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TEACHERS ASSIGNED IN MERKEL SCHOOL

The teachers for our Public School are arriving this week ready for their work which begins next Monday. They are to have a teachers meeting at the High School building tomorrow at two o'clock. Thursday and Friday of this week examinations were given to those students who for any reason failed to make their work last term.

Following is a list of teachers for Merkel for the coming year of school:

Roy J. Miller, Principal of the High School and Mathematics. Mr. Miller held this position from last year, and is well known to the Merkel people. During the past summer he has been doing special summer work at the University of Texas.

Miss Annie Laurie Smith is again for the fourth time teacher of English in the Merkel schools. She is a Merkel girl, graduate of Southwestern University, and well known to Merkelites. She did special work in the University of California this summer.

Miss Maurine Whorton of Roscoe is teacher of History. She comes to us from the University of Texas, and with her experience and training will make Merkel an excellent teacher.

Miss Clara Carlisle of Terrell has charge of the Science department. She had her training in Science at the University of Texas. Merkel school under her direction hopes to do even better work in this department.

Miss Furman Hair of Temple has charge of the Spanish in the High School. She too comes to us from the State University and with her training there and with the U. S. Censor Board as interpreter of Spanish will add much to the Spanish teaching in the High School. The third year of Spanish will be added this year.

The elementary department is also in charge of competent instructors. Miss Elma Reed of Memphis will return to us for her work again with the sixth grade. Miss Maude Herring of Lometa will have the fifth grade. The fourth grade will be in charge of Miss Emma Houston of Abilene, who formerly taught here. Miss Rosa Jones of Madisonville will have charge of the fourth-fifth grade. Miss Jesse Sutphen of Merkel will again have the third grade. The second grade will again be taught by Miss Alice Yates of Anson. Miss Lorena Dry will again this year have charge of the high first grade. Mrs. Essie Johnson of Spur will have the first Primary.

R. A. Burgess who has been connected with the Merkel school since 1914 will again have charge of the schools as superintendent.

MERKEL LEAGUERS TO ABILENE NEXT SUNDAY

We understand the members of the local Epworth League are planning on next Sunday to visit the League at Abilene, and render the following splendid and interesting program:

Subject—Why have an Epworth League.

President Landreth will be in charge.

Opening song by the Leaguers. Scripture reading—Bessie Tucker.

Pray and song.

Scriptural Development of a Leaguer—N. Hancock.

Male Quartette.

Intellectual Development of a Leaguer—Ralph Henson.

Piano Solo—Lorena Frazier.

Social Development of a Leaguer by Wallace Bragg.

Reading—Julia McDonald.

Closing remarks.

League Benediction.

REV. DOOLEY AND FAMILY RETURN

C. C. Dooley and family returned last Saturday evening from a few weeks vacation in the Panhandle, where they visited Mrs. Dooley's parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Rogers. Mrs. Dooley having gone before on the train. Rev. Dooley was accompanied in the automobile by Mr. Medlen and Mrs. A. B. Cranston and daughter Gracie Lee, of Comper to Roaring Springs, the home of Mr. Medlen. Thence, the route lay thru Hall County Collingsworth, and Wheeler Counties. With the exception of a blowout and lights burning out when in 4 miles of his destination necessitating a nights slumber by the roadside with lullaby by the coyotes, a broken hub, and a broken axle when 40 miles of home, and half a night in a mudhole, the trip was very fine and pleasant.

Crops are fine as one could wish for over that section of the state and it looks like Texas will have another bumper crop.

A SAFE INVESTMENT

Abilene, Texas, Aug. 7 20
Mr. E. D. Coats, President, Progressive Mutual Life Insurance Association of Merkel, Texas—
Dear Mr. Coats:

I take this method of thanking you as President of the Progressive Mutual Life Insurance Association of Merkel, for the very prompt payment of Policy No. 29, which was held by my husband, J. E. Musick who died on July 27. The payment of this policy on the 29th of July, just two days after his death, was of great assistance and greatly appreciated by myself and children.

Very Respectfully,
Mrs. J. E. Musick. It

Big Shipment of Childrens School Dresses at very Low Prices. The Economy Store. It

Mrs. J. E. Faucett of California is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Brian.

WOMEN CAN VOTE WITHOUT RECEIPT

Austin, Sept. 1.—Women of Texas have full right to ballot in elections as the result of proclamation by Secretary of State Colby that the Federal suffrage amendment has been ratified, assistant attorney general C. L. Stone ruled today. The opinion said.

"In view of amendment of the United States Constitution all women who are otherwise qualified voters at a bond issue election are entitled to vote and not required to have poll tax receipt nor to have paid poll tax. Women are required to have poll tax receipts only at primary elections.

Miss Blanche Fisher of Williamsburg, Kansas, after spending the summer in this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson left Sunday for her home where she will be a pupil in the High School again this fall. While here she made many warm friends who regret her departure, and trust that she may return next summer for another visit.

Messrs J. M. Provine, R. H. Matthews and J. P. Love recently purchased from Messrs Bland & Horton, each a nice light-four Overland car. Mr. Love and family left in their car immediately for Greenville and other points east.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bland a bouncing baby boy on the 27th.

STATE BALLANCE 14 MILL. DOLLARS

Austin, Sept. 1.—The State's new fiscal year opened today with \$14,000,000 in cash in the State depositories and with a general revenue fund of at least \$8,750,000. State Treasurer Baker has announced this is more than ample to care for the State's needs and that no deficiency warrants will be issued. State Comptroller Wigniton will inaugurate today a new system of keeping track of various appropriations under which he can tell the status of each at a glance.

RETURNS FROM A COTTON MEETING

R. O. Anderson, cashier of the Farmers State Bank, who was one of the delegates appointed in this city last Saturday at a meeting of the farmers, bankers and business men, to a meeting to be held at Dallas on September 1st, for the purpose of deciding measures to stabilize the price of cotton, returned Wednesday night from attending said meeting. He stated that there were present some fifteen hundred delegates including, bankers, farmers and business men from all over the country, and that while he had attended similar meetings before, he found this to be the most earnest and enthusiastic of them all, and that relief would be attained if the proper cooperation was given the movement, some of the more important measures adopted being about as follows:

Pooling of all low grade cotton to be sold through a single channel to the Central European powers, by advancing them necessary credit.

Establishing a warehouse system throughout Texas.

Adoption of a general holding movement, coupled with a gradual marketing system.

Judicial planting and curtailing of next year's cotton average with more general diversification.

Nathan Adams, president of the American Cotton Association in opening the meeting declared that the time has come for decisive steps by Southern cotton farmers to protect them from the falling market.

Judge W. P. Ramsey, Federal Reserve Agent of the Eleventh District said the south faces one of the most serious problems in its history in arriving at a just settlement of the present cotton situation.

Mr. Anderson stated that it was urged that those attending the Dallas meeting become members of the American Cotton Association the membership being set at \$100.00, and that his bank took out a membership as did Mr. Davis Beasley.

Jack West left first of the week for Dallas, where we understand he expects to attend school this year. He will take up some special line we understand. Jack is one among our finest young men, and will no doubt succeed with any course he may decide to take.

Messrs Wade & Johnson have recently opened an exclusive Tire and Tube Repair business on Kent street, coming here from Abilene. They are experienced in their line and we refer our readers to their announcement in this paper.

Miss Leoel Merritt is spending the week in Eastland visiting her sister Mrs. J. C. Baker.

NEFFS MAJORITY IS 417 IN THIS COUNTY

Shep, the last box in Taylor county from which returns from Saturday's election were received, has reported. The Shep box gave the following results: Neff 41, Bailey 13; Johnson 31 Davidson 27; Pierson 20, Hawkins 38.

This box made the county totals as follows:

Neff 1834, Bailey 1417, majority of 417 for Neff; Johnson 1488, Davidson 1366, majority of 122 for Johnson; Pierson 1682, Hawkins 1190, majority of 492 for Pierson.

FARMERS DISCUSS COTTON QUESTION

At the Tabernacle in this city on last Saturday quite a number of farmers and business men met for the purpose of talking over the cotton question and to elect delegates to the State meeting which was held Wednesday of this week in Dallas. The meeting was called to order and J. W. Teaff was elected chairman and G. A. Guthrie Secretary.

A number of gentlemen were called on for addresses along the line of what they thought might bring some relief in the way of stabilizing the market, which for some weeks has been on the downward trend, and L. R. Thompson cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, made an interesting and appreciated address; stating that while he was not familiar particularly as to the cotton question, but that in his opinion it was the same with the wheat or any other commodity, that so long as the farmers held their cotton without taking the proper care of same, leaving it out in the weather, uninsured etc., it would be hard for them to hold long enough or to receive proper help to finance a holding movement, but that it was his opinion that with proper warehousing, and caring for cotton, the farmer could without difficulty receive the necessary help to finance himself through a holding movement. Mr. Thompson, who is spending his first year in Merkel, but who is now a permanent fixture in the local banking circle, stated to us that in his opinion the farmers of the south could put on a holding movement which if backed by the proper warehousing, insurance, grading etc., would be effective to their benefit within a short time.

Mr. T. J. Toombs, president of the Farmers State Bank also made an interesting and enthusiastic talk on the question, as did J. C. Mason.

B. H. Hollingsworth, Vice-president and General Manager of the C. H. Oil & Development Co. of Atlanta, Ga., which company is drilling the Stith well five miles north of Merkel, when asked by a reporter for the Mail stated that the well was now down about 1,400 feet, and that the formation thus far according to Mr. Hollingsworth were indeed encouraging. Infact Manager Hollingsworth is very optimistic in his belief that his company is sure of a producer. He thinks that with favorable drilling weather they will be able to finish the well within the next six weeks at the latest.

He also stated that his company would spud in another well on their lease in the proven territory in the Sipe Springs field this week.

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Messrs T. J. Toombs, and John Sears, president and vice-president, respectively, of the Farmers State Bank were in Eastland first of the week on business.

Still receiving new Goods. Call and investigate our prices before buying. Simpson's Millinery Shop.

R. Brooks and family of Coleman, were here several days this week for a visit to the family of I. C. Frier, father and mother of Mrs. Brooks. They left Thursday for their home.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTICE

There will be all the regular services next Sunday to which all are cordially invited. Sunday School; 10 a. m., Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Let us have a record breaking attendance and start the fall work off right. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." C. C. Dooley, Pastor.

LADIES AID MEETING

Announcement is made that the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet next Monday at four p. m. at the Manse. All members are requested to attend as there is important business to be transacted. Mrs. H. C. West, President.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

The pastor occupied his pulpit on last Sunday after an absence of two weeks. Not only were the two weeks a vacation for him, but on account of inclement weather they proved to be a vacation period for the membership as well.

There was a favorable attendance upon the services Sunday, which is indicative of a willingness to go forward with the work. It is to be hoped that our attendance will from now on steadily increase, and that we may be able to reach an attendance record beyond any that has yet been attained. To this end we urge our members to lend their co-operation.

Let us have a full attendance in the Sunday school next Sunday morning at the usual hour. The pastor will be in the pulpit both morning and evening, at the usual hours. It shall be our endeavor to continue the Wednesday evening service; so give this evening a place in your program

Please bear these services in your mind and let us have your presence and co-operation. We extend to all a cordial invitation to come be with us. Press Reporter.

STITH WELL NOW ABOUT 1,400 FEET

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MERKEL SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY

On next Monday, September 6 the Merkel Public School opens its annual session. Because of the lack of sufficient auditorium room there will be no general meeting of the students but all will report to their various rooms. The high school pupil will meet in the auditorium at nine o'clock. All interested parents of these pupils are invited to attend this opening.

It is urged by the superintendent that all parents start their children as promptly as possible. A few days delay often means much loss to the child, sometime a loss of grade by getting behind and failing to be prompt at the end of the year.

The repairs of the fire damage have made the building look as good as new. You should see the appearance of these rooms since the carpenters and painters have passed that way. What is needed now to make the rooms appear as good as any in the country is a standard teachers desk in each room to replace the tables now there.

All seems promising for a banner year of school for Merkel. The board of trustees have spared no trouble in securing a most efficient faculty for our schools. Merkel should consider herself fortunate in the face of the great teacher shortage in having secured for them such a well trained corps of teachers. By co-operating with them and the board and overlooking their mistakes that all human beings will make, the parents of 'Merkel should have the best school they have ever had in Merkel.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock, we are hoping to get back to our normal attendance Sunday morning. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

It is just a little less than two months until annual conference and there is much yet to be done come and let's pull together and make this the best year of all. W. M. Murrell Pastor.

Dr. N. J. Smith recently sold through the Merkel Realty company his home in this city, to Mr. J. W. Mayfield, of near Blair Mr. Mayfield will soon move with his family to this property and become a permanent Merkel citizen. Dr. Smith in turn purchased a residence in the north part of the city from W. E. Cockrel and will move with his family to same. Mr. Cockrell purchased the residence of R. N. Campbell in the south part of the city and will move immediately to same with his family. All the above deals were made through the Merkel Realty Co.

S. C. Gentry one of the substantial citizens residing north of here near the river, was here first of this week. In speaking of the crops he stated that up to that time he had found no worm in his cotton. And which was very fine and without damage by worms or something else, would make a good yield. He still has several bales of last years cotton on his hands yet.

J. A. Woodard our efficient and splendid night Watchman, has been granted a vacation by the City Fathers, and will be absent from the city for several weeks. Mr. J. R. Baze has been appointed as Night Watchman during the absence of Mr. Woodard.

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JOHN SEARS Vice President
R. L. BLAND Vice President
R. O. ANDERSON Cashier
F. Y. GAITHER Asst. Cashier

A Gift From His Lawyer
"A lawyer in our town," said Smith, "gave a present of \$100 to a client the other day."
"How was that?" asked his friend.
"Well," explained Smith, "it was like this. His client got hurt in a railway accident and he employed the lawyer to sue the railway company. He got \$750 damages, but the lawyer's bill came to \$850 and he kindly agreed to say nothing about the balance."

Feminine Tears

Little Jimmie—You will not walk home from school with me huh? Is it 'cause I've got on patched pants?

Little Ethel—I don't mind your patched pants, Jimmie; honest, I don't. Only when folks see the patches they'll think you're married an' take me for a vamp.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

Not Many Chauffeurs Would

A negro chauffeur of Washington was hauled into court for running down a man.

"Yo' Honah," said the negro, "I did de bes' I could to warn de gentelman; I tried to blow the horn but it wouldn't work."

"Then," said the judge, "why did you slow up rather than run over him?"

A light seemed to dawn on the prisoner, who finally said: "Why Jedge, dat's one on me, ain't it? I neber thought ob dat."

LISTEN!

We would like to have your Eggs, Butter and Chickens. Be sure and get our prices before you sell. W. W. Wood, Staple and Fancy Groceries; Feed and Grain. Phone 230. tf

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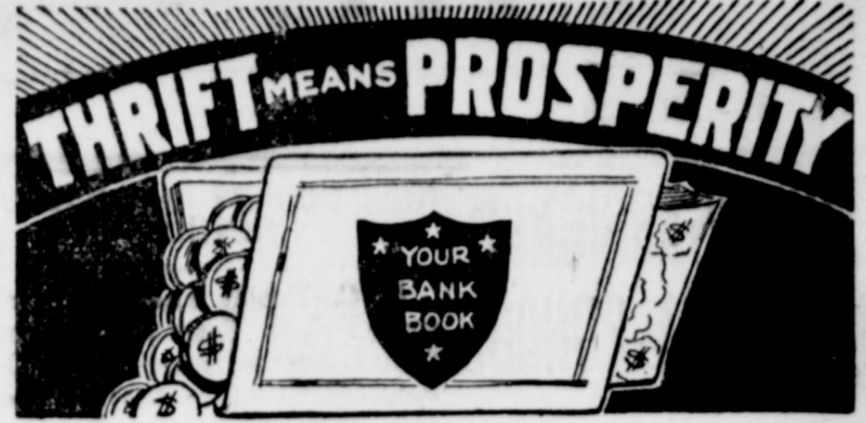
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Thrift, no less than earning power, is an important factor in these constructive times

Don't be miserly, but avoid extravagance—and, above all, put your

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or invest it wisely—keep it in circulation.

By so doing you stimulate business.

Thrift and persevering effort may be your part in helping to build the

PROSPERITY OF TO-DAY

Believing it our duty to encourage THRIFT this bank will on Saturday, Sept. 4, Establish a

Savings Account Department

and receive deposits in this account, paying 4 per cent interest on such accounts.

Come in and let us explain to you this additional SERVICE.



PUREBREDS COMPETE FOR \$65,000 PURSES

Livestock Division at State Fair of Texas Breaks All Records For Amount of Prizes

With the State of Texas looking forward to one of the most prosperous cattle years of its history, the State Fair of Texas is not over-optimistic in predicting that the season of 1920 is going to be the greatest year in its history so far as the Livestock division is concerned. A total of \$65,000 in premiums, breaking all past records for this department, is the prize dangling before the eyes of the owners of show herds of America. In addition to this, tens of thousands of farmers and stock raisers will attend the Fair eager to pick up purebreds to improve their own cattle strains. This is a great



opportunity for the show cattle owners, and they are coming—stronger than ever before.

The Hereford and Shorthorn breeds lead the field in the allotments for beef cattle, with \$15,000 each. Aberdeen-Angus come next, with \$5,000. Then the dairy breeds "cut in" for their share, which is \$7,500 this season. Swine easily make way with \$6,000, while horses, mules and jacks will draw \$7,000. The sheep and goat section, with the dozens of incidental classifications, absorb the remainder.

All premiums are generous to a degree this season, and exhibitors are exceedingly enthusiastic. The fact that the State Fair is building two new livestock barns, both of modern fireproof construction, which will give plenty of accommodation, is bringing the animals that never made the Southwestern swing before.

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Longer Life and Cheaper for Price

Good Cheap Price on
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EGG-LAYING CONTEST AT STATE FAIR POULTRY SHOW

One of the novelties afforded by the State Fair of Texas season for 1920 will be the Egg-Laying Contest conducted on the grounds by the Poultry Department. It promises to be the center of interest for that section of the big exposition.

The plans for this event include the entry of fifteen pens of six females each. These will be brought

COME ON
SISTER
A COUPLE
MORE



into the department the opening day of the Fair, October 9, and placed in pens particularly assigned. They will then be placed under lock and key, the pens to be examined by the judges only, and decisions made on the final day of the State Fair season, October 24. The contest is expected to bring into competition some of the finest laying breeds known to American fanciers.

In addition to this event, the regular program for the poultry and pet stock department of the Fair promises much. The premiums are very liberal, and entries are already coming in at a rapid rate. S. T. Morgan is director in charge, and Walte. Burton is superintendent.

FAIR AMUSEMENTS PROMISING

During the next few weeks Secretary W. H. Stratton, of the State Fair of Texas, is going to have some important announcements to make in regard to amusements. The finest novelties and features the amusement world affords are now open to State Fair engagements, and the most select of the 1920 offerings will be secured by Mr. Stratton.

Lone Star Planting Seed

For 1921

Sold by G. H. McDonald and R. C. Anderson, Merkel, Texas.

Watch this space for statistics on Lone Star Cotton by the department of Agriculture, Washington.

COUNTY EXHIBITS WILL BREAK ALL FAIR RECORDS

With the co-operation of T. O. Walton, director of the State Extension Department at A. & M. College, assured, the State Fair of Texas is moving forward to a record-breaking season as regards county agricultural exhibits. Mr. Walton and Secretary W. H. Stratton of the State Fair, have had a series of conferences on this important department of the Fair, and every assurance is extended by Mr. Walton that the exhibits will be far more numerous, and far more select, than those of any previous year in Fair history.

For skin eruptions, rash chafed skin, prickly heat, chigger bites and stings of poisonous insects, Ballard's Snow Liniment is an effective application. It heals quickly. Three sizes, 30c 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

A gentleman visiting relatives here who is from Comanche county, states that the bollworms have literally destroyed the cotton crop in that county. In some instances it is not expected that a sack will be drawn through the field.

The Farmers & Mercants National Bank will on September 10 establish the Burroughs Statement system and on September 4th will install a SAVINGS DEPARTMENT. Accounts of boys and girls in this department will receive the same attention as the accounts of grownups. tf

AUTO SHOW AT FAIR TO BRING NEW MODELS

Though the exhibition season of the State Fair of Texas—Oct. 9 to 24—is several weeks away, automobile dealers of Dallas and of North Texas have practically all placed their orders for cars to be brought here for the automobile exhibit, which will be held on a larger scale than ever before. Already more than a hundred entries have been made by automobile dealers and many more will be made before the Fair is opened, taking up every bit of available space in the automobile building.

Late models of cars of practically every make will be shown here. In many instances the new 1921 models will be displayed for the first time.

A lazy no-account feeling with yawning and sleepiness in the day time is caused by a torpid liver and disordered bowels. Herbine is a splendid remedy for such ailments. It cleans the system and restores vim and activity. Price, 60¢. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept

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Saturday—	10-20c NEAL HART in "Mans Creed" A Western Drama "Blue Blood and Bevo" 2 reel Billy West Comedy "Trailed By Three"
Tuesday—	"Almost a Husband" A Goldwyn Feature with WILL ROGERS Extra—Billy Francey Comedy 10-20c
Thursday—	The First of Series of Detective Stories "CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE" Extra— a Christie Comedy 10-20c
Monday—	EMMETT DALTON in "The Border Ranger" Exciting Story of the Western Border Extra— A Comedy 10c 20c
Wednesday—	TEXAS GUINAN in "The Girl of the Ranch" A Western Drama A 2 reel Gale Henry Comedy and a 2 reel drama of the Northwest Mounted Police 10-20c

STATE FAIR TO HAVE BIG MEXICAN EXHIBIT

Neighboring Republic Already At Work on Plans For This Event

The State of Texas and the United States has received a distinct compliment through the fact that the new Mexican government has consented to send to the State Fair of Texas for the season of 1920 the Mexican



One of Mexico City's Famous Bands Will Accompany the Exhibit

National Exhibit, the great fair in itself that the neighboring republic to the south sends—and only on rare occasions—to visit foreign soil.

The Mexican exhibit will be one of the rarest and most entertaining features ever offered by the State Fair. It will include showings from every state in the Mexican union, portraying the industrial and agricultural production of Mexico, and the unbounded raw resources of that nation. This exhibit will occupy the entire outer space of the State Fair Coliseum building.

As a part of the guard of honor that will accompany the exhibit, Mexico will send one of her world-famous bands. There are three of these bands in Mexico City, all noted musical organizations.

Senor Luis Lupian, special representative of General Jacinto B. Trevino, secretary of the department of Industry and Commerce, visited Mr. Stratton and the State Fair recently, and spent two days in going over plans for the event. He returned to Mexico, and his visit and its results met with the entire approval of his superior, as General Trevino's department has already notified each Mexican state of plans made, and giving them their assignments.

A TEXAS WONDER

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Mrs. L. A. Watts has been visiting relatives on the Plains and in New Mexico.

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The election is now over and many remarks were made which

those making them wish now had never been said.

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2nd An A-class Junior Christian College with standardized courses of study under capable teachers.

3rd An unsurpassing moral environment, free from the ordinary temptations of city life; a safe place for a student.

4th Reasonable terms; \$40.00 per month pays all expenses except for piano, voice, violin, expression or commercial course.

5th Sane athletic activities; stress is placed on moral and mental achievement but we recognize the value of a strong body.

6th A body of trained teachers with degrees from the leading universities with Dean J. N. Wooten at the head.

7th A well equipped library with reference books, histories, biographies and current magazines.

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

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THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Neff leaders in the city of Houston or rather Neff backers won \$60,000 on the election. A well known Fort Worth man who cast his ballot for Bailey took \$30,000 away from his fellow Baileyites. He voted for his favorite and placed his money on his judgment. —Exchange.

Eight Ounce Cotton Sacking and 9 foot ready made cotton Sacks. Get our prices before buying. Economy Store. It

TENANTS BUYING HOMES

There has never been a better time to buy and pay for homes than the present. It is quite true that land is higher now than it has ever been. Will it ever be cheaper? That question cannot be answered. It is safe to say that it is worth more now than it ever has been. What will cause cheaper farm land? Cheaper farm products would

probably reduce the demand for farm land. But who knows that farm products are to be cheaper? There is certainly no evidence that the demand for farms is to be much less, at least until other things are reduced.

Suffice it to say that tenants have nothing to gain in waiting for cheaper farms. While everything is proportionately higher than prices farmers get for their products, it is a fact, nevertheless, that crops and animals are bringing higher prices than when lands were cheaper. Now while money is easier to earn

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Wishes to call the attention of the public to the fact that it has added to its business a full line of Magazines, and invite their inspection of same.

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than formerly will be a good time to buy. There is no better way to save and invest than to

ants have paid for farms and become prosperous citizens. What some have done others may also do.

There is much satisfaction in farming our own land. There is much pleasure in beautifying the home grounds, planting orchard and making substantial improvements. This is worth more than the hardships and the difficulties one may have in paying for a farm.—Farm & Ranch.

Big Shipment of Childrens School Dresses at very Low Prices. The Economy Store. It

FOR SALE

One New Ford, 1920 Buick, practically new Studebaker. See McDonald Motor Co. It

TRESPASS NOTICE

This is to notify the public in general that, my lands are all properly posted according to law, and that any person found hunting, fishing, picnicing or otherwise trespassing upon same will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This means all. J. E. Boaze. 3t3

BOARD & ROOM WANTED

Two men would like good room and board with private family Call at Merkel Mail office. Itp

COZY THEATRE

Special Matinee, Saturday 2 to 5:30, With Wm. S. Hart

Friday, September 3 Admission 10-20c
Wm. S. Hart The Comedy Artors
in
"The Square Deal Man" "Henpecked"

Monday, September 6 Admission 10-20c
William Duncan Western Players
in
"The Silent Avenger No. 11" "A Tough Tenderfoot"
The Wonder Dog in "Doggone Clever"

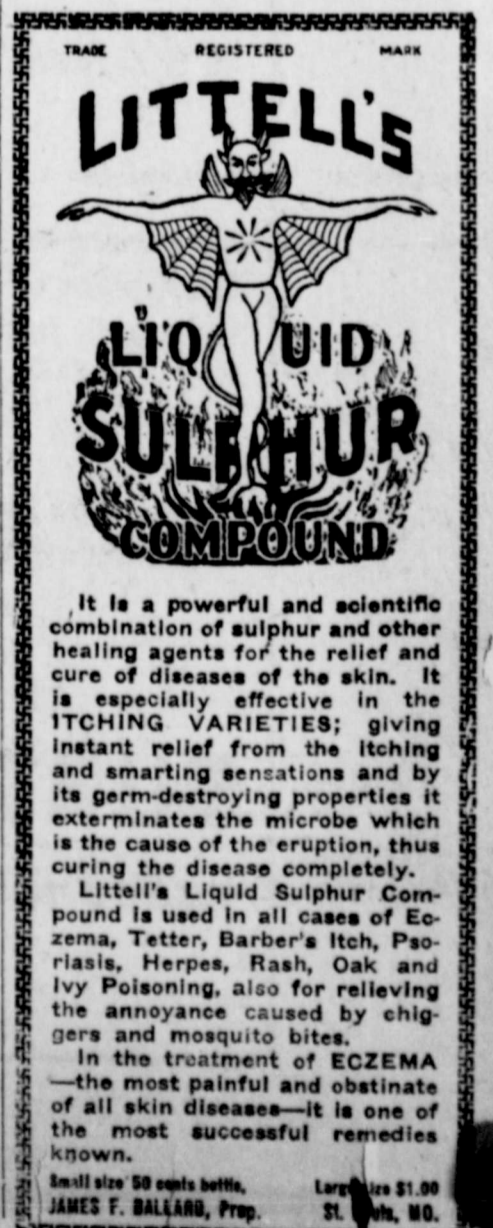
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D. W. Griffith Production
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Saturday, September 4 Admission 10-20c
Gladys Brockwell Charlie Chaplin
in
"Mother His Children" "Sunnyside"
Mutt and Jeff, in "The Bicycle Race"

Tuesday, September 7 Admission 10-20c
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COX'S CATTLE MAY VISIT STATE FAIR

Democratic Presidential Nominee is Owner of Fine Herd of Herefords.

Visitors to the livestock exhibit of the State Fair of Texas—October 9 to 24—will likely have an opportunity of seeing some of the famous Hereford breed raised by Governor James M. Cox of Ohio. Plans are being made to bring the pick of the Democratic nominee's herd here during the Fair and enter them in the contest for the livestock awards.

Assurances that the livestock exhibit this year will far excel any previous exhibit held here are made by Secretary W. H. Stratton, who has just returned from a trip to Chicago, where he visited a number of prominent cattlemen whose prize herds will be seen here this fall. Mr. Stratton declares that the coming Fair is arousing more interest in the North and East than ever before and that scores of cattle raisers from the Chicago district alone are already making plans for the trip during October.

Cattle, swine and sheep will have a prominent place in the exhibit and entries for all divisions have already begun to pour in. Those in charge of this department of the Fair are fired with enthusiasm over the prospects of staging the greatest livestock show that America has ever seen.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS EVENT FOR YOUNGSTERS

The awarding of seven college scholarships will be one of the many features of the Boys' and Girls' Educational Encampment to be held at the State Fair of Texas, October 9 to 24. It is estimated that more than 1,000 boys and girls will attend the encampment and each will be given an opportunity to win a prize.

In addition to the six scholarships announced recently, T. B. Truitt & Son of Waxahachie, Texas, have offered an A. & M. College scholarship for the best acre of cotton grown by a member of a Boys' club.

The encampment, which has been organized now for several years, is a very important factor in keeping boys and girls of Texas interested in farm work.

FOR SALE

One New Ford, 1920 Buick, practically new Studebaker. See McDonald Motor Co. tf

G. W. Boyce returned first of the week from a business trip to Beaumont, Texas.

F. C. Russell and family of Terrell, were here this week for a visit to Chas. Russell and other relatives.

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WONDERFUL MUSICAL REVUE FAIR EVENT

Emile de Recat, Famous Producer, to Present Original Show.

Assuring the people of Texas and the southwest a wonderful and entirely original Coliseum show for the State Fair season by a daring advan-



ture into the production game, the State Fair management will present, beginning October 9 and ending October 24, Emile de Recat's latest and most famous production. It will be in the nature of a musical revue, giving world events in song and dance. De Recat is a genius in costuming, stage decorations and effects. He will be given free rein to make the State Fair revue the most wonderful in the way of costumes and stage scenes that has ever been produced in the South.

"There will not be a dull moment in this great revue," says Secretary W. H. Stratton, who visited a week at de Recat's studio in Chicago. "The singing and dancing will be extraordinary, introducing as it will ten principals and a chorus of twenty-four beautiful girls. The costumes will make every scene one of dazzling, vivid beauty. In addition four unusual specialty acts will round it out."

Three carloads of scenery will be needed to stage the revue, which will be shown in Dallas for the first time, making the State Fair rank with New York and Chicago for original productions.

FOR SALE

One seven-room house and six lots. One seven-room house and two lots. One Store building to rent. Call on W. P. Duckett at store or residence. tf

S. A. Coats recently returned from a visit to his old home and friends in Dallas county.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—To buy two-room house. If you have one see me at the Gem Confectionary. tf

FOR SALE

One New Ford, 1920 Buick, practically new Studebaker. See McDonald Motor Co. tf

LOST—One 33 x 4 "General" Auto Tire and Tube. Lost somewhere between Tye and Merkel on Wednesday, Sept. 1. Finder return to office of Merkel Mail for liberal reward.

Louis Swann who like many other boys of this section has been held in reserve by Uncle Sam's Navy, left first of the week for Galveston where he will have the pleasure of a two weeks cruise on the U. S. S. Wheeling from Galveston September 5 for Jamaica remaining at the latter place until September 19.

General J. Jones we learn has purchased a five acre block of land adjacent to the city on the north.

Dr. N. J. Smith returned Wednesday night from a trip to Waco and Marlin.

Big Shipment of Childrens School Dresses at very Low Prices. The Economy Store. It

G. F. West returned Wednesday from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Sam Grayson was in the city yesterday from his farm in the Shiloh community and stated that they did not get the rain we had here Wednesday evening and night.

R. L. Bland returned first of the week from an extended business trip to Atlanta, Georgia and other points in that section of the nation. He says crop conditions in that country are anything but good, as they too have had too much rain.

Born to Ed. Shipley and wife a son on the 28th.

WANTED—To sell a good four room house and three lots on Cherry street for \$1,000. If interested see me quick at the Gem Confectionary. tf

FOR SALE—Two houses, close in. Also good farm well located. S. F. Haynes. tf

FOR SALE—A well located farm three miles East of Merkel (The Petty Estate) Good School and Church close. The Clyde Fruit Farm is also for sale too at a price to sell. If you want a nice home you better get busy at once. For information see W. E. Petty, Merkel, Texas. tf

FOR SALE—My Residence in South Merkel, two lots well improved, also some household and kitchen furniture and good milk cow. W. S. Telford, Box 394, Merkel, Texas. 20t3p

For Sale—A player piano in good condition. Only used one year. See W. T. Garret on the old Elliot Place. 1tp

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FOR SALE—A nice line of fresh California Fruits and vegetables Staple and Fancy Groceries. We Deliver to any part of the city bills that are too heavy to carry. W. W. Wood, Phone 230. tf

FOR SALE—160 Acres, three and one half miles west of Merkel. 50 acres in cultivation, 4 room house and good well. 120 acres not leased. One and one half miles from Bland well and about same distance from the 2 Trent derricks. Terms to suit. Cheap for quick sale. Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

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For the first time since the Civil War we have a real merchant marine. It cost us \$3,000,000,000 to get it.

The farmer, manufacturer, laborer—every American is interested in holding our position on the seas.

As a first step in this direction it is necessary to modify those articles of existing commercial treaties which have operated to thwart the upbuilding of our merchant marine—

By giving the notice of termination for which the several treaties provide.

This action is directed in the constructive Shipping Bill now before Congress;

Which declares it to be the policy of the United States "to do whatever may be necessary to develop and encourage" a merchant marine.

This policy deserves the support of every American.

Lacking this support the present effort to maintain our merchant marine may suffer the fate of many ineffective attempts of the past.

Send for a copy of "For an American Merchant Marine."

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30 CHURCH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

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- ☛ We paint Automobiles, make Auto ☛
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- ☛ Old Tops, keep a good stock of ready ☛
- ☛ mixed Paints. Also repair Buggy ☛
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MERKEL GARAGE

Pull Together for an American Merchant Marine

The war resulted in the creation of a great merchant marine—10,000,000 tons of American ships which cost us \$3,000,000,000.

Everybody agrees that we must keep this fleet on the seas.

If we fall back to pre-war conditions—when only 9 per cent of our foreign trade was carried in American ships—We shall be in the position of a department store whose goods are delivered in its competitor's wagons.

Congress is considering legislation which will perpetuate our war-built merchant marine.

Until this is done the ships we have should not be sold to face conditions which, prior to the war, resulted in the decline of our merchant marine to insignificance.

This Committee calls attention to these facts because a right solution of our shipping problem is vital to the future prosperity of shipbuilding, but equally vital to the safety and prosperity of the nation.

Send for free copy of "For an American Merchant Marine."

Committee of American Shipbuilders
30 CHURCH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

1,000 BOYS AND GIRLS TO VISIT STATE FAIR

Educational Encampment Also to See Distribution of Scholarships

One thousand boys and girls, coming from all the counties in Texas where the Boys' and Girls' Clubs are active, will be guests of the State of Texas during the season of 1920 at the Educational Encampment.

This season the work will be furthered a great deal more by the distribution of State Fair scholarships. These special prizes will be distributed during the State Fair season, as follows:

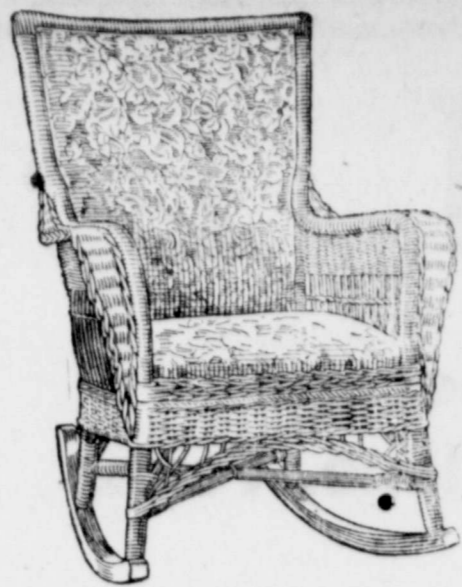
To Boys: Three A. & M. College scholarships to members of the Boys'



Boys and Girls From Farms Will Be Guests of State Fair

Agricultural Clubs, as follows: One for the best record in the production of corn in 1920, given by the Southland Life Insurance Co., Dallas; one for the best production of grain sorghum in 1920, given by J. F. Strickland, President Texas Electric Railways, Dallas; one for the best production of peanuts in 1920, given by the Times Herald Printing Co., Dallas. To Girls: Three Home Demonstration Scholarships to one of the State Colleges for Girls for members of Girls' Clubs, as follows: One for the first and second year work for 1920, given by L. H. Lewis Company of Dallas; one for third year work for 1920 given by Sears-Roebuck & Co., of Texas; one for fourth year work for 1920, given by Titche-Goettinger Co. of Dallas.

While at the Fair as guests of the management, the youngsters of the Educational Encampment will be given a royal time. The entire period will by no means be devoted to research work. Amusement in plenty will be furnished.



BARGAINS IN ROCKERS

The rocker section of this store is becoming a real center of attraction, and the very favorable comment that has come from every one who has taken advantage of our unusual bargains, both in medium and high grade rockers, has caused the popularity of these very essentials to any home to become more widespread every day. We have your choice at such price as you will care to pay, including child's rockers and high chairs, all bearing the same low schedule of prices.

Office Desks and Chairs

We have in stock a display of office goods that will be of interest to those who would care for any of these goods at moderate prices.

Dining Tables Specially Priced This Week

Our stock of extension dining tables is larger at this time than usual and for this reason we will make an extra special low price this week on any size. The tables are all very substantially constructed and will last for many years. In order that you fully appreciate the values we very kindly ask that you call and see them.

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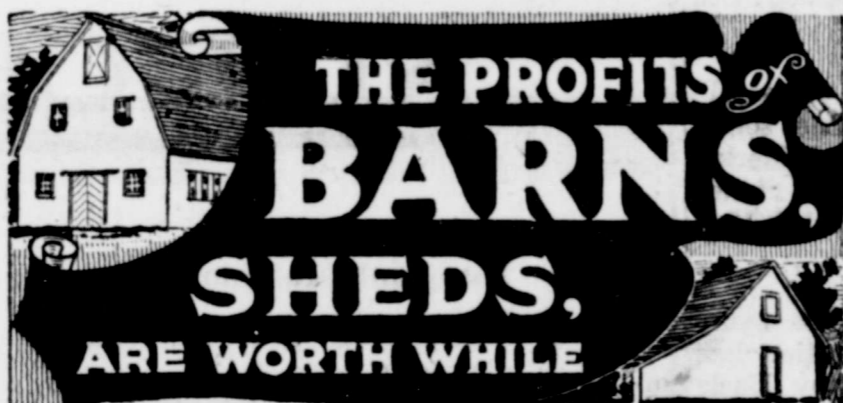
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SET DATES FOR BIG AUTO RACES AT FAIR

Returning from Chicago, where he consulted with many automobile authorities, Secretary W. H. Stratton of the State Fair of Texas has announced



the dates for the auto races that will feature the State Fair season—October 9 to 24. These dates are:

Tuesday, October 12.
Saturday, October 16.
Sunday, October 17.

On these dates the kings of the dirt track racing game will meet in competition, insuring some of the greatest sport Texas has ever seen.

In addition to this, plans are now being made to stage a great international sweepstakes race on some day during the last week of the Fair, when the winners of the three days will meet in competition. This will undoubtedly be the greatest automobile racing event ever staged in the southwest.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

Miss Stella Perle Watts has returned from an extended visit to Plainview and Clovis, New Mexico.

The greatest enemy of child life is the tape worm. It destroys health and vitality. The greatest enemy of the tape worm is White's Cream Vermifuge. One or two doses does the work. Price 35¢. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

Some differ as to women suffer. Some differ as to woman suffer. Every woman should have at least the training in business that the handling of a bank account gives. You do not know when you will need it or how much. The Farmers & Merchants National Bank will be glad to help you learn the working of a bank account; to teach you all you need know about it. Ladies accounts are invited. tf

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A cross, sickly baby suffering from digestive trouble and looseness of the bowels needs McGee's Elixir. It checks the bowels, eases the stomach and restores healthy conditions. Price, 35c and 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

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2 DAYS 2

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We are building a very satisfactory trade on wearing apparel for women, and it is largely due to the VALUES we give.

Our prices are far below the average without any discount or reduction—but for Friday and Saturday, September the 3rd and 4th, you may buy absolutely the newest in Fall and Winter Dresses, Coat Suits and Coats at exactly ONE FIFTH OFF our regular selling price.

The Thrifty Buyer Will Recognize at Once
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ABILENE, TEXAS

Better see about that Coal Box and then phone 48 and Call for Clifford Rose tell him how many tons it will take to run you through the winter. Best time to BUY IS NOW.

place is also here for a visit to his aunt, Mrs. Garrett.

Mrs. J. D. Hand of Belton, South Carolina, in in Merkel for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Mrs. Lee Rogers, of Owings, South Carolina, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Garrett, and Mr. Marvin Rogers of the same

H. M. Warren was over last week from Knox City, shaking hands with friends, attending to business matters etc.

College of Industrial Arts

(The State College for Women)
Denton, Texas.

The College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas, enrolled during the past session 1462 students and during the summer session 666, or a total of 2128 Texas girls, making it the largest College for girls in the United States with the exception of two, both of which are located in Massachusetts. It is a college of the first class; and gives literary, technical, industrial, and vocational education and training of the best quality, designed solely to develop mental discipline, social culture, industrial efficiency, and spiritual vision and outlook.

Its courses of study are composed of correlated subjects, including every necessary phase of woman's education, and are grouped as follows:

(1) literary, (2) household arts, (3) fine and applied arts, (4) manual arts, (5) rural arts and science, (6) music, including piano, voice, violin, and public school music, (7) reading or expression, (8) secretarial studies, (9) kindergarden training, (10) homemaking, rural and urban, (11) teacher-training for public school music, public school art, household arts, vocational home economics, primary grades, and high school subjects; practice teaching under expert supervision, (12) vocational training of both college and non-college rank for many of the most remunerative and attractive vocations, rural and urban, for women. It confers the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Literary Interpretation, and Bachelor of Business Administration; awards vocational diplomas and certificates of proficiency; and issues teachers' State certificates.

The College plant is valued at \$1,500,000; the management is modern, safe and wholesome; the faculty is one of the best in the southwest; it is a Texas College for Texas girls. The next session opens Tuesday, September 14, 1920. For further information or for the latest catalogue, address

F. M. BRALLEY, LL. D., PRESIDENT,
College of Industrial Arts,
Denton, Texas

Miss Fritz Frederickson returned last Wednesday from a six weeks visit with friends and relatives at Oklahoma City. She was accompanied by Miss Christena Cozart, who will remain until school opens.

We carry Ford Wheels, spring hubs, fan belts, timers, wire assemblies, wrenches—in fact, a complete stock of special Ford equipment. West Company. 27t2

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Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

"Black-Draught will relieve indigestion and constipation if taken right, and I know for I tried it. It is the best thing I have ever found for the full, uncomfortable

feeling after meals. Sour stomach and sick headache can be relieved by taking Black-Draught. It aids digestion, also assists the liver in throwing off impurities. I am glad to recommend Black-Draught, and do, to my friends and neighbors."

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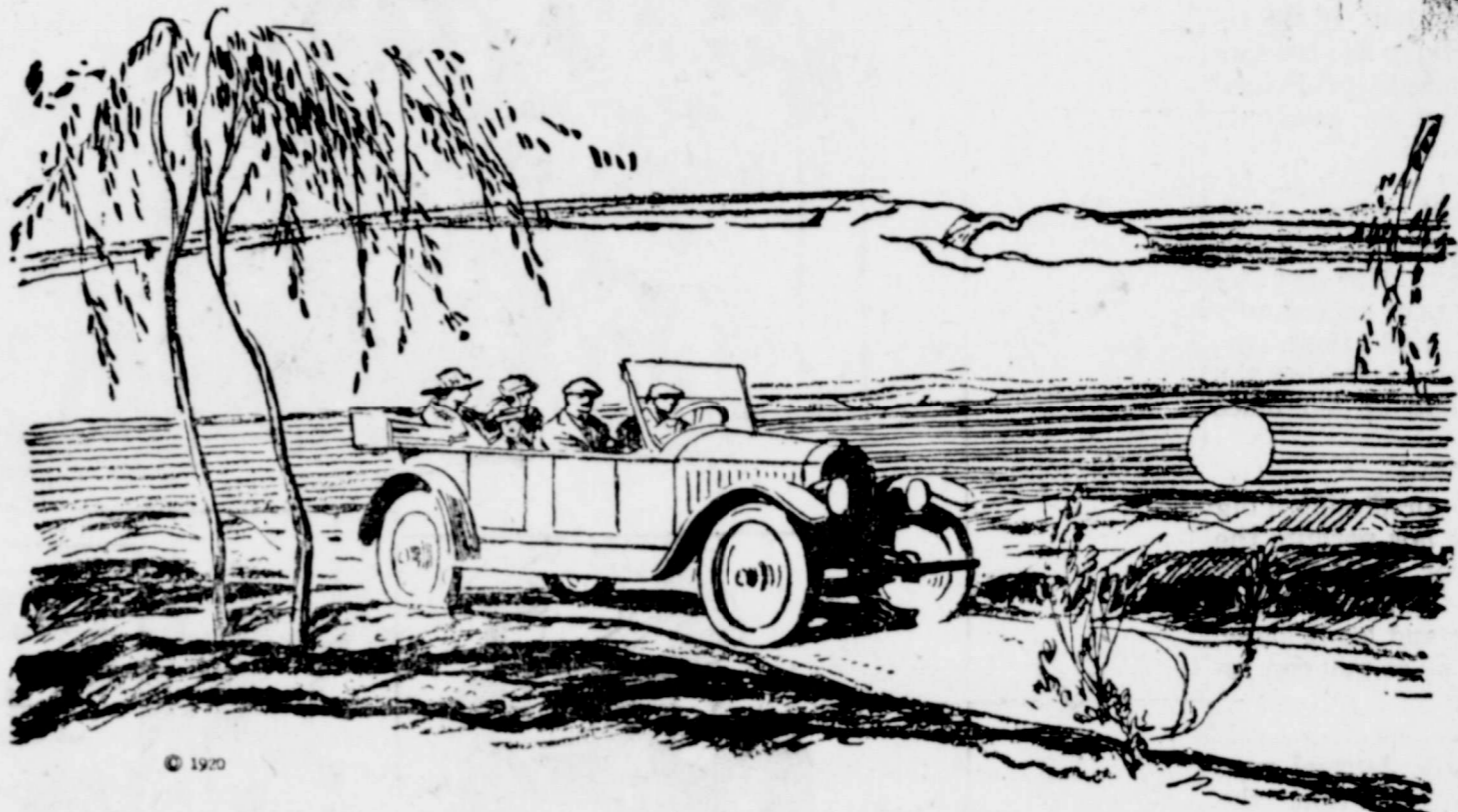
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THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER

The last days of summer are likely to be busy days with the farmers. There is cotton to pick, corn to gather, hay to save, silos to fill, and many other things preparatory to the fall season. Many are the odd jobs to be done. Although our feelings may revolt against heavy work and pressing duties at the close of the season, when we should like to relax and rest for awhile, we must "press forward to the high calling" to save what we have produced. This is the time to save crops and prepare for comfort and rest which may be taken later.

The fact that some risk is taken and some neglect permitted has reduced the income and lessened necessities and comfort on many farms. Like Grant, we must continue on this line if it takes all the summer. So long as there is a crop or a truck patch that needs attention we must keep busy if we would save our products this year.—Farm & Ranch.



Now the whole family can go out on a Summer evening

THE women should certainly be thankful for the automobile. It has given them a chance to see a lot more of their husbands.

they're beginning to insist on knowing what they are getting.

And the more they insist, the better it will be for us.

But it has done a great deal more than that.

It has brought people closer together, given them new interests, swept away old prejudices.

What affects one man now generally affects a good many of his neighbors in the same way. And they have a better chance to get together and talk things over.

We want our customers to know what they are getting.

That's why we represent U. S. Tires—so there will be no doubt about it.

Whatever the size of your car, you know that the U. S. Tire you put on it is the best kind of tire its makers know how to make.

U. S. Tires are guaranteed for life, without any limitation of mileage.

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**EARLY MORNING
 OBSERVATIONS.**

* G. M. Bailey in Houston Post.*

A St. Louis man was fined \$500 for speeding. It indicated a little earnestness on the part of the authorities. The trouble with speeders is, they always think they are free to violate the ordinances so long as the eye of the law is not on them, and when caught expect a light fine as if innocence were being trodden underfoot.

A foreign writer says Americans are volatile, mercurial, emotional and hysterical. He's a liar. If Americans were not the most patient people in all the world, they would have limbed, skinned and jayhawked about 1,000,000 gouging jackals before this.

Now a Cleveland scientist says in two years the country will have 75-cent gasoline. That means for many people no bacon, beef or sugar. For it is distressing to think of the number of gumps who would starve in order to be able to ride.

Of course, there is too much confusion in the vicinity of Warsaw to justify political discussion at present but if the reports from the Burg are true we hope the Democrats of Poland will be the first to nominate General Pill Sudski.

Self-denial will bring back normal prices declared a North Texas Newspaper. Not fast; we are wearing pants of exceedingly rare vintages, and there's no prospect of our polishing the seat of a new pair on our office chair yet.

New Jersey is predicting a big cider crop. The law permits the pressing of cider, and all you have to do is to put it in a cool place, lock it up and let it alone. Then in a week or so you can remember about it.

The Minneapolis Journal says no one can contend that the modern girl doesn't give the mosquito a fair chance. The modern girl does not give the mosquito a chance but a spreading glory of inspiration certainties.

A man asked the price of shoes in a Chicago store and when told it was \$14.50 dropped dead. Well, that's one way to beat the high cost of shoes and things.

Officers found 500 cases of whiskey in a St. Louis stable Golly! It would have required at least ten Texas mules to supply that stable with that much kick.

Owen Moore, who used to be Mr. Mary Pickford, nearly lost his life in an airplane accident in England a few days ago. Our notion is, there is just as effective advertising to be had in the divorce court as in falling from an airplane, and the inconvenience is not nearly so great.

A Chicago scientist named Brinkley claims to be able to restore old men to youth by the transplanting of interstitial

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glands og goats. He's probably a faker. If that could be done, one third of the men would be on their way to Chicago in less than a week, and billy goats would be selling for a hundred dollars each.

Mary Pickford's mother, Mrs. Charlotte Smith, has filed suit to change her name to Pickford. Pickford is all right for those who want to shine in reflected glory but if Sister Charlotte had been a candidate for the legislature, she already had the name to make landing with.

A Republican candidate for Congress in Missouri killed himself, and it is stated that he had been exceedingly nervous of late. The Republicans will have to get used to nervousness. The portents are calculated to give them insomnia, delirium tremens or St. Vitus dance.

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A. L. Jobe returned from Dallas Tuesday night where Mrs. Jobe is being treated. Her many friends will doubtless be glad to know that she is greatly improved in last month.

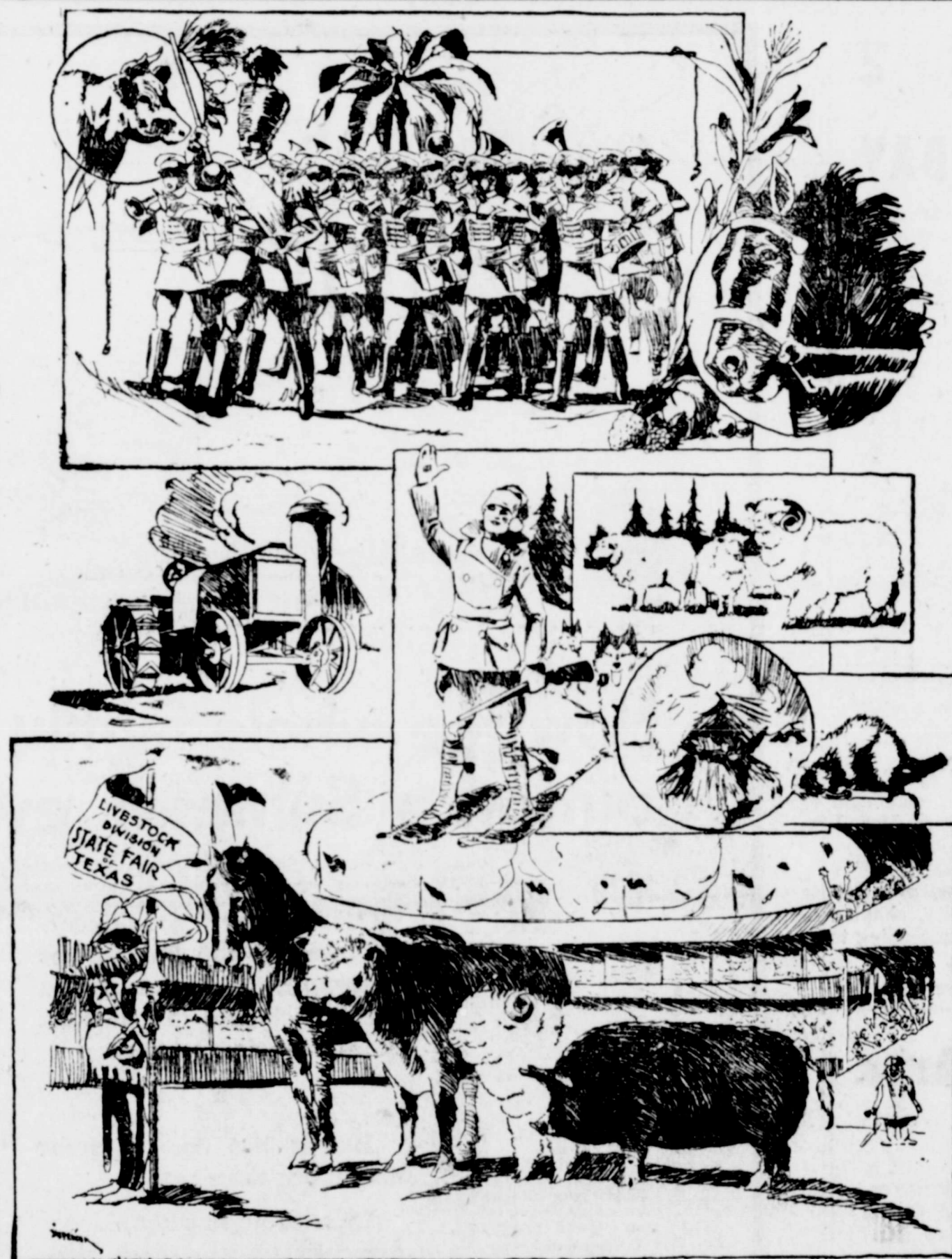
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At this writing there is considerable talk on the streets by the farmers to the effect that in many places the bollworms are literally destroying the cotton, and as this is being written there are indications that more rains are likely to fall in this section and in which even, the cotton crop is sure to be damaged further.

In order to raise some needed money I am offering to close out all Ready-to-wear Goods at reduced prices. Also Groceries at Rock bottom. A. L. Jobe. 1t

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