

This Week



SOME DRINKING FIGURES
EGYPT CONTROLS BOLL WEEVIL
FARM LONELINESS BANISHED
SCIENCE AND RELIGION

America's millions, who imagine they are thirsty for light wine, beer or something stronger, will be interested in this.

United States capital has recently lent nearly \$300,000,000 to help foreign countries develop their liquor and beer business. Even in the Far East this country has financed liquor production to the tune of more than \$5,000,000.

Mr. Hayward Kendall, who represents unorganized drinkers that ought to be saved from themselves, says: "The Eighteenth Amendment is saving America (in cash expenditures and increased efficiency) from six to eight billion dollars a year."

In 1919 there were in America 6,500,000 automobiles. Now there are 20,000,000, and not enough. The country spends half a billion a year on radio, many millions for washing machines, vacuum cleaners, electric refrigerators. Workers in America spend more lavishly than the rich in Europe.

Mr. Kendall thinks it would be a national calamity if the outpouring of money were diverted from automobiles and radio to wine and beer.

While the boll weevil continues spreading in the United States (Cairo telegraph):

"Thanks to vigorous Government measures, the area affected by the boll worm has been considerably circumscribed."

Egyptian acreage affected by the pest has been reduced from \$5,000 to \$500 acres. What Egypt can do this country certainly ought to do. We save the scientists, the money and the boll weevils. What is the motor with us?

This news will not sell extra papers, like a Dempsey-Tunney fight, but will be important long after Dempsey and Tunney cease to be important. Pennsylvania State College has discovered that the vitamin B, so important to life, is manufactured by the cow in her stomach in great quantities.

Scientists cut a little door into the "rumen," or second stomach of the cow, and deprived her of all food containing vitamin B. Nevertheless, in a little incubator in that second stomach the cow produced the precious vitamin B in profusion.

That may mean to child life as much as the admirable fight against impure milk made by Nathan Straus.

In cities people go crazy more frequently than they once did. Excitement, bottle liquor and other things help. In New York State one person in every twenty-five has been in the insane asylum according to the American Psychiatric Association.

There is less insanity than formerly among women on farms. Loneliness, that used to drive them insane by the thousands, has been softened by telephone, radio, parcels post, and, above all, the automobile.

President Vinson tells young people of Western Reserve University that no conflict exists between science and religion; they occupy different fields. He wisely remarks that science, without religion, would lead to hopeless materialism, just as religion, when it denies the plain truths of science, leads to fanaticism and superstition.

Religion and science are like astrology and astronomy, or like alchemy and chemistry.

Astronomy started in astrology, chemistry started in alchemy, with experimenters seeking to make gold.

Science started in religion. Men, questioning the origin of things, first gave a religious answer, everything based on miracles. Then they studied more closely and began giving scientific answers.

All told 24,000,000 automobiles are in use in fifty-nine countries of the earth. The United States owns 20,000,000 of the 24,000,000. The United States Commerce Department gives the figures. We have one automobile for every six persons, Hawaii one to eleven, Canada one to thirteen. Afghanistan has one to 1,200,000. Poor Afghanistan, happy America. To have a motor is to defy the law of gravitation, and be a free man.

BURGLARS ROB 3 STORES HERE PAIR ARRESTED

Two Drug Stores And Ozona Mercantile Are Entered

LOSS RECOVERED

Man And Woman Arrested At Mertzton; Surprised By Clerk

A man and woman were being held here Wednesday night by Crockett County officers for questioning in connection with the burglary early Wednesday morning of three Ozona stores and the theft of approximately \$16 in cash and a small amount of merchandise.

The couple was arrested near Mertzton by Sheriff Harkey upon descriptions furnished by local officers and were brought here Wednesday afternoon for further questioning. They denied any connection with the robbery, however, and officers were making an investigation into all phases of the case in an effort to identify them as the couple sought.

Smith's Drug Stores No. 1 and 2 and the Ozona Mercantile were the stores entered. A nail bar or a similar instrument was used in each case to effect an entrance to the stores. At the two drug stores entrance was gained at the back prying open windows, while at the Mercantile the front door was pried open. The cash register was rifled in each drug store, a total amount of about \$16 being taken. At the No. 1 store a considerable amount of cash was overlooked by the intruder by reason of the fact that it was concealed in an envelope and was pitched aside, the robber evidently thinking it contained only papers.

Being a little too late on the job or attempting too many exploits in one night, proved the robber's undoing, however, in his last attempt at the Ozona Mercantile. Charles Owens, clerk at the Mercantile came down to open up the store at 5:40 Wednesday morning. As he started to open the south door he heard a noise at the other door and started toward it to investigate. As he walked across the front of the store, he saw a man run out through the back door on the south street. A woman who had been sitting in a Dodge coupe in front of the store then started the motor of the car and turned the corner, picked up the burglar and sped out of town, Mr. Owens declared.

The escape was so sudden Mr. Owens declared, that he could not identify either the woman or the man, but could identify the car. He was able to give officers an accurate description of the car, which is said to have tallied with the car in which the suspects were riding when captured. A nail bar which might have been used in effecting entries to the various stores was also found in their possession when captured, but the instrument was lost on the way back to Ozona it was stated.

The trail of the fleeing robbers was picked up by W. A. Kay, local telephone manager, who was notified by officers and phoned all surrounding towns to be on the look-out. A filling station in Barnhart told Mr. Kay that a car answering the description of the one sought had just passed there shortly before 7 o'clock and officers at Mertzton were notified. Sheriff Harkey and deputies intercepted the couple between Mertzton and Barnhart and arrested them. It was understood here that the Mertzton officers stretched a rope across the road to stop the car and that the driver refused to stop and ran through the rope, the officers finally catching him after a three-mile chase.

The Ozona Mercantile's losses would have amounted to more than \$100 had not the robber been surprised while at work. He had goods valued at that amount piled in front of the door ready to be loaded into the car when discovered.

Gene Tunney



Carrying the responsibility of the title, Champion Gene Tunney was never more serious in his life than in the finishing hours of his training at Chicago for the first defense of his crown.

Jack Dempsey



Here is the former king of heavyweights as he appeared in final workouts at Chicago for his battle here to regain the title, which he lost to Gene Tunney at Philadelphia last year.

Literary Dept. Of Club Meets Sept. 27

The following program of the meeting of the Literary department of the Ozona Woman's Club, Tuesday, September 27, has been announced:

Travelers Tales
Hostess—Mrs. Joe Pierce
Leader—Mrs. W. E. Smith
Roll Call—Vacation Impressions
The President's Message—Mrs. W. E. Smith
Report of the Book Committee—Mrs. Ewart White, Mrs. Will Grimmer and Mrs. Hugh Childress.

23,015 Lambs Are Loaded At Barnhart

BARNHART, Sept. 17.—Twenty three thousand and fifteen lambs, weighing a total of 1,656,000 pounds, were shipped from Barnhart over the Orient between August 5 and 15. Barnhart is the largest livestock shipping point on the Orient railroad in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The first week of the 1927-28 term of the Barnhart public school closed Friday with an enrollment of eighty pupils, an increase of twenty over last year, indicating how Barnhart is growing. I. Q. Sparks is principal of the school. Other members of the faculty are Miss Jessie Pilgreen, Miss Alva Campbell, Miss Vera Whitsitt and Mrs. Yeast.

Arm Broken, Cranking Car

W. L. Wilkins, Ozona, was here Friday, after having suffered a broken arm while cranking a car on the Will Baggett ranch on Thursday afternoon. The right arm was broken in two places at the wrist. —S. A. Standard.

Will you be at PTA Monday?

So far as could be determined, the store suffered no loss at all, L. B. Adams declared.

While the local telephone company was phoning surrounding towns, Sheriff Augustine and his deputies and several citizens spread a drag net in all directions out of Ozona.

When officers first captured the couple, only about \$6 in money was found on their persons. Late Wednesday afternoon, however, after further search, an amount of money approximately the same as that lost by the business houses entered was found concealed in the woman's stocking. Officers were still questioning the couple Wednesday night.

Eldorado Plays Locals Staturday

Ozona Grid Warriors On Good Trim After 2-Weeks Practice

The Ozona High School football aggregation will go into the first battle of the season here Saturday afternoon at 3:30 against the Eldorado squad, which is also understood to be playing its first game of the season.

The game will be played on the high school athletic field a block west of the school building. Advance sale of tickets indicated a good attendance of local fans.

The local gridsters are declared to be in excellent condition with prospects for the season good after two weeks of intensive training under the direction of Coach J. A. Floyd. Fourteen boys have been out for practice and the team that is picked from this list of huskies should be a good one. Those who have aspired to places on the team include Arthur Kyle, Capt., Geo. Bunker, Dock Lee, Walter Kyle, Roger Dudley, Bill Friend, Louis Sapp, Dean Phillips, P. C. Coates, Cal Word, Herman Chandler, Com Longley, Miller Robison and Smith Campbell.

Dudley Leases 12-Sect. Ranch

Former Garage Owner Buys 2,000 Ewes To Stock Range

Morris Dudley, who recently sold his garage and Ford agency here to Bill Grimmer, has leased twelve sections of the Mrs. Jones ranch southeast of Ozona, occupied until recently by M. G. Slaughter, and has purchased 2000 head of ewes from T. A. Kincaid with which to stock the land.

Mr. Slaughter recently leased the Ketcham ranch in Pecos County, owned by Blackstone and Slaughter of San Angelo, and moved his stock from the Crockett County ranch to that location.

Boyd and Warren Clayton, whose ranches joined the Jones acreage, leased ten sections out of the total to provide more pastureage for their stock.

Eud Kincaid has gone to Kerrville to re-enter Schreiner Institute.

Don't forget PTA next Monday.

'28 Senior Class Has 16 Members

Mary Childress Elected President; Other Classes Organize

The 1927-28 Senior Class at the Ozona High School has a membership of sixteen, the largest class at the opening of class in the history of Ozona, according to Supt. C. C. Minatta.

Miss Mary Childress was elected class president at the recent organization. Other officers are Duke Shaw, vice-president, and Helen Chapman, secretary.

The Junior and Sophomore classes have also organized for the year. Officers of these classes are as follows: Juniors—Rachel Graham, president; Alma Johnson, vice-president, and Clyde Carson, secretary; Sophomores—Helen Montgomery, president; Carl North, vice-president, and Dock Lee, secretary.

Baptists Support Brazil Missionary

A. E. Nelson Is Assigned To Local Congregation

Last Sunday Ozona Baptists enlarged their program by assuming the support of a missionary on the foreign field in addition to what the church is already giving to the co-operative program of the denomination. This comes as an outgrowth of mission thinking and study that has been in progress since the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May. At that meeting the cause of foreign missions was graphically and tragically presented in the persons of more than a hundred missionaries now in the home land and who can not be returned unless gifts to missions are materially increased or individual churches adopt them assuming their support.

This latter plan is growing in favor for the obvious reason that such a plan ties the church and the field directly together, thus increasing knowledge and sympathy. On the other hand the churches so adopting missionaries are continuing their gifts to the co-operative system embracing all missions and benevolences of Baptists.

A. E. Nelson of the Amazon Valley Brazil Mission, has been suggested to this church by Dr. J. F. Love, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the suggestion has been approved. Brother Nelson is now on furlough and before sailing will visit Ozona, that Baptists here may get acquainted with him and be with them. He has been in the field many years and will have an interesting message to give when he arrives here.

Two New Telephone Lines To Ozona To Be Built By S. A. Co.

A more complete telephone service has been assured West Texas in the announcement by the San Angelo Telephone Company that eight new long distance circuits will be built out of San Angelo immediately. They will include lines to Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, Barnhart, San Antonio and two to Ozona. The three lines to the north and east will be of the new "wired wireless," two lines doing the work of three by use of radio equipment. Sixty-one new telephones were installed in San Angelo last month, an average of two a day. The plant at Sonora is being rebuilt with new and improved materials.

Crockett Wildcat at 1,160

George A. Henshaw, Jr., and Gey Oil Co. No. 1 Noelke and Murphy, in the northwest quarter of section 10, block PP, TC Ry. Co. survey, in Crockett County, has drilled to 1,160 feet in time without striking salt, except for a streak at 705 feet.

GULF THOMPSON GUSHER GAUGES 795 BBLs. HOUR

New Crockett Well Increasing Flow With 2 Strings In Hole

SPUD NO. 2 SOON

Machinery Moved To Location 300 Feet To The North

With two strings of tools in the hole, a string of drilling tools and a string of fishing tools, the Gulf No. 1 George L. Thompson, Crockett County gusher which came in September 10 for an initial estimated flow of 40 barrels an hour, and which extended the Pecos oil field into Crockett County, has improved steadily until it is now reported to be as good a well as the average in the Yates field, gauging 795 barrels when opened for one hour recently.

The well made 1740 barrels in twenty-four hours last week, although open but two hours out of the 24, being pinched in to thirty barrels an hour during the rest of the time. It has recently been pinched in to 15 barrels an hour.

The Gulf No. 1 Thompson is located in the southwest corner of section 71, Block 1, I-G-N RY. Co. survey. It was drilled to 990 feet and when the oil blew in, the drilling tools stuck nine feet from the bottom and operators have been fishing for this string since.

Drilling machinery is being moved by the Gulf from its No. 1 to its No. 2 location, 300 feet to the north, which is to be spudded in soon.

Extension of the heavy shallow production of the Yates field into Crockett County by the Gulf No. 1 Thompson has resulted in the brisk sale of royalties in that area. Sale of royalty in section 70, 750 feet south of the new Crockett County producer on a \$350 base was reported the first of the week.

Methodist Revival Continues To Draw A Strong Interest

A steadily increasing number of Ozona people are hearing Evangelist Luther Bridgers of Gainesville, Georgia, at the Methodist Church. Perhaps no evangelist has so won the general approval of this place in spite of the number of men who have been absent taking their lambs to market. The interest has grown so that it is hoped that the meeting will be continued into next week.

Dr. Bridgers has given several addresses to the public school. One was given Wednesday morning on the "Hells of Bolshevism," setting forth the things the speaker saw in Warsaw and the Russian border where people reverted to cannibalism to keep alive. Personal experiences on the Hindenburg line, and the fortress at Verdun were given. On Friday at the Baptist church at eleven the evangelist will speak on the Passion Play of Oberammergau.

The evangelist, in his eloquent style, has been holding up a mirror of truth that has aroused the church members and has interested those outside the church. He has stated that he feels that Ozona needs most of all a strong religious nucleus within the church made up of those absolutely consecrated to Christ, and has set himself to the task of bringing forth this group.

The music of the meeting has been especially good, the orchestra and special solos by Dr. Bridgers has been inspiring. Thirty-six members of the church have taken a religious survey which has resulted in finding many persons who have not hitherto been associated with the meeting.

It is planned to have a record day next Sunday and at that time opportunity will be given for those desiring to come into the church. The promotion day program of the Sunday School will be postponed until a later date.

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Ozona has one of the best school systems of any town its size in the state of Texas. And yet the Ozona High School has no auditorium.

True, the High School building once boasted an auditorium, but the steady growth of the schools in the last few years has resulted in a crowded condition that has necessitated the breaking up of the auditorium into class rooms. Now the situation is simply this, that what was once an auditorium is now a series of class rooms, marked off by partitions of the semi-removable kind, and the study hall, formerly the English room and the next largest room in the building, is being used when possible for assemblies and is itself entirely inadequate.

Just what the situation in the local schools is is probably not known by a majority of the people here. For instance, the condition has reached the point this year where it will be necessary on occasions of general assemblies where any visitors are expected, to remove to one of the nearby churches for these meetings. The study hall is already crowded to the rails, and, in fact, will not hold the entire school in assembly, to say nothing of visitors. And the auditorium is no more. In order to use the auditorium, it would be necessary to remove several heavy partitions, a job that in all probability would require a day or more or two days.

With this the situation then, it is not likely that any attempt will be made to use the auditorium for less auspicious occasion than commencement exercises once a year.

The former English room, now the study hall, was built to accommodate probably forty students. It is now being made to accommodate seventy-two. That, one can well judge, is capacity and then some.

But that is not the worst situation. If the condition were to remain as it is, the school authorities could probably get along for a while. But there are so many new people coming into Ozona that the situation is rapidly becoming worse. This year, the school has a senior class of sixteen, the largest class in its history. The seventh grade has an enrollment at present of thirty-four pupils. If, then, there is a 100 per cent movement, and school authorities predict that it will be far under that, there will be sixteen students leaving the high school and thirty-four coming in from the grade schools.

Statistics of past years show that a large percentage of the seventh grade pupils go into high school. Say that as many as thirty out of the class of thirty-four enter high school. That will make fourteen additional students, to say nothing of the gain in the intermediate grades. If that condition arises and no provision is made in the mean-time, it will simply mean that the study hall will have to be abandoned and the "home-room" system adopted, that is, each grade have its own room with a teacher in charge of each and each grade go to its own room for the study period. This will take the time of a larger number of teachers that can now be employed in teaching classes and will be much less satisfactory than the general study hall system.

An unusual situation that exists in the local schools and which shows the trend of the scholastic population, lies in the fact that there are as many pupils in the tenth grade, the second grade from the top, as there are in the second grade. In most schools where the

population is less migratory the lower grades are the most crowded and by the time the higher grades of the high school are reached, the number is thinned out considerably.

Local school authorities can not tell one year what the situation is going to be the next. For instance, it may be that one of the high school grades is overflowing while the lower grades are about normal. The incoming population can not be judged as far as their demand for school facilities goes. With that sort of situation existing, a town should have ample facilities, plenty of extra rooms to take care of any need.

The school has already passed its capacity so far as assembly room is concerned, and if the expected growth comes next year the school will reach its capacity in class rooms. The study hall will have to be cut into class rooms and the auditorium possibly cut into more class rooms. Already the school must ask for use of the Baptist church for any large assembly and unless something is done soon, some other building will have to be sought for class rooms.

Such a situation existing in our schools would be bad enough if no more serious consequences than the inconvenience to teachers and the inefficient operation of the schools would result. But there is a more serious aspect to the situation.

The state department of education demands that certain stand-

ards be met by affiliated schools. The state department has been urging for several years that better facilities be provided here. The situation has grown steadily worse year after year and it won't have to become much worse before the department takes action to force the county's hand in the matter by withdrawing affiliation. In all probability it will not be necessary for the state to take this action, for as soon as Crockett County people are thoroughly familiar with the situation, there is little doubt but what quick action will be taken to erect a new building to take care of the needs. The plans are being now revised and may soon be presented to the people of Crockett County. When they are, every voter should make inquiry into the real situation and decide for himself whether or not the need for a new school building in Ozona is urgent.

An accident which might have resulted in serious injury or death of an Ozona child was narrowly averted recently when a stranger, passing through the city in an automobile, collided with a school boy riding a bicycle near the high school. Fortunately the driver of the automobile was not travelling fast and the boy suffered only slight bruises when knocked from his wheel.

Speeding by a school house is a menace to the lives of children. If the stranger who ran into the boy on the bicycle had been speeding, in all probability the boy would have been killed. The lad darted out from behind automobiles parked in front of the Baptist church and the automobile driver struck him after locking his brakes and sliding the wheels of his car.

Speeding on the open highway is all right in our opinion, in fact, we are frank to admit that we favor an experiment in Texas similar to that being made in some of the northern states, amending the

speed laws to make law violation to drive carelessly, without attempting to set an arbitrary speed limit.

But near a school building where children are playing, it is a different matter. All children are more or less alike. They discount danger in any situation, especially where there is a real danger, and they can not be depended upon to keep the highway clear. The road by the Ozona school leads to the Barnhart highway and there is always more or less speeding on that street. Of course, Ozona people know that the school is there and are on the lookout most of the time. But the stranger passing through does not always know it and it would be a wise idea to place danger signs on each side of the school about a block away, as is done in other cities, so that strangers in passing will be advised of the location of the school.

To keep the Record Straight—The Stockman was established April 9, 1913 by C. E. Davidson and Tom Nolan—bought January 15, 1915 by Kuzn Bill. Thanks, Kuzn Bill, for putting us right.

P-T-A. — P-T-A. — P-T-A. Be there next Monday P.T.A.

Mrs. F. F. Friend and daughters Misses Floy and Hazel, left Sunday for Austin where Miss Floy

and Mrs. Friend will enter the University of Texas.

The following deliveries have been made recently by the Wilson Motor Company, of the new 1928 Buicks: Massie West, Brougham Sedan; Sid Millsbaugh, Town Brougham; Wayne Coates Big Lake, Sport Roadster; Othro Adams, Standard Sedan; Clay Adams Standard Coupe; and O. W. Smith Town Brougham.

Miss Mildred North has gone to Abilene where she will be a student in Simmons University. She was taken to Abilene by her mother, Mrs. J. J. North.

Miss Beulah Baggett has entered Simmons University at Abilene for the 1927-28 term. She was accompanied to Abilene by her mother, Mrs. Monroe Baggett, and Miss Emma Philips.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. West have returned from a tour of Europe which lasted throughout the summer. While away they visited in England, France and most of the countries of Europe.

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by C. M. Payne



Dr. Frank Crane Says

Human Factor Wealth of Nation
People who pile up billion-dollar fortunes in the steel business, in banking, in automobiles and otherwise are supposed to be the greatest adders to the wealth of the country.

Some years ago, however, John Ruskin wrote about "The Veins of Wealth" in an article in which he held that the true wealth of the Nation consisted not in the yellow veins of gold running through the earth, but in the blue veins of human blood.

In other words, men were worth more to the country than natural resources.

Had the Pilgrim fathers, who landed on the bleak shores of New England some years ago landed in Manila, the Philippines would by this time have been as prosperous as Massachusetts. Take all the Philippines and transfer them to New England and in their stead put New Englanders in the Philippine Islands, in a short time New England would be devastated and the Philippines prosperous.

It is men who make the country. With this in view we consider Senora Esperidona Chavez, 89 years of age, of Los Angeles, rock-

ing the cradle of her one hundred and sixty-second direct descendant. She has nine daughters and two sons and they are all prolific.

Mrs. Chavez has therefore, added to the country more wealth than that of John D. Rockefeller.

Property has to be cared for and property rights to be expected, but the most inestimable treasure of the land is its human beings.

France is supposed to be decadent because the death rate piles up and the birth rate is decreasing. On the contrary, it is faced by prolific Germany with a steadily increasing population.

The most important power in the earth is its out-populating power.

This, in the end, wins more battles than armies or battleships.

The health and vigor of a nation is a better defense to that nation than armies and equipment. No matter how many tools you have, it takes men to use them.

No matter how marvelous and complete is a locomotive, it is valueless without an expert engineer. No matter how good your airplane you have to have a Lindbergh to make it a success.

In the end, it is always the human factor, and men do well to conserve life above all other things.

Misses Edna Phillips, Alva and Leta Powell, 1927 graduates Smith, Mattie D. and Edith Word, of the Ozona High School, have all

entered Simmons University at Abilene.

Ben Gilbert, formerly with the Bunger bakery here, has accepted a position at the Mike Couch grocery and bakery.

PTA at 3:15 Monday Sept. 26.
EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM
Sunday, Sept. 25.

Song—
Games—

Two Educated Men of the New Testament.
Can an Educated Man be a Good Christian?—Cleta Maye Savage.
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Dangers of the High School and College Life—Kathryn Baggett.
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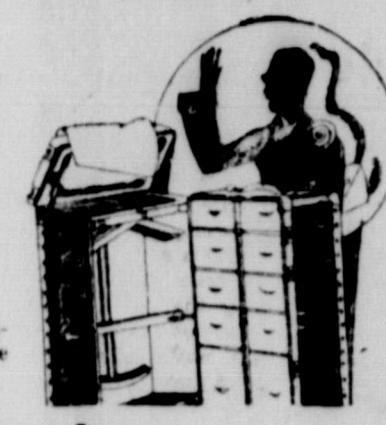
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Another Teacher Is Added In Mex School

The enrollment in the Mexican school has increased so much since the opening of school that it has become necessary to add another teacher to the staff, it was announced this week by Supt. C. C. Minatra.

Miss Catherin Chapman has accepted a position to teach in the Mexican school assisting Mrs. Ury Smith. The enrollment in the school has increased to 60 since the opening of school.

Miss Louise Coates left the first of the week for Dallas to enter S. M.U.

About Your Health
Things You Should Know



(by John Joseph Gaines, M. D.)

Rhus Poisoning

In the rural districts of our middle latitudes, the "poison ivy" grows luxuriantly, to the sorrow and pain of those who are susceptible to its influence. Only last week a victim came to my office, with face so swollen, that both eyes were almost shut out from light; with difficulty could he see to go about, because of the greatly distended eyelids. Having no relatives near, or intimate friends, I sent him to the hospital for two days, until the inflammation could be subdued.

I wish to warn my readers against the mistake this man made, using ointments on a case of rhus poisoning; he had, to use his expression, "piled on the salve" for two days and nights, only to intensify his suffering. The ointment effectually keeps the active poison beneath the layers of the skin—the very thing that should not be done, no matter how "soothing" the salves are reputed to be. I have seen small sloughs result in rhus dermatitis, when ointments were used erroneously.

Being an acid poison, our success lies in neutralizing the acid with an alkali, as soon as possible. The best remedy I have ever used, is alcohol and lime water—equal parts, applied on cloths or gauze wet with the solution. The lime counteracts the acid, and the alcohol consumes the water from the swollen tissues; the treatment does not exclude air, nor does it keep the poison in. If any of the solution should accidentally get into the eye, it does no particular damage.

Solutions of lead salts are used with good effect—but lead is harmful, unless used under the careful direction of the physician. The alcohol and lime water are equally efficient and can be applied continuously without danger. The patient above mentioned was cleared of his affliction in seventy-two hours.

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Miss Kathryn Baggett Gives Birthday Party

Miss Kathryn Baggett entertained a number of her friends Tuesday evening with a dinner party at the ranch home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baggett, on the occasion of her sixteenth birthday.

A four-course dinner was served with dainty perfume bottles being given as plate favors. After the dinner, the hostess was presented with many beautiful gifts. Those enjoying the affair were

Misses Ethel Kaderli, Margaret Childress, Emma Louise Garrett, Pauline Perner, Mary Childress, Maggie Mae Kay, Mildred Davis, Rachel Graham, Helen Chapman, Eleanor Ingham, Ethel Bennett, Tessie Kyle, Naoma Busby, Johnnie Cross and Helen Montgomery.

STRICKLEN SELLS RANCH

Mrs. T. A. Wilson and Company, which firm recently purchased the 3,285-acre ranch near Juno from E. E. Stricklen, together with 900 head of registered Rambouillet sheep, was given possession of the

ranch on the first of September. Ernest Wilson, son of Mrs. T. A. Wilson, and a brother of B. E. and H. M. Wilson, is in charge of the ranch as manager.

—Val Verde Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baker have moved into their new home on Powell Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Evert White, who purchased the home formerly occupied by the Bakers, have also moved in.

P.-T.-A. — P.-T.-A. — P.-T.-A.
Monday September 26.

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Readers desiring a personal reply can address Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper.



The Family Quarrels—Selfishness

Dear Miss Flo:—

It seems impossible for my husband and me to live together in harmony and agreement. We appear to be absolutely incompatible. And yet we do sincerely love each other. We have been married only five years, and three-quarters of that time has been spent in quarreling. Neither of us could tell a week later what the argument was about—yet for days at a time we will not speak. It makes both of us miserable.

We have considered divorce—but neither of us really want it. Can't you give us a formula for perma-

nent peace?

It is ridiculous to say that the average husband and wife who are forever engaged in a debate over every point of controversy that comes up could not get along with each other if they really wanted to.

They can get along with other persons, for they use diplomacy and tact in handling them. They make allowances for the prejudices and faults of others. They permit them to hold different opinions on all matters. They sidestep their peculiarities, and they control their tempers and tongues when they are dealing with others.

And the rules for keeping the peace are the same everywhere. It seems to me that there can be

C. K.

only one logical reason why married couples quarrel so much—they enjoy it and get a thrill out of it. If it really made them as unhappy as they claim they would stop it, for no one will do indefinitely those things that make them miserable.

So they turn their homes into a battlefield on which a perpetual warfare goes on.

And they do it, even when they realize that their whole life's happiness is at stake.

They evidently get a strange and almost savage joy out of stabbing with cruel words and by wounding the one they love and who love them.

And even when all is forgiven, the scars of the battle remain, to keep fresh in the memory always the bitterness of the quarrel.

There isn't a man who cannot be jolted along the way a wife wants him to go or who does not respond to judiciously applied salve. Nor is there a woman living who will not eat out of a husband's hand if he will show her a few attentions, a little affection, tenderness, consideration and pay her a few compliments.

No man would have a friend if he was as irritable, grouchy, and as high-tempered abroad as many a man is at home, and if he said the insulting things to other persons that he says to his wife.

No woman would ever be invited to another party or social affair if she was as much of a spitfire in

public as many a woman is in private, and if she said the nasty things to other people that she says to her husband.

No use in saying that you can't get along together, no matter how hard you try, for you can, if you will deny yourself the pleasure of saying and doing all the mean things you can think of, to each other.

Here, then, is the formula—for both of you. Add to the love you have for each other a little tolerance, affection, self-control, sense of humor, and a determination to be as courteous and lenient in your judgement of your mate as you are with others.

And the dove of peace will roost on the roof of your household.

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First Meeting Of P.T.A. Next Monday

The first meeting this year of the P. T. A. will be held at the High School auditorium next Monday afternoon, September 26, at 3:15. The following program will be rendered: Dramatization—Second Grade; Class Song—Fifth Grade; Business Session; Questionaire.
 Music—Miss Browning.
 Address—Dr. Bridgers.
 Social half-hour.
 Music by Boy Scouts and Refreshments by D. E. girls.

Remember PTA September 26.

Cox Brothers Sell 2,000 Head Lambs At 10 1/2 & 10 3/4 Cts.

Bascomb and Vernon Cox are gathering and moving their lambs to Barnhart this week for shipment to Wamble and Kane of Fort Worth, who bought their crop several months ago. Approximately 2,000 head will be included in the delivery, Vernon selling his muttons at 10 3/4 cents a pound and Bascomb a mixed bunch at 10 1/2 cents.

Vernon Cox has also sold 700 head of ewe lambs to Ernest Sparkman of Ozona.

You'll enjoy PTA Monday Sept. 26.

The Gulf Refining Company has started work on its filling station on south Powell Avenue at the intersection of the Sheffield and Del Rio roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oberkampff have returned from Dallas, San Antonio and other points where Mr. Oberkampff went to purchase his Christmas stock and to replenish his stock of furniture, etc.

2,000 VISIT KGFI

More than 2,000 persons visited the studio of Radio Station KGFI at San Angelo its opening day. "The Voice of West Texas," as the station is known, already has been heard all over the nation and has started programs from West Texas towns in this section. Every town in West Texas is going to be given

the opportunity to "go on the air" with the programs of local talent. M. L. Eaves is announcer.

The new home of Charlie Coates is about completed, workmen now being engaged in laying concrete walks.

World Oil Company by Sept. 22 will spud another test for oil in Crockett County, two miles east of Kirby-Taylor-Link No. 1 L. P. Powell. The location is in the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 50, block BB, TC Ry. Co. survey.

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Sul Ross Expecting Record Enrollment

Sul Ross State Teachers College began its eighth year on Wednesday, September 21. The reservations in the Girl's Dormitory and

The regular meeting of the Ozona chapter of the Eastern Star will take place on the 3rd Tuesday night of each month.

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in the boarding houses indicate unmistakably that the institution will begin its fall term with the largest enrollment in the history of the college.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

A large number of men have reported for the football training camp, and Sul Ross is already assured of two first-class teams. Practically every letter man of last year has already reported for training, and a number of unusually good men have joined the Lobos. Under the direction of B. C. Graves, who took his M. A. degree at Stanford University this summer and who took special training under the celebrated "Pop" Warner, the Lobos are expected to make a fine showing against their opponents in the hardest schedule the team has ever had.

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CEDAR SWAMP

Michael J. Phillips

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SYNOPSIS

Edison Forbes, a young resident of Scottsdale, has an inherent crave for liquor. He and a companion are on a spree one night when they come upon a liquor truck that has smashed a small car and killed a woman. His companion leaves him, also the drunken driver of the truck escapes. He is arrested and convicted for the killing, but is later pardoned by the governor.

Forbes and his young wife, Patsy Jane, then leave Scottsdale and go to Long Portage, where they have a worthless farm. Their neighbor, Sealman, tries to buy the farm, offering twice as much as it is worth, but the Forbes refuse to sell.

Eddie helps to get a liquor truck out of the mud and is rewarded with a bottle of fire-water. He later gets drunk, and Patsy tells him that if he gets drunk again she will leave him.

Eddie gets drunk again and wakes up in Chicago. He returns but finds his wife gone and in her place a tramp with whom he has a fight and knocks cold.

**CHAPTER XV.
Demon Rum Again**

Culley and Jake, confused, took his proffered hand with mumbled greetings. The third man was introduced as Oscar. "Say," Eddie went on, his smile taking a tinge of humorous ruefulness, "there was an awful kick in that last bottle. Do you know where I was when I came out of it with a head like a hay stack?"

The driver and Culley exchanged glances. "No, where?" asked the guard.

"Coming into Chicago in a freight car."

"You don't say," ejaculated the driver.

"Surest thing you know. Where did you leave me?"

Again the exchange of puzzled looks. "Long Portage," returned Jake.

"Well," went on Eddie, easily. "I don't remember a thing after that third drink, although it seems to me I had a dream about a box-car. I must have wandered to the yards and laid down in the car to sleep it off. They didn't see me and locked the door. Boy, that booze had a kick."

He had convinced them, and there was a decided increase of cordiality in their manner. Oscar and Jake smiled sympathetically. "I know," explained Jake, "it was not very good stuff. We were all sick next day. You can't always be sure of the quality. But we've changed wholesalers since then. We're getting the real Canadian Scotch now."

Eddie set on a log by the roadside and the three returned to the task. They regarded him, evidently as one of them—a man dependent upon liquor who would not dream of betraying the illicit traffic that almost daily crawled across the state like a stain.

"Ship's just in, I take it," he said carelessly. "Passed the other four trucks down the road ways."

"She got in at dawn," replied Oscar. "We work up there all night. Maybe you think it wasn't cold, sleepin' on the deck of that truck with only one blanket."

The tire was bolted, and the truck was ready to take up its journey. While the other two clamored to their places, Culley went to the box under the seat and drew forth a bottle of golden brown liquor. "Needn't be afraid of this stuff, kid," he said. "It's the real goods. I think it's the best we've hauled this season. Hey, Jake?"

"Uh huh," agreed the driver.

"So have a real one on us," concluded Culley, waving his hand. He knew that he could partake of this liquor. Though they had drugged and shanghaied him before, it was not because of personal enmity. They did it for some mysterious reason which he had not been able to solve, and at the persuasion of some unknown adversary. This was a peace offering of booze, at least reasonably pure. They were making amends for shabby treatment. Which shabby treatment they would repeat, if inducements were offered.

self up against one of the gravest crisis of his life. Craving for liquor was scratching at every nerve. The kick of the alcohol—how he yearned for it. Alcohol was in his hand. He could almost smell its fumes. And he knew that if the actual odor came to his nostrils, he was gone.

Cold perspiration came out on his forehead. His mouth went dry. His teeth were clenched as tho the tetanus germ had locked them. Ridges of muscle appeared on cheeks which had grown haggard. The fight was on, and it was going to a finish.

The tension eased. "I don't have to settle it right this minute," he told himself speciously. "Let's go and see about that ship."

He wore not coat, for the day was warm. He thrust the bottle inside his flannel shirt where it gurgled against his body with every step. He was marvelously relieved that a reprieve had been granted, even on terms so shabby.

The cove was deserted. Far out on the lake he discerned the dumpty outlines of a goodsized fishing-tug, heading for Canadian waters again. There were few marks of the unloading. The beach had been raked over, probably, and there was no one in sight. But a stroll up the shore revealed behind masking undergrowth a log house built partially below the lake level. A channel ran to its strongly-padded door. Part of the overhanging bank had been tunneled to receive the rear of the house.

"They keep their skiffs in there," he mused. "I suppose if all the trucks aren't here when they need them, the stuff is locked up until they come."

The possibilities of the cove were exhausted and his own problem pressed. The longing for liquor lay in wait so that when mind and body were unoccupied, it seized on them. "While I'm busy it isn't so bad," he thought. "Well, let's try keeping busy."

Below the cove the shoreline turned abruptly to the east, taking in many square miles. He plunged into this wilderness which was to him virgin. It was pleasant walking. The soil was more than mere sand, and firm underfoot. There was hardwood among the jackpine and an occasional great white pine tree which had evaded the axe and saw.

He drove steadily eastward, holding the appetite back by physical exertion. Not for one moment did he forget it, like a tiger it lay in wait, ready to spring. The gurgling against his side was its hunting cry.

He had started on a faint trail, but this had long since disappeared. The silence was profound, except for the subdued twitter of birds and his own faint footsteps. A crash in the undergrowth ahead startled him. A magnificent buck crossed a little clearing and zoomed like an airplane over the top of a fallen tree. Two does followed taking the same prodigious leap in graceful fashion.

There was no breath of air stirring. He wiped the sweat from his face with his sleeve. At a rivelet which was one of the headwater streams of Portage creek he stopped to drink deeply. The cold water was gratefully refreshing. He plunged straight bearing a little to the south.

Somehow he did not dare sit

down to rest. He was afraid of the bottle. If could only keep going he had a chance to win. A blister formed on his right heel and his shoe rasped painfully at every step. His clothing was quite wet. An unnoted blackberry briar had drawn itself across his face, leaving a red trail that smarted and stung.

Noon came and passed. He was walking automatically now, obsessed with one idea only—to keep going on and on and on. The earth became soggy. His feet stumbled on slippery, regularly recurring humps, and he stopped.

The underbrush had become very thick and high. He was following a green tunnel through it. The bumps under foot were the remains of a corduroy road, built to facilitate the taking out of logs years ago. He followed the road. Within a little time it ended on the edge of a cedar swamp.

A devil's cradle was ahead of him. Dead cedars with white trunk and short, spiky branches lay, stood and leaned in the stagnant black water. In places the trunks were five deep in inextricable tangles. Here and there was long and brilliantly green grass, but he knew there was no solid footing where such tufts grew. It was a cunning trap to snare the trusting. A foot upon such a tuft meant instant descent into sucking black ooze. Crows cawed dismally on some of the trees which still stood upright.

**CHAPTER XVI.
A Victory**

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It was impossible to determine the area of the swamp. The stiff and hostile trunks melted away against a line of blue hills on the horizon. Not far ahead, though, there was an oasis, an island which rose a few feet above the black water and was crowded with vigorous trees. It was perhaps an acre in extent. There was a breeze over there the trees swayed.

"This seems to be a sort of—"

well, a symbol," he thought. "It's infernally hard going. It's dangerous. I don't know how far across it would be easier to sidestep, to go around. But it's in my path. It blocks the way I'm going. Why should I let a cedar swamp buffalo me? I wonder if this booze question wouldn't have been easier if I'd fought it in the past instead of—"

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CEDAR SWAMP

aidestepping? Of course there isn't any answer for that. But I know I couldn't think so much of myself hereafter if I ducked this. So here goes."

Before many yards had been covered he regretted his decision to cross the swamp. It seemed useless and foolhardy to battle this grim and treacherous area. The labor was appallingly hard. He crawled on hands and knees along the slanting logs, their spikes bruising him and tearing the skin. Sometimes he slipped on the trunks which had gathered moss that made them as smooth as ice. Then he barely escaped dropping into wells of black water, paved far below with muck in solution. He knew the mixture had the clinging power of quicksand. The sun beat down viciously.

At last he won the oasis and flung himself down to rest in the shade of a good sized tree. His chest heaved. He closed his eyes and fought the vivid outline of an action which his appetite painted over and over on his brain.

In this action he saw himself drawing the bottle from his shirt, removing the cork and tilting his head so that the fiery liquid could run down his throat. He could sniff the beguiling bequest of the raw liquor and feel the filliped nerves tingle to the ends of his fingers and toes. The counterfeit sensations caused him fairly to shudder with a longing to make them authentic.

He raised himself on his elbow to look out over the waste which intervened between the island and the further shore. It was not so distant as it had seemed, but it was greater than the first lap. He shook his head. "No booze until that's behind me. Too dangerous. I need everything I have to make it."

He took up the journey again. Now progress was slower. He was tired. The tangle seemed worse, the water deeper and blacker. Once he slipped and was immersed hip deep in the tepid water. He hastily crawled back to the grudging surface of a slender stick.

As he crawled one wide pool on a cedar whose far end was insecurely anchored, so that the trunk rocked with his weight, the bottle

slipped from his shirt and plopped into the water. He straddled the log to consider.

It was getting late. The shadows were long over this friends' playground. But he could not leave without the bottle. His nerves were searching with renewed insistence. Appetite beat upon him, shook him, tore him. He had to have that liquor. Yet he knew that the clamor was fictitious, and that there was a deeper reason for repossessing himself of the flask. If he went on without it, he was cravenly avoiding the possible knockout. It would be a drawn battle which he would have to fight again. The whiskey might be the bludgeon of defeat, but it might also be the symbol of victory. He could never win by running away from it.

He removed his canvas leggings, his shoes and socks, as he perched perilously on the uneasy trunk. He let himself down into the pool. His toes encountered the muck. His arms were extended their full length before his toes encountered the bottle in the sooty depths. It was a task requiring muscular strain and dexterity to grip the bottle between his toes and bring it surfaceward.

A new difficulty presented itself. He could not climb back on the log without the aid of his feet. He released a hand to reach downward for the bottle. It eluded him and sank again. As he lunged for it, the other hand slipped and he went under.

Back at the surface he shuddered with distaste and clung to the log. The dead water and the treacherous, molasses like muck filled him with nausea. Yet they had to be braved. He took a full breath and thrust himself under. His arm encountered the muck and was absorbed in it, yet his fingers felt no bottle. His shoulders, the top of his head were in the ooze, yet the desperate fingers closed only on slime. Closing his eyes he rammed downward until the muck was in his nostrils.

It drew him, sucked him insidiously into its grip. Panic that made his eyes pop and his heart race possessed him. But something elemental and fundamental would not permit him to withdraw. Both arms worked in a wide circle. His lungs cried for air. His eardrums cracked. He was undergoing all the agonies of drowning.

At last! A fingertip touched it. He worked lower, grasped the bottle firmly, and splashed frantically upward. The mud clung to him, it was reluctant to let him go. But a submerged log aided him with a firm footing. He heaved waist high above the surface, now as opaque as a puddle of ink.

He breathed deeply and thankfully. While he dangled with one hand he inserted the bottle into one of his shoes, which were tied together and swung across the log. His reserve of strength was all but drained before he was on the uneasy log again, his shoes on his feet, the bottle buttoned within his shirt.

Sunset was at hand before he won the shore, to find another corduroy road opening out conveniently in front of him. And he was trembling with weakness. The bottle was at his lips.

Patsy Jane's face came up before him, her eyes swimming in tears as she raised them to him in Lawyer Kinnane's office. There was that fond, tremulous smile of her lips. Somehow the wonder of her, the priceless boon of her love came to him as it never had before. She was the most precious thing in the world.

He jammed the cork home again the liquor untasted, and thrust the bottle back into his wet shirt. He strode buoyantly away, laughing with joy and relief. The enemy was defeated.

Though not entirely routed. There were other waves of clamor though not so persistent. The craving died down as darkness thickened. The liquor became unimportant until he no longer thought of it.

It was late when he struck a road leading in the direction of the ranch. It was nearly midnight when he trudged wearily into the log bunkhouse which he shared with the other hands. He could hear their snores through the thin board partitions. He lighted his oil lamp, and stood for a time surveying the liquor. With a little shake he addressed it.

"Oldtimer, you did your best. But it wasn't good enough. You're licked, and licked for keeps. And if you don't believe it, I'm going to make you prisoner, sort of keep you around to prove it."

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