There will be Sunday School Sunday morning at 10:30. Singing at 3:30 and prayermeeting at 8 p.m. Everybody invited.

There will be preaching on the fourth Saturday morning and on Saturday night, also fourth Sunday evening at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. W. M. Gambill Entertains

Mrs. W. M. Gambill entertained honoring her daughter and son, Billie and Raymond, on their birthday anniversary at her home, Saturday afternoon.

Cut flowers were used for decorations and various games were played on the lawn. Favors in the games were presented to Miss Mildred Richardson and Mr. Roy Robbins.

Refreshments were served to 25 guests.

Don't Be a Parasite

No town will ever become a good business center so long as its business men rely on a few

merchants to make the effort to bring trade to town. Too often the men in a few lines of trade are about the only ones who reach out after customers. Other merchants wait until these men by judicious advertising, induce the people to come to town and content themselves with the trade that naturally drifts to their place. Don't be a parasite, but join with your fellow merchants in an effort to bring trade to town.—Haskell Free Press.

How much business would you get if three or four of the best advertisers should leave town or quit advertising?

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes are the happy parents of a baby daughter who was born on last Saturday evening. The little lady weighed about nine pounds and is named Marilan Sue.

Moline Steel Axle Wagon

The Worlds greatest wagon, the axle in this wagon is guaranteed to break down any competitive wagon one size larger.

We have a wagon to suit you, we have steel wheel and wood wheel trucks, steel axle and wood axle wagons, priced as follows:-

\$50.,-55.,-75.,-100.-125., 145.00 and 160.00 We will trade for your old wagon.

Terms:-one half this Fall and one half next Fall.

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Ed. S. Hughes

ABILENE, TEXAS

INDIGESTION

Black-Draught Brings Relief for Tight, Bloating Feeling.

"I had indigestion," says Mr. W. B. Bouknight, of Ballentine, S. C. "Working out, I got in the habit of eating fast, for which I soon paid by having a tight, bloated feeling after meals. This made me very uncomfortable.

"I would feel stupid and drowsy, didn't feel like working. I was told it was indigestion. Some one recommended Black-Draught and I took it after meals. I soon could eat anything at any time.

"I use it for colds and biliousness and it will knock out a cold and carry away the bile better and quicker than any liver medicine I have ever found."

Eating too fast, too much, or faulty chewing of your food, often causes discomfort after meals. A pinch of Black-Draught, washed down with a swallow of water, will help to bring prompt relief.

Black-Draught gently helps the over-taxed organs to perform their regular functions, in such cases, ridding the system of poisons that might accumulate.

Sold everywhere; 25c. C-34

Black-Draught
LIVER MEDICINE

BADGERS WIN FROM COLORADO ELEVEN

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 kel's ball on her own 45-yd line. J. Toombs makes 7 yds. V. Chaney makes 3 yds and first down. A play fails to gain. Another play fails. 3rd down 10 to go. Rogers makes 4 yds. 4th down and 6. Rogers punts in air and Colorado covers on her own 45-yd line. They make 20 yds. Colorado makes 2 yds. Another play makes 2 yds. Witcher stops line play, allowing only 1 yd gain. Their punt rolls over goal line and Merkel gets ball on own 20-yd line. L. Chaney makes 5 yds. Acuff makes 2 yds. V. Chaney makes 2 yds. L. Chaney makes 1st down. V. Chaney makes 3 yds. A play nets 1 yd. Colorado substitutes Black for Plaster at guard. 3rd down 6 to go. Merkel punts. Colorado's ball on her own 30-yd line. Merkel is penalized 5 yds. Colorado makes 3 yds. V. Chaney throws them for a 7 yd loss. 3rd down 13 to go. They make 3 yds. 4th and 10 to go. Their punt is blocked and Merkel covers on Colorado's 42-yd line. Colorado has time out. L. Chaney makes 5 yds. 3rd quarter ends with Merkel in possession of ball on Colorado's 35-yd line, score 14-12.

Fourth Quarter.

V. Chaney makes 3 yds. Acuff makes 1 yd. 4th down half yd to go. L. Chaney makes 3 yds and 1st down. Adams makes 5 yds. L. Chaney makes 1 yd. Adams makes 2 yds. 4th down 2 to go. Merkel fails to make it and Colorado takes ball on her own 20-yd line. Adams breaks up pass. Colorado fumbles on fake play and loses 15 yds. L. T. Toombs blocks punt and Colorado recovers on her own 4-yd line. 4th down 20 to go. They punt 25 yds and Polly is downed in his tracks on Colorado's 30-yd line. Adams makes 2 yds. Merkel is penalized 5 yds. V. Chaney makes 5 yds. A play fails. 3rd and 11 to go. A pass Tittle to Polly fails. 4th and 11 to go. Tittle kicks at field goal from 40-yd line but misses. Colorado's ball on own 20-yd line. A pass fails. They make 2 yds thru line. 3rd and 8 to go. Mayfield breaks up pass. They punt 40 yds to Polly who returns 3 yds. Merkel's ball on own 35-yd line. Adams makes 2 yds. A line play fails. L. Chaney makes 1 yd. Rogers' punt is blocked and Colorado covers. They lose a foot on end run. Adams breaks up pass. Just 2 minutes to play. A pass is completed for 20 yds. Another pass is completed for 25 yds. Colorado has ball on Merkel's 5-yd line. 4 downs to make it. V. Chaney throws Colorado for 5 yd loss. Game ends 12-14 in favor of the "Badgers."

Colorado's line-up was: Helton at center; Grantland and Plaster, guards; Venable and Cooke (Capt.), tackles; Smith and Nowell, ends; McCurry, quarter; Thompson, full; Flint and Gist, halves. Substitutions: Carr, Grable, Black, Elliott.

Merkel's opening line-up was: Mayfield, center; Witcher and Tittle, tackles; Vick and L. T. Toombs, guards; Polly (Capt.) and J. Toombs, ends; Rogers, quarter; L. Chaney and V. Chaney, halves; Acuff, full. Substitutions: Adams for Acuff, J. B. Toombs for Mayfield, Daniels for L. T. Toombs.

"Red" Moore of Abilene, referee; Barber of Colorado, Umpire; Reagan of Colorado head line-man; J. A. Summerhill of Merkel and Wilkins of Colorado, timekeepers.

Saturday Cake Special

Mrs. J. W. McConnell will have Angel Food Cakes for sale at Dunning's Drug Store each Saturday, at 50c and \$1.00. 1tp

We call attention to our statement in this issue and to the fact that our resources have always enabled us to take care of our customers in fat and lean years. Farmers & Merchants National Bank. tf

Special prices on cotton seed meal in 5 sack lots up. Plenty new hulls. SWAFFORD. Phone 44, south side. 1t

Fine Cotton Seed

In this paper will be found the quarter page advertisement of Mr. Taylor F. Davis, who is advertising fine planting Cotton seed for sale. Read it, you will profit thereby. 1tp

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SENIOR NOTES
 By Lewis Giles
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"Beat Roby Next" is the cry of the students this week.

A prize has been offered to the grade that buys the most tickets for the next game. The ninth grade is ahead so far. We expect a thousand people out to see the game.

The student body met Thursday morning and elected officers for the High School Annual. We want the whole town to "get behind" and boost the annual as this is the first one Merkel has ever attempted.

The pep leaders, Opal Patterson and Helen Booth, announce a "Pep Meeting" every evening after school, and request every student who is not on the football team to be present.

Jokes.

Miss Bird: "Delbert correct this sentence. 'Our teachers are in sight.'"

Delbert: "Our teachers are a sight."

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Doris: "Papa, how do they

catch lunatics?"

Mr. Jackson: "With face powder, beautiful dresses and sweet smiles, my child."

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Virgil Adams says that he has a heavy moustache on his chin.

Mary Nell: "Mamma do fairy tales always begin with 'once upon a time?'"

Mrs. Summerhill: "No, dear, they sometimes begin with 'I was detained at the office tonight.'"

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Miss Bird: "Buster, your recitation reminds me of Quebec."

Buster: "How's that?"

Miss Bird: "It's built on a bluff."

Mr. Albert Latham of Dallas, father of our fellow townsman, Mr. F. H. Latham, was here several days first of the week. The senior Mr. Latham, who is now 86 years old, is an ex-confederate soldier and attended the state meeting of the old soldiers in Abilene last week and came on here for a visit with his son.

He returned to Dallas on Wednesday.

WHY SUFFER SO? Get Back Your Health as Other Merkel Folks Have Done

Too many people suffer lame, aching backs, distressing kidney disorders and rheumatic aches and pains. Often this is due to faulty kidney action and there's danger of hardening arteries, dropsy, gravel or Bright's disease. Don't let weak kidneys wear you out. Use Doan's Pills before it is too late! Doan's are a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Doan's have helped thousands. Here is one of many Merkel cases:

J. M. Walker, carpenter, says: "Colds frequently settled on my kidneys and caused them to act irregularly. I had to get up several times at night. Sharp pains seized me across my back and mornings when getting up, my back was lame and sore. I felt tired out, too. Doan's Pills cured me."

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

Mr. Alvin E. Lay, of El Paso, was a guest of Miss Hazel Bell first of the week.

MISTAKE NOT TO "KEEP" BIRTHDAYS

Bond of Affection in Remembering Anniversary.

"Do you still keep your birthday?" asked a woman of me the other day.

"Of course I do," I replied.

"I stopped that years ago," she told me. She could not have been thirty!

When she had gone I began to wonder at what age a woman should cease to celebrate her birthday. The more I pondered it over, writes Mrs. Nestor Noel in the New York Times, the more I came to the conclusion that she should keep it as long as she lives.

There are several reasons for this. If she be the mother of a family the fact of her birthday being a day of celebration teaches unselfishness to the children. For weeks beforehand they can plan for mother's birthday, working at home-made gifts in secret, asking themselves what she would like and being ready to give up little pleasures for her sake.

There are lonely women who have no children. Wouldn't it be a great thing if some one in the village or street where they lived found out their birthdays and arranged with other people to give them joyous surprise? Flowers can be given to the women who are well to do. Cakes and other practical things quickly suggest themselves when the woman is less well off.

Men do not care for these things so much. They forget their birthdays. We know they often forget their wedding anniversaries.

This is a fact: Men do forget these things. Women, however, are different. I think that even the modern woman clings more to the old traditions than a man, and even if she says nothing, yet in her heart there is an ache somewhere when her birthday has been forgotten.

I remember once going to see an old friend of mine. Business kept me from getting to her house until six o'clock. She had a husband and nine children. When I came so late and presented my gift with my birthday wishes her eyes filled with tears as she looked at me gratefully.

"You are the only person who remembered my birthday," she said.

The gift I had taken her was of no importance. I have forgotten what it was. She was quick to see and appreciate the thought behind the gift. She asked me to stay for tea. I hastened to get it ready three of her children whispered together and then ran across to a store. Later they came back with a present from each.

"You see," I remarked, "your children have not forgotten you."

"They would never have thought of my birthday," she whispered. "If it hadn't been for you." Then her mother-love made her make much of their gifts, but I wished that they had not needed to be reminded of their mother's birthday by a friend who, however dear, did not belong to the family.

We want our nearest and dearest to remember us first. Even grandmothers should celebrate their birthdays. It is so good for the rest of the family. It knits them together with a common bond of love.

I mean to keep my birthday as long as I live. Even if I should have seventy grandchildren and they should each present me with a pair of slippers, I would be thankful. Not that I should need all those slippers, but I would certainly need all the love that prompted the gifts.

Women always need love; they cannot live without it. Let them not be quick to say: "I never keep my birthday." When they allow people to forget their birthdays they lose the manifestation of a great deal of love.

Bad Bargain for Railroad

A young man's courtship is costing the Ludlow (Vt.) railroad \$25.48 a week, according to engineers' estimates. It's like this: A youthful swain in Proctorsville is courting a young woman in Ludlow. He signals the express at Proctorsville to take him to Ludlow, paying a round trip fare of 36 cents. Returning to Proctorsville he signals another express train. The cost of stopping the two trains and starting them again costs about \$4 each night, according to the engineers, so that though the railroad receives \$2.52 a week from the young man in fares, it pays out \$28 a week for stopping its express trains.

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