

## COMPERE MAN PASSES AWAY

Wednesday afternoon, May 9, Mr. David Crockett Rister answered the call to "Come up Higher". Brother Rister was born in Alabama, November 12, 1845. He was converted at 12 years of age and has been a constant Christian through all these years. Those who knew him saw in him the same earnest Christian every day. He was married 57 years ago the first of last March. He leaves to mourn his going his widow, five sons, three daughters, 36 grand children and seven great grand children.

He will be missed by the Comper Baptist Church. He was one of the most cherished members of this church and though he was deaf and had been for many years, he was glad to be in every service at the church that his feeble condition would permit. He was always an inspiration to his pastor as he showed every evidence of being a real worshipper. In the meeting in the summer of last year when his last two children were baptized he seemed perfectly happy and said, "now I am ready to go home since the last one of my children are saved."

His life has been a wonderful help in bringing men to the Lord. He fought in the Confederate army during the four years of that war, but he fought for sixty years in the army of the Lord. I feel sure if we could count up those who were influenced by his simple Christian life to turn to the Lord, they would far outnumber his natural descendants.

It is the lives of men like him that make it possible to win lost men to the Lord. Men see his life every day and they know that he has a help that the natural man does not have and they are constrained to turn to the Lord.

Brother Rister told every one two or three weeks ago that he was going. Even before he took his bed he told them that he was going and he was not afraid. He even rejoiced that the time was come. As he told all of the many relatives good by he left the words of wise counsel with them: It was true with him that the path grew brighter as he neared the end of life's journey.

Funeral services conducted from the Comper Baptist church and interment at Midway cemetery near Hodges, on Thursday at 1 p. m., Ira L. Parrack, conducting the service.

Though we speak of him as being dead, yet we know he lives on in two ways. He lives now in Heaven, with Jesus his Lord Saviour, but he lives on not only in his children and grand children but in the better lives of many another, who came under the influence of his Christly life. Ira L. Parrack, his pastor.

### HUNTER—CARGILL

At the home of Elder W. G. Cypert in this city on Wednesday evening at 9:30 o'clock, Mr. Willie Hunter and Miss Mattie Cargill were happily married, Elder Cypert officiating.

These are excellent young people and the groom resides out on route five, and the bride has been making her home on route four, have many friends, who bespeak for them along life's pathway an abundance of health, wealth and happiness, heartily joined by the Mail.

Mr. and Mrs. Olton Smith visited in Abilene Sunday, the guests of relatives.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB ON MONDAY NIGHT

Next Monday Night, May 14, the Merkel Commercial and Agricultural Club, will hold its regular monthly meeting. And since there are so many things of importance to Merkel and the surrounding community which should be taken up by the club, it is urged that every member of the organization be present. It is also urged that every person or firm in the city who holds a membership in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce also be present, as the question of how many delegates Merkel will send to the annual convention which meets at San Angelo on May 21, 22, 23, will be brought up at this time.

About two hundred men and women of Merkel and surrounding community are members of the Commercial and Agricultural Club, and it is hoped that every one will be present. It is also urged any and all of our citizens who are not members also feel welcome to attend the meeting.

## BOY SCOUTS PROGRESSING NICELY

The Merkel Boy Scout troop is still growing and progressing. The meetings every Friday night are very interesting; and there is a large attendance every time. Visitors are always welcome at these meetings, and if you are at all interested in this splendid organization of boys, come and if you are not interested come any way and get interested.

We have had a fine start in the organization of this troop, and the citizens have been very interested in our work so far. But the boys need some good wholesome advice, and some pointers from men who know, and men who have had experience in Boy Scout work. We would like to have some good, influential citizen to come over every Friday night and give us a little talk. It will help vastly to keep things going, and it will help the boys wonderfully. Judge Cummings came to one of our meetings and gave us a very uplifting talk on the morality of scouts, etc., and lets have another to give us a talk next Friday night.

Not long ago, the scout master, Bill Stevens, received a letter from an official of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce asking if the Merkel troop could be depended upon to go to the San Angelo and carry out orders, which should be assigned to at the time of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention. Developments so far have been favorable, and if nothing unusual turns up, the troop is very likely to go. This is certainly worth while, and all of us are certain to enjoy the trip.

For the benefit of those who wish to visit us at any time at the meetings, and for the benefit of the Boy Scouts, we will add that the hour of meeting on Friday nights has been changed to 8:00 p. m. Don't forget this, and be there on time next Friday evening at Scout Headquarters, and let us have a large attendance. —Scout Scribe.

G. B. Brown and son G. B. Jr. returned last week from a trip to Robstown, in south Texas, where Mr. Brown has some cotton gins. They report finding conditions in that section very good with fine crop prospect.

## FATS AND LEANS TO PLAY BALL TO-DAY

Yes, its going to be a 'battie royal, when on this Friday afternoon, promptly at four o'clock on the High school campus, there will be a ball game between selected teams from the 'fat and Lean' men of the city. The suggestion was made one day this week by some one on the streets and a conference by a few of the "live ones" brought forth the following list of names from which teams are to be selected from. Fats: Vernon B. Sublett, W. Frank Golladay, W. E. Lowe, Robert Hicks, Harry Barnett, Judge E. S. Cummings, Geo. McDonald, Lutie Sanders, T. G. Bragg, Ollie Dye, C. K. Russell, J. E. Richardson, Roy Adams and W. D. Hutcherson.

Leans:—A. (Slim) Morton, F. C. McFarland, Jay Hendricks, Choc Jones, Lige Gamble, Geo. Woodrum, Ace Sheppard, Thos. Durham, L. B. Scott, L. A. Arrington, Jud. Sheppard and Jinks Winter and Booth Warren.

It is expected that the small sum of 10 and 15 cents will be charged for admission and that the proceeds will be given to the Cemetery association. It was also suggested that the whole town close up and attend as there was but little doing just at this time. Everyone is invited to come and bring 15 cents or a dime and enjoy the fun and help a good cause.

Dick Cypert spent Monday in Abilene.

## MOTHERS DAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday we are going to observe Mother's day in the Sunday school, and especially invite all mothers and fathers to be present on this day. So please come and be on time in order that you may not miss any feature of the great day. The following program will be rendered during the Sunday school hour.

Instrumental Music.

Responsive reading.

Leader: What is the first command with promise.

Assistant: Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be long on the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Leader: What does the new testament say on the same subject.

Assistant: "Children obey your parents in all things for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

Song—Mother and Heaven. Devotional reading (Responsively): Prov. 29 10, 25, 31.

Prayer.

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Announcements and classes report.

Greeting to Mother, Rosa Laney.

Quartet Collection.

Solo Song 'God be with you till we meet again.) L. W. Cox, Supt

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Mr. W. Urban Shannon, for a number of years one of the accommodating and efficient Rural Carriers from the Merkel Post office, inclosing the price of one year's subscription to the Merkel Mail, ordering same sent to his address at Memphis Tennessee, where he is in the employ of the Rail Way Mail service.

## MOTHERS DAY AT TRENT CHURCHS

The different churches of Trent have arranged the following program to be given at the Methodist church.

1. Song.

2. Invocation, Bro Winn.

3. Welcome address, Rev. E. D. Landreth.

4. Special music, Averil Scott

5. Reading, Willie Driggers.

6. Solo, Dagma Rawlings.

7. Mother Eternal, Jack Bowers, L. M. Watson, Thelma Titsworth and Clara Pennel.

8. Special music, Mrs. Howell and Bro. Landreth.

9. Reading, Sarah Julia Johnson.

10. Reading, Willie D Archer.

11. Duett, Mrs. Terry and Bro. Riddle.

12. Pantomime, Seven girls.

13. Reading, Dorene Scott.

14. Solo, Mrs. Stean.

15. eReading, Ella Lee Rogers.

16. Paper (Special request), Mrs. Massey.

17. Song, Corene English and Estelle Terry.

18. Quartett, arranged by Joe Nally.

19. Song, Several children.

20. Solo, Mrs. Hardson.

21. Reading, Fama Maud Johnson.

22. Male Quartett.

23. Closing appeal, Bro. Riddle.

24. Benediction, Chambless.

Flower Girls—Ellie Jones; Goma Walker, Mary Gay Thompson and Bea Billings.

Ushers:—Carroll Chambless; Osburn Burks, Lesley Beasley, and John Payne.

## THEIR CHILDREN SERVE FINE DINNER

On last Sunday, while Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs were at the Methodist church attending the morning service, their children, residing in and about this city, gathered at the Toombs home and under the 'splendid shade of the trees on the lawn, spread a big fine dinner; the same being in honor of their birthday. It was the 61st birthday of Mrs. Toombs, and on the 5rd of the month, just three days previous, "Uncle Tom", as he is so familiarly called by his host of friends, was 63.

Mr. and Mrs. Toombs are among our pioneer and very best citizens; having come to this country many years ago from Dallas county, and besides rearing to splendid man and womanhood, ten children, they have by hard work and economy laid up treasures of this world's goods to make them happy and independent the balance of their lives.

At this splendid feast and happy occasion they had with them seven of their children as well as a number of grand children, as follows; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boden, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton, and three children; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Toombs and two children, Mr. and Mrs. W. Toombs and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus and daughter, Miss Maurine, H. H. Toombs, and four children and Joe Bailey Toombs, the youngest son single and at home. Those absent and who could not be present to partake of the grand feast, were, Mrs. M. Caution, and Leon Toombs of Alamogordo, New Mexico and L. T. Toombs of Eastland.

Rister, the sign man spent Tuesday in Sweetwater, on business.

## WILL ADDRESS METHODIST MEN

At the invitation of the Men's Club of the Methodist church of this city, Dr. L. N. Stuckey, pastor of the St. Paul's Methodist church, Abilene, will address that organization at the church in Merkel tonight. Arrangements have also been completed for the serving of refreshments at the close of the services, and pastor Hays, urges that every man who belongs to the Methodist church or who is friendly toward same, be present to enjoy the able and interesting address Dr. Stucky has in store for them.

Dr. Stuckey is recognized as one of the most eloquent and able ministers throughout all North West Texas Conference, and every Methodist man who fails to hear him on this occasion will surely miss a rare treat. Remember the time, Friday evening, at 8:00 o'clock, May 11, at the Methodist Church.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES

The Merkel Public School will close the present session on Friday May 18th. The closing exercises will consist of five numbers.

The music department gave its program last night (Thursday) at the Cozy Theatre. The Senior Class will have its play on Thursday evening May 17th at the Cozy Theatre. They will present "Much Ado About Bettie", under the direction of Miss Travis who has so kindly consented to assist the seniors. Admission to this play will be 20-40-60c; 20c for children under twelve, 40 cents for those between twelve and sixteen and 60c for all over sixteen.

On Friday evening at 8:15 at the Methodist church the Grammar school will have its graduation exercises. There will be music by the members of the seventh grade, an address by Judge Thos. E. Hayden, of Abilene and presentation of diplomas by Supt. Burgess.

On Sunday evening, May 20th at 8:15 at the Methodist church the Rev. W. O. Dallas, pastor of the First Christian church of Abilene, will deliver to the Seniors their commencement sermon.

On Monday evening, May 21 at 8:15 at the Methodist church the graduation exercises of the Merkel High School will be held. Bishop Hiram A. Boaz of Nashville, Tennessee, will deliver the commencement address.

The public is cordially invited to all of these exercises. No admission will be charged for any evening except for the Senior play to be given at the Cozy Theatre. You are welcome.

### HAIL, WIND, AND RAIN

Noodle, a village ten miles north of Merkel and vicinity was visited Sunday evening by a severe wind, rain and hail storm and much damage done to growing crops. Many will be forced to replant. The rainfall is said to have exceeded three inches in less time than forty minutes. C. R. L. Crick reports the loss of a very fine horse from a stroke of lightning during the storm.

Our good friend, E. C. Spurgin, of the Comper community was in the city first of the week and made this office a pleasant and appreciated call.

## MR. MIMS COMING TO BAPTIST CHURCH

In addition to the other things for Mothers day, we are to have with us, Mr. Ernest Mims of the Mims Dry Goods Co., of Abilene. Mr. Mims is too well and favorably known here as to not need any introduction. He will speak to us at the 11 o'clock hour an appropriate message for this day.

The choir is getting ready, with some special music for Mothers who may be present, also for the children of Sainted Mothers. The orchestra will be in full force and will add to the tribute offered to Mother.

Special seats will be reserved for mothers, and an effort will be made to get all mothers of our congregation there for this service. Any one who knows of a mother who has no conveyance or any one who has a conveyance that would be willing to bring some mother to the service, is asked to 'phone Mrs. A. R. Booth, number 169. While this is a Mothers day service every mothers son or daughter should be in the service too. We urge a full attendance of all our congregation. A cordial welcome is extended to all visitors strangers and those without church homes are especially invited.

Flowers will be provided for all who attend. A red flower for all who have living mothers and a white flower for all who have mothers in the home beyond.

Mr. Mims will speak to the Business Men's Bible Class that meets at the Gem Theatre at 9:45 Sunday morning. It is urged that all members be on hand to hear his enthusiastic "pep" talk. Mr. Mims is enlistment man in the Victory Bible Class in Abilene and he has led that class to adopt as a goal 400 members in actual attendance, and we know what it means, when Mims sets a goal. Let every member be on hand in the class and bring as many visitors and prospective members as you can.

At the evening hour, Dr. Rister of the History Department of Simmons College will deliver an address on Christian Education. Dr. Rister comes highly praised as a man with a message and with his heart in the message. We think it is fortunate that he is to be here at this time. School is nearing a close and some boy or girl may get the inspiration from his address to press on to finish his or her education.

Seats will be reserved at the evening hour for all school people present. Teachers pupils and members of the school board are invited to hear this address. Ira L. Parrack Pastor.

### LYLE TO MINERAL WELLS

A. T. Lyle who for the past year has been engaged in the Dry Goods business in this city has sold same and has left this week for Mineral Wells, where he informs us he will again re-enter the dry goods business. Mr. Lyle has been in the business for many years and is a good dry goods man, a good citizen and we regret to lose him. We are informed that the parties to whom he sold his business here will soon move the stock of goods to some other point.

Tom Harvell, splendid farmer in the Stith community, was here Monday and reported a big rain and hail in his community Sunday night, which did considerable damage to growing crops. He had fifteen acres in cotton which he will have to plant over.

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Mr. and Mrs. West are improving fast and will soon be able to come home. M. Douglass from Sylvester thinks he will get their new house ready for them by the last of the week.

Our Sunday school is progressing and we are getting the program ready for 'Mothers Day' the fourth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Bares Armstead and Edna VanNees of Anderchapel and Clara West came down Sunday. They and Bettye Byrom were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank West and sister, Miss Eula, Sunday.

Miss Thelma Cooper left for Ranger Thursday night, and had Bettye Byrom to teach for her Friday. She came back Sunday afternoon, reporting a wonderful time.

Mr. T. C. Morrison, our principle was called back to Spur Friday night.

Several from Golan attended the singing at Newman Sunday afternoon.

Messrs Ed. James, Vasmer Manning and Misses Edythe Hudspeth and cousin Miss Fox of Floydada motored to Hebron Sunday to the all day singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Holten Jones visited the latter's sister Sunday. Mrs. John Davis, of Hebron, who has been in the Sanitarium for quite a while.—Blossoms.

### Intermediate C. E. Society

Everything about Christian Endeavor is planned to inspire right thinking and right living. This is something which is necessary to us all so try out Merkel's Endeavor Society.

Last Sunday the subject was "Why do we believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God." The program was very interesting and there was a good sized crowd present. Mr. Rogers showed us some interesting pictures of Missionaries that Texas Endeavors support. Mr. Newell Preston, one of these, has asked for some articles which are necessary and each Christian Endeavor Society has been asked to contribute \$1.50 to help buy these. Merkel's is among those responding to the call. Aside from this Merkel C. E. has pledged \$25.00 to missions. This remark brings to mind a question. Is the treasury well supplied? Well, it is NOT supplied very well. "As you journey down life's pathway, many a year, and many a mile, give as God to you hath given, and with it send a smile."

It was announced some time ago about the plans for a library. Members, please give this a thought. One person has said, "Tell me how you worship God on Sunday and I'll tell you what kind of a Christian you are." We hope that many young people will worship God by attending, and taking part on the program at the Intermediate Christian Endeavor next Sunday. C. E. Publicity Committee.

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### GREAT "GOLD BLUFFS" HOAX

Reported Finding of Yellow Metal Caused Intense Excitement in San Francisco in 1851.

To San Francisco in January, 1851, came a tale that set even its excitement-jaded pulses a-throb. Briefly, 19 prospectors had proceeded in the steamer Chesapeake toward the Klamath river, and near this stream the seashore for miles was composed—half, at least—of pure gold, writes Eugene Cunningham in Adventure Magazine.

Digging was not required. One had only to raise as much as he wished of the golden sand from the beach. Small wonder that San Francisco went mad. Eight vessels prepared to sail for "Gold Bluffs."

Then the bottom dropped out. It was rumored first that the gold was mixed with black and gray sands; that because of its exceeding fineness it could not be separated from the sand. Worse still, the sea washed through huge piles of collected sand and flood-tide brought none of it back. Working "Gold Bluffs" promised a reversal of ordinary mining—gold went into, instead of coming out of, the ground. So the greatest excitement of the decade was done. But it was a "thriller" while it lasted.

### FELT THE BISHOP WAS SAFE

Woman's Apprehensions Disappeared With Her Increasing Confidence in the Small Boy.

When Phillips Brooks, the great "low church" bishop of Massachusetts made his visitation at the Church of the Advent, Boston, celebrated for its elaborate ritual, the rector considerably inquired if the bishop would like the usual service simplified.

"Oh, no," was the reply. "Tarr everything on!"

A young but well-trained acolyte was told to attend the bishop, and before the towering figure paced, with impressive dignity, the small red-casocked lad.

A lady, who knew and admired Phillips Brooks, but knew little of ritual, regarded the situation at first with anxious face, but soon became serene. On leaving the church after service, she remarked:

"In the beginning I was dreadfully afraid the bishop would not know where to go or what to do, but I felt perfectly safe about him when I saw that little boy knew a great deal more about it all than the bishop did, and was taking good care of him."—Harper's Magazine.

### An Inventor at Seventeen.

One Saturday morning, more than 90 years ago, writes Floyd L. Darrow in St. Nicholas Magazine, a man and a boy might have been observed standing over a piece of pipe in a machine-shop in Schenectady, N. Y. The man was giving instructions to his fourteen-year-old son, George Westinghouse, Jr., as to how he wished this pipe to be cut into pieces of a certain length. George had wanted to go on a bike with some other boys, but his father, a somewhat stern man, was assigning a task which, he assured the lad, would require all his spare time for several days to come. While his father had been talking, the boy had been thinking out a scheme to escape his drudgery. In a few hours he had rigged up a combination of tools which, when attached to a power machine, automatically fed the pipe and cut it into the proper lengths.

In this youthful incident we have the first glimpse of the wonderful inventive genius of one of the most extraordinary men that America has ever produced—George Westinghouse.

### History of Vaccination.

Smallpox vaccination, generally regarded as a modern practice, dates back more than 2,000 years, according to Dr. W. G. McCoy, director of the Hygienic Laboratory of the United States Public Health Service. "When the ancients noticed that recovery from the first attack gave immunity from others," says Doctor McCoy, "they began inoculating their fellows; first by exposing well persons to others ill with the disease and later by inoculation." Jenner, who is generally conceded to have been the father of vaccination for smallpox with cowpox, only "put vaccination on a rock where it would be immovable," explains Doctor McCoy. Records show that years before Jenner's time men had been vaccinated with cowpox and then with smallpox to demonstrate their immunity.

### Rachel's Tomb Jewish Shrine.

Rachel's tomb, about a mile from Bethlehem, is a sacred shrine of the Jews. It is the only spot of Old Testament interest to which the Jews have exclusive rights, and the chief rabbi of Jerusalem has the key to it. They assemble there from time to time for prayer. They do the same at Hebron, where the patriarchs are buried, but in general they do not have ready access to the graves of their forefathers. The Moslems refuse this privilege to them.

### Wanted More Information.

The medical officer on duty in the eye, ear and throat department of one of the great London hospitals was about to examine a man who complained of severe pain.

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"This 'ere what?" inquired the patient.

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Other Bonds and Warrants	27,572.19
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Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	135,533.72
Total	\$520,933.24

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	9,365.29
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
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Mrs. Alton Smith left Tuesday evening for Abilene to spend a few days visiting her parents. E. E. Leslie, our accommodating Ice Man was called to Anson Wednesday afternoon to attend the bedside of an Uncle, who was reported as being critically ill. We trust that Mr. Leslie may find his Uncle improved upon his arrival.

Henry and Archie Rose have returned from a business trip to Plainview.

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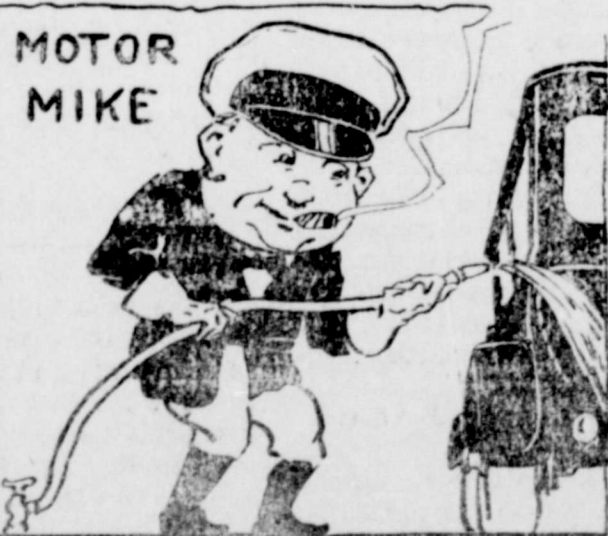
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### THE SCOUT ORGANIZATION

Merkel at present is supporting an organization among the boys known as Boy Scouts of America. This organization had its origin in Merkel a month and a half ago. The organization proper had its origin in America thirteen years ago, and the organization pre-proper had its origin in England more than a century ago.

The Enrollment of Boys from the ages of thirteen to sixteen is the imperative age though the age enrollment has no limit after we pass the thirteenth year of age. Our organization in Merkel can truthfully and freely say that we have had no Boys from the ages of sixteen to one hundred breaking their necks getting to the scout hall for any purpose not even to enroll.

We take this method of telling the Mothers, Fathers, Business Men, and Miscellaneous, of just what constitutes a Scout organization and its purpose.

A Scout Organization is the assembling together of a group of boys, either one or two nights of each week, or subject to call. The age limit is from thirteen to one hundred years. Each year has its patrol, over which a patrol leader is selected from this years troop by the troop proper. We now have four patrols, and 32 members. Each boy goes into the organization on his own free will. The organization being absolutely a voluntary movement. He serves for a season as an applicant for an examination that will enable him to be called a tenderfoot. During which time, he is enrolled at central office and receives his scout insignia. After the tenderfoot examination he serves one month and then is an applicant for a second class exam. There are certain obligations through which the scout must go through with, and fulfill before these exams may be taken. For instance, the Scout must do a daily good turn. He must train his mind to think continually of others and must have an ever conscious presence of mind toward doing some service. A scout must take the following oath before becoming a scout proper. "On my word of honor, I shall do my best to do my duty to God and to my country. To help others at all times. To Obey the Scout Law. To keep myself Physically strong, Mentally Alert and Menally straight.

There are twelve Laws:  
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For information and catalogue write—

T. N. Carswell, Registrar

The View public school closed last Friday with a play and pie supper at night, the proceeds from which, we understand, will be used for better equipment for the playgrounds. Also a contest was held and a prize given to the prettiest girl present. Miss Ila Morton received the prize.

Henry Bright, who lives near Trent, was reported very sick Wednesday with appendicitis, but later reports from his bedside is to the effect that he is some better. Elder W. G. Cy-pert and wife, father and mother of Mrs. Bright were called out Wednesday afternoon to see him.

**PURITY BLACKLEG  
AGGRESSION**

One treatment immunizes Calves for life. Burl Wheeler, Agent, Abilene, Texas. 20t4p

### GRADUATING TIME

R. B. JOHNSON

Has  
A beautiful line of suggestions in Jewelry for the Graduate. Come See them  
Phone 49

Manager, J. E. Richardson of the Merkel Lumber Company is having a nice new coat of paint put on the company's office and sheds, which adds much to splendid appearance of same. Undoubtedly a little paint and cleaning up this time of year not only adds to the beauty and appearance of ones property, but preserves same to a great extent.

J. W. Mayfield Jr. with his wife, left first of the week for Lamesa, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Mayfield will be connected with an abstract company of that city. They are most excellent people and have a host of friends in and about Merkel who regret very much their departure.

Mrs. Sarah Walling, of Orange, Texas, is here to spend the summer with her brothers, Messrs. Sam Terrill and Joe Winters.

Mr. F. F. Freeman, of Oklahoma City was here last week for a visit to his mother, Mrs. P. A. Sandifer and sister Mrs. Dr. S. W. Johnson.

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laws and applies them to his daily life.

The Purpose of the organization is to give the boy a chance for the enlarging of a self determined will to concentrate his energy and make this world his home and a better home for those that are to follow. For instance a scout reaches about him and puts to use everything that is of available use. The Scout is at home in the woods, in the Town and in the village. He is a student of human nature. Phycology, Zoology, Biology. Or in other words, He knows how to make a stranger feel at home in his town. He knows the various species of birds. The various types of flowers. He is familiar with all different types of trees, and can call to name the fishes of inland lakes and streams. He knows the History of the United States Flag from George Washington to Warren G. Harding. He knows that Bettie Ross made the First flag and that it then contained stripes sufficiently to represent each state in the Union, but later changed to be represented by stars of five points. A scout is familiar with the Historical Books of his country. He is religious, and believes in Higher learning for which each true Scout will strive for.

The scout Meeting night is on Friday night. The time is 8:00 o'clock. The organization does not seek to train the boy in a military way, but uses drill to handle boys and teach them obedience. Come to the Hall. Hang your hat on the rack and if you are bubbling over with this epidemic of a good case of 1923 Pep, we will initiate you and call you a Green-horn Tenderfoot.

M. R. Pike, temporary Scout Master.  
L. R. Thompson, Thomas Durham, Rev. Rred S. Rogers, Advisory committee.

Mr. C. R. L. Crick residing on route two, was in the city Tuesday and reported the loss of a fine horse on Sunday night when same was killed by lightning. He also reported a big rain with some hail, but slight damage resulted in his community from same.

C. G. McCord, representing the Sweetwater Marble and Granite Company, spent several days here last week in the interest of his company. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and his company is one of the largest and best in this part of the state.

J. N. Anderson, wife and daughter, of Tuscola, were up last week for a visit with the former's brother and family. Mr. G. L. Anderson of route five. Mr. Anderson also had with him for a visit, Mesdames Lula Cope of Champion and Mrs. Sallie Wood fin, sisters.

TheMerkel Mail is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a beautifully engraved graduating announcement from Mr. Harry L. Merritt; with card bearing his name, signifying that this splendid young man graduates from the Arlington High school. Harry is a fine young man, and has many friends here who extend congratulations.

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Was such a success that we have consented to put it on again, and make it cover a wider range of goods for you, commencing Saturday, May 12 and ending Tuesday May 15. Also making some \$2 and \$3 extra special prices that you will save good to big money on.

Remember— Our list of goods and prices are to be seen on our circular being sent you by mail and given out on the Streets.

## The Brown Dry Goods Company

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BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SIX  
O'CLOCK P. M. WEDNESDAY  
FOR INSERTION IN THAT  
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Foreign Advertising Representative  
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

How about a general clean up  
and paint up in Merkel. What  
say you Mr. Mayor?

The fellow who never makes  
a mistake is either dead or  
fool enough to think he is per-  
fect.

The appearance of the inter-  
ior of the Mahhattan Cafe, on  
Front Street has been improv-  
ed by the laying of new floor  
covering.

The new awning, which has  
recently been placed in front of  
the Star Hotel in the Crenshaw  
block adds very much to the ap-  
pearance of that corner.

The appearance of the office,  
sheds, and fences of the Merkel  
Lumber Company, is improved  
very much by a liberal applica-  
tion of paint.

Unless some unforeseen calam-  
ity befalls the wheat and oat  
crop of this locality, same points  
to a very large yield per acre.  
However, the acreage is very  
small throughout this section.

Why say a mean thing about  
a neighbor, when a kind word  
would help him along his rug-  
ged path, and surely make you  
feel better, for no man ever felt  
good when saying something  
mean or slanderous about any-  
body.

The work of tearing away  
the old awning from in front of  
the Lone Star Hotel building  
has been completed and work-  
men are busy replacing same  
with a new one, which will add  
much to the appearance of the  
building. The owner of same is  
to be commended. May others  
who own business property go  
and do likewise, where such is  
needed.

Over at Van Alstyne, a beau-  
tiful little city in the county of  
Grayson, the citizens voted  
sewer bonds to the amount of  
\$30,000. Afterwards they found  
that the \$30,000 would not pay  
for the sewer being placed over  
the entire city. They called an-  
other election and voted \$10,000  
additional, and now have the  
system almost complete. The  
1920 census gives Van Alstyne  
as having a population of 1,590  
as compared to Merkel with 1,  
810.

The annual convention of the  
West Texas Chamber of Com-  
merce will be held at San An-  
gelo, on May 21, 22, and 23. It  
is expected that not less than  
ten thousand people will be in  
attendance. Some west Texas  
towns with populations no larger  
than Merkel and some even  
less will send delegation num-  
bering 500. Some of them, yet  
at least twenty-five west Tex-  
as towns will take their bands.  
Our splendid county seat,  
Abilene, will maintain a ten-  
tent city on the banks of the  
beautiful Concho, and Sweet-  
water, Anson, Hamlin and even  
Roby expect to send large de-  
legations. It will be a great ad-  
vertisement for any town to be  
properly represented. How  
about Merkel, the "City in  
Clover", the town that receives  
more cotton during ordinary  
years, than any town along  
T. & P. from Texarkana to El  
Paso, will she send the proper  
advertisement and representa-  
tion?

W. W. Wood, a former busi-  
ness man of Merkel, but now of  
Abilene, was in the city Mon-  
day.

**The Merkel Dry Goods Co**

The Store Where Quality Counts



**Wash Goods**

We have just received a shipment  
of wash materials and included in  
this shipment the following Dress  
Goods:

Organdies, in all popular colors. . . . . 85c

Linen, in Rose, Blue, Pink,  
Green and Yellow at . . . . . \$1.25

Tissue Gingham, all colors in stripes, checks, etc. . . . . 65c

Voile, good grade for . . . . . 50c

We also have a good selection of materials for underwear con-  
sisting of Batiste, Nainsook, Satinella, and Crepe in white and  
colors.



We are now showing a complete line of Ladies' White Sport Oxfords and Strap Slippers; also varied styles in Suede, Patten, Satin and Kid. All new and correct Styles with high and low heels.



A Story of Shoe Satisfaction can be told in a word if that word is "Florsheim" It's a pleasure to wear them. We are now featuring the "PARKWAY" "HAMPTON" "CHESTER" last in Calf, Brown Kid, & Russian.

We always carry a full line of Pictorial Review Patterns in the latest Styles and it is a very easy matter to select a pattern suitable for the materials mentioned in this ad.

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Merkel, Texas

**DOES ADVERTISING PAY? Colorado Record.**

In speaking of the advantages of Colorado as a trading point, one farmer and stockman from the eastern part of the county stated that he considered it worth while to come to Colorado to do his trading. Continuing he said:

"There are two things that I never buy in Colorado. Those are furniture items and imple-ments. I can buy both of these items in Loraine and Sweet water much cheaper and then when I go to buy them, the dealers there treat me courteous and make me want to go back."

That is probably more than Colorado can boast of in these lines. Another thing when I buy furniture, the wife and I talk it over at home and we like to have papers with advertise-ments about the goods offered. We can decide on about what we want before we come to town. If your merchants would advertise more Colorado would do more business. I have two boys and three girls and when we get the Colorado Record, we all read it, not only the news items but the ads. We pick out and decide on lots of things to buy before we leave home for Colorado. If Colorado merchants would advertise more they would get more business."

**BOYS**

Unless a man has a son, or preferably several of them, he has missed the greatest thing in life. Fame, riches, glory, power, are empty, indeed, if there be not someone coming along to take an interest in what "dad" does. Happy, indeed, is the man who has a son to chum around with, to guide his unfolding life into theright paths, to put into his mind the things that ought to be there.

There are usually three stages in the boy's life. During the first one, his "dad" is the greatest man that ever lived. During the second stage, when the boy is just arriving as the "young man", era, he is apt to be impatient with "dad", to think him old fashioned, a man who failed to make the most of his oppor-tunities. A liking for "dad" may persist, but it is tempered with youth's impatience at the conser-vation of age.

And then, the third stage is when the son has attained the stature of man, assumed man's responsibilities, and has learned first hand some of the things "dad" had to contend with. And then comes renewed reverence and liking for "dad" that should continue through life.

That there are exceptions to the above outlined is not denied. And in too many instances, "dad" is too busy with what he considers more important af-fairs to take his boy into his confidence, make a chum of him. Boys can be spoiled so easily by over indulgence, so that they regard "dad" as a walking pock-et book. A gain "dad" is very much inclined to have the boy "do as I say" instead of remem-bering the boy's strongest im-pulse is to do as his dad does. Example is more powerful than precept-action stronger than words.

Take an interest in your boy, help him in every way that you can; punish him when neces-sary, but always justly; be pat-ient with his mistakes, and in the years to come, he will be a source of great pride, and a pil-lar of strength in declining years.

Remember too, that the world is advancing—and it is up to parents to keep up with the times—so they can keep up with their children.— Sweet water Reporter.

Accordion, box and knife pleating. If you want to look dressy, have me do your clean-ing and pressing. No gas odor— one day service. Ligon, the Laundry man, phone 218. tf

A. V. Dye, chief of the local fire department, accompanied by F. A. Sanders from Hose Company No. 1, and A. E. Brown from Hose Company No. 2, left last Sunday for San Marcos, where as delegates from the local fire departmen tthey went to attend the State Fire-men's Convention.

Delma Compton returned first of the week from a trip to Austin, where he attended the University Inter-Scholastic State Track Meet. Besides en-joying his trip and the many interesting sights, Delma re-ports having a pleasant visit among the six young men and friends from Merkel who are at-tending the University this year.

Be particular about your cleaning and pressing, have it done the right way. It doesn't cost any more. No gas odor— one day service. Ligon, the laun-dryman. Phone 218. tf

Come by the Bakery every day noon for those delicious sweet milk rolls. tf

Dr. M. Armstrong returned yesterday from Fort Worth where he had been to attend the meeting of the State Medi-cal Association. He reports a very fine trip.

**TAILS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS**

Different Reasons for Different Move-ments, According to Eminent Italian Professor.

Animals' tails have various func-tions, Prof. Giuseppe Ronato tells us in a published study of their uses, the New York Times states. The tail of a dog, says the professor, is, as we all know, an index of his psychologi-cal state; he raises and wags it, un-der the impression of joy, lowers it when afflicted and trails it between his legs when frightened. Why, then, may we not believe that dogs have a caudal language, and that the various move-ments of the tail form a method of communication between them?

The professor points out that among cattle and beasts of burden the tail is a weapon of defense against insects which, in the undomesticated state of these animals, may often have meant the saving of their lives. He says that in the early struggle for existence in cattledom and horsedom the question of survival of the fittest was purely a matter of which had the strongest tail. This resulted in the development of the muscles of the cow and horse to a remarkable degree.

When a horse is struck on the back with a whip it switches the spot with its tail. The horse knows it is a whip and not an insect, but the reflex mus-cles of its tail are so highly developed, that it instinctively switches before the horse has time to telegraph to his brain and put in a stop order.

A cow finds it less fatiguing to keep up a perpetual side to side motion of its tail than to indulge in the nerv-ous, energetic one which the horse upon occasion employs.

**SHOW GREAT INTEREST IN MAN**

Lower Animals Believed to Look Upon Human Biped as Very Much One of Themselves.

That animals look upon man as one of themselves, and not as an object entirely beyond their horizon, is evi-denced by the remarkable interest and curiosity regarding him and his do-ings shown by wild creatures, and by their desire to make friends with him as long as their confidence has not been met by rough rebuke and per-secution, which is, alas! the usual re-sponse given by the destroyer of crea-tion to such friendly advances.

It is our own fault only, if birds all the world over are not even now on the same footing of familiarity with us as were the birds of the Monte Alverna when St. Francis of Assisi ar-rived there; or the birds of the Falk-lands and the Galapagos islands when Darwin visited them; or as the birds of southern Morocco are at the pres-ent day, or were, at least, under Mo-hammedan rule, a few years ago.

But even birds, which have learned at their cost that to come within reach of man is an infinitely greater risk than to approach a wildcat or a snake, will still, when they believe them-selves unobserved, and while taking all necessary precautions, often give way to the feeling of curiosity with which the appearance of the long biped in unexpected localities and on unexpected occasions inspires them.— Hans Coudenhove in the Atlantic Monthly.

**Pastorals.**

Pastoral literature must not be con-founded with that which has for its subject the lives, the ideas, and the emotions of simple and unsophisti-cated mankind, far from the centers of our complex civilization. The two may be in their origin related, and they occasionally, as it were, stretch out feelers towards one another, but the pastoral or tradition lies in its essence as far from the human docu-ment of humble life as from . . . a volume of pastoral theology. . . . Thus the shepherds of pastoral are primarily and distinctively shepherds; they are not mere rustics engaged in sheepcraft as one out of many of the employments of mankind. As soon as the natural shepherd-life had found an objective setting in conscious artistic literature, it was felt that there was, after all, a difference between hoeing 'urns and pasturing sheep; that the one was capable of a particular lit-erary treatment which the other was not.—W. W. Greg.

**The Proper Thing.**

A man went into a bakery the other day. "I'm getting married next week," he began, "and I want to buy a wed-ding cake." "I suppose you know, sir," said the shopgirl, "that it's the latest thing to choose wedding cakes which harmonize with one's business or profession. For instance, an ath-lete would have a cup cake, a musi-cian an out cake, a man who gouges his friends a sponge cake, a pianist a pound cake, and so on. What, may I ask, is your calling?" "I am a doctor," the bridegroom answered. "In that case, then," said the girl, smiling, "we would of course, prescribe an angel cake."

**Make the Children a Scrap-Book.**

Start a historical scrap-book for the children. Put into it pictures and items of unusual interest dealing with important public characters and events. When they grow older allow the children to do their own selecting of articles and their own pasting. If encouraged in this work they will com-plete the book when they are grown up, and will have not only a book of much interest and information, but will have a liking for history (history which will be real and concrete to them), not developed so easily by any other method.

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# FLOOR COVERING

We are expecting a new shipment of floor coverings in any day. Protect your floors, as well as your health, by making the home more comfortable & up-to-date with floor coverings. Come in and let us show you.

We still buy used furniture, or exchange new for used. Give us a Trial.

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PHONE 196

### SENIOR B. Y. P. U PROGRAM RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Bible Study meeting, the short books of the new Testament.

- Leader, Selena Teaff.  
Bible Quiz, Valerie Dye.  
1. Paul in Rome, Nell Tracy  
2. Philemon, Maude Hardy.  
3. Onesimus, Lula Sharp.  
4. The appeal of the letter, Dixie Howard.  
5. The outcome, Lillian Craig.  
6. Some points for emphasis, Yates Brown.

I will stand my Jack at my barn in Merkel. \$10.00 to insure a living colt. Season out when colt is foaled, mare moved out of county or sold. Also my fine Jersey Male for service, at \$2.00  
J. S. Swann. 4tp

Miss Mary Proctor, who is attending A. C. C. in Abilene spent a few days with home folks the forepart of the week.

Blair, Texas, May, 3 1923.

Where as God in his infinite wisdom, and mercy has seen fit to call from our midst, the wife of our beloved brother and fellow lodge member, W. H. Hatha way, therefore be it resolved:

That this lodge extends to this bereaved family our heart felt sympathy and consolation in this their hour of grief and sorrow for the loss of their mother and wife.

Be it further resolved, that we send a copy of these resolutions to be printed in the Merkel Mail, that we tender a copy to the bereaved and also that a copy be spread upon our minutes.

Done By Blair I. O. F. Lodge, Number 496, A.P. Sanford, John Ray; W. J. Tyler, Com.

Belle of Wichita Flour is good. Have us send you a sack. Hamilton and Case. It

## LADY WAS IN A BAD FIX FROM NERVOUS INDIGESTION

Biloxi, Miss.—"I had, for a year or more, nervous indigestion, or some form of stomach trouble," says Mrs. Alonzo Ford, 1117 Clay Street, this city. "The water I drank at that time seemed to constipate me. I would suffer until I got so nervous I wanted to get down on the floor and roll. I felt like I could tear my clothes.

"Every night, and night after night, I had to take something for a laxative, and it had to be kept up nightly. My side would pain. I looked awful. My skin was sallow and seemed spotted. I would look at my hands and arms, and the flesh looked lifeless.

"I happened to get a Birthday Almanac, so I told my husband I would try the Black-Draught, which I did. I took a few big doses. I felt much better. My liver acted well. I made a good, warm tea and drank it that way. Soon I found

that nervous, tight feeling was going, as was the pain in my side. I found I did not have to take it every night. Soon, after a few weeks, I could leave it off for a week or so, and I did not suffer with constipation. . . I gained flesh. I have a good color, and believe it was a stubborn liver, and that Black-Draught did the work.

"I went to my mother's (Mrs. Deeters) one day, and she wasn't well at all. . . I told her we'd try Black-Draught. We did, and now she keeps it to take after eating. It certainly helped her, and we neither will be without it in our homes. It is so simple, and the dose can be regulated as the case may be. We use small doses after meals for indigestion, and larger doses for headache or bad liver."

Theford's Black-Draught liver medicine is for sale everywhere. 184

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### TRENT ITEMS

Miss Cora and Mattie Scott, and Fannie visited relatives at Sylvester Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Ira Waldon of Merkel was visiting Mr. Jess Nalley last Sunday.

Mr. Willard Estep is in Trent this weekk visiting his father, Mr. S. H. Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman have purchased a new ford.

Boots Brown, Carton McLeod and Volly eVssels went to Merkel Monday night.

Mr. Gilbert, the teacher, was back in Trent Monday greeting friends.

Mrs. McLaughin visited Mrs. W. J. Reynolds last Saturday afternoon.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. Social given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wood was enjoyed by a number of youngsters. After playing some interesting games, and telling several ghost stories in a dark room, the B. Y. P. U. guests were invited to the kitchen where Mrs. Wood and the leader, Miss Winnie Brown had prepared sandwiches and lemonade.

Mr. Walden, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Nalley and family and Mr. Roy Nalley motored to Sylvester last Sunday.

John Reynolds spent the day Sunday with Charlie Reid.

Steve Payne went to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs John B. Winn spent Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rodgers.

Mr. Crosly, the farmer gin man of Trent is back again, and has taken charge of the farmer's gin and will run it next fall.

### FORD CARS IN DEMAND

"More people want Ford Cars than ever before", Mr. L. B. Scott, local Ford dealer said to day.

"Fifty thousand more Fords were sold at retail in March than in any other month in the History of the Ford Motor Co., according to word from Detroit. The March sales totaled 179,764 cars and Trucks.

"For a whole year sales have been running over 100,000 a month, bringing a total of 1,429,979 Ford Cars and Trucks in to use in the United States alone since April 1st, 1922.

"Here in the Dallas branch territory of which this city is a part, the March sales were 4,873, a big increase over last year for the same month. The demand for the Ford is just as great proportionately here at home as it is anywhere else in the country.

The company is now operating on the greatest manufacturing schedule in its history, so there are more Ford Cars being built than ever before and improvements in all the different types make the Ford the best it ever has been.

And Ford Cars are now easier to obtain than ever before because of the new Ford Weekly Purchase Plan, which makes it possible for more families to have a car. Father, mother sons and daughters all can participate in the Plan and it is rather surprising the number of families who are taking advantage of it so as to enjoy the pleasures that come with automobile ownership.

Voile, Crepe, Taffeta, China silk, and wool dresses, Coat suits, Men's suits, boys suits, cleaned and pressed by help who know how. One day service—no gas odor. Ligon, the laundryman, Phone 218. tf

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Group No. 2.

Subject, our great school of the prophets.

1. Introduction, Gladys Hardy
2. The Seminary Launched, Winfred Hay.
3. Early Days in Greenville, Roy Giles.
4. Early days at Louisville, Aileen Childress.
5. Some names we should honor (a) Hoyt Davis; (b) Marie Brown; (c) Alvie Elliott, (d) Joe Ben Ashby.

Mrs. S. W. Johnson and mother, Mrs. P. A. Sandifer, left first of the week for Mineral Wells, where they will spend some time in the interest of the latter's health.

Durability comes first, we have it. SERVICE comes next, we give it. SATISFACTION is what we all want, we guarantee it. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180 tf.

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Paint and Varnish Products  
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Millions—billions—of flaming torches are flung at your barn by the sun. Fiercely they wreak their hot fury on every spot of unpainted or poorly painted wood. Its strength burnt away, its endurance withdrawn, the wood falls an easy victim to devouring rot. Paint your barn with Devole Products; and defeat the havoc of the weather. Well painted wood, because it is sealed against heat and moisture, endures for centuries.

Liberty Hardware Company

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Matinee Saturday From 2 to 5:30

Friday  
"Beside The Bonny Briar Bush"

A Paramount Special  
With an All Star Cast.

Also— ROLIN COMEDY  
And— PATHE REVIEW

Saturday  
Franklyn Farnum

IN  
"Fire Brand"

Also— SNUB POLLARD COMEDY  
And— PATHE NEWS

Tuesday May 15th } Wm. Duncan "NONE DEFENCE"  
ONE NIGHT ONLY

W. F. Hamblett has purchased the McClain property on Edwards Street and will occupy the same as soon as the improvements which the property is now undergoing, is finished.

Purina Chick Startena feed, with buttermilk especially prepared for baby chick. Garrett & Company.

Jennings Winter, wife and baby of Meadow, Terry county were down last week for a visit with relatives.

Call on us for Admiration Coffee. The cup of Southern cheer. Hamilton and Case.

Mr. Edward Kerr, of Palinvew returned home last week after an extended visit with J. J. Russell.



America leads the world in the Standardization of watch parts. To retain this high standard your watch should always be repaired with Genuine Watch Material made by the factory which made the watch. We use only genuine watch material in all our watch repairing.

Thos. C. Wilson, Jeweler  
Merkel, Texas

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### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Oats, 55c per bushel at my farm 8 miles south east of Merkel. J. Walter Hammond. 12t4p

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1. Introduction by leader, Nell Sharp.
2. The Seminary Launched, Cullen Toombs.
3. Early days in Greenville, Thelma Deavers.
4. Reading, Maude Highsmith
4. Early days in Lewisville—Melba West.
6. Names we should honor (a) Fannie Bell Boaz. (b) and (c) Godie Richie.
- (d) Mary Parrack.
8. Original Talk, Lila Mae Bird.
9. Original Talk, by Lewis Giles.
10. Reading, Nell Sharp.

Guy B. Tabor, splendid coach for the Merkel High school, in company with Roy Stevens, returned first of the week from their trip to Austin, where the latter took part in the State Athletic Track Meet last week. Young Stevens won first place in some of the contests and second in several.

Stop the Magnolia Truck, we are trying to get by. C. H. Jones. 1t

### COMPERE ITEMS

Health of the community is very good.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin who was called to the bedside of her mother who lives in Coryell Co, reports her mother no better.

Miss Grace and Ora Farmer of Newman were visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. M Blankinship first of the week.

Mrs. J. S. Touchstone is being quite busy seeing after 1500 little chickens.

Quite a number of the community enjoyed a basket ball game at Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allred's Monday night.

Charlie Sherrill has done a considerable amount of repair work on his alarm clock, he said his boy will have to have a pair of overalls soon.

Henry Foster has been looking through the catalogue trying to find a pair of overalls large enough for his boy.

Uncle Jaye Foster was seen going toward the creek with his cane the other day.

E. C. Tarvin Jr. was kept quite busy Monday for a while keeping his seat on a young horse.

Mrs. E. H. Mashburn is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Spurgin.

C. S. Childers and family were visiting in Hamlin Saturday and Sunday and attending commencement exercises of the Nazarin College of Hamlin.

Everybody be sure and come to the play at Compere Saturday night. We will insure you a good time and if you are not satisfied with it, come around and give us a dollar.

Mr. M. L. Estes of Merkel is out here on his farm doing some repair work. —Luck

### MRS. GROENE IS HOSTESS

Monday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock, Mrs. Fred Groene entertained her Sunday school class. First on program was a campaign to be waged against General Green on the church house lawn, and the way those boys and girls, with hoe and rake went after those weeds, under the leadership of Mesdames Groene, Burnes, and Cypert, would have made you shout with gladness and victory. At six o'clock the retreat was sounded and the forces having made a successful onslaught on "General Green", the forces were marched to the residence of Mrs. Groene, where lunch was served, consisting of sandwiches, and lemonade, to the following boys and girls: Joe Cypert, R. L. Burns, Bill Hutchins, Hoy Davis, W.P. Jones, Dolph Fowler, Fred Yandell, Clara Brown, Dolphine Moore, Bessie Ash, Nell Brown, Clara Marshall, Mildred and Velma Holoway, Mary Comegys, Clark Acuff, Maud Highsmith, Margaret Eckerd, Sally Mary Campbell. All reported a very, very enjoyable time.

Mrs. S. A. Duckett of Tulla and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock, of Caddo, Texas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris first of the week.

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### PAINT ROCK CATTLEMEN'S STEERS BRING BIG PRICE

One of the best demonstrations so far reported of the fattening qualities of weeds and grass in West Texas this spring was obtained Wednesday and Thursday at Paint Rock, when D. E. Sims and Son delivered to Croker Brothers of Bazar, Kan., over 1,000 three and four-year old steers.

The animals were contracted for in February, immediately after the cattle raiser's convention in El Paso, at 6.48 per cwt. Buyer and seller expected them to weigh around 1,000 pounds each, but not a few stockmen thought 800 to 850 pounds would be nearer the mark.

"The cattle tipped the scales at an average of 1,040 pounds," reported A. D. Hudnall, representative of the Kansas City Stock Yards Company, who was in Paint Rock Thursday. Sims stated that the cattle were not fed and that for the thirty days they gained nearly five pounds each, daily, on the open range. They were one of the best bunches of range finished stuff I ever saw."

Sixty cars were required to move the cattle from Paint Rock to Bazar, Kansas, about twenty-seven steers being loaded to the car, Mr. Hudnall stated.

The above item is from the San Angelo Standard, and the Mr. Sims mentioned is well known by many Merkelites, as it is on his splendid ranch where many of our citizens spend their fishing vacations. Mr. Sims is not only one of the best fixed and pioneer stockmen of West Texas, but with his good wife, is numbered among the big hearted and cleverest of citizens throughout this section.

Mr. E. H. Thompson returned Sunday from Wayne, Okla., where he was called last Thursday, by a message announcing the sudden death of his mother. Deceased was sixty-seven years

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H. P. Wilkins was in the city Monday and reported that a big rain with considerable hail fell Sunday night at his home in the Saltbranch community.

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**No Foolish Romance**

By JOHN PALMER

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LAWYER JOHN EDMONDS looked up from his desk. "Leaving me, Miss Prentiss? May I ask why, after all these years? If it's a matter of the salary—"

"It isn't that," said Miss Prentiss, looking down.

Miss Prentiss was silent. "Come, Miss Prentiss, as an old friend, surely—?"

"Well, Mr. Edmonds, if you must know, people are talking about us. It was your seeing me home those dark nights last winter."

John Edmonds looked at her thoughtfully. He was a widower of fifty, and Ellen Prentiss a comely business girl of thirty-three. Decision came into his mind, one of those Napoleonic decisions that had made him what he was—the most successful lawyer in the city.

"Did you ever think of getting married, Miss Prentiss?" he asked.

"N-no, it never occurred to me," Miss Prentiss answered.

"I'll be frank with you, Miss Prentiss. I have been thinking of getting married again. I want a wife. But I don't want any foolish romance. I never had much taste for it, and I'm growing old. Would you consider the proposition?"

"Indeed, yes," answered Miss Prentiss frankly. "I—I hate romance, Mr. Edmonds, and you men are so foolish. Now you've put the idea into my head; it suits me very well. As a business proposition I accept it gladly."

John Edmonds arose and shook her hand. "You are the most sensible woman in Clayton, Miss Prentiss," he said. "But then I've always known that. I shall be delighted to marry you on—let me see!" He consulted his diary. "On the 4th prox. That will give us two clear days—er—honey-moon, before that court case comes on. You don't mind honey-moons, Miss Prentiss?"

"I—I've never tried one," Miss Prentiss answered, "but I suppose they're all right."

"Then that's settled," said John Edmonds. "You will call me John in future and I shall call you Elizabeth."

On the way home with Miss Prentiss, who boarded in the same street, John Edmonds said thoughtfully: "How about—er—kissing Elizabeth? I don't see any sense in it myself, but I approve in a way of keeping up the old customs."

"Why, yes, I've thought of that," answered Elizabeth. "I suppose it's all right now and then."

John kissed her at the door, and then, absent-mindedly, he kissed her again. Elizabeth's face wore a thoughtful look.

To his surprise he found that he rather looked forward to those kisses. Elizabeth Prentiss never said anything about them.

Yes, John Edmonds felt strange, forgotten impulses stirring within him. One day he sat down at his desk and composed the following letter:

"Darling Elizabeth:

"You will never see this, but I have to relieve my mind. I find that I love you. It is nonsense, and I should be very much ashamed if you ever found out, because you are my ideal, so sensible and all that, and if you 'reamed what I am thinking about you would probably never marry me. The sight of your beautiful face fills me with a terrible longing for I know not what. Every time I touch your lips with mine thrills run through me. When you smile it sends me straight into heaven. But you will never know. With fondest love, darling, Your John."

Just then the telephone rang. A man had been stabbed to death, and his assailant, pleading self-defense, had sent for John Edmonds from the jail. Forgetting all about his letter, John put on his hat and rushed out.

When he came back three hours later Elizabeth seemed particularly cold to him. He remembered the letter. He felt his heart sink into his boots. Elizabeth had to go to the courthouse that afternoon. As soon as she was gone he took the fatal letter from under his blotting pad. Yes, she had arranged his desk, she had seen it. What was this? He hadn't written that:

"Darling John, I was afraid you'd never care for me. I am the happiest woman in the world. You are so noble and so strong and good and brave. Won't you take your little Popsy in your arms when she comes back and say all that to her?"

The clerk came in. John Edmonds started.

"That murderer wants to see you, sir, about—"

"I'm too busy to bother with murderers," answered John Edmonds.

"Gee, the old man's sitting at his desk like he was waiting for a funeral," the clerk told the filing girl. But that was only John Edmonds' way. He was waiting for Elizabeth.

**Red-Striped Goats.**

Discovery of a species of mountain goat with red stripes on the backs and with straight horns has disclosed the fact that Indians living in Musrolknak, Alaska, still regard Queen Victoria as their ruler. They planned to send their specimens to the Anglican bishop of Yukon, and when informed that the Right Rev. Peter T. Dome, Bishop of Alaska, in the United States church, was their ecclesiastical head, they decided to send goats to both prelates.



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Banker, J. T. Warren, we are informed has some very fine early fall oats, which according to several who have looked the field over predict that without hinderance by hail etc, the yield per acre will possibly run up to 60 or 70 bushels per acre.

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**SENIOR RECEPTION**

The Seniors were very much puzzled last Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Burgess called a class meeting for the purpose of presenting some "diplomas" as he said that he feared our real diplomas would not get here before school closed.

Great was our surprise, when we opened them and found them to be invitations to a reception given Friday evening by the faculty at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones, honoring the Seniors.

The house was beautifully decorated with the class colors, purple and gold. As we entered a bouquet of purple and gold flowers were pinned on us. After all had assembled, we found our puaces at the tables and enjoyed several games of "Senior" Battie Proctor won the highest score for girls and was awarded a bottle of toilet water. Carvel Tucker won highest score for boys and was awarded a beautiful box of stationary.

Loyd Pribble and Vennie Heizer were awarded an alum-

inum spoon and a cup for making the lowest score.

Several more interesting games and contests were played and Loyd took off all the prizes for his slowness—among them was a turtle.

Delicious refreshments of ice cream and "Senior" cakes were served. Delightful music was enjoyed at intervals during the evening.

**ALATHEAN CLASS**

On last Friday evening the members of the Alathean Class were entertained at the beautiful country home of Mrs. A. W. Tittle. After the business was attended to the social hour followed. This was turned over to the hostess.

The class enjoyed various contests, games, and after which delicious refreshments were served, which all enjoyed very much. At the departure, each reported a nice time and expressed their desire for another pleasant afternoon.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

Mr. M. W. Pickelsimer, who has been heretofore some time from his home in the state of Washington, looking after his farms near Merkel, informs us that he received news first of the week that his home and practically all contents in Oakdale, Washington, had been destroyed by fire. He stated that most everything was a total loss as but little insurance was carried. We with his friends extend sympathy in his heavy loss.

**A FEW MILK COWS**

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A crowd composed of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Emory McDonald, R. L. Bland and family, Henry West and family, W. L. Diltz Jr. and family, and G. J. Jones left Wednesday morning for the historical banks of the Concho river on a fishing expedition.

**SHEEP IN CATTLE COUNTRY**

Exception to Their Presence Under the Circumstances Was Natural to the Beef Producers.

Then out of a clear sky came the smell of sheep; all was o. k. at first, 'cause the cowmen figured there was plenty of range for everybody, even sheep. But soon enough the sheep kept getting thicker and their range poorer, which started the crowding on the cowman's best bits of country, Will James writes in Scribner's. There were a few parleys without the voice of the "smoke wagon" being heard—but sheep and sheep herders don't have much respect for words or rules or country; so they went at it to start spoiling it all; and the cowmen went on to finishing what the sheepmen had started, with the result that mostly sheepmen and sheep were missing. The government couldn't do much; they'd had to pinch about four states.

The cattlemen won for a spell and all was hunky-dory again, outside of the damage sheep had done to the range. The dust beds they'd made out of the good grassy "benches" were beginning to show signs of life, the air was pure as ever and cattle were getting fat. The cattlemen were all good folks once more and tending to their business in land that was theirs. They were the first to blaze the trail to it; they made that land a big beef-producing country, it was their home, and naturally they wouldn't allow sheep coming along and leaving nothing of it but the bad odor.

**CURED HIS "SWELLED HEAD"**

Joseph Jefferson Has Told of Incident That Reduced the Size of His Cranium Considerably.

Successful actors, like other successful people, need to be on their guard against the "swelled head." Joseph Jefferson, known and loved all over the country for his Rip Van Winkle, once told Mr. John Drew how he himself was cured of an incipient case of that malady. Mr. Drew retells the anecdote in his entertaining book of reminiscences:

Mr. Jefferson told me that when he had made his big success with Rip Van Winkle he thought himself fairly important. One night as he was going to his room in the Fifth Avenue hotel a stockily-built man with a grizzled beard got into the elevator with him. "Are you playing in town now, Mr. Jefferson?" he asked.

Mr. Jefferson as he replied in the affirmative rather pitied the man for his ignorance and his total lack of understanding of what was going on in the world. What a simpleton he must be who did not know that "Rip" was having an extraordinary run! When the man reached his floor and got out Mr. Jefferson asked the elevator boy: "Who was that?"

"Why," said the boy, in his turn pitying Mr. Jefferson for ignorance, "that's General Grant!"—Youth's Companion.

**Gottland.**

The Sagan relates that the discoverer, and first settler on the Isle of Gottland was a man named Thjelvar. From the same source we learn that the island was then in such an unstable condition that it was submerged in the daytime, and rose to the surface at night, but Thjelvar exterminated with fire the trolls and evil spirits that infested it, and never since that time have the waters broken over the Pearl of the Baltic. The great number of tourists who have rediscovered Gottland in recent years are of a different disposition, and what lures them thither and fascinates them into lengthening their stay are the traces of those weird powers and happenings of olden times. In later years, the early Middle Ages, Gottland was indeed a power to be reckoned with, and it is the combination of ancient fairy lore and an interesting historical past that makes the island so attractive and a favorite spot for tourists intent on exploring strange ground.—Boston Transcript.

**Unwritten Page of History.**

John Tyler was elected vice president on the same ticket on which William Henry Harrison was elected president, but Harrison had not been in office much more than a month when he was suddenly taken ill and died. Tyler was at his home in Virginia when the news of the death of Harrison reached him. He seemed dazed at its unexpectedness. "You are now president of the United States," said his informant.

Tyler passed his hands across his forehead as though it required an effort to understand the reality of the responsibility which had been thrust upon him so suddenly. One story has it that he was so poor that he had to borrow the money to pay his expenses for the journey to Washington. At all events he hurried there by the first train, took the oath of office and became the occupant of the White House.

**Africa Stands High.**

Geologists believe Africa is a huge block of the earth's crust, thrust above the ocean's level by some force from deep in the rocks, and held there almost since geological history began. Africa is a continent practically without harbors. The northern portion is generally low and has at different times been covered by the sea. If the southern peninsula, the true "continent," is a high plateau, around its coasts the shores rise steeply out of the water. Rivers pour down the slopes in rapids, or, in the case of Zambesi, the scarp is sheer enough to have generated a waterfall.

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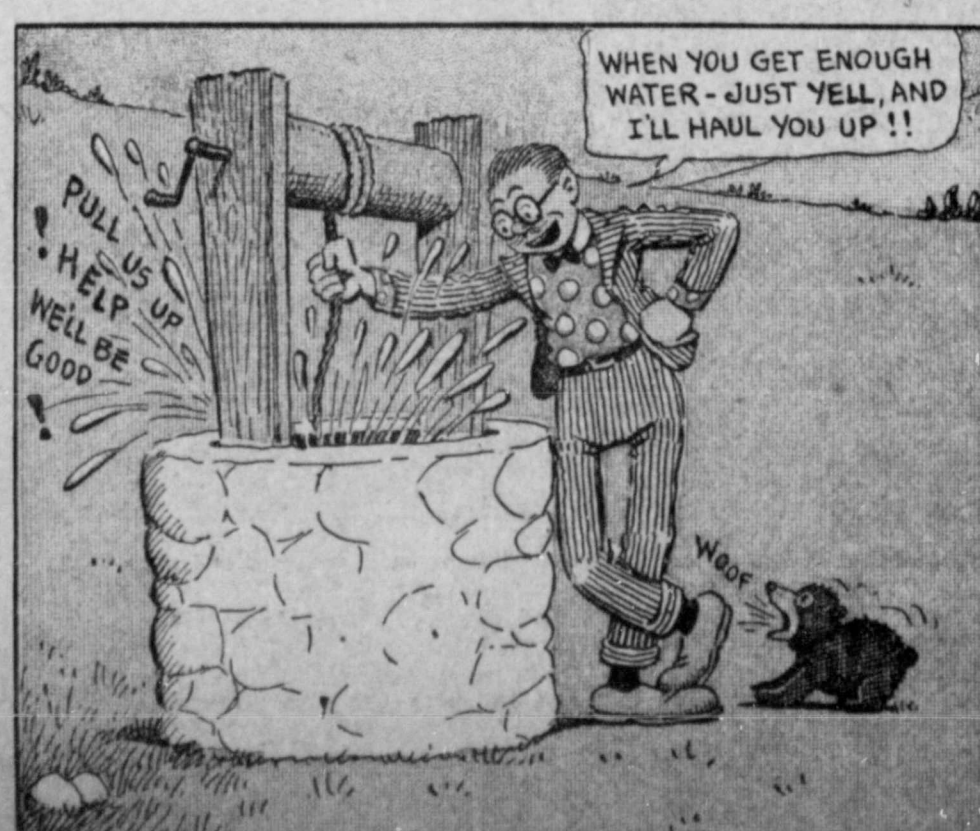
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## PETE AND PINTO

### The Cow-Kids of O-Joy Ranch



# First Confederate Reunion in Texas

Held at Dallas in 1867, With Jefferson Davis as Guest of Honor

Five and fifty years have passed since the first gathering of Southern Soldiers was held in Texas after the surrender at Appomattox. This event took place in 1867 at Dallas, when that city was only a village, with a few business houses around the courthouse square and when the nearest railroad point was the terminus of the H. and T. C. at Milligan.

The men who came back from the war, when the tide of battle had turned against the Confederacy and the noble Lee realized the futility of further sacrifices, saw their farms grown up in weeds, their ranches barren of stock and the kind of money they had of little value. Two years later, however, witnessed the wheels of progress slowly turning again in spite of the great difficulties that had been encountered, and it was then that a barbecue was given on the grounds where the Texas State Fair at Dallas is held today. This barbecue was for the veterans of "the Lost Glorious Cause," and the guest of honor was Jefferson Davis.

Old timers still remember what a glorious love feast that was. Notables came from all over the state and it was then that the vanquished chieftain clasped hands once more with his comrades through the strife, including John H. Reagan, who 127 years following was referred to as "The Last Rose of the Confederate Cabinet."

A striking contrast might be drawn between that reunion of the long ago and those held now. The participants were still young and with life before them. In many instances here boys, wearing homespun uniforms of gray, occupied positions in the line that proudly stepped to the strains of martial music. And the voices that chimed in to the tune of "Dixie," the "Bonnie Blue Flag," or "Nellie Gray" were strong and clear. Now each form is bent, each



"There was much rejoicing as comrades met for the first time after coming home."

head is crowned with snow, each voice is husky and only the heart is able to march in rhythm and order to the rattle of the drums.

There was much rejoicing as comrades met for the first time after coming home, and it was interesting to hear one Johnny "tell off" on another about some foraging expedition. "Don't you remember, Bill," the conversation would go, "that time you carried a solid log on your shoulder for a quarter of a mile, thinking it was a bee-gum rich with honey?" "Yes, I do," Bill would retort, "and I haven't forgotten, either, that big red-headed Irish woman out there east of Vicksburg, who chased you into camp with a garden rake and made you give up the old Dominecker rooster you yanked out of her back yard."

All seemed to be having a good time that day in spite of the distressing political conditions over the state. Jefferson Davis was a popular idol, even though a fallen chief, and those in a reminiscent mood took occasion to refer

to that splendid service he had rendered his country—not only in the halls of congress and as a member of the president's cabinet at Washington—but with the army, also, when his valiancy as colonel of the Mississippi Rifles won for the United States forces the battle of Monterey. There was much bitterness because of the treatment that had been accorded him at the hands of the North, and a husky denunciation of the tales and slanderous statement that he had been captured after the fall of Richmond dressed in the garb of a woman. Lincoln also came in for a great deal of criticism by veterans on account of the proclamation setting the negroes free. But the lapse of more than half a century has softened the heart of the South toward this man, and today the brave soldiers who followed Lee can join hands with the aged warriors of Grant in proclaiming him an American big enough for the whole nation to love.

Only a few Patriots Left.  
Only a few of those valiant fellows

who met at that first reunion are still living. Davis, Reagan, Mills and Cabell and many others whose names once electrified every patriotic heart in Texas have all gone home. A change has come in individuals, in customs and in the pursuits of the people. There were log cabins along the Trinity then where now the shadows of sky-scrapers fall. And some of the old slave darkies, still true to their masters, attended the barbecue and there was one in particular, Uncle Eph Williams, who carried his banjo along and said he wanted to play for Marse Jeff.

The devotion of most of the negro men of that period to their owners and the affection of the black mammies toward the women folks, is a memory of the past that remains in the old timer's heart like the scent of the rose after the vase is broken. When the "Missus" wept the old auntie wept, and never were the poor soul's limbs so tired, or the night so dreary, that she would not creep out through the cabin door to answer a call for help from those she served. "Now yo' mussn't worry yo' poor little self, honey; I ze right heah wid yo'," were words that assured and comforted, and with an apron as white as the driven snow she would softly wipe every tear away.

Such negroes did not care for freedom from kind masters; they preferred to stay on the plantation where their black picaninies had been born, and where they had played and danced and formed affections for the family that were hard to break. Some of them rejoiced when they heard that Jefferson Davis was coming to Texas and a few of that honest, loyal old type planned to have him keep them from being "turned loose." It was another kind and a younger generation, with poisoned minds, that made race trouble.

Twenty-five years later another reunion was held in the same city. This

time there came to Dallas as a special guest Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of her deceased father, Jefferson Davis, and beloved as "the Daughter of a century Confederacy." She smiled her way into the hearts of the thousands of veterans who had gathered for the big encampment. Lawrence Sullivan Ross was then governor of Texas and Roger Q. Mills, another stalwart of that period who was enjoying international fame because of the tariff bill that bore his name, was called on to deliver an address to his old comrades of the battlefield.

Last of a Mighty Guard.

This reunion was almost as notable as the former one, but the veterans who marched in columns of fours were not as straight in form or as sprightly as those who were reviewed by the chief a quarter of a century earlier. Time was beginning to touch with unsteadiness some of their strength and everywhere was to be seen the silvery threads made by the passing years. But as we come on down to the present a still greater change may be seen. The ranks have been thinned by the vicissitudes of Time. That brave, heroic and all-but-invincible army, once the flower of a chivalrous nation, is now strong only in the majesty of eternal fame. Never again will it form in battle array! Never again will it march with heart-stroke and drum-beat to the inspiring notes of "Dixie."

Today the last of the mighty guard stands facing the sunset. Soon we shall see arise in brilliancy the star of the evening and hear the gentle ripple of waters as they are parted by the boatman's oars; then that fast-fading remnant of the hosts of chivalry will embark and wave us farewell. But what an imprint these men will leave upon the sands of time! What a splendid contribution theirs shall be to civilization—to the brave, true and constructive manhood of the world!

# Fishing on Devil's River

A Picturesque Stream of Southwest Texas By AUSTIN CALLAN

There are two things for which I am a downright sticker: Old-fashioned democracy and truthful fish stories. But when a person goes in quest of the finny tribe, he ought to come home with an honest report of the kind of luck he has. There is no good reason for falsifying as to the size of the catch, because nothing is at stake. If you absolutely fail to score at all, there is a legitimate means of saving your reputation. Just blame the failure to an east wind or to an unfavorable moon, or something of that sort. It is not only an inexcusable disregard for the truth to say that "the big fellow got away," but it is an acknowledgement of bad management. You cannot, however, be held responsible by the worst knocker in the community for what the weather caused or for the influence of an uncontrollable planet thousands of miles away.

With this simple presentation of my principles regarding politics and goggle-eyed perch, I am going to take the reader to certain of the choice fishing places of west Texas and relate to him honest-to-goodness facts regarding some catches I have seen. Before launching into a more animated presentation of these truths, however, I want to make it clear that if any statement here brings either my friends or myself into conflict with the Texas laws protecting the finny tribe, I reserve the right to withdraw, retract, or expunge from the record, in whole or in part, what is here said. The best fishing I have ever seen in Texas was on the Devil's River. No stream has greater variety of the piscatorial tribe. There you find the gamest bass that ever struck at a doweriac, as well as buffalo, perch, channel cat, and blue and yellow cat weighing from fifty to one hundred pounds.

Devil's River is in a rugged, picturesque portion of Southwest Texas. It is scarcely fifty miles long, yet it is one of the prettiest and boldest of our streams. In places the water runs through deep, narrow channels and again it spreads out several hundred yards wide. You can pick what you want for the various kinds of fishing.

## An Ideal Camp.

In company with C. K. McDowell of San Antonio and W. K. Shipman, Dee Newton and Doctor Scott, all reputable citizens of Del Rio, this writer and "Nigger Bob," the cook, pitched camp at Blaine's Lake, about six or seven miles from the mouth of the stream. It was a pretty place, with spreading pecan trees and a great rugged bluff that frowned down from above.

We had tents, cots with screens over them to keep out the mosquitoes, a big box full of everything good to eat, and several hundred pounds of ice for cooling "buttermilk." W. K. Shipman, one of the bunch with a rod and reel, had an insurance man he knew who would hook and to hold. And he did not arrive at the river until about noon in the morning, he had a bag of bass by noon that would have qualified him for membership in any "Isaac Walton Club" on earth. There were seventeen speckled beauties from

twelve to fourteen inches long, and he caught them with a silver colored doweriac, using a Shakespeare reel.

Mr. Shipman made all his casts for these bass in a small pool of swift water just below the main body of the lake, which is very deep and a mile long. Fishing close to him and with a similar reel and a green and yellow doweriac I only got two, and one of these was scarcely seven inches long. I am not going to acknowledge, though, that Mr. Shipman is that much better fisherman than I am. It is no deviation from the policy hereinbefore announced of sticking to the truth, to say that there isn't a man in Texas who can yank seventeen bass out of a hole of water while I am only getting two out, unless he has some advantage. In this instance the fault was altogether with the fish. They chose silver in preference to green and yellow and I had no way of helping it.

On the second day of the outing, however, I started in to play averdupois against Mr. Shipman's flaunted numbers. Cat-fishing is really my long suit. You can sit in the shade with plenty of well baited hooks and count on getting as much "beef" as the fellow out in the sun, working like a Trojan. It was a contest of skill and endurance against long-drawn-out patience, and when it comes to patience under such circumstances, the Statue of Liberty hasn't anything on me. But for some reason, set hooks didn't prove attractive that day. Fish are very much like folks and have a way of always doing the con-

trary thing. I expected them to bite ravenously and they didn't bite at all. The low descending sun found me wending my way back to camp with one big headed polliwog that only weighed a pound and a quarter.

Shipman's catch for the day was forty-seven nice bass. He beat me in

gets good and ready.

I continued the set hook plan of fishing, however, in spite of the poor showing made the first day. It is the easiest and I am always inclined to follow the line of least resistance in such sport, if that line hangs out a promise of anything for the pan. In this instance it



G. M. Bryant of Fort Worth, casting for Speckled Trout on Headwaters of Devil's River.

weight, numbers and quality. But it takes just as much skill to persuade a polliwog to bite, when he is indifferent about it, as it takes to get a seventy-pound jolly-cat to bite. That is a matter that has to be settled altogether in the mind of the fish. You can pick the right bait for a hook and choose an ideal place to set it out but you cannot force even a minnow to nibble at it until he

saw that it was wound around some roots and limbs and persuaded Bob to take off his clothes and go in after my promising catch. Several times he got scared and wanted to come out and once he said: "Boas, ah sho' believes we got a hipenoceros."

Finally the two of us got that catfish to the bank. We were so afraid that he would flounder and get back in, how-

ever, that we carried him at least a hundred yards from the water's edge. He was a dandy, weighing almost sixty pounds and that night around the camp fire, there was no one to "hurrah" me.

## Channel Cat Sporty.

Next to bass, channel cat are the sportiest fish found in Devil's River. Of course, there is no comparison between the two kinds. Nothing approaches the sport of making a cast across the glassy waters of a rippling stream and having about a four-pound beauty strike your doweriac. There's when your blood tingles and you realize that the fellow who invented this modern tackle had a jam up conception of the heart's desire for real excitement.

But these Devil's River channel cats are lively boogers and if you appropriately decorate a camp table with them, you are going to have a bunch of enthusiastic patrons when the boys come in about 1 o'clock as hungry as wolves. I never had any trouble doing a good day's business when I went after channel cat on that picturesque stream of the Southwest. They like live bait and if you strike a channel, where there is a school of them, all you have to do is to make the hook attractive enough with minnows and they will play your game to a finish. I got thirteen in as many minutes out of the little deep run where the water was swift and blue. Bob baked these fish after a fashion of his own and made a kind of hot, peppery dip to go over them, and right here is where I am going to introduce C. K. McDowell, Dee Newton and Doctor Scott into my story. They each held that a catfish was food only for the beneficiaries of "treason, strategy and spoils," and that no real one hundred per cent game sport would eat them. But they hit the table in "shock formation" when they saw what was on it and I never knew three fellows to enjoy a dinner any more in all my life.

The Llano River is also a splendid fishing stream, and I have had some great outings on it. However, the very first chance I have I am going to tell you about a perfectly wonderful experience of mine trolling in the silvery waters of the San Saba River. But because of the skepticism of a few of the readers this will not be undertaken until I have some photographs and documentary evidence to accompany the narrative.

## LUBBOCK HAS LIBRARY

The city of Lubbock has a library. It is small as yet, having only 1,500 books and about 250 members, but it has the support of the business men and a promise of steady accessions to its books.

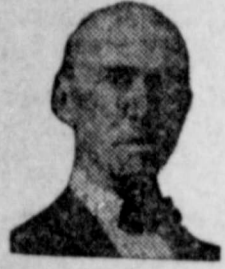
## AMARILLO'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

The opening of the new municipal auditorium in Amarillo early in April was featured by a six-day Panhandle Music Festival. Amarillo is the metropolis of the Panhandle and the festival was organized and carried out on a scale befitting a metropolis. Mme. Schumann-Heink and other world-famous musicians appeared on the program.

# CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

**AMUSEMENTS—** People must play, as well as work. This is not a theory, but a fact so well established and thoroughly demonstrated that nobody doubts it or argues against it except Thomas A. Edison and a few others. Mr. Edison doesn't play any, but works sixteen hours a day.



He is in the seventies now, and is hale and hearty, but some day his program of all work and no play will tell on him. We shall not be surprised in the least if, when Mr. Edison reaches his ninety-ninth or hundredth year, we learn through the press that he is suffering from shattered nerves, prostatic trouble, poor eyesight, or perhaps a general break-down of his system. He will learn, when it is too late, that his program of all work and no play is a drain on the human system can not stand, and he will be very sorry indeed that he did not take the advice of physical culture teachers, golf players, tennis fans, fishermen and duck hunters and devote a portion of his time to games or other forms of exercise, and thus preserve his health and strength. When appealed to to take exercise, Mr. Edison tells his advisers that he takes exercise every day—that he walks to and from his work, and that his daily labors keep his body, as well as his mind, thoroughly exercised. But his advisers tell the great electrical wizard that he doesn't take the right kind of exercise—that exercise which results in getting a job of work done is worth nothing in the way of preserving health and strength of body. To be of benefit to one's health, exercise must be of the kind that doesn't perfect machinery or earn bread and butter. This is a matter for psychologists to settle, and so I will not use any of my limited space trying to explain it.

I might say, however, in passing, that I have never been able to understand why chopping cotton or splitting wood isn't as healthful exercise as batting a ball or jumping a rope, but that is because I am not a psychologist, and simply because fellows like myself can not understand it no reason why a fine theory should be destroyed or disputed. I am sure the matter of contest makes work more interesting, and therefore easier to perform, but if the fellow who can chop more cotton or mow more grass than any other man in the world were given a bright halo and a big salary like the fellow who bats a ball the farthest, it appears to me that exercise in the cotton patch and back yard would soon become very popular, the cotton

fields would be much cleaner, and fewer wives would have to shave the lawns.

But it is true that people must play as well as work. All work and no play made Jack a dull boy all day, and the world has been talking about Jack, and holding him up as a horrible example of steady work ever since. It is also true that people must be amused as well as instructed. Most of us look upon amusement as being of far greater importance than instruction. We regard a thousand dollars a year as a fair price for the labor of those who instruct the coming generations, but are more than willing for those who amuse to earn a hundred thousand per annum. Furthermore, those who instruct must obey the moral code and the proprieties to the letter and shun every appearance of evil, but those who amuse may retract the Volstead law at will and get all the divorces they wish without injuring their standing or curtailing their earning capacity. But, granting that people must play, and be amused, I desire for a time to look at the old and new forms of play and then ask my readers to say whether we have progressed or retrogressed in the matter of games and amusements.

The popular games of a half century ago were bull pen, town ball, horse-shoe and marbles; the popular games of today are baseball, football, tennis and golf. As I remember, more people played horse-shoes in the seventies than any other game; and it is probable that more men of today play golf than any other game; and so these two will receive consideration here. To my mind no finer game has ever been played by man than that of pitching horse-shoes, and surely this old-time game has many features to recommend it. The exercise of the game is perfect, developing all the muscles of the body, as well as the lungs. The arms are exercised and trained in pitching, and the lungs are exercised in the constant disputes arising over whether a clear ringer was made and which shoe is nearest the post. When there was a very close decision, as there was in every game, the whole body was exercised in an old-fashioned fisticuff fight. There was never any squabbling with the umpire, and never a claim was set up that a game was stolen. A black eye, or a bloody nose, settled the dispute to the satisfaction of all, and the decision was never again questioned or even referred to. I have in my possession now a letter from a director of athletics in the University of Texas, which says there is more real exercise for the body in a game of horse-shoes than in a game of golf or tennis or any other new-fangled game. But while those versed in physical cul-

ture admit that horse-shoe pitching gives the body more and better exercise than playing a game of golf or tennis, I feel that all true patriots and publicists, after a mention of these virtues, should give special stress to another feature of the noble game of horse-shoes, and that feature is the cheapness of the game to those who play it. Every great question, and every game we play, should be considered from an economic, as well as from a physical or moral viewpoint. Failure to do this has plunged our country hopelessly into debt and laid the awful curse of an income tax, and income tax reports, upon a burdened and distracted people.

I haven't the statistical information at hand, but if I had I am sure I would show that there is now enough money invested in golf and tennis paraphernalia to pay the public debt of the United States. Thousands of acres of fine land are in use as golf links and tennis courts and parks for other games and amusements. And then, think of the cost of golf and tennis suits! I am told that as much as ten dollars is frequently paid for a golf or tennis bat, to say nothing of the high cost of balls used in the game. After considering the enormous expenditure of money for paraphernalia used in the games of the present day, turn over a page and figure the cost of the noble game of horse-shoes. I can't see where as much as a nickel could be spent on the grand old Democratic game. Any blacksmith will gladly give a horse-shoe club a set of horse-shoes and the necessary stobs to pitch the horse-shoes at, and a good pitching ground can be had, without rental, at any shop or at the back of any store. The horse-shoe pitcher wears no jaunty cap or suit, and knows nothing of belts or fancy shoes. He pitches in his shirt-sleeves and his trousers are held in place by galluses. He is out nothing whatever in a game of horse-shoes except for the tobacco he chews. Seeing, then, that horse-shoe pitching gives the finest possible exercise to the body and lungs, and costs absolutely nothing, why have we left this noble game of the fathers to engage in games that exercise us less and call for the lavish expenditure of money? The answer is easy—foreign immigration! We were a happy, contented, prosperous people, playing the noble and exhilarating game of horse-shoes, until strangers came from beyond the seas and lured us away from the fine old democratic game to games invented and fostered by the dukes and lords of monarchical Europe. Just now certain manufacturers of the East are demanding that we raise the bars and let all the Europeans who so desire come to our shores. Don't do it; close the gates against the cockneyed

airs and expensive games of the old world, and let the patriotic sons of our noble sires demand that we return to the game played by our forefathers in the good old days before we had appendicitis, adenoids, flu or Johnson grass.

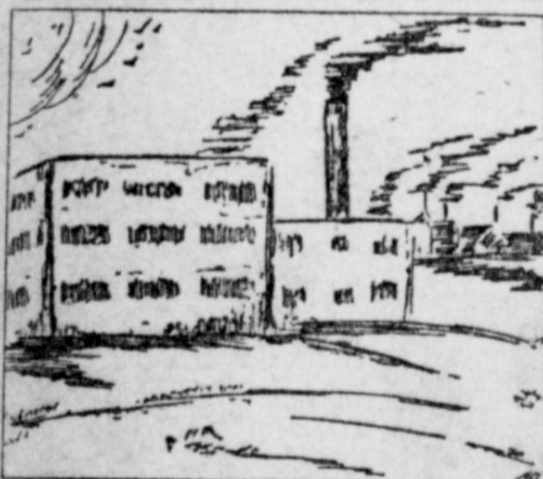
But we have made other changes in our forms of exercise and play, against which all Americans ought to enter vigorous protest. I am aware of the fact that I tread on dangerous ground when I undertake to discuss this subject, which is none other than the old subject of the dance. Dancing has caused trouble since the world began. Even good old David started domestic trouble when he forgot his age and standing, and knocked the back-step and cut the pigeon-wing before the ark. I will not advocate any particular form of dancing, for the simple reason that many good people say, dance not at all; neither will I declare against dancing, because many good people dance when they are at home, and most all people who know how to dance, dance when they get away from home. But I do stand for the old-time dance against the latest dance of the present day. The old-time democratic dance was known as the quadrille, which name was a misnomer. The definition of the word gives the impression that only four couples took part in the dance, but in those good old days people paid little attention to dictionaries or the meaning of words, and as many couples danced as could get on the floor after the bed had been taken down and the bureau had been removed to the yard or kitchen. The dance usually began about 9 o'clock at night, the time of beginning being dependent upon the coming and mood of the fiddler, and how long it took to play the game of snap, which always preceded the dance. I lived in several communities during those good old days, but never resided in a community in which there was more than one fiddler. In summer time, when the revival meetings were in progress, the fiddler was looked upon as a very ordinary person and an incorrigible sinner, but in the winter season, when dance time was in flower, no king or lord was ever contrarier or more petted. He knew very well how dependent the dancers were upon him, and the knowledge of his power made him sullen and petulant. The fiddler was always the first person invited to a dance, but I never knew one to show up until a committee went after him. Frequently a second committee had to be sent, especially if there was some one on the first committee he didn't like. And when the fiddler would finally reach the scene of the dance, he was always in bad humor. He would examine his fiddle strings, declare them no good, and refuse to draw a bow until someone went to town for

new strings and rawsum. The fiddler's disposition usually improved, however, as the night wore on. After each set he would accompany some of the boys out to where refreshments were hidden in a fence corner or hollow log, and upon his return would play with greater zest, and smile as he played. Of course, the dance was interrupted at intervals by the breaking of strings, but as the wee small hours of the morning came on the fiddler could play any tune called for on one string, and play it until the dancers were exhausted. I am not urging the people to engage in the quadrille dance; I am not saying they should or should not dance, but I do make bold to say the old-fashioned quadrille was far better than the latest Terpsichorean fad of our day—the Marathon dance.

When the old quadrille was danced everybody had a good time. Of course, there were a few awkward, ugly boys like myself, whom the girls would not dance with, but usually some kind-hearted married woman took pity on the awkward fellow, became his partner for a set and made him happy, but if the timid, awkward fellow failed to find a partner, he went out into the yard, peeped through a crack at the others, and knocked the back-step on the ground. All were happy when the party finally broke up, and the boys and girls did a full day's work next day. But what of the Marathon dance, now so popular? First, a Houston girl danced 50 hours, wore out three pairs of stockings and seven pairs of stockings. Fort Worth girl went 60 hours, ... greater number of worn-out shoes and stockings to her credit. Other girls at other places went 80, 90 and 100 hours, and still endurance records are being broken every week. No doubt, some person will dance a week without a breathing spell, and then the world will have a new hero or heroine, before whom the people will bow in lavish homage, and who will be paid several thousand dollars a week by the movies. I do not like to discourage those who are wearing out good shoes, and stockings, and feet, with the hope of making and holding the world's record for going around and around, but I must tell of a record which perhaps will never be broken by the Marathon dancers. Two years ago I visited a state institution at Austin, and while there my attention was attracted by a girl, who was turning around and around, never stopping. The superintendent of the institution told me the poor girl had been turning around, just as I saw her doing then, for four years, stopping only for food and when forcibly taken away and put to bed for a night's sleep. The institution was an asylum for the insane.

## COTTON MILLS IN TEXAS

Sixteen Mills Now Operate Within the State Successfully



Texas raises enough cotton annually to supply practically one-half of the cotton mills of America with all their raw material. No other product of the field ever did as much to make a state alternately prosperous and to stagnate its business as cotton. When the yield is good and the price is fair it spreads prosperity from the Red River to the Gulf and from Sabine River to the staked plains. But with a wide-sweeping arm low prices upset our hopes and leave wreck and ruin throughout the state's domain!

In 1920 the farmers of Texas raised a cotton crop with the price of labor and materials so high that the cost of production was at least thirty cents per pound. Deflation came and they were selling at more than fifty per cent below the 1920 figure. We know the havoc that a great basic industry bringing the chains ever since we have an aftermath of war, has come again and again as long back as

production in the old days when they sang their melodies of snowy fields of the plantations has long been linked with the welfare of an entire state out of the something of cotton

in Texas. We want to add the strength of whatever argument we can make to the proposition of encouraging the establishment of more mills here for the manufacture of cotton goods. Throughout the past we have been furnishing the raw material, shipping it away at our own expense and selling it at a price that we had no voice in making. Then later we have paid the cost of shipping it back, or at least a part of it, in finished products sold to us—also at a price that we had no voice in making.

Average Production 3,700,000 Bales.

The matter has been badly managed; it is still being badly managed, because the great state of Texas that produces annually an average of 3,700,000 bales of cotton—nearly one-half of what is consumed by all the mills of the nation—has only sixteen mills of its own and it is using less than a forty-sixth part of the staple that it grows.

There is no good reason why this condition should continue but there is every argument in favor of our entire thinking citizenship getting back of a mammoth program for relief. One solution, of course, is diversification. No single-crop practice has ever brought prosperity to any agricultural region in America. If you want to find a people continuously "getting along," you hunt for those who make a practice of first of all raising the things that go on their own diningroom tables and then growing, also, a varied line of farm products. It is the case in California and the Middle West states where every community has a creamery, as well as a surplus of poultry and eggs and up-to-date facilities and arrangements for marketing the same.

I had occasion to buy a pound of butter in the biggest cow county in Texas. It was made on the edge of an Arizona desert, where for more than two hundred miles the sand dunes mark a barren waste. We all know that such a thing as that ought not to be. This state should ship butter out instead of in. But Texas and Cotton Mills is the subject to be discussed in this article.

No state is better situated from a climatic standpoint for manufacturing purposes. The winters are short and mild, only a few freezes occur each season and labor can live for less than in

the cold north and is therefore better contented and capable of rendering a more satisfactory service.

**Power, Labor and Transportation.**

The raw material is right at hand. In fact, it is grown in every part of the state, and the variety of the soil is such that any staple demanded from the coarse, harsh fibers to the finest silky ones and in any length desired, can be had. And when it comes to the question of power for operating, what state in the union is more amply provided by nature? There are numbers of streams, as Devil's River, the Gaudalupe, San Marcos, Brazos, Colorado, San Saba and Medina rivers, capable of generating hundreds of thousands of horse-power for the running of machinery, and this power is the most economical that can be had. In addition we have great fields of coal and lignite. Geological reports declare we have in coal alone hundreds of millions of tons that can be mined as cheaply as anywhere in the United States. And with such an inexhaustible supply of fuel in sight we are justified in saying that those who contemplate the erection of cotton mills may feel confidently assured that they can have this fuel at a reasonable price and without any prospect of the supply being exhausted.

Then again, crude oil, which makes a good, economical fuel, is being taken from the earth in Texas by the millions of barrels annually, and the oil fields are constantly growing in scope and numbers. Natural gas, timber, etc., might also be mentioned, but it is hardly necessary, as no question could possibly arise for serious consideration regarding the matter of cheap power for the running of cotton mills. Texas has been wonderfully blessed in this respect, the same as in climatic conditions, and it is a strong point in favor of manufacturing more cotton goods at home.

One of the real problems, if there are any real problems, in the matter of making Texas the center of the cotton mills industry of America, is labor. It has often been said that the kind of labor required for the successful production of cotton goods would have to be imported from mills in other sections of the country; that such labor, being classed, would not want to remain in the

South but would soon return to the industrial centers of the North and East.

Experience controverts such a claim, however. Charles E. Baughman, commissioner of the Markets and Warehouse Department of Texas, has thoroughly investigated this matter and he says: "It has been shown that home labor trained for operating the machines give better and more satisfactory results than the imported labor from Eastern mills. It can be stated as a positive fact that our state can furnish ample labor to all concerns contemplating mill operations, especially in the leading towns and cities where labor is abundant. A large force of labor can also be drawn on at any time from the Mexican population of South Texas, and this class of labor, when trained, is fairly efficient and usually makes good."

The transportation facilities of our state might also be taken into consideration, and it can truly be said that they are ample. Eight long-line railways cross the state in as many different directions and there are innumerable short lines connecting with them. From practically every section there is a direct run either to northern or eastern markets, or to the gulf ports out of which large trade vessels sail.

**Valuable Finished Products.**

In visiting the Markets and Warehouse department at Austin, the opportunity was given of seeing many articles manufactured by the Texas mills. "A number of these mills are turning out valuable finished products," declared Commissioner Baughman, "products very serviceable in character, such as heavy and light weight ducks, drills, heavy sheetings, pillow tubings, shirts, bed ticks, denim and a variety of wrapping twine. These articles are made from cotton ranging in quality from middling to low ordinary, mostly strict low middling to good ordinary, inclusive, with sometimes an injection of a good class of bollies with other grades."

Below is given information regarding the location of the sixteen mills in Texas, together with the number of bales of cotton that each consumes, the number of laborers employed, the amount of the pay roll, the class of goods turned out and where marketed.

The Belton Yarn Mills of Belton use weekly 100 bales of strict middling to strict good middling and manufacture the same into hosiery, underwear and auto tire yarns. This mill operates full time, employs 150 men and has an annual pay roll of over \$100,000. Its entire production is sold outside of the state.

The South Texas Cotton Mills, located at Brenham, use 85 bales weekly of bollies to middling, which is made into duck and domestic. The mill runs full time, employs 150 men and has a weekly pay roll of \$1,850. Ninety per cent of its output is sold elsewhere than in Texas.

The Corsicana Cotton Mills of Corsicana use 120 bales of cotton weekly, of strictly good ordinary to middling and make light and heavy duck. It runs 90 per cent of the time and employs 200 men with a weekly pay roll of \$3,100. The product is sold partly in Texas and partly in other states.

The Hillsboro Cotton Mills of Hillsboro use 75 to 80 bales weekly of bollies and tinges to strict middling. A variety of goods are manufactured with 180 employees and a weekly pay roll of \$1,200. The output is marketed in and out of Texas.

The Waxahachie Cotton Mills of Waxahachie use 75 bales of good ordinary to strict middling weekly and make osanburgs and ducks; 175 men are employed and the weekly pay roll is \$2,250. Its products are partly sold in the state.

The Bonham Cotton Mills of Bonham use 72 bales weekly of bollies to strict middling and make sheeting and duck which is sold in the state. Two hundred men are employed and the weekly pay roll is \$2,500.

The Sherman Mfg. Co. of Sherman uses 110 bales weekly of strict good ordinary to good middling and makes duck sold in and out of the state. One hundred and sixty men are employed and the weekly pay roll is \$2,500.

The Texas Cotton Mill Co. at McKinney uses 100 bales of bollies to middling and makes domestic and duck. It employs 250 men and has a pay roll of \$3,000 weekly.

The Postex Cotton Mills of Post use 70 bales of strict good ordinary to strict middling and makes bleached sheets and

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# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER  
THE STATE

## MOUNTS FOR THE CAVALRY

Mounts have been provided for the 112th Cavalry of the Texas National Guard at Mineral Wells. Eight carloads of horses and equipment was recently received by the troop, which was organized only a short time ago and already has a large and enthusiastic membership. Stables for the horses have been built adjoining the brick armory.

## AMARILLO GAS SAID TO CONTAIN HELIUM

Owners of the big gas wells in Amarillo's natural gas field claim that many of the wells contain a high percentage of helium. Heretofore it was assumed that the Petrolia gas fields of Clay county, Texas, contained the only commercial supply of helium in the world. It is estimated that the Amarillo gas wells have 900,000,000 cubic feet of gas shut in awaiting consumption.

## NEW TELEGRAPH SYSTEM

A new telegraph system by which the human voice will be substituted for dots and dashes has been copyrighted by E. L. McClure, a telegraph operator of Waco. It is to be taught, it is said, in one of the commercial schools of that city. He uses the Morse system, but has abandoned the dots and dashes and substitutes a sound that is akin to the human voice. He claims it is the "shorthand of telegraphy," and will revolutionize telegraphy.

## SHUMAN TO RAISE BUFFALO

White is a veteran cattle raiser in the Panhandle, in the midst of the Panhandle cattle country. He has raised cattle for many years and is very successful. But he acquired a yearning for buffalo, remembering the days when these animals roamed the plains by the thousands, and has therefore placed a small herd on his ranch. He has started with 29 head and will give them his personal attention.

## AUNT CLASSY WRIGHT, 128 YEARS OLD, DIES AT GONZALES

Our Magazine Section, a few months ago, featured a story of five men in Texas who had lived to the ripe old age of 100 years. A recent dispatch in the daily newspaper announced the death of Aunt Classy Wright, at Gonzales, aged 128 years. Aunt Classy was born in Virginia and came to Texas many years ago. Before the war she was the chattel property of the Martindale family. She is survived by one son, eighteen grandchildren and forty-five great-grandchildren.

## POPPIES GROWING IN TEXAS.

In the extreme western part of Texas, not far from the edge of New Mexico, there is an uncultivated field in which thousands of wild poppies are growing, vying with the famous poppy fields of Flanders, France. It is said to be the only field of wild poppies in the entire southwest. They are a rich golden yellow with a yellowish red combination center. Efforts to transplant them have proved unsuccessful, but, let alone, they are growing more luxuriantly each year and, as the seeds are blown about, the extent of the poppy field is gradually extending.

## WEEP FOR THE WOODPECKER

When a whiskey vault in Harris county was opened recently a young woodpecker was found dead beside a keg of liquor. Officers believe that recently when a still was found in the forks of an old oak tree and removed to the vault there must have been a woodpecker's nest in the tree trunk and that one of the eggs was hatched by the heat of fermenting malt. The bird managed to live for several days on cockroaches and the like but died when this food was exhausted.

## WAELEDER MILITIA WINS CUP

The Waelder company in the 141st infantry, Texas National Guard, has been awarded a silver cup for having maintained the best national guard company during the last six months period. A similar contest for the next 6-month period has already been begun. Col. Will E. Jackson of Hillsboro, commander of the 141st infantry, suggested the contest and offered the cup. There was a hot contest among the companies in the regiment. Lieut.-Col. Will S. Faulkner, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Sam Houston, made the award.

## HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT.

Pitching horseshoes has come to be a very popular sport at the University of Texas; so popular, in fact, that a tournament has been arranged. Organized only recently, at the close of the football season, it has spread rapidly through the student-body and when the tournament opens in Houston next September it is expected that some time will be required to eliminate the weaker players in trial contests and get to the real expert players in the finals. The University of Texas is said to be the only college or university in the country where horseshoe pitching has been introduced as a regular sport in intra-

## BAPTISED WITH JORDAN WATER

Water brought to Texas from the River Jordan by A. E. Brady of Cameron was used recently when sixteen babies were baptised at the Methodist church in that city. Mr. Brady had been engaged abroad in Y. M. C. A. work and when he returned from Palestine included a bottle of Jordan River water among the souvenirs he brought home with him.

## LADY LORRAINE IN PAGEANT

Lady Loraine is to be represented in the pageant at San Angelo during the convention in May of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in the person of Miss Adine Howell of Loraine, which is an enterprising and progressive town in Mitchell county. From present indications there will be upwards of 100 beautiful young ladies, representing as many West Texas towns and cities, participating in the pageant.

## STREET MEETINGS FEATURE REVIVAL

Street meetings featured revival services that were conducted in Electra in April under auspices of the First Methodist church of that city. Not content with reaching those who came to his church to hear him, the Rev. Mark N. Terrell started out to reach those who would not come to church and preached during the day on busy street corners. His efforts were rewarded by large crowds of listeners.

## GOVERNORS VISIT TEXAS.

Three governors of sister states were visitors in Texas during the latter part of April. Governor Trinkle of Virginia was in Houston April 21 to attend the celebration on the San Jacinto battlefield on the 87th anniversary of the battle which gained Texas independence from Mexico. Governor Parker of Louisiana visited North Texas and Governor Hyde of Missouri visited the Texas plains country on trade trips.

## BUILDING BOOM IN TEXAS.

Along with the announcement that Texas now has a population close to five million, come reports from all sections of the state that building activities are unusually brisk. Some places report a scarcity of homes and many new dwelling houses being constructed; others tell of contracts for new business structures. The reports are not confined to any section; they come from every section and indicate moderate prosperity throughout the state.

## ORGANIZING RIFLE CLUBS

Attracted by the government offer of the loan of guns and gift of ammunition, local rifle clubs are being organized all over Texas. Major Charles M. Crawford, assistant adjutant general and secretary of the Texas Rifle Association, reports 26 clubs organized and 21 in process of formation with more than a score of others just making inquiries with intent to organize. The state rifle meet will be held in Austin during the summer and the best marksmen from each club in the association are expected to compete.

## BULLDOG SAVES MASTER

There is one man in Beaumont who appreciates his bulldog, which is destined to have the best of care for the rest of its life. A. C. Colley, residing in the suburbs of Beaumont, recently was attacked by an infuriated bull, had been knocked to the ground and was about to be gored when his bulldog, known as "Nig," came to his rescue and, fastening his teeth into the nose of the animal, distracted its attention until Colley could be dragged to safety. After the bull had been clubbed into submission considerable force was necessary to release its nose from the dog's jaws.

## JUROR GETS LOST

During a recent murder trial in Austin one of the jurors became separated from his companions for nearly a half hour, resulting in a legal wrangle until the court ordered that the trial be resumed. It appears that when the sheriff took the jury to dinner he overlooked a juror and left him locked in the jury room. He climbed down a fire escape and went to the restaurant where the jury usually dined, but failed to find his companions there and wandered about like a lost child until finally they found him. Then there was rejoicing among the jurors, but consternation among the lawyers.

## RIFLE CLUBS TO COMPETE

The Longhorn Rifle Club of men and the Girls' Rifle Club of the University of Texas at Austin, have arranged a competitive shoot, which is to be held on the Camp Mabry rifle range early in May. The Longhorns are headed by Harold H. Welborn of Henderson, president of the Men's Rifle Club. The Girls' Rifle Club was organized only a few months ago and has been coached by Mrs. Grace McClellan of Austin, said to be the champion pistol shot of Texas. The University of Texas is said to be the first college in the southwest to make rifle shooting a regular sport for girls and some of them have made such good records that they are expected to prove strong contenders against the men for honors on the rifle range.

## WELCOME FOR OWSLEY

Alvin M. Owsley of Texas, national commander of the American Legion, is expected to visit a number of posts in the Panhandle and other parts of West Texas early in May, and elaborate preparations are being made by the Hanson Post at Amarillo for his entertainment. Colonel Owsley has had hearty welcomes in other states and everywhere his eloquence has given force to his words, and his tour in West Texas is expected to be a regular triumphal march.

## COUNTY FREE LIBRARIES

County free libraries, similar to free city libraries and free public schools, is the hope of Miss Elizabeth H. West, Texas state librarian and president of the Southwestern Library Association, as declared by her in a recent address. She said that the elevation of educational standards includes provision for adequate library service, equally adapted and equally accessible to the poorest, most ignorant farm tenant and to the richest and most scholarly.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY AT SWEETWATER

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wright of Sweetwater have offered a library building and equipment, to the people of Sweetwater who are now raising a fund with which to buy books. Civic clubs and the Chamber of Commerce are co-operating and numerous benefits are being conducted with the result that the fund is gradually accumulating and it is hoped will be sufficiently large very soon to buy enough books to open the library.

## HIGHWAYS IN THE MOUNTAINS

Brewster county, which became the largest county in Texas when a portion of Pecos county was taken to form Terrell county, wants highways to connect Alpine, the county seat, with adjacent county seats and proposes to start its highway building program right away. Bonds to the amount of \$300,000 were voted last September and have just been sold. Because of the splendid natural road foundations it will be possible to construct roads in Brewster county, it is claimed, at much less cost than in the populous black land districts of Texas.

## SCOUTS BUILDING DUGOUTS

The Boy Scouts of Alpine have planned a novel summer outing which is to be held in a canyon of the mountains not far from their home. They propose to live in dugouts and enjoy the simple life to the utmost, and the dugouts they will occupy are now being constructed. While they will have some comforts which the original scouts did not enjoy, they expect to get fairly close to the primitive and learn how to make the most of the opportunities provided by nature.

## MARKERS FOR TOURISTS

Various state highways are under construction in Texas, some of them extending east and west and others north and south. They are being built in sections and often it is difficult to find the way between one section that has been completed and another that is just being started. For the benefit of tourists, therefore, markers have been placed or are being placed along these highways so as to guide the way of tourists. Each highway has a different mark and if tourists will watch for them it is not a difficult matter to keep in the right road. Markers have been placed along roads that temporarily detour, for it is there the stranger will more easily get lost.

## SNAKES AND HAIR ROPES

There has long been a belief in Texas that a snake will not crawl over a hair rope, and it has been said that cowboys would lie down on the prairie for a night's rest feeling perfectly safe if a hair rope was placed on the ground in a circle about the bed. But now comes Martin S. Kohler of the trans-Pecos country and says there is nothing in the belief; that a snake would just as readily crawl over a hair rope as it would crawl into its hole, and that a circle of hair rope about a bed is nothing but a fetish. He contends that if a snake has a grudge against the sleeper the hair rope will not keep it away, but he adds: "There is no danger from snakes if a person does not annoy them in some manner or step on them."

## TEXAS GAINING IN POPULATION

Something more than a decade ago John Henry Kirby, the Houston lumberman, organized the Texas 5,000,000 club. Its purpose was to work for 5,000,000 population in Texas. At that time the state had less than 4,000,000 population, but homeseekers were flocking into the state and there was hope that the club's purpose would be fulfilled. The war came on and there were other interruptions and the club became a memory, but recently Texas has increased considerably in population and the Federal census bureau estimate of the state's population about the first of this year was 4,939,630. It was forecast by census officials that Texas would pass the 5,000,000-mark before the end of this year.

## ANDERSON COUNTY PAVED HIGHWAY.

Anderson county is to have a paved highway extending north and south across the county and to be a part of the Red River-to-the-Gulf Highway. The cost to the county will be \$1,500,000; to raise this amount bonds have been voted, and in addition to this amount there will be state and federal aid money to complete the project.

## PLAINS TRACK MEET

West Texas colleges and schools were represented in large number in the Plains intercollegiate track and field meet that was held on April 23 on the athletic field of the West Texas state normal college at Canyon City. It was an event that aroused interest in every part of the Plains and Panhandle country of Texas and attracted the best athletics of those sections of West Texas.

## MINISTER SEEKING EXPERIENCE.

Wishing to learn about men, to get experience in dealing with men and how to rub elbows with humanity in a rough fashion, the Rev. H. H. Umstead, English born and a graduate of the Missouri Wesleyan University, has joined the United States army as a private and is now serving in the Seventh Cavalry, stationed at Fort Bliss, in far West Texas. When he has served his three-year enlistment he expects to return to the ministry. He hopes that when he returns to the ministry he will be a better pastor by reason of his service in the army.

## BIRDS TO HAVE REFUGE

Green Island, one of the Laguna Madre group of the South Texas coast, has been leased from the state of Texas by the Audubon Society for a bird refuge, where every bird that wishes to go there may have protection and care. A keeper is to be located on the island, a house having been constructed there in which he will live, and he will have the birds as his special charge. A greater variety of birds is said to be found along the Texas coast than anywhere else in the world.

## STUDENTS STILL PITCHING HORSESHOES.

The footwear of Old Dobbin continues to gain in popularity. From all parts of the state come reports of students pitching horseshoes. It is an old sport, once was very popular, that went into the discard and now is being revived. The pitching distance is 40 feet for the men and boys and 30 feet for the girls. A game is 50 points. While horseshoes that have seen actual service are being generally used, some sporting goods houses, in order to insure a standard size and weight, are carrying horseshoe stocks, the shoe they handle being a little heavier, a little wider and not quite so thick as Old Dobbin's.

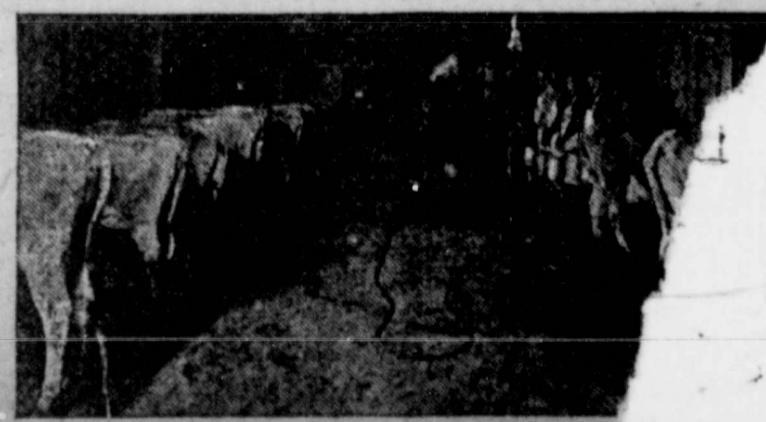
## COTTON MILLS IN TEXAS.

Cotton mills are slowly but surely finding locations in Texas. Only a few years ago they were confined to the New England states, except for a few experiments scattered over the country. Then they obtained a foothold in the Carolinas and in Georgia and now they have come to Texas. One organization in the state is sending out an industrial engineer to tell communities how to establish textile industries. New England mill owners are planning to visit the state to study conditions in Texas with a view to moving their plants here. The abundance of natural gas is said to be an incentive and it may be only a few years until Texas, and especially North Texas, will have spindles humming in a hundred towns.

## SIGNAL HONORS FOR TEXAS SOLDIERS.

Texas was recognized for the second time with a Congressional Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross bestowed for heroism during the World War, when citations were announced making the awards to Daniel R. Edwards of Bruceville, McLennan county, who served throughout the World War as a first-class private in Company C, Third Machine Gun Battalion, a part of the First Division. Edwards is awarded recognition for his actions near Soissons, France, July 18, 1918, where he killed four and captured four men, and was afterwards wounded by a high explosive enemy shell.

The other award was in favor of David B. Berkeley of San Antonio, who served with the 365th Infantry, of the Eighty-ninth Division, and lost his life at Pouilly, France, while attempting to cross a stream for valuable information he had been sent to obtain.



View of the Model School Dairy at the West Texas Normal, San Antonio. Four students of the school look on as they do the milking.

## TEXAS HAY FEVER BODY ORGANIZED.

The Texas Hay Fever Prevention Association has been organized at Austin. Dr. H. W. Harper was elected president. Purpose of the organization was declared to be the collection and dissemination of knowledge concerning methods of prevention, control and cure of the disorder.

## HOUSE PAYS TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF SAM HOUSTON.

The House of Representatives paid a silent tribute to the memory of General Sam Houston, April 23, commemorating San Jacinto Day, by placing floral decorations about the life-size painting of the General, which hangs in the corridor of the State Capitol.

## VETERANS' GRAVES TO BE DECORATED.

Graves of 800 war veterans, in West Hill Cemetery, at Sherman, will be decorated Memorial Day, May 30, by the American Legion post of that city. Concrete crosses, similar to those in French war cemeteries, is part of the scheme of decoration.

## WOMEN GET RECOGNITION.

The senior law class at the University of Texas has elected Miss Gladys Rowntree the class president. She is the first woman ever accorded that honor. Another woman to be honored is Miss Suetette Meyer of Bowie, who has been elected secretary-treasurer of the student organization of the law school, and Miss Sue Falvey, a member of the senior law class, has been elected to membership in the Curtain club.

## TWO COUNTIES WOULD IMPROVE KING OF TRAILS GAP.

The only gap in the King of Trails and Meridian Highway between Waco and San Antonio is a strip 2.3 miles long in Falls county that serves as a wedge dividing Bell and McLennan counties. The latter counties are considering a plan to have this territory ceded to them by Falls county, and improve the strip to correspond with the high-grade road that prevails on both sides.

## COTTON MILLS IN TEXAS

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pillow cases. It employs 240 men and has a weekly pay roll of \$5,000. The Itasca Cotton Mills of Itasca use 75 bales weekly of bolls to good middling and manufacture duck sheetings, drills and osaburgs. One hundred and fifty men are employed and the weekly pay roll is \$1,750. The Dallas Cotton Mills of Dallas use 120 bales weekly of bolls to good middling and make domestic duck; 210 men are employed and the weekly pay roll is \$3,500.

The Cuero Cotton Mills of Cuero use 90 bales of bolls to middling and make heavy and light duck; 160 men are employed and the weekly pay roll is \$2,100. The Gonzales Cotton Mill of Gonzales uses 70 bales of bolls to strict middling and makes sheetings, ducks and denims. One hundred and twenty-five men are employed and the weekly pay roll is \$1,600.

The Denison Cotton Mill Co. of Denison uses 140 bales weekly of strict good ordinary to strict middling and makes ducks; 275 are employed and the weekly pay roll is \$3,600.

The Miller Cotton Mills of Waco use weekly 107 bales of bolls to strict low middling and make white and colored ducks which are manufactured into different lines of goods; 200 men are employed and the pay roll is \$3,400 weekly.

The Waco Twine Mills of Waco use weekly 50 bales of bolls to strict middling and make twine. Sixty-five men are employed and the pay roll per week is \$800.

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This proposition of building cotton mills in Texas and lifting the economic condition of the state to a higher and more dependable basis is not an idle dream. It is something practical; it has been demonstrated already on a small scale, and it should appeal to the consideration of all business and political leaders of every county.

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### TARRANT COUNTY BUILDS 225 MILES HIGHWAY

Tarrant county's bond issue road building program is nearing completion.

Out of \$3,450,000 voted in July, 1919, which was augmented by \$625,000 State and Federal aid, making a total of \$4,075,000, all has been spent with the exception of \$525,000.

A total of 225 miles of highways have been completed. There still remains several routes, mostly gravel roads, yet to be completed.

### DOG CATCHER NOT NEEDED.

The city of Dallas has reached that point where a dog catcher is not needed. It appears the official dog catcher in that city has been so energetic and successful in his capture of dogs that he has worked himself out of a job. There are no more dogs in the city, and he will put his wagon in the barn, coil his rope and go fishing until the dogs have had a chance to multiply.

### All Brownwood and Brown county celebrated the retention of the United States Pecan Experiment Station at Brownwood, which would have been moved to Georgia last October but for the timely work done by the Texas Pecan Growers' Association, Chamber of Commerce of this section and other agencies. Mr. A. I. Fabis, in charge of the station, accepted a grant of 100 acres of native pecan grove which the city of Brownwood tendered to the experiment station with the hope of future development into a comprehensive research laboratory which will deal with all pecan problems provided the state appropriate the necessary funds.

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## A Little Fun Jokes to Make You Laugh

**HELP!**  
A Florida paper says the moonlight in that State is so bright that the owls are dying of insomnia.

**CAN YOU BET IT?**  
This thrilling love letter was found in a basket of Florida beans:  
"Dearest Sweet Pea—Do you carrot all for me? My heart beats for you, with your radish hair and your turnip nose, you are the apple of my eye. Give me a date. If we cantelope, lettuce marry, anyway. I know we would be a happy pear."

**"LIMA BEAN."**  
Aby was called by his banker who informed him that his account was overdrawn three hundred dollars.

Says Abe to the banker—"And how much did I have thirty days ago?"  
The banker after looking up records replied that he had over six hundred dollars in his credit at that time.

"Well," replied Aby, "I didn't call you up, did I?"

There was a little man  
And he had a little jug  
And he filled it full of raisins, high,  
high, high,  
And he said to all his friends:  
"When this simple process ends,  
I shall be the proud possessor of some rye, rye, rye."

So he left it for a week,  
And when next he took a peek  
The contents rose and hit him in the eye, eye, eye.

Then he promptly took to bed  
With a bandage on his head,  
And now he's quite contented to be dry,  
dry, dry.

**HIS WORRY**  
The high-powered car was speeding toward a railroad crossing when a train rounded a bend a mile away. The two men in the front seat, both racing fiends, began an argument as to whether or not they could beat the train to the crossing. The driver insisted he could easily make it; his companion, that the train would beat by several minutes. The argument and the speed increased, and the train rolled swiftly on. Finally, a passenger in the rear seat could stand it no longer. Frantically clutching a side of the car, he shouted:

"I don't give a damn who wins this race, but I hope it ain't a tie."

**UNCLE SI**  
Uncle Si Perkins placed his folded newspaper on top of the vinegar barrel, removed his spectacles, and produced a twist of natural leaf.

"Been readin' a piece," said he, "about the duty o' folks to respect the Courts. It reminds me right sharply of a lot o' talk that was goin' on durin' the war about privates respectin' their officers. As I remember it, the' wa'n't no chance o' lickin' the Germans if privates didn't learn to salute right an' feel plum' stuffed with respect when a officer went by."

"It kind o' tickled me. You can't make nobody respect nothin' unless he feels that way. An' if a officer is deservin' o' respect, he's a-goin' to git it without askin' fo' it."

"Men respects the hind end of a mule an' a bee, an' the front end of a Billy goat, because these things is respectable. An' the' ain't no kind o' law or propoganda can make men respect a worm, because a worm ain't respectable, an' ever'body what's got any sense knows it."

"Folks is a-goin' to respect the Courts as long as the Courts is respectable, an' not a danged bit longer. Folks in this day is got too much sense to believe in fairy tales. They want to be showed. An' the' won't never come a time, son, when folks like us will respect a Court what acts crooked or hypocritical or foolish."

**BUT DID HE?**  
Pat was leaving Liverpool for New York. When the ship started Pat saw a diver going down into the sea and when the ship arrived at New York. Pat saw a diver coming up and said:  
"Wasn't I a fool to pay my passage? This fellow started when I did and is here as soon as me."

**"NEBER RIDE ON DEM THINGS"**  
"No, sah, ah doesn't neber ride on dem things," said an old colored woman, looking in on the merry-go-round. "Why, de other day I seen dat Rastus Johnson git on an' ride as much as a dollah's worth and git off at the very same place he go on at, an' I sez to him, 'Rastus,' I sez, 'yo' spent yo' money, but whar yo' been?'"

**CHANGED HER NAME**  
A negro mammy came into the office of the estate for which she worked, to receive her regular wages. As she could not write, she always made her mark on the receipt—the usual X. But on this occasion she made a circle.

"What's the matter, Linda?" the man in charge asked. "Why don't you make a cross as usual?"  
"Why," Linda explained earnestly, "I done 'got married yistidy an' changed mah name."

**THE NEW POOR**  
E. Berry Wall, the well known New Yorker, was talking in Paris about the new poor.

"There's many a Frenchman of fine stock," he said, "who is as shabby today as he was magnificent before the war. A marquis moaned the other evening in my presence:  
"When prices come down I'll really have to buy myself a new pair of shoes. These I'm wearing are positively falling off my feet."

"Is it as bad as that, marquis?" I said.

"Yes," said the marquis, turning his foot about. "Yes, my boy, these soles are so thin that when I step on a copper coin I can tell whether it's heads or tails."

**A NEW DISEASE**  
Passing through Philadelphia the other day, I stopped to watch a girl going through her gymnastic exercises for the amusement of some little children with whom she was playing. Presently a countryman, who was, I should judge, on his first visit to a large town, came up, and after gazing compassionately at her for some time, asked a little boy if the girl had fits.

"No," grimed the boy, "them's gymnastics."

"Ah! How very sad," said the old man. "How long 'as she had em'?"

**NOT WORTH THE DIFFERENCE**  
Not long ago the owner of a plantation in Alabama was called to his back door to find there a young negro named Jim, one of the tenants.

"Cun'l Bob," said Jim, "de nex' time you go to town, I wish you'd git me a marriage license. Ise wants to marry Liza."

Colonel Bob promised to do so, after receiving \$2 from Jim, the price of the license.

Jim's license was sent to him, and two weeks later Colonel Bob was again called to the door to see Jim.

"Cun'l Bob," said Jim, "Ise decided I wants to marry Begonia instid of Liza. Can't you scratch out Liza's name on de license an' write in Begonia's?"

Colonel Bob informed Jim that this could not be done, and that he would have to secure a new license at the price of another \$2. Jim, very much disappointed, went away; and some time later the Colonel chanced upon him in the field. "Well, Jim," said he, "are you married yet?"

"Yes, sah, Cun'l Bob," Jim replied, "me and Liza got married las' night."

### MANY SCHOOLS AT RALLY.

Hill county held a school rally recently when sixteen schools of the county were represented at a gathering in Itasca. A set of books valued at \$65 was given to the school having the largest percentage of its enrollment present and was won by the Eureka school. Milford High won the baseball game from Itasca High — of course, there had to be a ball game. The parade of schools was about one-half mile long and was reviewed by between 3,500 and 4,000 spectators.

### BETTER PRISONS BODY.

An organization was perfected at Austin January 22d in the interest of bettering prisoners and prison conditions in Texas. Officers were elected and declaration made for specific improvements.

The organization grew out of a meeting of a committee named by the Texas League of Women Voters and the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

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## AUTO HINTS

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The power of a car is cut down considerably by too heavy an oil in the engine and too heavy a grease in the gear case. Lubricants that are too thick will not flow at all in cold weather and the gears and bearings will run dry.

When forced to come to a stop in heavy traffic, release the brakes. Thus, if your car is struck from behind, only its weight offers resistance to moving ahead.

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**YOUR HOME TOWN**

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the first of a series of talks on "Your Home Town." Other talks will follow. There will be food for thought and profit to you if you read carefully each one of these talks. The publisher of this newspaper is not finding any fault with his home town, but wants it to progress and set a pace that will be the envy of all towns in Texas—now the biggest and greatest and potentially the richest state in the Union.

Are you proud of your home town? Is it all you hope it might be? If it isn't perhaps it is due in part to you. Maybe you are not a good neighbor and are out of harmony with every one else in your town.

Remember, your home town is made up of the farmers and their families in the surrounding community, the merchants, bankers, manufacturers, laborers, and all professional men and their families. Each one of you is dependent upon the other. By co-operating in every movement for the betterment of your home town it will grow and prosper and become a better place in which to live.

The greatest bulwark to the progress of any town is not the town and its location—it is the kind of folks that live in the town. If they are chasing the distant rainbow's end, longing to live in a town with clean and good streets, dirt and trash will accumulate in their home town and its streets grow up in weeds. Your home town may never make a city, but it lies within you and your neighbors to make it a clean town of happy, contented and prosperous families.

The pot of gold lies not at the rainbow's end—it is in your home town. It is to be found in its churches, good schools, beautiful homes, nice parks, well kept streets and fine county roads. These make for a common interest—a community spirit.

It is the community spirit of a town that advertises it to the world at large. A community spirit is not possible where folks aren't neighborly. Neighborliness brings happiness and contentment. It brings harmony among people. It drives out hate and disinterestedness, which breed only unhappiness and discontent. Be a neighbor and your neighbor will be one, too.

You can't have a prosperous home town and community if there is a flow of money and interest away from your town to some other town. Make it your motto to produce the best you can and always give your home town merchant a chance to supply your wants. He may not have it, but he can get it.

If all the people in a town would thus feel their interdependence and always work in a thoroughly co-operative spirit there would be more prosperity and happiness in your home town, there would be better homes, stores, schools, churches, newspapers, entertainments, streets, roads, parks, and better men and women in your community.

**\$3,181,000 FOR TEXAS RIVER AND HARBOR PROJECTS.**

In the allotments from the general river and harbor fund appropriated by the last Congress, announced by the War Department April 25, a total of \$3,181,000 was allotted to Texas projects as follows: Galveston harbor, \$90,000; Galveston channel (seawall), \$670,000; Galveston harbor and Texas City channel, \$130,000; Port Bolivar channel, \$20,000; Houston ship channel, \$1,100,000; Double Bayou, \$5,000; Anahuac channel, \$5,000; Turtle Bayou, \$5,000; Cedar Bayou, \$5,000; West Galveston Bay-Brazos River canal, \$5,000; channel between Brazos River and Matagorda Bay, \$10,000; channel from Pass Cavallo to Aransas Pass, \$16,000; Freepoint harbor, \$50,000; harbor at Port Aransas, \$140,000; harbor at Sabine Pass and Port Arthur canal, \$800,000; Sabine-Neches canal, \$130,000.

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**TO OUR MOTHERS.**

To our mother the greatest woman in the world. The love that will shield us and protect us from the cradle to the grave. To the one who will hold out loving arms of protection when all others cry out against us. To her who is happy when we are happy and sorrowful when we are sad. To this sacred selfless soul we respectfully dedicate this page which represents our humble efforts to repay our Greatest Friend—Our Mother.

Dedicated in the month of May of 1923 which embraces "Mothers Day" that is revered and respected by all.

The bravest battle that ever was fought,  
Shall I tell you where and when?  
On the maps of the world you will find it not—  
'Tis fought by mother of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,  
With sword or noble pen,  
Nay; not with eloquent words or thought  
From mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in the walled-up woman's heart—  
Of woman that would not yield,  
But bravely, silently bore her part—  
Lo, there is that battlefield.

No marshaling troop, no bivouac song,  
No banner to gleam and wave;  
But, oh, their battles, how they last  
From boyhood to the grave.

Yet faithful still as a bridge of stars,  
She fights in her walled-up town—  
Fights on and on in endless wars,  
Then, silent, unseen, goes down.

Oh, ye with banners and battle shot,  
And soldiers to shout and praise,  
I tell you the kindest victories fought  
Were fought in those silent ways.

Oh, spotless woman in a world of shame;  
With splendid and silent scorn  
Go back to God as white as you came—  
The kindest warrior born.

—Joaquin Miller.

Now, my dear little readers, I hope you have done something for your mother this month on Mother's day. But you and I will go further and make every day our Mother's day. Making her happy the year 'round by kindly deeds and thoughts.

AUNT MARY.

**A LETTER TO ALL GOOD BOYS AND GIRLS.**

My Dear Children:  
If I could only tell you how happy I am, that I am going to be able to visit with you each month on this page. To I have never seen any of you, yet I love you as I love all boys and girls, and I hope you will learn to know me and to love me, too. Because we are going to have this page all to ourselves. Yes, it is just as much your page as mine, in fact, more.

I have a lot of surprises for you, too. Do you like to make money all your own? Well, I am going to give you many useful hints.

Little sister is going to have her "Cook Book" just like mother's. You will be surprised how many nice things you can make as easily. Then in no time you can be a wonderful cook.

The boys are going to have a section so they can learn how to build radios at home and anything else they want.

Each month I am going to tell you an animal story and a really true story about great men and women who have made their names famous to us by brave deeds and acts.

Love to all,  
(Signed) AUNT MARY.  
Box 544, Fort Worth, Texas.



**GREAT MEN AND WOMEN.**

Mary, the Mother of Washington.  
As befitting the occasion of the celebration of "Mother's Day" by the dedication of this page to "Our Mothers," we can not but help turning our thoughts to the Mother of "The Father of Our Country."

Mary Ball, who was George Washington's mother, was the woman to whom we must look as the "Woman of Greatest Influence on Our Nation." Though not directly, yet indirectly, she influenced American history, since Washington all through his life followed her ex-

amples and teachings.

Very little is known of her early life. That she came from a poor, unknown family, is disputed by the few fragments of letters and church records of that day. Mary Ball was the youngest child of Colonel Joseph Ball by his second marriage and it is thought she had a "Sister Susie." By a first marriage he had two children, Joseph and Hannah.

She was known as the "Belle of Northern Neck," the section where her home was located; and "The Rose of Epping Forest," the name of the old homestead where she was born.

Her father died when she was a very young child. Her mother remained a widow until her death, when Mary was about twenty-two years old. She then went to live with her half-brother, Joseph, in England. Here she met and married Augustine Washington, a wealthy widower, thirty-four years old. He had two sons by a former marriage, between which grew a close companionship to their step-mother.

George was the oldest son of Augustine and Mary Washington. He had two brothers and two sisters, one of whom died in infancy.

At the untimely death of Augustine, the husband of Mary, when she was but thirty-seven years of age, she became the manager of the household, managing the large population and the rearing and education of her fatherless children. She was strict and stern in her discipline, a thrifty housewife and an excellent manager. Her children loved and respected her and knew better than to cross her will or question her judgment.

Lawrence Washington, her oldest step-son, who had inherited a larger fortune than the other children, was made the head of the family at his father's death. He was her adviser and her children looked up to him as such. He especially influenced the life of George between whom there was a close friendship. When George was about sixteen years of age he persuaded his mother to let him join the navy. A midshipman's warrant was obtained through his half-brother's influence. On the eve of his departure a letter from his mother's brother in England made her change her mind and she persuaded him not to go. After this incident she never opposed his plans, though through life he always consulted with her on any great problem.

Some people have given credit to the story that she remained a "Tory" during the Revolution. But fragments of letters and records show that she was thoroughly in sympathy with the "Cause" and that from her home in "Fredericksburg" (where she moved from "Pine Grove" at the beginning of the war), went many necessities for the soldiers. She did not see her son George (her favorite) for seven years during this period. Her heartaches must have been many, but she displayed the very thought of displayed emotion.

After the war on the afternoon of November 11, 1781, Washington visited his mother. The meeting was sweet and simple even after so long an absence.

Her only public appearance as the hero's mother was at the Peace Ball in Fredericksburg during his visit there. She was hailed as a queen, and it is said that it was the "proudest moment of her life."

Lafayette paid his respects to the widowed mother of his brother-in-arms in 1784. After his visit he said, "I have seen the only Roman matron living at this day."

The last time Washington saw his mother was on April 14, 1789; the visit was short, as that very morning he had received official notice of his election to the Presidency of the United States and must leave for New York on the morrow. He could see that she was failing fast and dreaded to leave her. He always provided substantial means for her welfare.

On August 25, 1789, she died, surrounded by all her children except her favorite son, George, who did not receive the message until one week later because of the slow method of travel.

She was mourned by the nation. A near neighbor wrote: "There is no fame in the world more pure than that of the mother of Washington, and no woman since the mother of Christ had left a better claim on the affectionate reverence of mankind."

**LITTLE GIRL'S COOK BOOK.**

Did you ever hear this jingly little rhyme?  
"Can she make a cherry pie, Billie Boy, Billie Boy?  
Can she make a cherry pie, Charming Billy?  
She can make a cherry pie, quick as a cat can wink its eye,  
But she's a young thing and cannot leave her mother."

Funny isn't it? I used to say that over and over again as a "kid" just for fun. But, honestly, you can really do that if you only try—make a cherry pie, I mean. But we won't start anything so hard at first. Next month we will have some candy recipes.

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"Almost five hundred and fifty species of birds are resident, or transient in Texas during the winter season. In their migrations many cover a tremendous mileage. There is the Arctic Tern, for instance, a member of the gull family. It breeds at the North Pole and spends its winter at the South Pole, meaning a round trip each year of 22,000 miles. "Man has learned much concerning the fowls of the air, yet he has not discovered the big secret of their migration."

**CORN LIQUOR INSTEAD OF EGGS**

Two county officers made a raid on a henhouse two miles west of Breckenridge and disturbed some sitting hens.

In the nests were found several pints of warm corn liquor.

**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT:**  
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Despite the early appearance of bright colors, we find many somber hues in summer frocks.

"King Tut" still seems to dictate the mode of dress to a great extent.

**WOMAN'S PAGE**  
MRS. MARGARET STUTE

**HOME PROBLEMS**  
**GOOD WATER FOR FARM AND SMALL TOWN HOMES**

Last month I completed the description of the shallow well. This month I will take up the description of the deep and artesian water and driven wells.

"Deep wells" differ from shallow wells in that the bore of the well penetrates through the first water-bearing layer, through the hardpan or rock lying under it and draws water from some water-bearing layer beneath. If the water flows from such a well it is called "artesian." If it is pumped it is spoken of as a deep well. The water does not come from rain falling on the ground as does the shallow well. It usually comes from a long distance. Sometimes hundreds of miles. For this reason the water from a deep well in freestone soil is usually well filtered. It is, however, likely to contain mineral substances and have an objectionable taste. In limestone rocks, however, the water may be heavily polluted, as it can flow for miles through the cracks without any purification.

The deep well is usually lined with an iron or steel casing which must reach the hardpan or rock and extend for some distance into it, thus forming a joint. One must see that the driller also screws up tight the joints of the pipe, that there are no holes in it and that the platform is well braced. If this is done pollution will rarely take place. It is an excellent idea to raise the surface of the ground around the well and cover immediately the surface about the top with an air-tight covering. When the pump is sunk into a pump pit to prevent freezing, the pit should be covered with an air-tight platform and kept free from water. The pipe should be surrounded with cement to keep water from working down along the pipe. It also helps to prevent freezing.

"Driven wells" are in some localities the most satisfactory and economical form of well. A pipe provided with a pointed strainer is driven into the ground until the water-bearing layer is reached. As the water must be near the surface for such a well to be practicable it must be removed as far as possible from any source that might cause pollution.

The general rules of a shallow well should be followed. A cement platform is highly recommended. For priming a well covered bucket of clean water should be kept at the well.

Whenever possible the watering trough should be located at some distance from the well and the water should be piped to it.

All wells must be constructed with forethought and care. Common "horse sense" is valuable in anything we individuals undertake. This is especially true of well locations.

Next month will be the end of this series on "Good Water." If you have any individual problems that I have not covered in these series write me a letter fully outlining the locations and your difficulties, enclose a self-addressed envelope and I will try to help you. Please avoid asking questions covered in these articles.

**LATE FASHIONS.**

(Easily Made at Home)

This is one of the latest designs in a lady's blouse. It is easily made and can be made up in a variety of colors. However, a becoming color made up with paisley silk is best. For size 36 it requires 2 1/2 yards 40-inch material, with 3/4 yard 36-inch paisley silk. The blouse is gathered at lower edge to a straight band, which terminates into a sash at the left side.

**QUESTION BOX**

Question: Which is the healthiest for home, well water or spring water?—R. S. Henderson, Texas.

Answer: If at the end of my series on "Good Water for the Farm and Small Town Homes" you cannot definitely decide the answer, re-state your question in a letter to me, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope giving full details of your locality and what you are now using and I will try to help you.

Ques.: On what side of the house should Dahlias be planted?—L. M. Keller, Texas.

Ans.: Dahlias like the morning sun and I have had the best success with them on the east side of the house.

Ques.: How should pongee goods be ironed?

Ans.: It should not be ironed until thoroughly dry. If ironed while damp it will spot and be stiff.

Ques.: Are turkeys hard to raise?

Ans.: As a rule turkeys are hard to raise. However, with careful tending after the first six weeks they are usually quite hardy. Give them plenty of range or they will not thrive. They are best raised in the country and allowed to run in the grain fields and they will eat all the waste grain that has fallen on the ground.

Note: I will welcome any questions pertaining to the home. Address Box 1012, Fort Worth, Texas. (Mrs.) Margaret Stute.

**FOOD**  
**ITS USE TO THE BODY AND PROPER PREPARATION—Continued**

Last month we finished with the digestive system and how the food is digested in the body, and then the waste material eliminated. This was necessary in order that you could judge the kinds of foods that I am going to describe and their use.

For convenience we are going to classify all foods under five heads. Then it will be easier to describe them and their use and preparation.

A well-balanced diet should every day contain something from each of the five groups, unless there is some special condition or disease present in the individual, in which case a reputable doctor should be consulted and his advice followed. These articles are to be followed by and used in the average family. Just how much of a certain food is needed in an individual family will depend on several things. The age of the individuals, the kind of labor and exercise, the season, and financial circumstances will govern these things.

The five heads are as follows:

1. Fruits and vegetables. Without these there is danger that the diet may be lacking in mineral matter and other substances needed in the making of tissues and for keeping the body in health.
2. Milk, cheese, eggs, meat, fish, and dried legumes (peas, beans, etc.) Without these there is danger that the diet may be lacking in protein, an indispensable tissue builder.
3. Cereals (wheat, oats, rye, corn, barley, and rice) and their products. Without these the diet would contain practically no starch, the cheapest kind of body fuel.
4. Sugar, molasses, syrups, honey and other sweets. Without these the diet would be lacking in sugar, valued as body fuel and for its flavor.
5. Fats (butter, lard, meat fat, and olive, peanut cottonseed, and other fats and oils). Without these the diet might be lacking in fat, which has a high value as body fuel and gives an agreeable quality commonly called "richness."

In choosing our selection we must bear several things in mind. First, that in all groups there are high-priced and low-priced foods. The lower priced foods are often as nourishing as the more expensive. However, as a rule it takes more time and skill to prepare them than the others. They usually require longer cooking and more seasoning. Always avoid waste in any food. Select your entire menu with your eyes on your pocketbook as well as your stomach and usually both will be benefitted.

(To be continued next month.)

**PRIZE LETTERS**

Mrs. J. D. Vaughn, Tulia, Texas, is winner of the second prize letter. The prize is \$2.00 in cash.

**SECOND PRIZE LETTER**

Dear Mrs. Stute:—

I am a reader of the Woman's Page and enjoy reading it very much, as there are always so many helpful things given.

One of the best things is the old-time tested recipes for cooking something we do not know how to cook. These tested recipes clipped from time to time will soon give a good scrap cookbook, and one the recipes can be relied upon as being good.

We readers are always given some suggestions of the latest fashions. I have found some very helpful hints in regard to making over some of my old clothing and the material best suited to combine.

I really don't have any suggestions to offer on the improvement of the "Woman's Page," but think your plan of giving every one an opportunity to ask for information they are in need of, is great. I am sure there are many of us housekeepers who have the same difficult daily problems, and this will be a wonderful help to all of us.

I hope all the readers have been getting as much benefit out of the "Woman's Page" as I have, and I am sure that there are some wonderful things in store for us this year.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. J. D. Vaughn,  
Tulia, Texas,  
Box 798.

**TESTED RECIPES**  
**FRUIT COCKTAIL**

1/2 cup sliced pineapple,  
1/2 cup diced orange,  
1/2 cup plumped seeded raisins,  
1/2 cup pineapple juice,  
Marachino cherries.

Place alternately, in cocktail glasses, add pineapple juice, garnish with cherry and serve plain or with whipped cream. Some people like to mix the fruit all together, then put in the glasses and pour pineapple juice over it.

**CHOCOLATE CREAMS**  
(Requested).

1/2 cup white syrup,  
1 1/4 cups sugar,  
1/2 cup hot water.

Boil the above ingredients without stirring until they spin a thread from a spoon. Remove from fire. When partially cooled beat until creamy. Have ready in a pan 1/2-pound chocolate that has been melted in a double boiler over a slow fire. Add no water to chocolate, as it makes it dull. When fondant is very creamy, form in balls or any shape desired, dip in chocolate and lay on waxed paper. A clean knitting needle is very good to dip them with. By rolling whole nuts or candied fruits in fondant before dipping one can make a variety.

**PINOCHÉ**

3 cups brown sugar,  
1 cup milk,  
1/2 cup butter,  
1/2 cup broken walnut meats,  
1/2 cup Sun-Maid raisins,  
1 teaspoon vanilla.

Cook sugar, milk and butter together until it forms a soft ball when tested in cold water. Remove from fire. Add nuts, raisins and vanilla. Beat until creamy. Put into buttered tins and when cold cut in squares.

Note: At any time my readers have a very favorite recipe that they are willing and glad to give to this column, I will be very happy to publish it. It will be called by your own name if you are willing and due credit given.

**A NICE DESSERT.**

One evening an unexpected guest came in just at dinner time. Having only a small box of strawberries, I sliced each berry several times and added chopped nuts and whipped cream.

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