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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March, 11th will be a great day for the Presbyterian Church. The Choir has been reorganized, and will be prepared to give a special number each Sunday, beside an excellent musical program. Our choir now has one of the best mixed quartets it has ever had, also two of our young ladies are always ready to render a duet. Come next Sunday morning and hear them.

Preaching service at 11 o'clock and seven thirty P. M. The afternoon will be devoted to the ever member canvass for the New Year, benning April 1st. We hope to over subscribe our budget.

In the trip around the world, last Sunday both of the Aero-plane and steam boat arrived in Los Angeles on time. We go to Manila next Sunday. Come and help your side win. Visitors welcome always to our Sunday school and preaching service. Fred S. Rogers, pastor.

NOTICE TO WOODMEN CIRCLE

It is urged that all members of the Woodmen Circle in Merkel, Trent and Blair, as well as all suspended members of these organizations be present at a meeting in Merkel on next Friday night, March 16, as there is some important matters to be transacted, as well as a pleasant entertainment for all. Mrs. L. E. Sanders, Clerk.

Mrs. Dowdy was here from Trent Thursday.

T. P. RY. RECEIVES NEW EQUIPMENT

Dallas, March 8th:

According to Traffic Manager Joan B. Payne, of that road the T & P has received the first eight of a large number of locomotives, ordered the latter part of 1922, these eight now being in Marshall Shops, where they are being given the finishing touches before being placed in service. Additional engines are leaving the Locomotive Works every few days, and it is expected the entire consignment will be on the line by April 1st., these engines being among the largest and heaviest ever operated in the Southwest, the freight chargs from the Locomotive Works to Texas amounting to approximately \$50,000.00 and only one Eastern Line being able to handle them to St. Louis account clearance requirements, due to their enormous size.

According to Mr. Payne, these are all super-heated oil burners, the passenger engines being of the latest Pacific type with Locomotive Booster attached to trailer, a recent invention giving increased starting and accelerating power; these being the first of this kind operated in Texas, and being capable of a speed of 60 miles an hour with 12 steel Pullmans. These Pacific type engines are also equipped with locomotive feed-water heaters, the feed-water being heated by a portion of the steam exhaust formerly admitted to the atmosphere; resulting in increased efficiency of the boiler and a saving of fuel, water being supplied to the boiler at a much higher degree of temperature than now obtained by the use of injectors. Total weight of engine and tender is 446,000 pounds; tractive power, with booster, 49,885 pounds. Length over all, 82 feet. The tender has a capacity of 9,000 gallons of water and 3,200 gallons of oil.

NOTICE OF AN ELECTION APRIL 17

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue bonds of the said city for the purpose hereinafter mentioned:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, of the City of Merkel, Texas, that an election be held on the 17th day of April, 1923, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel, in the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of constructing a sanitary sewer system for said city. Said bonds to mature serially or otherwise at such times as may be fixed by the City Council not to exceed forty years from their date and to bear interest at the rate of not to exceed six (6) percentum per annum payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to redeem them at maturity as authorized by Chapter 1 Title 18, Revised Statute of 1911, and Chapter 9, Sections 1 to 7 inclusive of the Acts of the 37th Legislature of Texas passed at its regular session and the constitution and laws of the State of Texas."

The said election shall be held at the City Hall of the City of Merkel, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to wit:

H. M. Rambolt, Presiding Judge, G. W. Boyce, Assisting Judge, and L. P. Jones, and Jim W. Mayfield Jr., Clerks.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 18, Revised Statute of 1911, and Chapter 9, Sections 1 to 7 inclusive of the Acts of the 37th Legislature of Texas, passed at its regular session and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified voters who are property taxpayers of said city shall be allowed to vote.

All voters who favor the proposition to issue the bonds for the construction of a sanitary sewer system for said city shall have written or printed upon their ballots, the words:

"For the issuance of bonds."

All those opposed shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"Against the issuance of bonds."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the state regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, and attested by the City Secretary of said city, shall serve as a proper notice of said election.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause said notice of the election to be posted up at the City Hall and at one public place in each of the voting places in the City of Merkel for at least thirty full days prior to the date of said election.

The Mayor is further authorized and directed to have said notices of election published in some newspaper of general circulation published in said city, and which notice shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the date of first publication being not less than thirty full days prior to the date of election.

H. C. West, Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.
ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas

In conversation with the Mayor, we were authorized to make

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, the able pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, left Wednesday for a business trip to Fort Worth, and asked that we kindly announce for him, that on next Sunday there would be all the regular services at his church, and that a happy welcome was extended to one and all who would to come and worship with them.

Brother Parrack also stated that there would be the usual services among the different organizations of the church throughout the coming week, including the mid-week prayer service, and to which all are welcome.

H. M. ROSE SELLS BARBER SHOP

Mr. H. M. Rose, one of Merkel's popular and well known barbers on last Friday closed a deal for the sale of his barber business to Mr. Byers Petty, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty, residing on route one, and who has been connected with the shop for some time as one of the popular barbers. Mr. Petty took charge of the business immediately, and has already improved the former splendid appearance of the interior of the shop, which is one of the nicest in the city.

EASTER BAZAAR SATURDAY, MARCH 31st ALL DAY

APRONS — HOUSEDRESSES
SUNBONNETS — CAPS
EASTER NOVELTIES

SMALLPOX NOODLE STOPS THE SCHOOL

Noodle, Jones Co., Texas, Mar 7.—School has been suspended here for a week on account of the smallpox. A schoolboy went home from school with a high fever and when a physician came he pronounced his case to be smallpox. A few other cases have developed since and it was decided to stop the school a week at least to prevent the spread of the disease. A number of the school pupils are being vaccinated.—Abilene Reporter.

NOTICE

The Merkel Ice & Coal Co. has been dissolved; Mr. Swafford will continue the FEED and COAL business, and Mr. Leslie will have charge of the ICE business. Please bring or send in your ICE coupons by April 1st, and we will take up any remaining tickets.

T. J. R. Swafford
E. E. Leslie. 9t2.

the following statement. That after an urgent request from the Commercial Club and a number of the business men of the city, the City Commission has decided to submit the proposition to the people for their consideration.

Should the people desire such a system that it may be had for the additional tax of 35 cents. Which would make the rate now until the remaining \$10,000.00 in water works bonds are retired, \$1.00 per \$100.00 valuation.

The assessed valuation, according to last year's rendition was \$1,250,000.00

A 35 cent rate added to the present rate, based on these values would be sufficient to take care of all current expenses and retire both sets of bonds at maturity.

Or this added improvement, together with that we already have, may be had for a total tax rate of \$1.00.

A ST. PATRICK BENEFIT TEA 16TH

The Parent-Teachers Club will give a public benefit tea at the home of Mrs. G. J. Jones on Friday afternoon, March 16, from 3 to 6 o'clock. This tea will honor St. Patrick and every thing will be in keeping with St. Patrick's Day. The Irish green and Shamrocks will be very much in evidence. There will be plenty of delightful music throughout the afternoon and no pains will be spared to make this one of the most pleasant occasions yet sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Club. "Put on a bit of Irish Green and come to the best Tea yet to be given."

Gleaners Class Entertained

Mrs. J. E. Richardson, assisted by Mrs. Mason Pee entertained the Gleaners Class of the Methodist church Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. in a business and social meeting.

The house was called to order by the president. After the reading of a chapter in the Bible we stood and repeated the Lords Prayer. Dues and Cook Book money were then collected. The plans for raising more money were discussed and the Financial committee will soon be calling upon each of us to go to work.

The hostess then passed envelopes containing eleven pieces of paper. Each guest was told to make two letters of the alpha bet. Hints and discussion were the order until Mrs. Guitar suggested that the letters to be constructed were R. and P. Mr. Tab or was the first to build them and was awarded a lovely fern. A dainty plate was served to the following, Messrs and Mesdames, Case, Harrell, Hale, W. M. Gamble, Tabor, Pee, Richardson, and Mesdames Guitar, Thompson, Huddleston and Pogue.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Come to Bible Study Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and stay for church at 11 o'clock. Bro. C. C. Campbell will make the talk for us. We hope to see the entire membership out at this service and as many visitors as can come.

Song service Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock and prayer service every Wednesday evening.

Bro. Joe S. Warlick of Dallas will speak to us at the church on Monday evening at 7:45. We invite everyone out on this occasion. Joe S. Warlick is said to be one of the great pulpiterators of the South. We will be glad for you to come hear him. You will find him pleasing and entertaining as well as instructive in his address. O. J. Adcock.

Program for Parent-Teacher Club

March 14, 1923.

Devotional, Rev. Ira L. Parrack.

Number by Choral Club.
Funny Answers given by Pupils, Miss Marie Williamson.

Number from the Third Grade Pupils—Miss Josie Smith
A Lesson in "Parents Aid"—conducted by Mrs. D. Briggs.
Violin Solo—Miss Lynn Thompson.

A lesson in "Parent's Quiz", conducted by Mrs. W. A. McSpadden.

Reading—Clesby Patterson.

A lesson in "Teacher Guidance", Conducted by Mrs. Fred S. Rogers.

Reading—Louise Rose.
Business Session.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

At the Methodist church on last Sunday morning there was indeed a fine attendance, at both the Sunday school and church services. In fact, as the membership and the public as well, learn more each week of the masterful and wonderful gospel sermons that are being delivered by the talented and able pastor, Rev. M. C. Hays, just so certain does the attendance increase; for truly is this minister delivering most eloquent and able bible messages at each and every service on Sunday as well as at the mid-week prayer meeting.

On next Sunday there will be some special features, as well as a real "Old time message from the word of God," and it is urged that every member of this church be present at both the Sunday school and church services. Our Sunday school was well attended last Sunday, but let's make the attendance at Sunday school just as good as the church services. And a royal welcome is extended visitors and all who have no church home, to come and worship with us. We have a place for all, both young and old.

Mr. John Sears, President of the Farmers State Bank, returned Wednesday from attending the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. He states that he found great crowds in attendance and a fine exposition.

Mrs. T. M. Pribble is visiting her daughter Mrs. Dowdy, near Trent.

COMMERCIAL CLUB NEXT MONDAY NITE

On next Monday evening the Merkel Commercial & Agricultural Club will hold its regular monthly meeting; this time at City Hall, instead of at the Cozy Studio. And we might mention here that this is only lone because the latter place is really a place for such meetings, and that the change is not done because of the wish of Mr. Groene, who has been so generous as to gladly offer the use of the parlors of his studio for these meetings in the past, for he would continue this kind offer continuously. And it is also understood that the organization extends Mr. Groene thanks and appreciation for the use of the studio in the past as well as his offer to continue the use of same.

On next Monday night it is likely that a number of important matters, which will be of interest to the town and citizenship of Merkel, will come up for consideration and discussion, hence it is important that every member of the organization be present to take part in the deliberations of same. It is also urged that any and all citizens be urged to come out and attend these meetings, for it is the desire of the Commercial & Agricultural Club that every citizen feel that it is the object of the organization to work harmoniously in the interest of promoting and espousing any and every cause that will eventually redound to the benefit of ALL THE PEOPLE. So, it is urged that every one who can, come out next Monday evening, March 12, at 7:30

S. R. Weaver, former manager of the Burton-Lingo Co. of this city but now with the same company at Big Spring, with his wife, were guests in this city the first of the week.

Feed and Coal—T. J. R. Swafford, South side.

LARGENT CATTLE ARE BIG WINNER

The following from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram shows that Messrs. C. M. Largent & Sons' fine Hereford Cattle were given many first premiums at the Fort Worth Fat Stock show this week over many of the fine breeders of this and other states, and the Merkel Mail with their host of friends here and elsewhere, rejoice with them in their success, which we feel they so richly deserve.

Kilberg Lad, 4th Texas bred Hereford steer, owned by C. M. Largent & Sons of Merkel Texas, was pronounced Wednesday morning the best steer of his age shown in America in 20 years. He was pronounced as such by W. J. Kennedy of Sioux City, Iowa, in judging him the grand champion steer of the show. "Five times the grand championship at the International Live Stock Show has been won by steer calves—and this one is a better one than any of them," Kennedy said. "Two of them I showed myself. He is by long odds a better steer than the grand champion at the International this year. He is almost perfect—I do not know of a single item on which he could be improved upon.

Kilberg's Lad 4th was awarded the grand championship over uniformly fine steers in the championship class.

In the Hereford class Largent and Son's Beauty Fairfax was judged junior and grand champion female over the same exhibit or's Lad's Juliet, senior champion.

Three Bulls, age (12 groups shown) second, Largent.

Two Bulls any age (11 groups shown)—First and second, Largent.

Aged Cows (9 shown)—First Largent, on Juliet's Lad.

Two-year-olds (8 shown)—first, Largent on Shadeland Jewell 5th.

Senior Yearlings (10 shown)—First Largent on Shadeland Jewell 6th.

Junior Yearlings (15 shown)—First Largent on Beauty Fairfax 4th.

Senior Calves (22 shown)—First and second, Largent on Miss Royal Lad and Lady Love.

Junior and Grand Champion Female—Largent on Lad's Juliet.

Junior and Grand Champion Female—Largent on Beauty Fairfax 4th.

WILL PREACH AT HOPE

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at Hope next Sunday. All are invited to hear him.

A Car of Dawson Fancy egg coal on the track next week. See Clifford Rose, or Phone 265. It

Fidelis Class Entertains

The members of the Fidelis Class met in the Basement of the Presbyterian church last Wednesday evening for a social. After several games and much fun and merry making, this happy group of young people gathered around tables and refreshments were served to the following, class president, Jack Anderson, and the program committee, Ruth Jones, Weston West, Evelyn Curb. We said good night to our hostess, Mrs. Rogers and went home.—Report ed.

NOTICE

I want to buy your cream. I will buy any amount, any day in the week. Bring your cream to me and give me a trial. I am in the W. F. Hamblett Building, Merkel, Texas. Mack Cox. 2t4pd

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WATER IN DESERT

Montana Man Tells of One Delicious Draught.

Settler Had Arranged Things So That Cooling Fluid Was at the Command of All.

"New York's water isn't half as bad as I thought it would be," said the man from Miles City in the rotunda of the Pennsylvania hotel. "Usually I use water only to wash in, but the sudden death drinks that are sold here have driven me to water as a safe-and-sane beverage. I've tasted better water only once. That was out in my home state, Montana, and there's a little yarn connected with the drink.

"The Northern Cheyennes are on reservation there, on Tongue river. They took to shirt dancing some years ago and a party of young bucks started out to get a reputation. They got it. They also got a poor little sheep-herder named Hoover. The three rode up to him and demanded tobacco. He handed his bag and papers to them and then they shot him dead.

"Our sheriff, John Gibbs, and Bill Smith, undersheriff of Custer county, went down to get the murderers, but had landed only one, a buck named Badger, when the Indian agent threatened to take Badger away on the ground that the reservation was federal territory and the civil authorities had no right to make arrests there.

"Gibbs and Smith hustled back to Miles City with Badger and wired a protest to Washington. Orders came back to the agent not to interfere. Meantime the Cheyennes threatened to go on the war path, and settlers around the reservation fled for their lives.

"Gibbs and Smith determined to get the other two Indians, Sam Crow and Yellow Hair, and invited me to go along.

"We started down to the reservation in a two-seated light wagon. In the hurry our canteens were overlooked.

"It was terribly hot in that alkali country and soon we began to suffer from thirst. Along about noon we made a ranch and asked if they had good water.

"Some of the best ever," the ranch boss told us. "Just go over to that little shed and help yourselves."

"Well, sir, under a shed we found a well hole and it was plumb full of ice. A hole in the center was just big enough to let a tin bucket down in.

"Nothing in the world ever tasted so good to me as that water. It beat any liquor made. We laid in a supply and went on and got the two bucks, although troops had to be sent down to keep the Cheyennes from murdering us.

"On the way out we stopped again at the well and the ranch boss told us the secret of the water hole.

"He had dug a deep hole in the fall and set a peeled fir tree small end down in the center of it. When snow fell he filled the hole with it, tamping it in around the tree trunk.

"In the spring the tree trunk was pulled out and an open shed was set up over the hole to prevent the sun from melting the snow."—New York Sun.

The Apartment Became Warm.
If you are sitting in your apartment these days hugging the radiator because the janitor and the landlord refuse to heed your pleas for more heat, call the police and ask that a policeman be sent to build a fire in the furnace. Miss Helen Sinclair, living in an apartment in West Twentieth street, tried the plan recently with success.

Miss Sinclair, it is said, had complained to her landlord and janitor about the lack of heat. She called the landlord and suggested that he send a detective to the apartment to satisfy his own misgivings. The landlord did not act on the suggestion.

She could stand it no longer and called the police station and asked that a policeman be sent to build a fire. She was told that the work was not a policeman's duties.

"Well, the police are to protect defenseless people," she said. "I am a defenseless woman, and I need protection."

Later a policeman visited the janitor and before night the apartment was warm.—Indianapolis News.

Couldn't Fill the Bill.
His sister was always delighted when the professor got an invitation. So she coaxed him and she coaxed him, telling him how much society could do for him. And he would sigh, get out his dress suit and paddle away. But this time she was surprised when he got back early. He was called upon to explain.

"Then you didn't do well at Mrs. De Style's dinner party?"

"Not so very."

"Really, John, by this time I should think you would know how to behave in polite society."

The professor was very apologetic about it.

"Well, I didn't know how to shoot craps."

Discriminating.
The Guest—What's the big idea? All the men in your country club seem to have taken to chewing tobacco and growing whiskers.

The Member—Well, you see, all the women smoke, cut their hair, swear and wear knickerbockers and we men have to have some distinguishing marks.—Judge.

ALLOW MACHINERY TO DECAY

American Farmers Declared to Be Delinquent in Their Treatment of Agricultural Implements.

America's annual loss, due to the rusting steel and iron implements, machinery, and tools, amounts to the astounding total of \$600,000,000. A large percentage of this loss is suffered by farmers, whose machinery on the whole is flagrantly abused by exposure to the weather.

Those who get the best results from the use of implements, machines, and tools keep them clean, oiled, and rust free. Where these factory products are properly taken care of one commonly observes the preservative effect of paint on buildings, gates, and other steel, iron, or wooden improvements. Paint is a form of cheap and profitable insurance against rust and decay.

Some critics of American agricultural machinery say that it is not nearly so durable as corresponding European machinery. The allegation is unwarranted. Our machinery does not wear out in service; it rusts out—in the field and barn lot.

We do not adequately appreciate the durability and efficiency of lumber because as a whole we are not economical and intelligent enough to use paint. We can never obtain prices for farm products that will make prosperous the thousands of farmers who cooperate with the weather in impairing and destroying their own property.

Farmers who do not protect their equipment from rust and decay do not require to follow their political counselors to Wall Street to locate "predatory interests," while rust is ravaging their property at home.—Breder's Gazette.

Rats Summoned to Trial.

There are many instances on record where animals have been tried as criminals. Bulls and pigs accused of killing a man or child, have been brought up in court and tried like any other ordinary murderer. According to the usual procedure, after a jury had found such an animal guilty it would be hanged or beheaded. When flies or locusts had damaged crops and vineyards the pests were sometimes formally and solemnly cursed from church pulpits. One of the oldest of such prosecutions dealt with rats which had been doing damage in hay stacks and barns. The farmers of the district approached a local dignitary on the subject, and the latter agreed that the rats should be punished if found guilty, but that first, in common fairness, they should be tried. Notices were posted on barns in the district summoning the rats to appear in court to stand trial. When they did not appear the lawyer who had been engaged for their defense got up and pleaded that his clients being unable to read notices ought to have been separately warned by the police to appear. He also pointed out that in any case they could not have attended the court, the roads being so infested with cats as to be quite unsafe for any decent rat to travel on. Eventually the case was dismissed.

Dark-Hurd School of Literature.

Is it the reaction against sugar-coated fiction that has brought into print so many recent novels that portray the incoherent, even the vile side of human nature? Some critics and essayists say it is. There was so much of the gentle nobby-pambyism, that the revolting younger generation of writers, always ready for rebellion, seemed to cry with one voice, "We'll show you!"

And they have shown us, not altogether to our liking, either. As we have said before, while one is impartial enough to admit that a spade should be called a spade, one doesn't want to talk about nothing but spades.

Life and people are made up of brightness and darkness. While the earlier writers may have erred in showing only the "oh, happy day" kind of existence under the demand that every tale should end in "then they lived happy ever after," the life that is utterly sordid and even morbid is equally unreal.

As our standards of taste still maintain that one villain is enough in a play, so we think that one or, at most two are enough in a novel. We don't want them all to be horrors of iniquity. The world isn't so.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Royal Heads Preserved.

The head of the late Czar Nicholas of Russia and those of his family who met death with him at Ekaterinburg at the hands of the revolutionists are being preserved in alcohol in the Kremlin at Moscow, according to Captain Firmin, chief of staff of the Russian refugee fleet anchored at the Mariveles quarantine station, near Manila. Captain Firmin, who served with Admiral Kolchak's anti-Bolshevik army in Siberia, asserted that documents captured by Kolchak troops at Ekaterinburg revealed that the heads of the murdered members of the Russian royal families were cut off and preserved in alcohol and the trunks of the bodies buried.

With a Provise.

Supremely happy because they had just become engaged, a sailor and his girl sat contentedly hand in hand in the gallery of a music hall.

"Bill," she whispered, giving his hand a little squeeze, "I am all-in-all to you, and you are all-in-all to me. Will it always be so?"

"Yes," answered Bill, promptly. "All my life, from now till the second of June, and from the third of November till—till death. In the time between the dates mentioned I shall be yachting in the Mediterranean."

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CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank each and every one for their loving kindness shown us, during the sickness and death of our little baby. May the Lord bless and keep you. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ash and relatives.

A shipment of Hulls and Cotton seed Meal now on the track, see H. M. or Clifford Rose. Phone 265. It

Mrs. Annis, who is ill at her home on Cherry street, received a telegram, announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. Bertha Morse, at 800 Dowman St. Ft. Worth, March 5.

I will meet you at the St. Patricks Tea at Mrs. G. J. Jones' on Friday afternoon, Mar. 16. tf

Rev. L. E. Northcutt of Abilene and former pastor of the Methodist Church at Trent is conducting a revival meeting at White Church in the Mulberry Canyon. The meeting started Sunday, March 4th. Brother Northcutt is well known in this community, and he is anxious for his many friends to come out and hear him. There will be services each night. Every one is invited to attend.

Oh Boy; Ain't it a grand and glorious feeling to know we can buy our aprons and sun bonnets at the Methodist Easter Bazaar? tf

J. D. Jones, who ranches out on the divide near Dora, was in the city Tuesday, leaving that night for the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth.

Yes this is the place to do your Grocery Business. Hamilton & Case. It

Mrs. Waters of Trent took the teachers examination at the Court House in Sweetwater Saturday—Sweetwater Reporter.

SOME PEOPLE

Work rain or shine. We do, because we are now prepared with necessary improvements including the famous "NO ODOR" system of cleaning and pressing. The Cash Tailor Shop. tf

Mrs. Lester Ellis and children are here from Abilene visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

Master Harold Stevens of Parks is here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alsobrook.

Rolls, Rolls and Buns! As good as can be bought. The Quality Shop. It

Mr. J. T. Warren, president of the F & M. National Bank, J. W. Wheeler, were among those of our citizens attending the Fort Worth Fat stock show.

PUBLIC SALES

We have purchased 122,000 pair U. S. Army Munson last shoes, sizes 5 1/2 to 12 which was the entire surplus stock of one of the largest U. S. Government shoe contractors.

This Shoe is guaranteed one hundred percent solid leather, color dark tan, bellows tongue, dirt and waterproof. The actual value of this shoe is \$6.00. Owing to this tremendous buy we can offer same to the public at \$2.95.

Send correct size. Pay postman on delivery or send money order. If shoes are not as represented, we will cheerfully refund your money promptly upon request. National Bay State Shoe Company, 296 Broadway, New York, N. Y. tf

Short order cleaning and pressing. Clothes called for and delivered. Phone us. Cash Tailor Shop. tf

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Teaff at their home south of Tye, Sunday night a daughter.

SALE—ARMY SHOES—SALE

We have just bought a tremendous stock of Army Munson last shoes to be sold to the public direct. Price \$2.75. These shoes are 100 percent solid leather with heavy double soles sewed and nailed. The uppers are of heavy tan charome leather with bellows tongue; there by making them waterproof. These shoes are selling very fast and we advise you to order at once to insure your order being filled. The sizes are 6 to 11, all widths; Pay Postman on receipt of goods or send money order. Money refunded if shoes are not satisfactory. The U. S. Stores Co. 1441 Broadway, N. Y. City. tf

Just received, a car of oats, chops and corn, at G. M. Sharps Grocery. tf

E. E. Leslie and family left Wednesday for Fort Worth and Grapevine, Texas, for a visit with Mr. Leslie's parents.

Gordon Witzell of Brownwood is a visitor in the home of J. L. Banner.

Mrs. A. L. Hogue and son John, who have been confined to their rooms the past week with the flu, are reported improving.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Van Ralte Thread Silk Hosiery in Taupe, Biege, Cordorvan Black and Black and white Clocking for Ladies—A. T. Lyle. It

or the best cake you ever at, or a pie that will melt in your mouth—for your Easter dinner—Call 130. tf

Mrs. Rose and granddaughter, Hazel Highsmith, returned Sunday night from Big Spring, where they have been visiting Mrs. Belle Black and family.

Mr and Mrs. Chas Byrd of Wichita Falls were the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Morton on Kent Street.

Messrs J. E. Boaz and A. B. Patterson returned Wednesday from attending the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show and Southwest ern Exposition.

Stamped Luncheon Sets, Buffet Sets and table numbers, A. T. Lyle. It

Hay—Choice Johnson Grass, Baled Cane. T. J. R. Swafford, south side. It

Thrashed Maize and Mixed Chick Feed at G. M. Sharps tf



THE ANNUAL BRAINSTORM

Cheer up, man—when you get it figured out there's nothing left to do but pay it!

We'll help you pay it, though, by saving you some money. Note the following:—

We can sell you a genuine all wool hand tailored guaranteed Curlee Suit at \$25.00, \$29. and up. The best values we have been able to offer you since the war.

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HONOR ROLL

The following pupils of the Merkel Public school for the last six-weeks period have been neither tardy nor absent, have made at least 90 percent in Department, have not made less than 75 percent on any subject and have made a general average for the period of 90 percent or more:—

1st. Grade (Mrs. Johnson)
Jack Tucker, 91; Dewey Payne, 90.

High first (Miss Pogue)
Ward Berryman, 93; Elva Rose, 92; Jack Patterson, 91; Bernard Carter, 91; Duncan Briggs, 90.

2nd Grade (Miss Tracy)
Christene Beadle, 94; Ida Mae Derstine, 93; Willie Evelyn Boaz, 92; Edna Mae Marshall, 92; Burrell Chaney, 91.

3rd Grade (Miss Smith)
Lee Tucker, 94; Alvin Parrack, 93; Lynn McSpadden, 92; Narvel Matthews, 91; Kathleen Mashburn, 90; Ola Smith, 90.

3rd Grade (Miss Coates)
Page Johnson, 92; Louise Booth 92; Hazel Highsmith, 90; Mary Ligon, 90; Beth Hamm, 90.

4th Grade (Miss Martin)
J. T. Darsey, 94; Florence Ligon 94; Tracey Campbell, 93; Weldon Coats, 93; Maybell Ligon, 93; Missie Dye, 92; Milton Case 91; Fred Guitar, 91; Patsy Lewis, 91; Maurine Davis, 90.

4th Grade (Miss Travis):
Edith Smith, 95; Leona Rose, 92;

5th Grade (Miss Ellis)
Raymond Earthman, 92; Gladys Hardy, 92; Norma Shannon, 92; Conlev Sanders, 91; Marza Chaney, 91; Ethel Hamilton, 91 Elizabeth Hutchinson, 91; Lester Patterson, 91; William Shepard, 90; Bernice Lassiter, 90; Marv Ellen Ashby, 90.

6th Grade (Miss Travis)
Gladys Deutschman, 96; Iris Garrett, 95; Annie Marie Brown 94; Eunice Bird, 93; Flora Francis Anderson, 92; Pearl Avery, 92.

6th Grade (Mrs. Sublett)
Sterling Sheppard, 94; Burnis

Tucker, 94; Vera Matlock, 94; Thelma Jordan, 93; Mildred Hamm, 92; Lois Suber, 90; Ruby Johnson, 90.

7th Grade—

Joe Ben Ashby, 96; Tommie Durham, 95; Orpah Patterson, 95; Joe Cypert, 93; Clyde Mayfield, 92; Lee Crisswell, 91; Aileen Childress, 90.

8th Grade

Eva Mae Johnson, 95; Emma Toombs, 94; Ona Tatum, 92; Godie Richie, 94; Ruth Jenkins, 93; Isla Mae Hughes, 90; Lola Dennis, 94; Lila Bird, 95; Edith Baker, 92; Owen Hutchinson, 90; Vernon Chaney, 90; Leron Chaney, 91.

9th Grade—

Effie Grayson, 95; Dorris Durham, 94; Opal Patterson, 94; James Harris, 93; W. L. Harkrider, 92; Mary Butman, 92; Evelyn Curb, 91; Byron Curb, 91; Mamie Coates, 90; Stella Wilson, 90; Mildred Matthews, 90; Clyde Matthews, 90.

10th Grade—

Johnny Sears, 95; Maurine Tipton, 94; Merrill Collins, 92; Mae Wilkins, 92; Brannic Bailey, 92.

11th Grade (Seniors)

Hattie Proctor, 95; Marvin Mayfield, 94; Vinnie Heizer, 94; Mabel Toombs, 94; Carvel Tucker, 94; Lloyd Pribble, 94; Beryl Tucker, 93; Maude Hardy, 92; Tina Mae Moore, 92; Ruby Reagan, 91; Roberta Hughes, 91; Faye Richie, 90.

The above list is exceptionally long considering the fact that this period includes the examinations. The requirements made to be on the Honor Roll are stiff, and those making the requirements should have this special mention. They are to be commended for their regular attendance and excellent work.

George Holloway's brother, Charlie, and nephew, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, were here Saturday and Sunday. They were on their way to Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Pearl Elliott of Merkel is visiting in Sweetwater this week.

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS . . . TO the Sherriff Or Any Constable of Taylor County Greeting.

You Are Hereby Comanded to summon Russell M. Tennant, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a news paper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County to said Taylor county, Texas, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Abilene on the 3rd Monday in April, A. D. 1923, the same being the 16th day of April A D 1923 then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of August, A. D. 1923, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5053, wherein, Lillian Odell Tenant is Plaintiff and Russell M. Tennant, is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were legally married in Stephens county, Texas, on January, 22, 1921, and lived together until in July, 1921; that plaintiff was only 14 years old at the time of her said marriage and the defendant was about 28 years old, that soon after the marriage of plaintiff and defendant, the defendant took the plaintiff to the mountains of West Virginia on a visit to his relatives, where plaintiff was among strangers, failed to support the plaintiff and abused and mistreated her and treated her with great cruelty and severity and refused to furnish her with clothes and money that were necessary for her; that the defendant frequently became drunk and cursed and abused plaintiff before strangers, and called plaintiff vile names, and declared he did not love her, and denied that he had ever married the plaintiff, and began keeping company with

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other young women of the neighborhood, declaring himself to be a single man and leaving plaintiff at the house of defendant's father and mother, who frequently mistreated and abused plaintiff. That on one occasion in the month of July, 1921, the defendant came home at night in a beastly state of intoxication, and told plaintiff that he had been out that night with girls of the community and that he would continue to go with them when he pleased, that he did not love the plaintiff that she was a nuisance and he did not want to have anything more to do with her. He then cursed the plaintiff and called her vile names and wrongfully and without excuse accused her of infidelity and of trying to flirt with other men, after which plaintiff never lived with the defendant as his wife and refused to speak to the plaintiff as long as she remained in West Virginia. That the defendant's father finally gave plaintiff sufficient money to buy a ticket to her mother's in Texas and plaintiff returned to her mother in Texas and never lived with or communicated with the defendant since. That excesses, outrages and cruel treatment of which the defendant was guilty toward the plaintiff was of such a nature as to render their living together unbearable and insupportable. That plaintiff and defendant have no property and no children and plaintiff's maiden name was Lillian Odell McGee. Plaintiff prays for citation and for final judgement, granting her a divorce, restoring her maiden name and for costs of suit.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return there on, showing how you have executed same.

Dated and attested this 27th day of February 1923.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County.
Given Under My Hand, and

the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this the 27th day of February A. D. 1923.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk
District Court, Taylor Co.
Adv. 9t4

Mrs. R. A. Burgess was called out of town last Tuesday to attend the bedside of her grand father, who is very low at Belle ville.

Best Cotton Seed Meal at G. M. Sharp's

M. Elliott of Merkel is in Sweetwater seeking a location to move his family. They expect to make their future home here. —Sweetwater eRporter.

Infants and Childrens silk sox, at A. T. Lyles.

Did you know that the Methodist Missionary Society is going to have a BIG EASTER BAZAAR March 31?

If you want a big Chicken,

Homer Laney is among those who are taking in the sights at Fort Worth this week.

Buy your meal and hulls from H. M. Rose. Phone 265.

Miss Clara Moore, chief operator at the local telephone office left yesterday for Fort Worth where she will visit relatives and attend the Fat Stick Show

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GOLAN NEWS

Mrs. W. C. Hill, left Sunday for Fort Worth to visit her sister, and son Darwin, who is a student at T. C. U.

Miss Edith Hudspeth was on the sick list last week.

Miss Ella Cox spent last week with her cousin, Gladys Gamm at Newman.

P. W. Lawlis was called to the bedside of his brother, Rev. Frank Lawlis at Temple, who is to undergo an operation and probably have his right leg amputated at the knee.

Several in this community attended the Sweetwater Jubilee Friday.

It was indeed a big crowd that greeted Texas' big Governor, at Sweetwater last Friday. We say, big governor, and we mean it, for we believe that Pat M. Neff is really making this state a great and good Governor. And no one seemed to enjoy the Sweetwater Jubilee more than he.

Quite a number of citizens in and about Merkel attended the grand jubilee, which was held at Sweetwater last Friday, in honor of the fact that the state legislature had passed a law establishing at some point in West Texas, a great school of Technology, and truly it was a great day for West Texas, all West Texas, for almost every town and hamlet had representatives present. We would also add here that the town of Sweetwater did her self proud indeed upon this occasion, for she entertained royally and made welcome, thrice welcome, every guest within her borders on that remarkable day.

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Haskel Lawlis, son of A. S. Lawlis was taken to the Sanitarium at Abilene Monday to undergo an operation for appendicitis, but owing to the critical condition he was in, the operation was postponed until this week. It was thought at first that there was no chance for recovery but he is better now and there is some hopes. Haskel has such a sunny disposition that his little school friends miss him and wish for him a speedy recovery.

W. M. West and family motored to Anson Sunday and took their daughter, Miss Clara who is attending high school there. Zoe.

The three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Ash died at the home of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dug Ash, Saturday afternoon, and the funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the family home on Kent street, Elder O. J. Adcock speaking the words of comfort to the bereaved. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery, immediately following funeral services.

The bereaved have the deep sympathy of all in the loss of their precious babe, and we commend them unto Him, the giver of every good and perfect gift, for consolation in the sad hour of this bereavement.

**A Telephone Conversation
Recently Heard**

"Hello Nellie?"
"Yeah— Whatcha doing?"
"Oh I'm sewing, trying to make me some caps and aprons before hot weather."
"Well say—You are slow."
"Why don't cha buy yer caps an aprons at the Methodist Easter Bazaar. Why they are going to have all kinds of the best looking caps and aprons you ever saw..."

Well I should say I will wait—you say its going to be March 31st?
tf.

Mrs. Amy Sears has been on the sick list this week.

HORN NEWS

It is still raining. Who said Texas was a dry state?

We have not had any Sunday school for the past two weeks on account of bad weather.

Cornice Green has been very sick.

Our school has been closed on account of funds but will open again soon.

Mr. Porter Lepard and Mr. A. M. Daniel are under quarantine.

Fred Deutschman and wife, and Mr. Homer Herring and wife spent Sunday afternoon with Melvin Montgomery of Golden.

Mr. Scott and wife of Post City spent last week with relatives here.

Singing at Mr. Cars last Sunday night was fine. Only a few attended on account of the smallpox. —Blue Bell.

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**Something to
Think About**

By F. A. WALKER

FORMING HABITS

IN A broad sense, habit may be termed the element of conscious or unconscious persistence.

Some habits are opposed to noble growth, such as indolence, indifference to lofty impressions, forgetfulness, the acquirement of ragged tempers, vulgar speech, failure to adapt one's self to new circumstances, fault-finding and the common habit of thinking evil of one's friends and neighbors.

There are hundreds of such habits which are opposed to the development of the best there is in us, ruinous alike to our future careers and contentment.

By following a train of wrong ideas again and again, we gradually lose our ability to distinguish evil from good.

We become skeptical, cynical, narrow, and unless by some fortunate discovery we see the falsity of our position before it is too late to mend, we find ourselves in company with the grouches, sour-faced and fault-finders.

No man or woman who would win success and the good opinion of his or her friends, can hope to do so without first overcoming his or her regarding habits.

To do this there must be formed the practice of mental watchfulness with a will power behind it capable of moving always in the right direction.

The fixed disposition to do a thing, comes from numerous repetitions. It is by such a process that good or bad customs are formed, which ultimately take to the bright hilltops or down the dark valley of failure and discouragement.

One of the good habits to form in youth is that of attention, especially in regard to advice from parents, who know from experience what is needed for the stimulation of growing minds.

This applies with like force to everybody in all stations of life, and especially to those who are dependent on others.

The habit of giving intense attention to orders, however trivial, and remembering them when the time arrives for their execution, marks the difference between the competent and the incompetent, the foolish, and the wise, those who are destined for life servitude and those who are destined to lead.

Every good habit is laudable, every bad habit reprehensible.

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10. Roll Call.
11. Questions
12. Song.
13. Mizpah.

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Training for Christian Service, Mr. Bird.
The Christians tool chest, Ola Sharp.

The crown of Rightness, Mr. Deutschman.
Timothy after Paul's death, by Lloyd Hardy.

Rev. H. E. Bullock, former pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Merkel, but now pastor at Plainview, was here first of the week, shaking hands with many friends.

**"THE IMPLEMENTS ARE
GOING"**

The Implement Season is on in full blast, and going fast, just a few left.

Better get your order in now if you expect to get one this year, as they are going to be as scarce and as hard to get as they were in 1919 and 1920.

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See us before you buy anything in the Hardware Line.

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ONCE IS ENOUGH



A Wish

"I HAVE TAKEN Cardui for run-down, worn-out condition, nervousness and sleeplessness, and I was weak too," says Mrs. Silvie Estes, of Jennings, Okla. "Cardui did me just lots of good—so much that I gave it to my daughter. She complained of a soreness in her sides and back. She took three bottles of Cardui and her condition was much better.

"We have lived here, near Jennings, for 25 years, and now we have our own home in town. I have had to work pretty hard, as this country wasn't built up, and it made it hard on us.

"I WISH I could tell weak women of Cardui—the medicine that helped give me the strength to go on and do my work." This card fulfills her wish.

CARDUI
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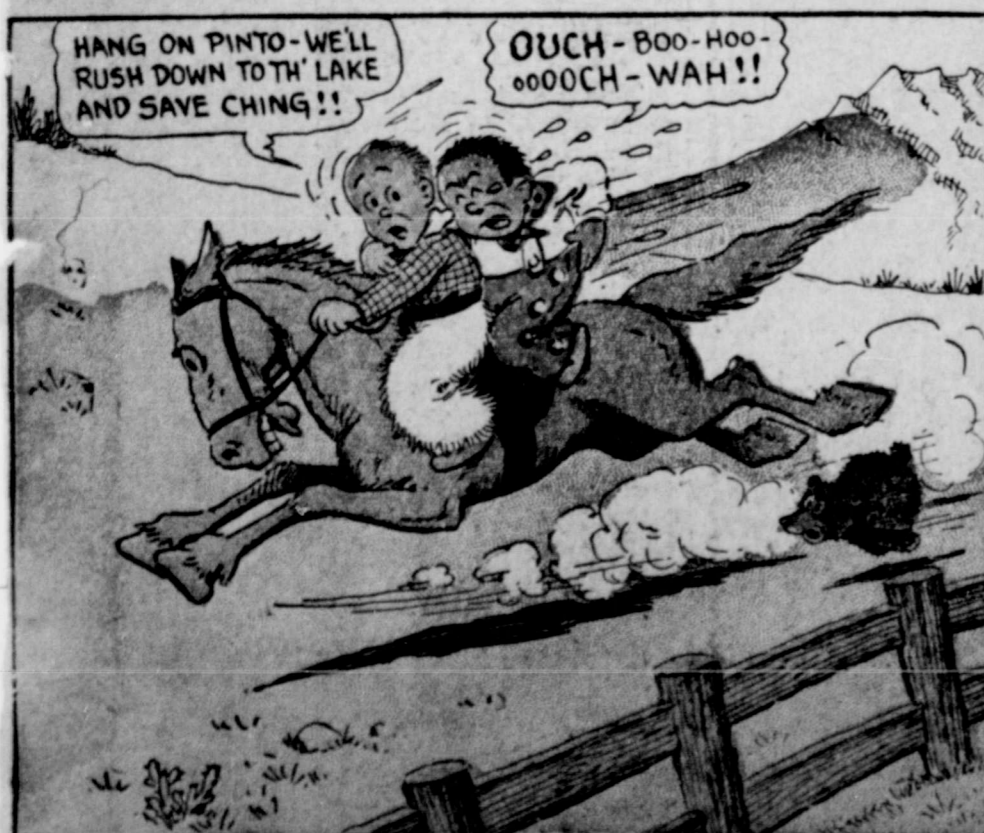
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PETE AND PINTO

The Cow-Kids of O-Joy Ranch

By M. M. BRANNER



When Gen. Lee Came to Texas

Incidents of the Confederate Leader's
Early Visit to "Camp Colorado"
By AUSTIN CALLAN.

"There to the West in memory I see
The Frontier Gem; thus the Post was styled,
But now ungainly spot; neither shrub nor tree
Is left to mark its beauty undefined.
Historic ground! Van Dorn there once held
sway—
And chivalrous Hood first commanded thee,
Even Kirby Smith there sang his roundelay.
In chorus joined by gallant Fitzhugh Lee."

An autumn day more than three score years ago found the military authorities and the settlers of Camp Colorado—which was called the "Frontier Gem"—preparing for an unusual incident. Col. Robert E. Lee of the United States army was in Texas inspecting the posts and word had been received from Fort Griffin to expect his arrival there the next morning.

Everyone was busy, whether a soldier or a civilian, getting ready for the visit. Lee was not only popular in military circles but he was loved by the people, and it was planned that the celebration should be one of the most brilliant affairs ever undertaken along the far-flung line of civilization.

Camp Colorado nestled on the banks of Jim Ned Creek, a beautiful stream in the heart of West Texas. The early settlers were made up of the brave and chivalrous men and noble women who had hearkened to the call of the wild. Prominent among these settlers was the Granger family from old Virginia. The Grangers were social leaders in the post and their prestige was increased by the beauty of Miss Catherine, an eighteen-year-old daughter, who had won the title of "Queen of The Frontier Gem." She danced gracefully, was a brilliant conversationalist and could ride her black steed, "Cherokee Chief," with all the dexterity of a Cossack.

Catherine had her way in most things at home, even as all other pretty girls have had their way from the beginning of history. But on one issue her will and the will of her parents would not harmonize. She was in love with Wallace Sowell, a young man of mystery in the settlement, who followed the buffalo hunters on their great drives and ruthless slaughter of the "kings of the prairie." There was nothing particularly objectionable about Wallace to the Grangers, but they were F. P. V.'s, proud of the family history, and their hearts were dead set on a match between the girl and a handsome young lieutenant whose ancestors had enjoyed the highest social standing in Virginia since Revolutionary times.

It was an Indian summer day when Lee arrived at the post. He was received with all the formalities and honors due a ranking officer, by the military authorities. The citizenship also welcomed him with open homes and glad acclaims, for even at that early day he had won the admiration of many people over the nation. After a short rest the Colonel had a consultation with the commanding officer of Camp Colorado, who was either Van Dorn or Kirby Smith. And when a thorough report had been given regarding activities against the Indians who were depredating along the frontier, there came up for discussion in an unofficial way, a matter that was pressing very heavily upon the

disposed of their chattels because they could not make it profitable to hold them, to turn around and compel the buyers to give them their freedom.

It was in the closing remarks of this discussion that he who afterwards became the great Southern General, said: "I pray that wisdom and justice might guide all my countrymen and that the peace and strength of the Union shall not be broken, but if disruption unfortunately comes, may God and my conscience and the traditions of Virginia be my guides. I must bow to the will of the home people."

While the arranged program was being carried out at the crude buildings of the little post, busy hands were fast

Mr. and Mrs. Granger, while to the left there was a vacant chair. Catherine was missing and consternation reigned supreme. But the mother, who quickly suspected the truth when an investigation disclosed that "Cherokee Chief's" stall in the barn was empty, shielded her daughter by announcing that the girl had suddenly become ill.

The entertainment went on but it was more like a funeral than a brilliant social function. Colonel Lee was denied the pleasure of dancing the Virginia Reel with the "Queen of the Frontier Gem," as had been promised, and while the assembled crowd was tripping the light fantastic to the music of Bob Morgan's fiddle, Catherine Granger, Wallace Sowell and John Sheen—a daring boy of the frontier—were rapidly riding southward. Their destination was a little settlement eighty miles away, on the banks of the San Saba river.

It was midnight when the full moon, now rolling high in the heavens, began to play hide-and-seek with broken, swift-flying clouds. Catherine was tired and it was decided to strike camp, although a very dangerous country, infested with Indians, was being traversed. The three saddle blankets were quickly converted into a very comfortable pallet on the ground and the girl bade to retire. "You sleep now," jokingly remarked John Sheen, "while we stay up with the clouds and the Indians, not as guardian angels, but as guards for an angel."

"That is very kind of you," replied Catherine, "but remember I am not a bit selfish. You needn't devote all of your time to me. Share it with my horse, Cherokee Chief, and see that none of your redskins get him."

A gentle rain began descending shortly after the tired girl had fallen asleep, and the two boys were busy the rest of the night keeping her dry by the use of their slickers and coats. Once they heard the terrific beating of hoofs, and thought that Indians were approaching. Rocks on a hillside not far away rattled and scattered, but lightning flashes only revealed a big herd of stampeding buffalo running across the point of a ridge away to the east; apparently the fear of an Indian attack was allayed.

Time passed quickly enough in spite of the discomfort of the two boys. Along toward morning the clouds lifted and when the sun sent its first stream of yellow and gold flying across the hills, right into the pretty face of the sleeping girl, John and Wallace already had a camp fire going. A black coffee pot was shoved up against the flames and sev-

eral strips of bacon were broiling on a forked-stick nearby.

"A royal feast awaits the queen," declared John Sheen, with a twinkle in his eye. "That is said in jest, of course," retorted the girl, when she opened her eyes and looked in the direction of the fire. "But no queen ever enjoyed any kind of a feast more than I am going to enjoy my breakfast this lovely morning, for I'm hungry."

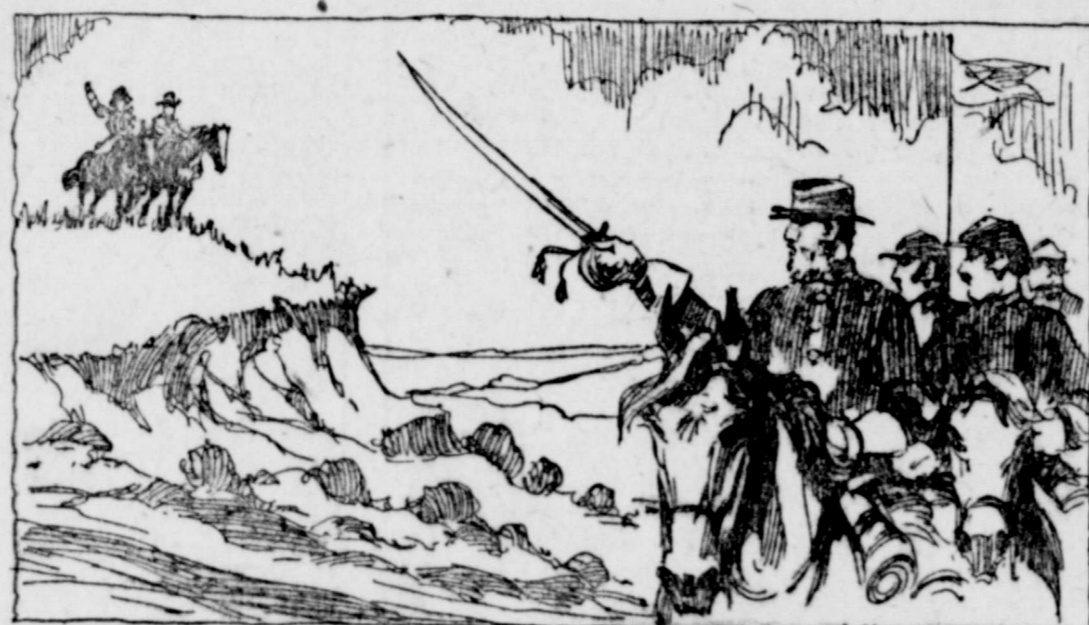
Soon the three were partaking of the sunrise repast a long way from home and in a wild country. Catherine was unafraid, however, and said that if her "gallant escorts" had brought fewer guns and more slickers they might have spent a better night. The boys laughed at this, but the echo of their laughter had scarcely died away when a savage yell came from the crest of a nearby hill. One glance told the story; a band of Indians were riding towards the camp and there was hardly time to get in a thicket which fortunately was only a few yards away. The horses were led into the heavy brush and preparations were made to resist the attack.

The red men rode completely around the thicket several times, letting forth warlike yelps. They appeared to be trying to find out the strength of the enemy. Eventually a charge was made, but John Sheen was armed with the best gun that had been brought to the frontier up to that time, and aided by Wallace he was able to do deadly execution. The Indians were repulsed, after losing a number of their braves and an hour later when they disappeared from sight far to the east, the runaway party again journeyed southward.

Several days later Catherine and Wallace, who were married at the little settlement near historic San Saba mission, stopped their horses after a long ride, on the crest of a rugged hill overlooking the San Saba valley. A troop of soldiers going up the river seemed to recognize the couple and halted. It was Robert E. Lee's party en route to Caughlin Springs and Fort McKavett. The Colonel lifted his sword and waved a salute to the "Queen of the Frontier Gem."

The two lovers remained on the hill for a while watching the soldiers march away. As the evening sun sank low they rode down into the valley, while the echo of bugle notes grew fainter.

The great Lee had passed; he who was destined to play a tragic role in defense of Southern Confederacy had honored a little Texas military outpost with his presence—had honored the entire State of Texas—whose citizenship will always love and revere his memory.



"The Colonel Lifted His Sword and Waved a Salute to the 'Queen of the Frontier Gem.'"

hearts of all those old soldiers just at that time.

Back in the North and East the dark clouds of civil war were fast gathering and Robert E. Lee had discerned it. The Abolitionists were stirring up a strife which could only mean one thing—that sooner or later a break would come between the slave states and those states into which slavery had not been introduced. Colonel Lee was himself opposed to slavery. He did not believe that one human being had a right to hold another in subjugation, and he loved the flag his illustrious ancestor had helped to unfurl on our first battlefields. But with him it was a question of principle, a question of states rights under the constitution of his country. He thought that it was wrong for the people of the North, who had really introduced slavery into the United States, and who had

moving in the kitchen of the Granger home. Two or three of the best cooks among the darky mamies were engaged dressing turkeys, baking hams and making pies and cakes for a big reception to be given there that night. Catherine was busy with the rest and while a soft smile played upon her face, like the sunbeams that danced through the autumn foliage outside, she was not happy. Wallace Sowell had not been asked to the entertainment and had planned an adventure with her to which she agreed, nevertheless it was fraught with grave danger and her young heart was troubled.

The perfect night with a full moon found bright lights gleaming through the Granger home. Robert E. Lee was seated as the guest of honor at the head of the table. To his right was the young lieutenant who had won the favor of

Two Great Texas Institutions

The School for the Blind
And
The School for the Deaf and Dumb

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

"Know thyself." This is an old saying and a good one. However, there ought to be another saying similar to it. "Know thy government." Most of us have come to look upon the administrative power down at Austin as a kind of force, operated in every direction for the collection of taxes and the guidance of human activity. We fail to see the constructive work, the unselfish accomplishments, the noble ends that result from our contributions and the service rendered by the representatives we chose.

An effort will be made in this story to acquaint the reader with two state institutions. The one being maintained for the blind; the other for the deaf and dumb. No citizen of the Lone Star state, familiar with the purpose of these two institutions, wants to see/retrenchment of a kind that will handicap the good work of both schools, which help marvelously towards the conservation of man and woman power and the extension of happiness.

Before telling you of the work that is being done at the blind institute to help unfortunates, we want to awaken your heart to what it means to be afflicted in this manner. Earth's beauties are marvelous. How we love to look upon the beauty of springtime and of autumn, the winding rivulets, the mountain peaks, and the faces of friends and loved ones.

All of this is lost to those who are blind. It is a terrible loss and your state government is trying to brighten and help make useful the lives of those deprived of such blessings.

To see the boys and girls, hundreds of them—some like our own brown-haired and soft-cheeked little ones at home—only blind, learning to sing and play music and smile through the darkness is an inspiring spectacle. It challenges us to a higher and a greater support of the state's constructive program.

The blind school was established more than three score years ago, with Dr. S. W. Baker, a grand old pioneer of Texas, as superintendent. The first child was admitted on December 29, 1856, and it would be interesting, if possible, to follow up the work from that distant date until February 9th, 1923, when as a result of the efforts of Hon. Clarence E. Gilmore, railroad commissioner, members of the Texas Press Association made a visit to the seventeen buildings and the class rooms. What a trail of glorious achievement was here

shown—achievement that has saved thousands of boys and girls to careers of usefulness and made flowers of joy bloom for them under the most distressing difficulties.

The school is maintained for the blind and partially blind, those who cannot derive any benefits from the ordinary schools of the country. E. E. Bramlette,

School of first class in every particular. It ranks among the foremost of the country in point of numbers in attendance, having at this time 251 pupils in the various departments, which include: The kindergarten, primary, intermediate and high school grades, together with music, bookkeeping, business arithmetic, business law, salesmanship, type-

the difficulty of operating on children at the present time and calls attention to the saving that such an addition to the school would mean in dollars and cents.

The school has been located at its present site since 1917. In addition to the main administration building, which is 294 feet long, with a basement and two

above all, it proved that the state of Texas is employing splendid talent to teach the unfortunate blind. This is due to the forethought, the kindly consideration and the humanitarian sentiments of the splendid men who have been guiding our affairs of government. It makes us prouder of the state and of those men who are in power and have been in power, to become acquainted with the big and constructive programs now being carried out—programs that contribute to the actual worth of a people by giving them a chance to become independent, useful citizens in spite of their misfortunes.

Not only is this institution giving a literary, musical and industrial education to the blind children of Texas, but it is also saving many who are partially blind from losing their eyesight, and it is strengthening the vision of many others. Columns upon columns might be written telling of the great and noble work, of the splendid service thus being rendered humanity, but space demands that we now leave you to reflect over the God-send that the Texas School for the Blind is proving to be, and briefly tell the story of the School for the Deaf and Dumb.

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

This institution is under the able management of Dr. Felix B. Shuford, a thorough-going gentleman, efficient, capable and with a heart's interest in the work. It is up to him, as superintendent, to watch over the destiny of those children not quite so unfortunate as the blind, yet deprived of the power of speech and of hearing. In this school there is maintained in addition to all the grades of the public schools of the country and the industrial and musical training, a blind-deaf department and primary oral classes. And throughout every department the highest class of teachers are employed. It is a work that calls for unusual ability, and this, thanks to the thoughtfulness of the powers that be, has been amply provided for.

A broad and comprehensive system is employed in conducting this most worthy institution. The object is to reach all deaf children of whatsoever degree of mentality or adaptability. All children who attend are given an opportunity first in the acquisition of speech, and it



A group of Texas Press Association Members, assembled in front of the Main Building of the State School for the Blind, Austin, Feb. 9, 1923.

A. M., is superintendent and he is aided by the following number of teachers in the different departments: 13, literary; 9, music; 4, industrial and domestic art; 2 each, business and physical training; 1, printing department; 1, matron, household department; 3 house mothers; 6, housekeepers; 7, maids; 2, cooks; 6, laundresses and 2 janitresses; health department, an oculist, a physician, a dentist, 2 nurses and a diet cook. In addition to these there are some laborers maintained.

The teachers employed are of the highest standing. In fact, the state department of education has certified that the Texas School for the Blind has the requirements for approval as a High

writing, telegraphy and general industrial training.

It would be interesting, if space would permit, to give here a list of the many articles of wearing apparel that are turned out by the girls, some of whom have become very skillful with the needle, and also to show how profitable the industrial training of the boys is proving to be. We will give an idea of such work, however, by saying that \$6,642.50 was derived from the sale of mattresses, brooms, pillows, etc., made by the boys in 1922.

In his recent report to the Board of Control, Superintendent Bramlette stresses the need of a hospital in connection with this institution. He points out

stories, there are sixteen other buildings on the grounds, all constructed of reinforced concrete with brick veneer. The music department is supplied with thirty pianos, which gives an idea of the splendid effort that is being made to put sunshine into the hearts of those pupils so heavily burdened with misfortune.

On the occasion of the recent visit to the school of the Texas Press Association members, a program was rendered by the pupils that would have done credit to one of the large institutions of learning in the country, where the pupils are not handicapped by blindness. It was truly interesting, instructive and entertaining. And

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CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

WOMAN'S SPHERE



We see a great deal more of women than we used to see. This statement is true any way you wish to consider it. We see a larger per cent of each woman we behold, thanks to the style makers and the modistes, and double thanks and many bows to the designers of bathing costumes. Of course I say it is awful, and I always from my awfulest when I appear to see too little clothing and too much woman, but I do not recall the time when I closed my eyes or peered into the heavens before such unequal displays of fabric and femininity except on occasion when my wife was with me or the scenery was very unattractive. Nearly all men condemn female attire that doesn't cover all of the female, and yet if the government should create a board to pass on female attire and require the members thereof to gaze intently upon that which shocks men so awfully, in order to submit detailed reports, many hips would be dislocated in the mad rush to apply for positions on the board. Yes, it is true that I have seen more of women the last few years than I used to see, but it is also true that I used to see some of women that I am never permitted to behold now. I never see a woman's foot or toes these days, and I am sure ugly remarks would be made, and the officers would get busy if a woman should walk through town tomorrow bare-footed. And if fashion should decree unshod feet for women, we reformers would immediately hold indignation meetings, hurry to the City Councils, State Legislature and Congress and urge the immediate passage of laws making it a high misdemeanor or a felony for a woman to appear in public with bare feet. Yet I have spent much time in company with good girls and women whose feet were uncovered. Yea, I have hoed corn and cotton many days with bare-footed girls and women—as good and as modest girls and women as I have ever known. These girls and women were not embarrassed to the slightest degree because their toes and heels were exposed to the world's cruel gaze, but they would have blushed crimson had some accident disarranged their flowing skirts of calico or cotton checks and exposed an inch of ankle. So it is merely a change of custom and style—a swap, as it were. We could see feet then, but no ankle; now feet must be hidden, but the man has been removed from the ankle. Woman was modest then, and woman is modest now. She was and is obedient to custom and style, and obedience to custom and style is true modesty.

But in saying we see more of women now than we used to see I did not have in mind the percentage of the individual

woman our eyes are permitted to gaze or feast or frown upon. I meant to say we see more of women than we used to see because women have been emancipated from the home and given the freedom of the professional, commercial and industrial world. In my early days women could be seen only in the home, except on special occasions when they attended church services or social gatherings. Except on the special occasions noted women were in the kitchen, the parlor, the back yard or the cotton fields, and it was understood that her activities were limited to the fields or places mentioned. Occasionally a woman was permitted to be an assistant in the school, but there was not a very warm welcome for her there, and many good women and men of ancient vintage shook their heads and said home was the only safe place for women. True, indeed, there were a few notable exceptions, even as there were notable exceptions long before the days of which I have written. In every age of the world there have been pioneer women "who blazed their paths where highways never ran." Frances Willard preached the gospel of temperance in our own time and started a movement which drove the saloon from our land and will go on from victory unto victory and triumph unto triumph until the whole wide world is bone dry. Years ago Grace Darling flew in the face of conventionalities, forsook the kitchen and the parlor and gave her life to rescuing drowning sailors. Because of her heroic service there are now life saving stations wherever there is danger of people going to a watery grave. When the Crimean war came on and grim-visaged Mars was baptizing Europe in blood, Florence Nightingale looked with pity on the soldier boys who fell amid shot and shell while fighting for their country, and so she followed in the wake of the armies, cooled the fevered brows of the wounded and the dying, gave staunch to flowing wounds and founded a movement which has reduced the death rate of those wounded in battle from 90 per cent to about 10 per cent. And in every age of the world there have been heroines like Joan of Arc and Florence Corday, who struck blows in behalf of liberty and their country.

But it is only of recent dates that the circles and metes and bounds that circumscribed woman's world and limited woman's field of usefulness to the kitchen, parlor, back yard and cotton patch have been removed, permitting woman to step out into the big world and give to the needy world the possibilities wrapped up in her mind and heart and hand. The world needed her and called her, and she responded nobly. For ages there had been drawn around her a magic circle, and its degrees were sweetheart, sister, wife and mother. In this magic circle she had lived and loved,

but one day the Creator whispered into her ear that she had a larger life, and she might let that life flow over into any channel that moved for the betterment of the world or the glory of God. And so today we see more of women than we used to see. In truth we see her everywhere there is work to be done or problems to be solved. Women went into the laboratories, and by patient, painstaking work found that there was in thousands of tons of dirt in the western mountains a grain of radium, and in this grain of radium were cures for thousands of people afflicted with loathsome, destroying diseases. She lived on one poor meal a day and she burned midnight oil until a way was found to draw this tiny bit of radium from the mountain side and give it to the world's sufferers. A woman went to the head of a municipality of a Kansas town where law had long been trodden under foot, and in one short year drove the gamblers and the bootleggers and the high-jackers from the town and set up a reign of law and order. Woman donned spotless robes and went to the couches of the sick and the suffering, and by her skill, her watchful, wakeful vigils and her tender ministrations has touched the rose-tint of health into thousands of pallid cheeks. Yes, we see more of women than we used to see, and wherever they have appeared their work is the marvel and the miracle of the age.

I am constrained to say that man, working alone, has failed in many things. As a tiller of the soil he has seen production decrease as the soil grew old and weak and destroying insects grew in number. Perhaps woman will find, just as she found hidden away in tons of earth in the northwest the priceless pearl of health, that which will restore the wasted properties of the soil, and slay the insects that rob our farmers of the fruits of their toil, and the ground will again give its full harvest to the grain-aries and factories of the world. Man has for centuries reached the Gospel of Jesus Christ, His love and His power to save, and yet there are teeming millions who have never answered the call to salvation and are groping their way through a world of darkness and doubt, with no lights beyond. May we not hope that woman may bring to the pulpit a logic so irresistible, a pathos so pure and so pleading that every hearer of the Word will bow in lavish homage before the mangled form which was thrown from Calvary's rugged tree for the healing of the nations? In law-making man has proved a failure, and today we see under a system of burdensome taxation the treasuries of state and nation empty, with no money to pay the state's workers or provide schools for the children. Man has made a "mess" of our judicial system. This all who read the court proceedings of the day must

admit. We know that in our courts of justice the rich and the poor do not fare alike, and every week we see criminals whom we know have committed heinous offenses against their fellowmen and against society turned loose with bloody hands upon an outraged people. May we not hope that woman, into whose ear the Creator whispers when she is in doubt, telling her what is right and what is wrong, will give to the world better laws, and a better judicial system, under which the highest and the lowest may work out their destiny unhampered and justice may sit enthroned with ermine unsullied and unsold?

I looked in on the Texas Legislature one day last week. I have looked in on every session of the Texas Legislature for twenty years or more. I am not, and have never been a merciless critic of our law-makers. I have found them, as a rule, men of good ability; patriotic men who worked hard—who did their best for their state and sorrowed because they could not do more. But a great change has come over the legislative body. Years ago one could hardly sit in the legislative hall or the gallery on account of the clouds of smoke and the scent of amber that came from over-full cuspidors. And in days gone by the Texas Legislature was a very noisy body. Chaos reigned most of the time, and when a member tried to speak only those who were very close to him could hear what he said. And the conduct of the law-makers toward each other was not always what it should have been. Many of them engaged in wordy wars on the slightest provocation; they some times hurled ink wells at each other's heads. The Legislature of the present session is different—very different. It is an orderly body. I saw no clouds of smoke, neither did I catch any sickening whiffs of amber. Two or three members spoke while I was present, and while the acoustic properties of the hall are very poor, I could hear the speakers distinctly. The conduct of the members toward each other was all that any one could have asked. What worked this great change for good? I will not say, for it may be that I do not know. It may be that a change has come over men who serve as legislators the last few years, and they are more careful of conduct and demand better conditions than they used to. But I saw in the body of law-makers a neatly dressed, pretty little woman, the first woman elected to the Legislature in Texas. There were flowers on her desk—and, by the way, flowers were seen on the desks of several members. I take it that the male members of the Legislature are somewhat like myself. I know I behave better in the presence of women, and that I am more careful of my speech, and I believe this is true of nearly all men. And so I do not hesitate to say that the im-

proved conditions in the Texas Legislature are due largely to the presence of the pretty little woman who is a member of the law-making body. And the little woman who is serving her state as a law-maker has succeeded in having a good law—a law in the interest of humanity—written upon the statutes. I read in the daily papers that the woman member is tired of the legislative grind. It is but natural that she should be, for it is a hard and tedious grind, with hardly enough salary to meet actual expenses. I am sure the woman member longs for the quiet of home and the companionship of her children, but she has rendered, and is rendering her state a service, and she will remain. Next session there will be more than one woman member.

Some years ago I visited the National House of Representatives and lo, a woman was there in the person of Miss Jeannette Rankin. At that time a war cloud was brewing, and pretty soon thereafter a vote was taken on whether the United States should declare war against Germany. When it came time for Jeannette to vote, she declared she couldn't vote for war—and she cried! It may be that Jeannette was right, 'though I felt she was wrong, but to me Jeannette in tears was the sublimest spectacle ever witnessed in our Congress; and I can not believe our country will ever be wrecked when votes are cast with tears in the eyes of the voters. Jeannette made a speech in Congress one day and it was charged that she lost her supporters. The maker of the charge did not say whether the loss of supporters meant a drop of hosiery or a loss of votes, but any way Jeannette was defeated for re-election. But there is another woman member of Congress now, and there will never be another session of the National law-making body without a feminine name on the rolls.

The other day I was in the home of a sick friend. The doctor came, and lo, she was a woman. Two weeks ago I met with a class of young people who are studying journalism, and lo, all were women. A few years hence the angered man who rushes into the editorial sanctum to whip the editor will face a pair of brown eyes and cherry lips, and will lose the battle even before the argument begins. And I predict the lip stick in the sanctum will mean more courageous editorials and a cleaner press that will be worth more to the country.

Yes, I see more of women than I used to. In truth, women are everywhere and in everything. They are the best part of the love story, the principle of every marriage, the heroine of every birth, and the cause of nearly every fliriting—and they are ministering angels still.

Musical Progress of Texas

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(Continued from February Magazine Section)

El Paso.
Information from El Paso is given under several heads.

School Activities.—Music department has just been started in the El Paso Junior College. The High School and the Junior College combined under the direction of Miss Maybelle Shelton, gave "Bohemian Girl" and "The Mikado." Music memory contests are held in the schools. A school of opera has just been founded with Helen Cooper Williams at the head, which expects to produce "Martha" and "Pagliacci" during the season.

Orchestras.—The El Paso Philharmonic Orchestra, Anton Navratil, conductor, is continuing its concerts and the El Paso Symphony Orchestra, P. J. Gustat, conductor, has been reorganized. Between the two orchestras the city hears one symphony concert each week.

Musical Clubs.—The Woman's Club, the MacDowell Club, and the Women's Choral Club do splendid work. The Orpheus Club of fifty voices gives two concerts annually with noted soloists, and in connection with the Women's Choral Club, Charles J. Andrews being director of both, gives oratorios and cantatas. The Civic Music Association was founded this year with the purpose of enlarging the number of persons interested in good music by giving high-grade concerts at a low price. A membership of 10,000 is aimed at.

Concerts.—The Philharmonic Society and the Woman's Club bring noted artists to the city each year.

Fort Worth.
Fort Worth has been a city noted for its large attractions. It shared with Houston the distinction of being the only two cities in the state which ever had a recital by Caruso. The Chicago Grand Opera Company appeared in the city three successive years on a guarantee basis involving about \$20,000 each year. Galli-Curci was heard in opera in Fort Worth before she was in New York. One of the achievements of which the city is most proud is the production of grand opera entirely with local resources—princinals, orchestra, chorus and scen-

ery and costumes being all Fort Worth products. Under the direction of Sam S. Losh rehearsals are now under way for "Lohengrin," representing the fifth season of local opera, a record which it is believed no city outside the large musical centers has equaled for productions on as large a scale. Fort Worth is the residence of Mrs. John Lyons, president of the National Federation of Music Clubs, and one of the most influential women in musical affairs in America today. Three major colleges each have strong music departments. The Harmony Club is one of the largest and most influential organizations of its kind in the state. Both the Harmony Club and the Euterpean Club bring annually a large number of outside artists. The public school music department, under Miss Alva C. Lochhead, has conducted for a number of years music memory contests with increasing interest and success.

Houston.
Houston has long been active musically and displays evidence of solid development along conservative and permanent lines. The main activities as seen by the public seem to center mainly around the clubs. The Girls' Music Study Club devotes itself to the study of music historically and nationally. The Y. W. C. A. mixed chorus is in its first year, while the Women's Choral Club is in its eighteenth, both under the direction of Hu T. Huffmaster. The Treble Clef Club is in its twenty-first year and is directed by Mrs. R. L. Cox. All these clubs bring outside artists to the city. A new organization this year is the Music Council, made up of local talent only, and giving concerts on Sunday afternoon free to the public.

San Antonio.
Information has not been received from San Antonio, but as this city is perhaps the musical pioneer of the state, an effort will be made to enumerate some of its activities. For a generation San Antonio has had an orchestra. At the present time the San Antonio Symphony gives a six weeks' season each year. Men are imported for the season

and a concert is given each week for the six weeks. By this means a full orchestra personnel is obtained and concerts of the first rank are given. The orchestra is under the capable direction of Julien Paul Blitz. An organization called the String Players was formed last year and is filling a unique place in the musical life of the community. Musical conditions in San Antonio are somewhat different from any other city of the state on account of the presence of Fort Sam Houston, one of the large permanent military posts of the country.

Waco.
Waco has an organization of a type which any musical center should have, but which few do have. This is the Chamber Music Society, organized for the performance of works of a more intimate nature for the instruments of the string family and harp and piano. This and the Ensemble Club gave musical programs with community singing twice each month last season at the Municipal Club House. Miss Gustie Oscar and Dr. A. G. Armstrong, dean of the English department at Baylor University, have presented many concerts by visiting artists.

General Musical Activity.
There are certain general features of musical education and musical activity which require some explanation and notice.

There has been a growing interest all over the country in serious musical endeavor among the youth and in no way is this better illustrated than by the spread of the plan to give high school credits for work done in music with teachers outside the schools. This plan has not been established to any great degree in Texas as yet, but is gaining headway each year. It is an important step forward, especially for the talented student who can not afford to sacrifice either his general education or his musical study at a time when every year counts. Abilene was the first city in Texas to inaugurate this plan, with Corsicana a close second. The plan is still in use in both cities.

Another important feature of the musical activity of the schools is the Mu-

sic Memory Contest. In these contests the students become familiar with a certain announced list of musical works, and at the contest are to identify both the selection and its composer, upon hearing the selections played. It is surprising how permanent the effects of these contests are and they will result in a greatly increased knowledge of standard music among the young people. Corsicana was the first city in Texas to introduce this contest.

A few years ago the State Department of Education, through a committee of prominent musical educators, established a series of standard courses for music work in the high schools of the state. Work done in accord with these courses or their equivalent may be credited on the same basis as any other work in the high schools, hour for hour, and such credits are already recognized for entrance by many of the large colleges of the state. The University of Texas now has this matter under consideration also. This is one of the most important developments in musical education in Texas in many years, and when taken advantage of to its fullest possibilities will greatly expand the usefulness of the school music courses.

Band instrumental music always has been popular in Texas. Many towns have municipal bands—bands that are wholly or partly supported by the citizenship. Such bands have done much to promote love for music in our state and are to be commended for their efforts in behalf of musical progress.

In considering this subject from the standpoint of development within the past year, there is one feature of present musical activity which can definitely come within that period and which can not be overlooked in a musical survey. This is Radio. The expansion of this device has been enormous within the past year, and the time has already arrived when almost every home either has a machine or has access to one. The leading newspapers of the state have taken the lead in furnishing programs on stated schedules for the entertainment of this vast radio audience and a large part of the programs are musical.

As a means of musical education radio has remarkable possibilities. The programs already offer a large proportion of good music and it is probable that they will find it advisable to offer more and more of the best in music. Many a person who has been laboring under the impression that he could not understand or enjoy music of the higher class, has picked up such a concert over the radio while sitting in his own armchair at home, before a good fire, and to his surprise found that he liked it. Probably by no other means have musicians and the general public been brought so closely together for their mutual understanding.

In a survey such as this in which most of the facts have to be obtained from other sources it is inevitable that some errors of statement and serious omissions of important personages and organizations will occur. Such omissions are not intentional and are the result of the conditions under which this article has necessarily been written.

In conclusion, it may be said that every evidence points toward increasing interest in, demand for, and knowledge of good music, and it may be confidently hoped that the remarkable development of the past ten years will continue for another decade.

THE END.

NEFF COUNTY IS PROPOSED.
A new county in Texas is proposed to be named Neff county, in honor of Governor Pat M. Neff. It would be created out of the counties of Navarro, Lime-stone, Freestone and Hill, with Wortham as the county seat. It would be about 60 miles in length and 12 miles in width. It is doubtful if the measure is put through at this session of the legislature, for the session is far advanced and the remainder of the time will be a busy period with the law-makers without their fighting over the creation of a new county, but the preliminary stages are being arranged so that it may be possible to enact the measure two years hence. However, it is not impossible that some quick work will be made and the new county established without delay.

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MOCK TRIAL IN SCHOOL.
J. B. Cowan, head master of the University Training School at Dallas, is planning to hold mock court trials in his class rooms to teach the students the elements of court routine and parliamentary law. He wishes to hold two such trials each month during the remainder of the school year. At each trial a student will be selected to be the defendant in some alleged violation of the law, and the jury, the witnesses and the advocates will be chosen, too, from the student body. Careful preparation is to be made for each trial.

SENATOR HAS A TWIN.
State Senator Doyle of Mexia has a twin brother, J. H. Doyle of Granbury, who is so like him in form and features that when both are dressed alike it is difficult to tell them apart. Recently the Hood county man visited his brother during the legislative session at Austin, and was taken into the senate chamber, where the senator's colleagues could not tell them apart and the pages and stenographers were puzzled. Both of them will attain their 77th birthday on April 26.

PLENTY OF CABBAGES.
Approximately two hundred and fifty carloads of cabbages were shipped out of the lower Rio Grande Valley during the period since October 1. The cabbage led all other of the valley vegetables when it came to shipments to distant markets. Mixed carloads of vegetables were a close second. In all more than eight hundred carloads of vegetables and nearly a half hundred of citrus fruits carried the sparkle of the border sunshine to distant markets in the northland during the winter months.

MERIT SYSTEM FOR CONVICTS.
The merit system is to be introduced into the Texas penitentiary and into the convict camps if the legislature enacts into law a bill introduced by Representative Irwin of Dallas. He says the indeterminate sentence law is not effective, for there are fewer instances where the prisoner has not been required to serve the maximum instead of the minimum sentence, no matter how creditable his record. The new law proposed would make the indeterminate sentence mandatory and provide a merit system for the convicts which would insure the early release of those convicts who really tried to be exemplary and win their freedom by their acts.

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Water is necessary to life. Good water is necessary to health. With the exception of the disposal of human excreta, the problem of how to obtain good water is the greatest that a farmer or small town resident has to deal with.

The water, as a rule, is used for many purposes, such as drinking, watering of stock, washing and cooking. Its vital use is for the consumption of human beings. It is desirable for it to be cool, clear and free from unpleasant odors or tastes. Disease germs, those poisons which get into the body and multiply, causing typhoid fever, dysentery, Asiatic cholera, etc., are usually spread through water from one human to the other. We would not willingly feed our family poisons, but sometimes unknowingly we are doing worse than this by giving them polluted water.

The source of water in these localities usually comes from wells, springs or cisterns. Running surface streams are so seldom free from pollution that without purification they are dangerous and are to be avoided. The first consideration should be a supply sufficient for your needs. If the domestic supply runs short one may have to resort to polluted water. In digging a well or repairing an old one the situation is the first consideration. It should be on a slope above the privy, barn, hog pen, etc., and never less than 200 feet from all sources of pollution, and the further the better. It should be protected by fencing it off so no animal, even such as chickens, dogs or cats, can get to it. If it is used to water animals, a pipe should be extended 20 or 30 feet from the well to a trough. These details may seem exaggerated and too severe to some, but when we consider how small germs are transmitted and that millions can be carried on a chicken's foot, it will be seen how we must use all precautions.

Then, too, the character of water has a great deal to do with our general health. Water that contains heavy deposits of mineral, etc., will cause deposits in the kidneys, thus causing nephritis and many other diseases. This kind of water is usually known as "hard water."

Rain water and deep well or cistern water are considered the best if they are properly obtained and stored. However, these can not always be obtained, so the next best thing to do is to make the spring or shallow well water as pure as possible. This can be done in two ways. The first and simplest method is to boil the water for domestic use. It is best to boil in large quantities. A "clean" boiler or tub is best suited. The water should be boiled twenty minutes after the boiling point is reached. Where ice can not be obtained water can be cooled by putting in a vessel and covering with several thicknesses of wet, clean flannel and hand it where the breeze can blow on it. The evaporation will cool the water. The "flat" taste can be somewhat removed by dipping it up with a clean dipper and letting it run back, thus filling it with air bubbles.

While boiling is by far the safest method, yet it is sometimes inconvenient. One way to purify water is to thoroughly dissolve a teaspoon of fresh chloride of lime in one quart of water, keeping it tightly corked and away from the light. Then add one teaspoon of this solution to each two gallons of water and let stand for fifteen minutes. Water thus treated is comparatively safe.

Do not neglect to frequently examine your well, if it is the old-fashioned "bucket type," as rats, bats, mice, etc., may have the misfortune to fall in and die. Thus their decomposing bodies pollute the water and make it unsafe for human consumption. The "pump well" is less dangerous on this score, as the top is usually sealed.

Next month we shall take up the different types of wells and how to properly construct them.

LATE FASHIONS—Easily Made at Home.

This little party dress is easily made and finishes beautifully. It requires 1 1/2 yard of 40 inch French voile, 5 1/2 yards of lace insertion and 3 1/2 yards of frilling for 4-year size. Pale blue or flesh georgette or crepe de chine with a fine quality of lace insertion are very effective for this little dress.



These little rompers can be made up in several different materials. Black sateen with any other color sateen for the collar and is very serviceable and cunning. The initial being the latest thing in trimming, can be worked in raised satin stitch with mercerized cotton floss. Size four requires 1 1/2 yard 27-inch material, 2 1/2 yards edging and 3/4 yard 27-inch material for collar.

In preparing the spring wardrobe one first consideration is the general style, then one's mode of living. A few well chosen dresses of good material is favored more than a closet of poorly chosen cloths.



QUESTION BOX

Question: What month is a garden usually planted?—S. M. U.
Answer: This largely depends on the location and variety. Some seeds, such as tomatoes, are started in hot houses or cold frames, in January or February. Most are started in the open ground in March. It is best to consult your local seed merchant as early as possible.

Question: What frontage do you consider most desirable for a home in Texas?—K. L. M.
Answer: Personally, I like a north front, as by leaving all doors open in summer you can have a breeze through the whole house. By having your bed rooms (in a bungalow) on the southeast side, all your windows can be open and you can enjoy fresh air without the discomfort of the sharp north wind. Next to the north, I like a west front, as the bed rooms and kitchen, rooms most used by the woman, are the coolest.

I shall feel very disappointed if my readers do not make full use of this page, especially this section devoted to the Question Box. This is your opportunity to find out a great many things that have puzzled you. Anything pertaining to the household, children's care, foods or their preparation, I shall try to help you. Questions must be in before the tenth of each month to be answered the following month. Address letters plainly to Mrs. Margaret Stute, Box 1012, Fort Worth, Texas.



The style of blouse here shown is very popular and easily made. Size 36 requires 2 1/2 yards of 40-inch material and 4 1/2 yards insertion. This blouse is fashioned after the Jacquette blouse, with the fullness confined by hip bands and front crossed in surplus effect. Almost any material suitable for blouses is good. Silk in plain or fancy design is much in favor.

FOOD.
Its Uses to the Body and Proper Preparation.
In a short series of articles, I shall try to give you in as simple language and terms as possible a brief outline on the use of food to the body and how to prepare it correctly. The information for these articles I have gathered during my study of nursing and several years of reading and study of America's foremost leading dietitians.

Every housewife today realizes the importance of proper food, as well as proper housing and clothing. Without a knowledge of what food means to the body, how the process of digestion is carried on and what different foods contain, she is completely at a loss how to begin and what to do.

I should like to suggest to my readers that in order to obtain the best results from this series you will obtain a book large enough to either copy each article, or, better still, cut out each one and paste in the book and keep always at hand. It is only by reading an article many times that it becomes familiar and a part of our daily life. Food is what goes to build up body tissues, that is, bones, muscles, fat, blood, etc. It gives us energy and strength and helps us to ward off disease. The familiar comparison is that of the body to the furnace. We must give it good fuel and remove the ashes and cinders in order to obtain the proper and whole use of food. It must be prepared rightly, then properly eaten to be digested well. Digestion is that process by which food is made ready for use in the body. The process is carried on in the mouth, stomach, small and large intestines. The food enters the body through the mouth, and here the first process of digestion begins in mastication (chewing the food). Many people do not realize the importance of proper mastication, and really it is, in my mind, the most important, because without it all other agents are handicapped. During mastication, food is mixed with the saliva, which softens and moistens the food, and contains digestive juice that changes starches to sugar into their simplest forms. They give heat and energy to the body. Next month I shall take up the rest of the digestion organs and how food is assimilated by the body and used for its fuel. Then we will be ready for the preparation of different kinds of food. Notice to my readers: If this page doesn't suit you, it will be your fault, providing you don't say something.

TESTED RECIPES.

- Prune Charlotte.**
2 cups prune pulp (cooked).
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
2 tablespoons gelatine.
3/4 cup cold water.
2 cups whipped cream.
Rub prunes through coarse sieve, add nuts and vanilla. Soak gelatine in cold water until dissolved; melt over hot water, add to the other mixture; mix well. Whip cream fold into mixture, pour into wet mold, chill until firm. Unmold and serve with whipped cream on top.
Date Loaf.
3 eggs.
2 tablespoons butter.
1 cup sugar.
1 package dates (seeded).
1 cup nuts.
1 1/2 cups flour.
2 teaspoons baking powder.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon.
Cream sugar into lightly beaten eggs, add butter (melted). Sift part of the flour over nuts and dates. Sift baking powder with the rest of the flour into the first mixture. Then add the floured dates and nuts, also vanilla and cinnamon. Mix all well. Pour in a well-greased and floured pan. Bake over hot. When you put in, lower fire and gradually increase until done. It is done when firm to touch, usually taking from 30 to 45 minutes to bake.

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SCHOOL CENSUS

During the month of March the school census of the Merkel Independent School District will be taken. It is very important that every one help in seeing that every child belonging on this census roll be found. The school gets its money from two sources; one from local taxes and the other from the state as an apportionment of so many dollars per pupil on the census roll. It is evident that the more children we get on the census roll the more money we get from the state as an apportionment, and the less we have to raise by local taxation.

The law provides that the child be enumerated in the district of its residence on March 1st. No matter where the child has been, nor no matter where he is to be next year, he should be enumerated in the district where he was making his home on March 1st. This will not hinder him from attending school in some other district to which he may later move, he can go there free if he moves to that district.

Enumerate all children who reside in the Merkel School District on March 1, 1923, who will be seven or over and under eighteen years on September 1, 1923. The census taker will try in the next few days to get every child. If you know of any child within the school age of 7 to 18, who by March 20th is not enumerated, you will do the school a great favor and save the taxpayers of Merkel just that much money if you will report this child by phone to Supt Burgess at No. 174, or render the child your self at the Merkel Mail office where blanks may be found. The census taker will reach you by March 20th. If by then your child is not enumerated, please report it. Let us all help in getting every child within the district, whether in town or country. Let's go get 'em all.

Senior League Program

1. "A Why Meeting." Song Service; Prayer. Leader—Russell Pike.
2. Discussion suggestions.
 - a. Money making a gift.
 - b. Right and wrong uses of money.
3. Scripture Discussions.
 - a. God's Omnership of all things, Deut. x 14, Murphy Thomas.
 - b. Proportionate giving 1 Cor. xvi-2 Loring Hamblett.
 - c. A foolish Rich man, Luke xii 16-21, Mary Eula Sears.
 - d. Laying up treasures in heaven, Matt. vi 19-20, Brannic Bailey.
 - e. Why Tithe(By Tithing Band.

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Intermediate League Program

Subject—"Witness for Christ Song, True Hearted, Whole Hearted."
Leader—Leonald Bailey.
1. Mute Christians, Juanita Patterson.
2. John Baptist, Matt. 3, 14, 1-12, and Luke 7 19-28—Jessie Mae Stevens.
3. Peter, Acts 5 12-32, 41, 42 by Lewis Tucker.
Song.
4. Early Christian Witnesses by Delbert Polly.
Song—I love to tell the story.
Benediction.

T. M. Smith returned first of the week from Stanton, Texas, where he visited his parents.

Parent-Teacher Club Notes

The next regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Club will be held at the School building on Wednesday afternoon March 14 at 3:30 o'clock. We are anticipating a large attendance at this meeting as we have now a few more than 100 members. The program committee has arranged an interesting program for this meeting.
You will be met at the door with a hearty handshake and a pleasant smile by members of this committee, who have arranged ap art for everyone present. Come and fill your place and do your bit. We are arranging for a St. Patricks Tea for Friday, March 16. This is to be a Public Benefit tea and every body is invited to come, spend a social hour, drink tea and incidentally help the Parent-Teacher Club.
Look for the program else where in the columns of this paper, and dont forge't to come to the School building on Wednesday afternoon March 14 at 3:30.

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WHITE CHURCH

The Methodist Revival began last Saturday night. There will be services each night this week at the church and at 4 p. m. at the schoolhouse. Rev. Northcutt, of Abilene is doing the preaching. Everyone is invited to both services.

Mrs. Alice Brown, who has been to Wichita Falls to see her mother who has been very ill, returned Tuesday night.

Mrs. Brown reports that her mother is very much improved.

White Church boys and I. X. L. boys played Basket ball at White church last Friday after noon. Scores were 25to 13, in favor of White church.

Mr. H. West and Mr. Reynold went to church at Blair last Saturday morning.

Mr. Peely West went to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Nath Riggan, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Arthur Coats went to Merkel Saturday.

A few of the young people enjoyed themselves for a short time singing at Mr. and Mrs. Pressley's Sunday afternoon. Those present, outside of the family were, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Arthur Coats, Mr. Nath Riggan, Elgin Riggan, Arlton Farmer, Ira Farmer, Marvin Lindsey, Mr. Reynolds, Miss Mary Riggan, Miss Belle Shuff, Leona Riggan, Ada Berry, and Orene Berry.

Marvin Lindsey and Arthur Coats went to Blair one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin of View visited Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. H. West last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Connaly of Cross Roads spent the week end with Mrs. Connaly's mother Mrs. Riggan.

Miss Belle Shuff spent Sunday with Miss Mildren Pressley.

Miss Ada and Orene Berry spent Monday night with Miss Marie Pressley.

Mr. Wilson and family spent the day last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Brooks of the Blair community.

Miss Belle Shuff spent the night with Miss Ruby Wilson Monday night.

Mr. Shuff and Rev. Northcutt were visitors at the school on Monday of this week. They both spoke many encouraging words to the pupils.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 7

An Ordinance Prohibiting the Hitching or tying of any beast of burden to any telephone, Electric Light, Awning, or Metal Light Post in certain boundaries in the City of Merkel; and fixing penalty therefor:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel:

Section 1. That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to hitch or tie any horse or any other beast of burden, or any team or any team hitched to any vehicle, to any telephone, electric light, awning or metal light post on the North Front street between the West line of Kent Street and the east line of Lamar street, and on Edwards Street between the north line of the North Front Street and the south line of Pecan street; and on Kent street between the west line of Kent street and the east line of Lamar street, in the city of Merkel and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Five Dollars.

The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is hereby dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 8

An Ordinance entitled an ordinance prescribing the kind of material which may be used in the construction of buildings within the fire limits of the city of Merkel, and other regulations within said fire limits, and prescribing a penalty for violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association of persons to erect, build, place, move or repair any wooden building or buildings within the fire limits of the city of Merkel, as now or may hereafter be established by ordinances of said city. And any such person, firm, partnership, corporation or association violating the provisions hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars. And each and every member of such firm, partnership, corporation or association shall be deemed equally guilty of such offense, and upon conviction shall be fined as other individual persons.

Section 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association of persons to move or put within said fire limits, a wooden building or buildings from without of said fire limits, or remove any wooden building or buildings from one place to another within said fire limits. And any such person, firm, partnership, corporation or association violating the provisions hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars. And each and every member of such firm, partnership, corporation or association of persons shall be deemed guilty of such offense, and upon conviction shall be fined as other individual persons.

Section 3. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm partnership, corporation or association of persons, to make, build or construct any buildings out of any kind or class of materials, within classed as fire-proof; provided that rock, brick or concrete walls and tin, sheet iron slate, granite, ruberoid or gravel felt roofing, shall be considered fire-proof material within the meaning of this section. And any such firm, person, partnership, corporation, or association shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars. And each and every member of such firm, partnership, corporation or association shall be deemed guilty of such offense; and upon conviction shall be fined as other individual persons.

Section 4. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association to rebuild or repair any wooden building or buildings within the fire limits, when the same shall have been damaged from fire or other cause to the extent of fifty percent of the value thereof, said damages to be ascertained by reference of the same to three disinterested carpenters, to be selected and appointed by the city council with reference to each building. And such person, firm, corporation, or association violating the provisions hereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars. And every member of such firm, partnership, corporation or association shall be deemed guilty of such offense and upon conviction shall be fined as other individual persons.

Section 5. That whenever any building, awning or sidewalk attached to, or forming a part of such building, within the fire limits of the city as herein prescribed, shall from age, neglect or otherwise become dilapidated, the same shall be considered a nuisance and obstruction, and on complaint being made to the Mayor, he shall cause such building, awning or sidewalk to be inspected by three disinterested free holders of the city, and if the same be reported by them to be in such dilapidated condition as to be a nuisance and obstruction, the Mayor shall notify the owner, controller, or agent thereof, to pull down or remove the same, giving ten days notice to such owner, controller, or agent to remove, pull down or dispose of the same so that the nuisance or obstruction shall be removed or abated. And upon the failure or neglect of any such owner, controller or agent to comply with such notice, the Mayor shall then cause the same to be pulled down or removed, as the case may be, as said Mayor may deem best. Any such owner, controller, agent, firm, partnership, corporation or association failing to comply with the provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars. And each and every member of such firm, partnership, corporation, or association shall be deemed guilty of such offense and upon conviction thereof shall be fined as other individual persons.

Section 6. That any mechanic or other laborer in the employ of any owner, agent, or controller of any property mentioned in the preceding sections, who undertake to construct, move or do any of the acts prohibited therein, shall be deemed equally guilty with such owner, controller or agent and prosecuted and fined as such not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Section 7. That each and every day that said wooden building or buildings, or any portion of the structure thereof, or such building or buildings made or constructed out of materials not fire-proof, shall remain within the said fire limits, or the doing of any other act herein prohibited or omitting to do any act as here in required, shall constitute a separate and distinct offense, provided in case such violation be committed by a firm, partnership, corporation or association, each and every member thereof shall be deemed guilty of such offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined as other individual persons.

deemed guilty of the offense, and upon conviction shall be fined as other individual persons in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Section 8. The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is hereby dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 9

An Ordinance prohibiting Certain Persons from sitting in, lounging in, upon or against automobiles and other vehicles standing upon or in any public street in the City of Merkel and fixing a penalty therefor. Be it ordained by the City of Merkel:

Section 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to sit in, occupy, lounge in, upon or against any automobile or other vehicle standing upon or in any public street of the City of Merkel; and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not exceeding Ten Dollars. Provided that this ordinance shall not apply to the owner or any person in charge of any such vehicle, or any person or persons invited by the owner or person in charge of any vehicle to sit in, occupy, lounge in, upon or against the same.

Section 2. The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject, creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West Mayor

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 10

An ordinance entitled and ordinance to prohibit the use of megaphones on or along the streets of the City of Merkel Texas, and in other places within the corporate limits of said city, and providing a penalty therefor.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to shout, sing or make any other loud noise through any megaphone in or along any street or alley of the City of Merkel or in or about any public place within the corporate limits of said city.

Section 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 3. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923

H. C. West, Mayor

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 11

An ordinance entitled an ordinance establishing a Fire Limit for the City of Merkel and describing same by metes and bounds. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That a fire limit be and the same is here now established for the City of Merkel, as follows; Beginning at the N. E. Corner of Block 19 of the town of Merkel, thence West with the N. B. line of Block 19, 20 and 21 to the N. W. corner of Block 21; thence South with the West line of Block 21 to a point eighty feet South from the S. E. corner of Block 19; thence North, passing the S. E. corner of Block 19, with the East line of said Block No. 19 to the place of beginning.

Section 2. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 12

An Ordinance entitled an ordinance, prohibiting the abuse of any waterworks apparatus, and providing a penalty therefor. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That no person shall remove or obstruct the cover to any public or private street stop, or street washer, place or deposit dirt or other material over any street stop, or hitch a horse or other animal to hydrant or other fixtures, or commit any act tending to obstruct the use thereof, nor injure in any manner any building, machinery, pipe hydrant or fixtures belonging to the waterworks, nor open any fire plug, or fire hydrant, without permission express, from the superintendent of waterworks; provided, that this ordinance shall not apply to members of the fire department, when actually fighting fire, or when engaged in fire practice.

Section 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 13

An ordinance entitled a ordinance prohibiting all persons under the age of 16 years from being on the streets and public highways and alleys in the city of Merkel, Texas, between the hours of 8 p. m. and 6 o'clock A. M., unless accompanied by the parent or guardian of such person, or some one acting in the place and stead of such parent or guardian, or unless such person has the consent of such parent or guardian, or some one standing in the place of such parent or guardian, and providing a penalty for the violation of same.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF MERKEL:

Section 1. If any person under the age of 16 years shall be found on the streets, alleys, public high ways, on the railroad right of way, or loitering about the railroad depot or other public buildings between the hours of 8:00 P. M. and 6:00 A. M. unless accompanied by the parent or guardian of such person, or some one standing in the place and stead of such parent or guardian, or unless such person shall have the consent of such parent or guardian or some one standing in the place of such parent or guardian, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Ten Dollars.

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect upon the passage and publication of the same.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor,

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 14

An ordinance entitled an ordinance to regulate the business of butchers in the City of Merkel, Texas, defining their duties and location, and providing a penalty for a violation thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That hereafter no person shall be allowed or permitted to sell or peddle the meat of cattle or hogs within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, Texas, unless such person or firm shall have first executed a bond, in terms of the law, to the Commissioners Court of Taylor County, Texas, and shall have a local and established place of business, conveniently located, and where same shall be subject to inspection, at any and all times by the City Health Physician or other officers of said city duly authorized to inspect same and the contents thereof.

Section 2. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00; provided that this ordinance shall not apply to any person or persons who shall butcher any hogs or beef cattle raised and butchered by them, when sold by the quarter, side or joint, and provided same shall not have been purchased for the purpose of slaughter and sale.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(Seal)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 15

An ordinance prescribing the duty of the City Scavenger, in cases of the violation of the civil ordinances of this City, pertaining to the cleanliness and healthfulness of the city, and prescribing a penalty for such violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That it shall be the duty of the City Scavenger to report to the City Attorney all premises in bad condition from a failure of the occupants to have the same cleaned and disinfected as provided by civil ordinance of this city, or who in consequence of a failure to pay the scavenger the fees required, such premises have become noxious by such neglect and made complaint in writing against such occupant.

Section 2. Any person or partnership liable therefor, failing to permit the scavenger or his employes to enter on any premises for the purpose herein expressed and as expressed in civil ordinances of this city, or shall fail to pay the fees provided in said civil ordinances under the head of City Scavenger, in consequence of which such premises have been neglected by the scavenger, or any one hindering, delaying, or obstructing said scavenger or his employes in discharge of his or their duties in any manner, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars; and each and every member of such firm, or association of persons, and the proper manager of such corporation, shall be deemed guilty as individual persons.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect, and be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 18

An ordinance prohibiting tent shows, carnivals, rodeos, etc and prescribing a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any tent show, carnival or rodeo, or the owner or operator of any concession in connection with any such tent show carnival or rodeo, to set up, maintain or operate any such tent show, carnival or rodeo, or any concession with any such tent show, carnival or rodeo, within six hundred feet of any school building, church building or any private residence, within the city limits of the city of Merkel.

Section 2. The offense described in section 1, of this ordinance is deemed to be complete when any such tent show, carnival or rodeo or any concession in connection with same, shall have constructed or erected any tent, station, or building for the purpose of operating, any such tent show carnival or rodeo and each day shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 3. Any person, firm, corporation or individual violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than Two hundred dollars.

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Section 5. The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject creates an emergency and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is hereby dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 16

An ordinance entitled an ordinance prohibiting the leaving open of wells, dugouts, excavations and so forth, without being properly guarded, and providing the punishment for its violation.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association of persons, to leave open and exposed within the corporate limits of this city, any well, dug-out, or excavation of any character, unless the same is properly fenced, and guarded so as to prevent any person, animal or carriage from falling therein, and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than ten dollars, and each day's violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense and punished as such.

Section 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association of persons to throw on any street, alley, or vacant lot in this city, any loose wire, broken glass, tin cans, or any other obstruction of a like character, or to permit any wire to become loose, or get down on or along any street, alley, or vacant lot in this city so as to become entangled with persons, carriages, or animals, where such wire shall remain in such condition for more than twenty-four hours, and any person who shall violate or cause to be violated any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than ten dollars.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

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Passed February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West Mayor

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
 (SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 17

An ordinance entitled an ordinance declaring the keeping for service or serving, in any manner, any stallion or jack to mare, or bull to a cow, or boar to a sow, within certain limits of the business district of the city of Merkel to constitute a nuisance, and fixing a penalty.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. The keeping for service, or serving in any manner, any stallion or jack to a mare, or bull to a cow, or boar to a sow, in the portion of the business district of the city of Merkel embraced within the following limits; to wit: Beginning at the N. E. corner of block No. 14; thence West with the South line of Pecar Street, to the east line of the alley in Block No. 12; thence South with the East line of said alley and parallel with Kent Street to the S. E. corner of lot No. 10 in block No. 21; thence east with the North line of North Front street to the S. E. corner of block No. 19; thence North with the North line of North Front street to the S. E. corner of Block No. 19; then North with the West line of Lamar Street to the N. E. corner of said block No. 14., the place of beginning, is hereby declared to constitute a nuisance; and any person who shall keep for service, or serve, or caused to be served, any stallion or jack to a mare, or bull to a cow, or boar to a sow, within the above designated limits shall be deemed guilty of committing a nuisance, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine any sum not less than ten dollars or more than one hundred dollars; and each day any stallion jack, bull, or boar shall be so kept or served shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

Section 3. The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subject creates an emergency, and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is hereby dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
 (SEAL)

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Tom Allday is here from Texline on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Allday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaffer came in from Texline Tuesday evening on a month's visit to the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Allday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford returned Tuesday evening from Fort Worth.

Messrs John Collins, B. P. Middleton are in Fort Worth attending the Fat Stork Show.

Claud Derrick, whose home is in the Noodle community is taking in the big show at Ft. Worth

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Olin Clinton Sunday night at their home out on route 5.

New shipment assorted stamped Linens, with all colors thread A. T. Lyle.

If you want the Duckett produce to stay in Merkel you must bring him a part of your produce. It

Program for Presbyterian Ladies Auxiliary

Subject—The new America. Devotional led by Mrs. G. F. West.

Song—Our Country Tis of thee, Mrs. Marvin Smith. Neighbors, by Mrs. Compton. Song, Mrs. James West. The Library and the new American, Mrs. Rogers. Closing prayer, by Mrs. Tuck

Try a sack of Molasses feed for your cows. At G. M. Sharp's grocery. tf

Ever have your fortune told with Japanese sticks, Don't miss the fun. March 31. tf

Our good friend W. M. Snow was in the city last Saturday and informed us that he had been quite under the weather for several weeks, but was improving some at that time.

M. P. Ash, who was called here on account of the death of his infant son, returned to his work at Chrystal Falls Thursday morning.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Span of good young work mules. Cash or approved note. Liberty Hardware Company. tf

FOR SALE—My Merkel home. Terms, if wanted. Will also rent it. See H. D. Simpson. 1tp

FOR SALE—John Deere Cultivator. Been used one year. See Lige Harris, Merkel, Rt. 2. 1tp

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FOR SALE—S. C. Rhode Island Red Eggs from High egg type Hens, mated with a cock from a 215 egg hen. \$2.00 for 15 eggs. G. F. Holland. It

LOST

LOST—Pair Ladies Silk hose between Railroad and my house Please return to Mrs. Charlie Russell. It

FOUND

FOUND—A small size man's army overcoat in Merkel, about three or four weeks ago. Owner can get same by calling on T. L. Grimes, and properly describing same and paying for this notice. It

WANTED

WANTED—Second hand wood cook stove. G. F. Holland. Merkel. It

WANTED—To sell Heated Maize. See Johnnie Warren at Dr. Armstrong's office. tf

A car of Dawson Fancy Egg Coal coming. Buy it off of the car, its cheaper. See Clifford Rose. It

Mrs. H. T. Merritt returned first of the week from Handley, Texas, where she had been to attend the bedside of her son Ben T. Merritt, who is recuperating from a severe attack of the flu.

Mrs. T. J. Sanders returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers, the splendid Presbyterian pastor of the church in Merkel, visited Cisco last week in the interest of church matters.

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KALE ITEMS

Health of this community is very good at present.

We have been enjoying the rain and cold weather but we all so enjoyed a "nice" sand storm last Saturday.

Miss Lois Barnett visited Miss Lola Shelton Sunday.

Bro. Pike preached at this place last Sunday morning and night.

Miss Ruth Hartline visited Miss Pearl Skidmore last Sunday.

Mr. James Harris spent last Saturday night with Mr. Edward Blacknell.

Miss Pearl Skidmore spent Saturday night with Ocie Douglas and wife.

Some few of this community went to preaching at Hebron Saturday night.

—First Rose of Summer

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Mr. L. B. Scott, the genial proprietor of the Merkel Motor Co. in company with Mr. Fred Guitart, made a trip to Roby one day this week, where the former was successful in making some Ford Sales.

Expecting car Hulls. T. J. R Swafford South Side

RABBIT DRIVE A SUCCESS

For the past year or two the Editor of this paper has had several invitations to go on some of the big rabbit drives that have taken place, and for one reason and another, we were never able to go until on last Tuesday, we had the pleasure of driving out to Mr. J. L. Barker's home in the Salt Branch community, where those participating in a drive in that community were going to have dinner. We arrived in company with Mr. L. R. Thompson, of the F. & M. National Bank, just before the one hundred or more hunters came in to participate in the delicious dinner that had been prepared and spread on the long table of 75 feet or more and where every one present enjoyed same to the fullest extent. To the good ladies of the community, who prepared the fine dinner, as well as Mr. Barker, who made and kept good and hot, a big kettle of fine coffee, we are grateful for the privilege of enjoying same.

In the afternoon several drives were made and quite a number killed, but not so many are killed on the drives now, as were killed last year, as they seem to have become much scarcer.

The many friends of Mrs. B. S. Alsbrook rejoice with her in the celebration on last Friday of her 89 birthday. Mrs. Alsbrook, we are told is one of the pioneer citizens of Merkel; she and her husband building a home here among the first. Mrs. Alsbrook is quite hale and hearty for one her age; resides alone and attends to all her household work. Mrs. Alsbrook was the recipient of many useful and lovely presents on this her 89th birthday from friends and loved ones. May she enjoy many more such happy birthday occasions. She is the mother of Mrs. E. N. Brown and Mr. W. B. Alsbrook.

Garden Seed of all kinds, See Hamilton & Case.

Womans Missionary Society

The Woman Missionary Society of the Methodist church met in regular business session on last Monday afternoon. After the regular routine of business was transacted a motion was made and carried to give an Easter Bazaar to be held the last day of March. This Bazaar will consist of Aprons, Bonnets, Caps and such like. There will also be dressed chickens and fresh eggs. Sandwiches and coffee will also be served.

During the business session, it was also decided to pay \$50 on the McMurray College pledge just now. The last note is not due until July but as we have this ready, we decided to send it in at this time leaving us only 50 dollars more to pay on our \$300 pledge. Next Monday we will have a lesson from our new Mission Study books. We hope to have a good crowd to begin the study of this book.

The C. E. Program

- Leader—Ellen Anderson.
Topic—Stewardship of self, Substance and Service.
1. Song;
 2. Scripture reading, Matt. 25 14-30; 1 Pet. 4:10.
 3. Stewardship defined— by Leader.
 4. a. Stewardship of self, Annie Marie Brown. (b) Stewardship of Substance, Delbert Polly. (c) Stewardship of Service, Lewis Tucker.
 5. Song.
 6. Questions on the three divisions of the topic.
 7. Phamplets on Stewardship.
 8. Special music.
 9. Report of Information committee.
 10. Blackboard talk, Bro. Rogers.
 11. Questions on topic.
 12. Elements of Stewardship by Helen Booth.
 13. Questions for comment.
 14. Announcements; Mizpah.

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Dr. Watkins was a visitor from Trent Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren of Knox City were visitors in the city last week-end.

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