

METHODIST REVIVAL BEGINS ON SUNDAY

Our meeting will start next Sunday. Rev. R. B. Freeman will do the preaching. We are praying for a real revival. A real revival will revive. When the church is revived sinners will be converted.

There are a number of Methodists who live here but their membership is elsewhere. Our first task is to get you to line up with the church and put your shoulder to the wheel with us and all go together for a great meeting.

But you say why join the church? Well, joining the church means binding oneself to a group of persons who have publicly dedicated themselves to the service of Christ. To serve Christ means to cultivate in oneself the spirit of helpfulness and good will, and to try to spread this spirit as widely as one can. In becoming a church member one says both to God and to man that he will aim to follow Jesus Christ, and further his cause.

To follow Jesus Christ means to be reverent and humble, truthful and honest, generous and forgiving, always trying to help others to live the same sort of life.

To be a worthy church member one must cultivate the temper and disposition of Jesus, taking his attitude toward God and toward man, looking at life from his standpoint, hating things which he hated, loving the things which He loved, and doing in cooperation with others the kind of things which He did.

A church member is a member of a family of which Christ is the head, and is bound to help his brothers and sisters in every way open to him. The supreme law as stated by Christ is: "Love one another as I have loved you."

A church member is a soldier in an army whose leader is Christ, and every soldier is pledged to make war on injustice and cruelty, suspicion and hate, and every form of selfishness and wrong. A church member is a worker linked up with a company of comrades called to a hard task, the work of extending the sway of Christ's ideas and the power of His spirit over the life of the whole community, the nation, and the wide world.

You may help to do this in a limited way, out side the church but who would dare say that you could not do more, and do it better, inside the church?

If it were not for the influence of the churches of Merkel you good people who are moving here would not have moved, or if you had you would not stay here. Now why not come on and line up with Christ and His church in the local community where you live?

We want to make Sunday a red letter day so come on and hear Freeman and place your membership where it belongs, and let us pull together for the greatest meeting the church has ever had.

Don't fail to hear Freeman. When? Sunday Morning. Where? At the Methodist Church.

T. J. Rea, Pastor.

Dr. J. W. H. Martin, formerly of Merkel, announces that he has located at Blair, Texas. Dr. Martin comes to Blair from Stanton, Texas.

We are thankful to our good friend and excellent citizen, Mr. W. S. Telford, for a subscription to his son-in-law, Mr. G. T. Cain at Bronte, Texas.

SENDS BANANA BLOOM FROM MAGIC VALLEY

Mr. J. B. Jones, one of this community's best citizens who resides out on route five, dropped into the office yesterday and left with us a great big bloom which he informed us was a banana bloom sent him by his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Stanford, who with her husband and children, recently moved to the magic Valley country on the Rio Grande of Texas.

The bloom is our first of the kind to see and is quite interesting in many respects. It shows the formation of the many bananas usually found on the big, long banana stalk. And one wishing to examine same may do so by calling at the Merkel Mail office.

S. L. GRAYSON FOR JONES CO. COM'ER

In this paper, under the heading "Jones County Announcements" will be found the name of Mr. Sam L. Grayson, as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Precinct number four, Jones county, subject to the action of the July primary.

Mr. Grayson for more than 20 years has been a well to do and well known citizen of the Shiloh community, and at the numerous solicitations of his many friends over the precinct, he enters the race for the above mentioned office.

Mr. Grayson is a good, honest citizen, well qualified in every particular to fill the duties of County Commissioner with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people of his precinct and Jones county. He states that if elected to this position, it shall be his aim to serve each and all of the precinct with the same fairness of consideration, and in fact it is his aim to serve as County Commissioner for the entire county without special favor to any one particular part of same, but with the view of seeing that each fractional part thereof is given justice.

This paper would urge our many Jones County readers to investigate carefully Mr. Grayson's claims for this office before casting their votes in the spring primary, and give same fair consideration.

BANKS TO CLOSE

Announcement is made by the local banks that they will be closed on Monday, March 3rd., account of Texas Independence Day, a legal holiday. They will make this announcement for the convenience and accommodation of their patrons. 1tp

15 DAYS FOR TAX RETURNS

Just 15 days more in which to file income tax returns. March 15, is the last day in which to file your return for Calendar year 1923. Single returns \$2.50 Partnership \$5.00 R. O. Anderson, rear Merkel Drug Co. 1tc

Mrs. Maud Rogers and daughter, Bettye, who recently moved here from Dallas, have secured rooms at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. McDonald, where they plan to make their home while in Merkel.

Dr. J. W. H. Martin, for many years practicing physician at Nubia, was in the city recently from Blair, and reported to this paper that he had opened offices at Blair, and would again enter the practice of medicine at that place. Read his announcement in this paper.

WILL TAKE CENSUS STARTING MARCH 1

Beginning on March 1, Saturday, the scholastic census of the Merkel Independent School District will be taken by Mrs. Effie Johnson. It is to the interest of all patrons to see that every child within the scholastic age and living within the district is enrolled. The greater the number of children enrolled, the greater amount Merkel gets as a state apportionment, and the less we have to raise locally to maintain our schools. Let's every body help to see that every child belonging on the census roll is placed there.

To be enumerated a child must be seven or over on or before September 1, 1924 and under seventeen on that date. All children within these ages, and living within the Merkel Independent School District NOW should be enumerated whether in school anywhere or not or whether or not the child is to be living here one month from now. He should be enumerated if he lives here on March 1st, no matter where he may intend to move later.

Living within the Merkel District means a child living or making its home with its parents or guardian who live here.

If after March 15th you know of some children who you think have not yet been enumerated, you will confer a favor by phoning Superintendent R. A. Burgess at 174, or by calling by the Merkel Mail office where some blanks will be left.

BAPTIST REVIVAL IS TO CONTINUE

The meeting is increasing in power and attendance. There have been several decisions for the Lord. The services will continue on through Sunday afternoon.

Friday night will be a special for the High School.

Sunday afternoon Bro. Winsett will speak at the church on "the Jazz Spirit in American life". Let's make Sunday a great day. Make your plans now to come.

Sunday School at 10. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. B.Y.P.U.'s at 6:30 p.m.

W. H. Albertson, pastor

Methodist Sunday School

Let everyone be present next Sunday morning.

The Baraca boys will have charge of the opening service of the Sunday School. Our lesson on next Sunday will be the Revival under Samuel. Also our own Methodist revival will begin on this date, so everybody come and let us get in our place and be in every service of the meeting as well as in the Sunday School. Don't forget the date, Sunday March the second. L. W. Cox, Superintendent.

Mrs. E. C. Groover who has been visiting her mother Mrs. P. A. Sandifer and sister, Mrs. S. W. Johnson, left Wednesday for McAlister, Oklahoma for a visit with relatives there before returning to her home at Kansas City.

Charles Sutphen left last week for Meridian, where he will attend school at Meridian College. Charles is one of our finest and brightest young men, and the Mail predicts that he will make good there.

FINE HEREFORDS TO FAT STOCK SHOW

On Friday, (today) the famous and well known prize winning herd of fine Hereford cattle, belonging to C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel, will be shipped out, three cars of them, for the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, which opens there this week.

It is likely that this fine herd is in better condition and that there are more of them, new ones, younger and finer, being added to the herd, and if such is the case, this paper would not be surprised to learn that they had captured even more of the blue ribbons, for which they have become famous, than ever before. The Largents will also send some cattle to Sweetwater for the big Hereford show and auction sale there on next Monday and Tuesday.

MCPHERSON FOR DISTRICT CLERK

In the announcement column of this paper will be found the name of Mr. J. E. McPherson, of Abilene, as a candidate for the office of District Clerk of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in next July.

Mr. McPherson has been a citizen of the county for many years, having been engaged in business in the city of Abilene most of the time. He states that he is making the race for this office believing that he is amply qualified to conduct the affairs of same in an honest, capable and satisfactory manner to all concerned, and promises that if elected, he will devote his entire time and attention to the duties of the office, extending to one and all the same courteous treatment.

Mr. McPherson's friends in Merkel recommend him as honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow man, and this paper trusts that the voters of the county will give him claim due and fair consideration when making up their minds as to who to vote for in the race for District Clerk of Taylor county.

RESBYTERIANS HAVE GOOD CHURCH NIGHT

Last Wednesday night one of the biggest chowds of the year assembled at the Presbyterian church to enjoy Church Night. The program was a varied selection of readings and musical numbers. The program was held in the main auditorium, and immediately after the program all went to a the basement to enjoy the supper and a social hour. The following program was carried out:

1. Opening Song
2. Invocation Dr. Johnson
3. Reading Jim Patterson
4. Duet, Mrs. W. L. Diltz and Mrs. H. C. West.
5. Reading. . . Clara Louise Miller
6. Male quartette, C. H. Jones, R. L. Grimes, Harry Barnett, and John West.
7. Solo Mrs. J. Tipton
8. Womens quartet, Mrs. H. C. West, Mrs. Fred S. Rogers, Mrs. W. L. Diltz, and Mrs. James West.
9. Reading. Flora Francis Anderson.

The last number of the program was a play composed of 10 characters under the auspices of Mrs. James West.

Little Ona Fae Tittle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tittle, is very sick with pneumonia.

LOCAL GIRL ELECTED PRES. OF MATRIX CLUB

Denton, Texas, Feb. 17.—Miss Loyce Dry of Merkel, a Junior at the College of Industrial Arts was elected president recently of the Matrix Club, organized by the students in the linotype department. The purpose of the club is to advance interest in the work and create a social spirit among students in that department. In addition to her work in linotype, Miss Dry is taking work in journalism.

JNO. S. HUGHES FOR COMMISSIONER

In this issue of the Merkel Mail will be found in the proper announcement column the name of Mr. John S. Hughes, of this city, as a candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct two, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary next July.

Mr. Hughes is one of the "old timers", having come to this community more than 30 years ago. He has resided on his farms most of this time, and has made stock raising and farming a success. Some few years ago he moved into Merkel and engaged in the mercantile business until a short time ago when he sold such interest.

Mr. Hughes has made a success of his own business affairs and feels that he is qualified to conduct the important affairs of the office of County Commissioner, in such a manner that will be business like and satisfactory to one and all.

Mr. Hughes is well known for his honesty and upright dealings with his fellow man, and should he be chosen to represent the people of this precinct as County Commissioner, he will no doubt do so with fairness, honesty and a sincere desire to serve them to the very best of his ability, and this paper urges upon the voters that they give his claims all due and fair consideration before casting their vote in the coming primary.

COLONIAL PARTY FOR THE SENIOR CLASS

The Colonial Party given last Friday evening for the Senior Class of the high school at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson was a very happy affair. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated in red and white and blue streamers caught together at the chandeliers with brightly colored balloons. Balloons were swinging back and forth under the door ways.

At the door guests were greeted cordially by Mrs. Anderson and were asked to act as though they lived in the Colonial days.

The beautiful costumes of the Colonial Period were worn by all the girls. The boys showed all the graceful manners and bowing customs to the girls that were practiced in those olden days.

Throughout the evening olden games were played interspersed with games of forty-two and music. A refreshment of tea, olives and cake was served to the following members of the Senior Class and other invited friends: Misses, Gladys Middleton, Johnnie Sears, Dorothy Sanders, Maurine Tipton, Alma Patterson Myrtle Daniels, Imogene Hays, Gracie Lee Cranston, Ruth Jones, Ona Fae Rose, Melba West, and Dorris Durham. Messrs. Kenneth Sharp, Ray Garrett, Harry McCandless, Carlton Dennis, Spencer Bird, Jack Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson, and Misses Bird and Williamson, Teachers.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIANS

We begin the closing month of the church year with the prospects bright for a great report from all departments. Next Sunday, March 2, will be "communion Day" and we invite all the Christian people to partake of this Holy Sacrament. Loyalty will be the watch word, and those who bring the love offering will help in the great work of the church. The pastor will speak on the subject "What the Presbyterian Church is doing"

At the Vesper Services at 4 p.m., Dr. C. H. Miller of Philadelphia, Pa., will speak. Dr. Miller is a representative of the ministerial Pension Board, and will bring a great message. We want everybody to hear him. Also the High School Choral Club under the direction of Miss Ona Fae Bland will furnish the music. It is an inspiration to hear the Choral Club sing, you will miss a treat if you miss them. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

BANKERS RETURN FROM STATE MEET

Messrs. L. R. Thompson, of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, and R. L. Grimes of the Farmers State Bank, returned first of the week from attending the State Bankers Meeting held in Fort Worth last week. They report having enjoyed the occasion very much, and Mr. Thompson reports making a trip over to McKinney, where he visited with Mr. Thos. A. Johnson and family who formerly resided here, finding them happy and prosperous in that thriving black land county site town.

MR. I. C. HOLDEN'S FUNERAL TODAY

Mr. I. C. Holden, for a number of years a well known and well todo citizen of this city and community, after a few days illness died early Thursday morning at the family residence in the north part of the city.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, at ten this morning, with interment immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Not being acquainted with the deceased this, paper knows nothing of his life, but hope of have more facts with a more complete writeup next issue.

"FOR THE OLD FLAG"

A fine play in three acts, will take place at Union Ridge, or Kale School house, tonight. All those who know of the play say it is fine, and the proceeds of the play will go for the benefit of the church and school at Union Ridge. All who can are urged to attend and help out in this worthy cause.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE P.T.A.

This is to say that I resign the office of president of the Parent-Teachers Club. It is impossible for me to serve in this capacity longer so I now declare the office of president vacant and you are at liberty to select one to fill the vacancy. Respectfully, Mrs. Thos. Durham.

Mr. J. S. Swann reports fine season, and fine crop prospects also his cattle doing fine.

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Attorney B. A. Garrett of Waco spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Garrett, also shaking hands with old friends.

Miss Mabel Toombs who has been attending McMurry College is at home on account of receiving a badly sprained ankle, and was unable to attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Q. Warren of Munday, Texas, were here Saturday and Sunday guests of Mrs. H. C. Williams.

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Party Honoring Mrs. Bond

Honoring Mrs. Laura Bond, who left Monday night to make her home in California, Mrs. M. Armstrong very graciously entertained the members of the Methodist Missionary Society and the Kings Daughters Class at her home Monday afternoon.

Although the afternoon was bitter cold, a goodly number of guests arrived. As each guest entered the reception room they were asked to register and to write remembrances for the honoree in a beautiful little remembrance book.

The usual missionary program was first had after which a clever contest was enjoyed. Miss Hattie Conaway favored the guests with selections on the piano.

At the close of the afternoon's entertainment, Mrs. Bob Martin presented Mrs. Bond with a beautiful Cameo Pin, in token of the love and friendship of the members of the Missionary Society and the Kings Daughters Class for her loyalty and inspiration she had been to each of the organizations.

A refreshment plate of dainties was served to Mesdames, Geo. Brown, H. A. Senders, Thos Durham, J.L. Beene, W.L. Harkrider, Laura Bond, T. J. Rea, J. R. Pee, H. M. Rainbolt, Ross Ferrierr, Bob Martin, Chas. Russell, P. A. Sandifer, S. H. L. Swafford, W. D. Hutcheson, Polly Bailey, Eli Case, Sam Butman, Hattie Conaway, and Grandmother Armstrong.

Mr. S. A. Coats returned last week from a trip to Big Spring, where he had been to visit his daughter. He reports quite a bit of sickness in that city and community.

Earl Thornton of Lamesa, formerly of Merkel was here last week and to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Thornton.

Roy Holmes of Clovis, New Mexico, was here Saturday and Sunday the guest of his father, Mr. Joe Holmes.

J. T. Darsey returned last week from Waco, where he spent several days with his mother who has been quite sick.

Mr. J. E. Costephens is having many improvements made at his place which he recently purchased from Mr. G. B. Brown

Miss Mary Comegys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Comegys, is very sick at her home in south Merkel.

Announcements

For District Clerk:
J. K. FULLER,
MRS. LAURA C. MITCHELL
J. E. McPHERSON

For County Judge:
CARLOS D. SPECK,
For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS

County Attorney
FRANK E. SMITH
For Tax Collector:
D. T. HARKRIDER,
ED. DICKERSON,

For Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD
JOE T. PERRY
For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY

For County School Supt.
M. A. WILLIAMS
(Re-election)
For Commissioner:
T. R. LASSITER

CHARLES P. STEVENS
PHILLIP A. DILTZ
HENRY R. HICKS
JOHN S. HUGHES

For Public Weigher:
C. L. TUCKER
(Re-election)

JONES COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Commissioner, Pre.4
SAM L. GRAYSON

BIBLE USED AS AN ORACLE

Persons "Seeking a Sign" Open Scriptures at Random and Find Message Upon Which Thumb Rests.

A common practice with those who "seek for a sign" is to open the Bible at random and find their answer in the passage upon which their thumb rests as they part the leaves.

In pagan times this divination was accomplished by placing the finger at random on a passage of Homer, Virgil, or some other great author. Virgil was a particular favorite, and the practice of consulting him continued down to modern times, though the Bible is the book now generally used.

During the Middle ages Virgil became so enveloped in a mist of tradition and superstition that he was alluded to by the uneducated as "Virgil the Wizard"; and the popular estimation of the chief value of the "Aeneid" was as an oracle.

As late as the time of Charles I the Bible had not entirely supplanted the "Aeneid" for purposes of divination, as is evidenced by the well known story of how that monarch learned his fate by the "Sortes Virgilianae," as it was called.

This practice of divination by books is said to have "originated in the respect and veneration of certain books arising from their wisdom and reputation"; and it is easy to understand the psychology which induced people of the Middle ages to consult "Virgil the Wizard," and leads men of a superstitious trend of mind today to turn the Bible into an oracle.

The beginning of the idea dates back to the first introduction of letters, when, to the common mind, there was something supernatural in the power of a few marks made in a certain way to convey from one person to another not merely ideas but whole speeches word for word.

The feeling is displayed today by remote tribes of savages when they see for the first time the use of the printed or written word in communication.—London Tit-Bits.

MANX CAT WITHOUT TAIL

Animal Is Native to the Isle of Man—Jumps Forward Like a Rabbit.

The Manx cat, which is native to the Isle of Man, a British island in the Irish sea, is noted because of its absence of a tail, and a formation of body that distinguishes it from cats of other breeds. The origin of the Manx cat is attributed to the arrival on the Isle of Man of ships belonging to the Spanish armada that were wrecked there. It is said that these cats were most probably previously brought from Japan or other parts of eastern Asia.

In the true Manx cat the forelegs are short and the rump arises as abruptly as possible, making the hind legs longer than the forelegs, so that the cat seems to jump forward like a rabbit and is therefore sometimes called a rabbit cat. The Manx cat may be of any of the recognized colors.

All of the cats of the islands in the East, the Malay peninsula, Japan, China and lands contiguous, and even those of Siam, seem to have curious formations of the tail, whether cut short, forked, kinked or otherwise. But these cats are smaller than the Manx cat and there are differences in the call or language and ways and character.—Detroit News.

London Lawyers Hard Hit.

"The worst legal year on record," is given as the London lawyer's opinion of the last twelvemonths and more barristers than ever are said to be looking for a livelihood elsewhere than in the courts. General hard times lead the potential plaintiffs and defendants to settle their differences without the assistance of wigs and gowns, or, if they cannot settle it, they let the difference lie.

In spite of a common and old opinion that money flies as naturally to a lawyer's pockets as steel filings do to a magnet, the "flowing fees" of the bar at all times direct themselves chiefly to certain larger and more notable pools.

The emoluments of the great majority of barristers would rouse no great envy even in normal times; when a slump comes (and the big pools must still be fed) the smaller receptacles are in danger of running dry, indeed.—Manchester Guardian.

Hard Times.

Montagu Collet Norman, governor of the Bank of England, was talking at a dinner in Washington, about hard times.

"I heard a story the other day," he said, "about a slum landlord who was going around one morning collecting his rents. At a certain house a boy handed him half a crown.

"Half a crown!" said the landlord reproachfully. "Here you are, over five quid in arrears, and you only give me half a crown!"

"Oh, go on about your business," said the boy. "You wouldn't have got that if the old man hadn't been and sold the kitchen door."

An Age of Specialists.

"Tis an age of specialists," remarked Mr. Tenspot from his back porch. "Of concentration, so to speak. Even the vegetable kingdom seems to be aware of this tendency of the times."

His neighbors sent him an inquiring glance which he accepted as a signal to continue.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I take this method of announcing to my old patrons and to the public in general that I have opened offices at Blair and will again engage in the practice of medicine in this community. Dr. J. W. H. Martin. 29t4p

MrLee Acuff, proprietor of the Gem Theatre, received the sad news of the death of his sister, Mrs. Emma J. Clark, which took place at her home in Lubbock, Texas. We join his many friends in extending deepest sympathy during his bereavement.

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PERSONALS

Miss Roberta Gay spent Saturday and Sunday in Abilene visiting with friends. She also attended the Paderewski concert Saturday evening.

Mr. E. L. Berry of route 4 has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail which he asks us to send to his brother, Mr. H. C. Berry at Byers, Texas.

Mr. D. E. Snow of Gomez, Terry county, was here for a visit with home folks and friends the first of the week.

Mrs. Laura Bond left Monday night for San Francisco, California, to make her home with her two sons.

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson, Mrs. A. C. Rose, and daughter, Ona Fae, Mrs. H. A. Sanders, and daughter, Dorothy, and Miss Gracie Lee Cranston, were among those attending the Paderewski concert at Abilene Saturday evening.

From the pulpit and the press throughout the entire country has the word gone out that the greatest need of this country was "back to the Church", "the advancement of Christianity" throughout the entire world. If such is good for the world and country, it is surely good in Merkel. And for the past two weeks there has been a revival in progress in Merkel. The good pastor of the church wherein the revival is being held, together with the Evangelist, have been laboring zealously and efficiently in behalf of the Christian religion. Have you, Mr. Citizen, Mr. Church Member, have you offered your services to help advance the above cause. And, on Sunday morning, March 2, another faithful and untiring pastor of the city, with the assistance of an able Evangelist team, will begin a two weeks revival at another church, where every effort possible will be made to build up the cause of the Christian religion in Merkel, and which, if successful, will add to the cause throughout the entire country. It is up to the Christian people of the city as to whether these meetings are of small or great benefit. It is up to the protestant Christians of this land that they cooperate in the work of advancing the Christian Religion, or see the country become atheistic, Roman Catholicized and eventually in a similar state as that existing in Red Russia. As long as the Protestant people fight among themselves just that much more will the enemies of the Christian religion have room for encroachment.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown of Anson were here last week end visiting in the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. James West

Paul Stanford came in Saturday from Lamesa to visit in Merkel for a few days with relatives and friends.

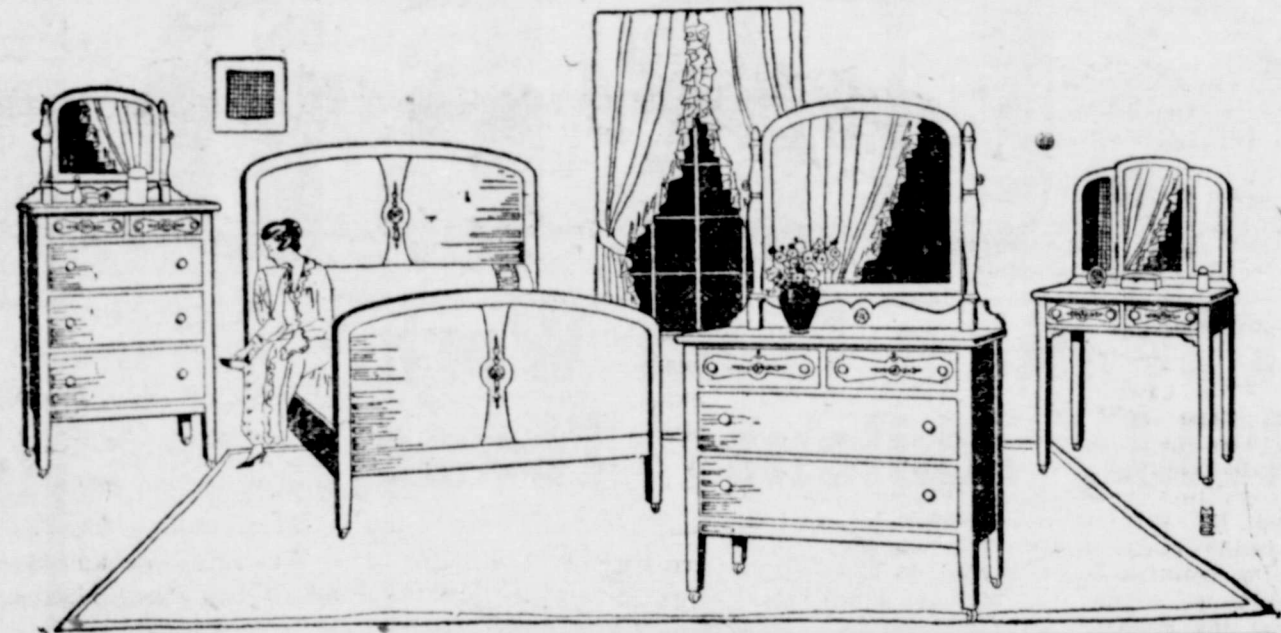
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**SEWERS FOR MERKEL
LET'S HAVE THEM NOW**

Yes, Sewers for Merkel!

Spring is here, Merkel is looking forward. The city council is having an investigation made of the cost of a complete Sanitary Sewer System. Surveyors are busy making investigations and plans with a view of submitting to the citizens of Merkel the opportunity of saying whether or not Merkel shall build this much need health guarding, fly destroying, labor saving convenience.

The Mail has gone on record as favoring this project. We think our reasons good. Here they are:

Cleanliness demands it. A town may grow from a country settlement and gradually increase in population, and the inhabitants put up with the inconveniences found on the farm, or in the small village, but soon the number of people thus thrown together will reach that number that the family wastes become dangerous to our healths.

House flies become increasingly numerous, disease and death rates increase, there is each year an increasing amount of sickness.

Child life is endangered. Disease germs are so small that we cannot see them. We sometimes ignore them as if our family or our community was superior and immune to their attacks. But beware of such complacency. Germs are no respecters of persons. They are your enemies,

your family's enemies and your community's enemies.

Every father, every mother would do anything within their power and knowledge to prevent physical weakness or disease from laying hold on their baby. Their best hope is to keep the destroying disease germs entirely away from the child's healthy growing body.

Sanitary sewers make for clean cities in which contagion is limited and epidemics are less frequent and far more easy to control.

The school demands it. It is worthy ambition to desire that the child shall come up to school age fitted with a strong mind in a sound body. Every agency which will help to accomplish that good hope should be encouraged and supported. Every condition which is a hindrance to that accomplishment should be removed from the community or family life.

Parents should support improvements which protect health. **MERKEL MUST HAVE SEWERS.**

When you send your child to school you must take into account the contacts he will make there—physical, mental and moral. If there are no sewers and sanitary conditions in your town are bad, your child will have many chances to contract contagious diseases. If the toilets, the lavatories and the drinking arrangements at school are old fashioned and unsanitary, you need not be surprised at his bringing diseases home.

When a city does not have the protection afforded by pure water and sanitary sewers, an epidemic may break out any time and sweep unhindered through the entire community.

Every housewife demands it. Sewers make housekeeping less burdensome.

Business demands it. We must do everything that will make and keep Merkel in

the forefront, make Merkel a town worth while to live in.

Progress demands it.

Isn't Merkel as progressive as any of these towns which have sewers?

Merkel has 1,810 people.

Celina, 1,126; Ferris, 1,586; Foreman, 1,345; Frost, 913; Grand Prairie, 1,263; Italy, 1,350; Itasca, 1,599; Kerens, 1,343; Ladonia, 1,713; Leonard, 1,383; Plano, 1,715; Post City, 1,436; Rockwall, 1,388; Van Alstyne, 1,588; Venus, 842; West, 1,629; Whitewright, 1,666; Whitesboro,

1,810. You can rest assured that you will pay dearly for any negligence which gives the germs a chance to strike at the health of your loved ones and neighbors. Sanitary Sewers and pure water have done more to fortify

homes and cities against germs than any other two agencies. Where they come in the general death rate is reduced. Sanitary Sewers help the health department and the doctors in defending the people from disease.

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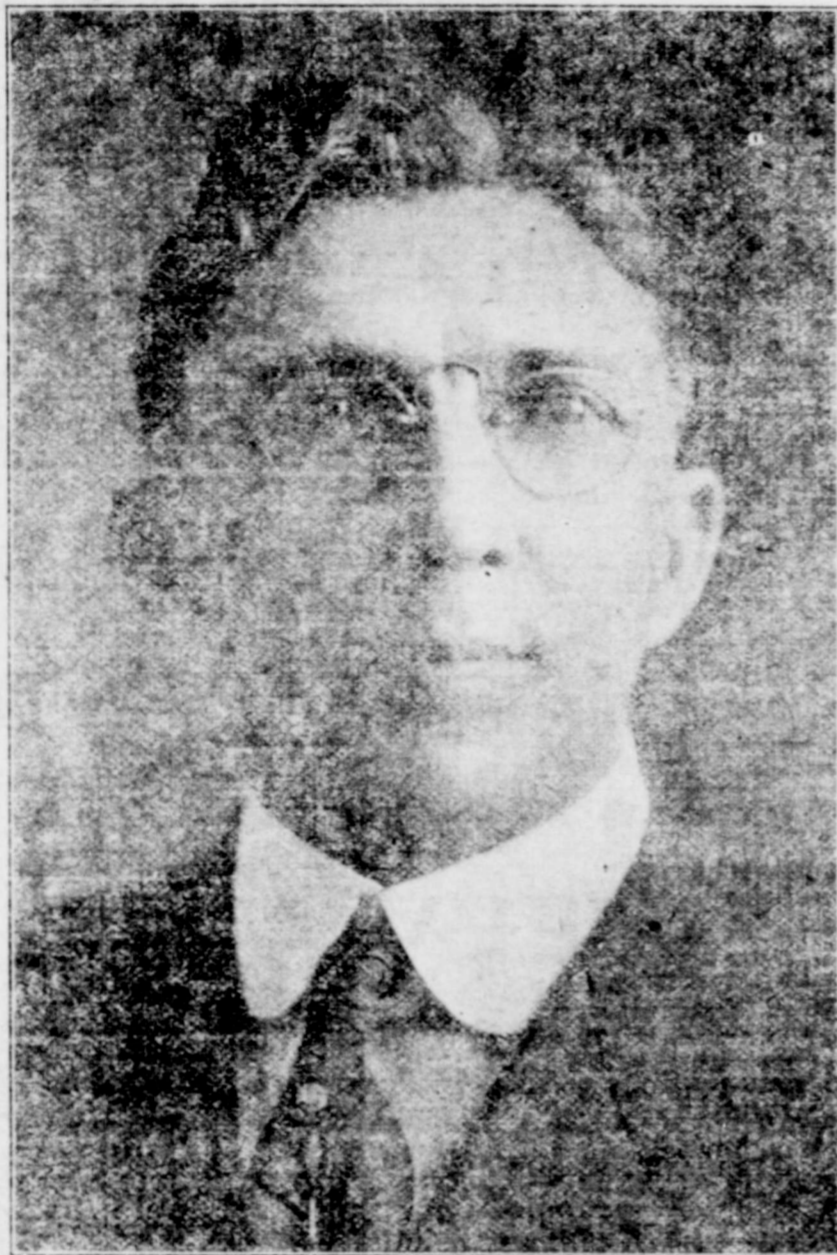
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She can't wear straw for that is too coarse.
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She don't like flowers, they are too bright.
She won't wear feathers, they droop at night.
The price must be not cheap nor high,
For economy is still her war time cry.
Now if there's one, can sell this Dame,
Just the hat, that'll fit her frame,
Come forth, and let me grasp your hand,
And may God bless you for your home is the promised Land.
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Mrs. R. J. Miller and daughter Margaret of Clyde spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.



The Tie that Binds

THE UNITED STATES is a nation of far-reaching relationships. Home ties stretch between communities widely scattered, for few men live where their fathers or grandfathers lived.

Commerce and industry have the same spread of interests, so that, in truth, the nation has become one great community.

Only a unified telephone service covering every state can serve such a nation. It must be the tie that binds.

Such a service requires a national organization with uniform policies and operating methods and in every community a local organization with full authority and responsibility for the problems of that community.

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possess these qualities, and speedily restore to the bowels their natural function.

If Merkel is to continue to maintain even her past and present reputation of being one of the best business points in Central West Texas, the old town is going to have to wake up. Why? Because every town in west Texas, and especially those around her, are looking carefully toward the building and improving of the public highways into such cities. And the day is at hand when any town, to hold and maintain its trade territory must look well to improved highways leading to same. And the town that neglects this is just as sure to become a hamlet, a wide place in the road, as time goes on. It is up to the business men, the citizens, the property owners of Merkel to awaken to their best interest. They must get into their minds that it tak-

es work and progress to keep their town what it is, let alone make it a better town. No town has a better citizenship, no town has a better farming, no town surrounding it than has the city of Merkel, but there should be an awakening to the city's best interest.

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Womans Missionary Society Notes, M.E.

The Womans Missionary Society will have their regular meeting next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This is the regular business meeting day but there will also be a lesson from our study book. Our next lesson will be the fourth chapter.

There was such splendid attendance on last Monday afternoon in spite of the inclement weather, that we are encouraged to believe we will have a big crowd on next Monday also. Let each member consider herself a committee of one to come and bring some one with you.
Reporter.

MERKEL MUST HAVE SEWERS NOW.

To Members of THE CITIZENS MUTUAL:

We have heard a few members who stated they supposed their insurance was all right, but didn't know—LISTEN, you should know. The facts, and records are wide open to you, you own as much interest in this organization as anyone else, you are furnishing your part of the capital to run it—and being one of the owners, you naturally get your insurance at cost. This association has nothing to sell, is not profit-sharing—but is simply a community affair, where each member agrees to chip in \$1 each six months to cover all expenses of the organization—and chip in \$1 when a member dies—100 per cent of that \$1 goes to member's family. Some of your neighbors will tell you Mutual Insurance is no good, they have known of little Mutuals that secured 200 or 300 members—and blew up and quit, or Mutuals that just write people who can't get any other kind of insurance. Bear in mind they are talking about one kind of Mutuals and you belong to another kind—Listen, Brother—you paid your good money to join this organization and you'd family is dependent on it for the protection you are paying for after you are gone, and you certainly should know whether it is any account or not—THE FACTS ARE, THE CITIZENS MUTUAL has made the fastest growth from the start ever made in Texas—it is a little over one year old—has 3,400 members—NEITHER OF ITS CLUBS HAD OVER ONE DEATH OUR FIRST YEAR—because we do not take bad risks. The affairs of your Association are handled by experienced, efficient business men, the CITIZENS Mutual is not an experiment—it is a positive success.

By proven statistics we are due to not have over 5 to 7 deaths each year—we have a constant growth, people wanting to join—how could we become in-active? Our membership changes, some dropping out, new ones coming in, some die this year, many move away—and fail to leave their address—a new one takes their place—our death rate has no more right to change than other forms of life insurance organizations that had practically same death rate last year they had 40 years ago—there is not a weak feature to the CITIZENS MUTUAL, if you think there is, come in, let's use facts and not speculations. You have the cheapest medium of good, honest insurance there is and you should know it—and tell those monkeys who do not be long and know nothing about it but are trying to offer you advice. Any information you can use is at your disposal—Remember the name of your association is not just Mutual but CITIZENS MUTUAL.

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Song; Prayer.
What is Happiness? Leader.
The teaching of Jesus, by Miss Pierce. Prayer.
Seeking Happiness, By Miss Boog Sears.
Special Music by Miss Gay.
How can we Secure Happiness? by Leonard Wills.
A Heart full of Joy, by Miss Julia Martin.
Prayer; song; Benediction.

Miss Pearl Hemby of Sweetwater was a week end guest of the Misses Watts, and in company with them, were among those going to Abilene last Saturday evening to hear the great musician.

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation of the many kind and thoughtful things our friends did for us in the last illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

We shall never forget the words of love and sympathy that were spoken to us in this sad time of our lives.

And that the Heavenly Father may be ever near to guard and protect you from all evil and harm is the prayer of Mrs. J. L. Berry and Children. It

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix and daughter of Fort Worth, Texas are here this week visiting in the home of Lige Gamble and other relatives.

J. Greenfield of Breckenridge, was here last week visiting his mother, Mrs. W. F. Hamblett.

THE PLOTTER

By JANE JORDAN

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MRS. CALICOT leaned back in her chair and sighed.

"It is most disappointing," she told her friend. "I must confess, when I invited Rowena to pay me a visit I had Rupert in mind. He is such a dear, worthy brother. So I planned to bring two desolate hearts together?"

"Why, Aunt Cora," she said—"I had begged her to call me aunt—I don't believe your brother has ever had a girl in his life. He is so terribly grateful for a little kindness." Of course I was angry at Rowena's obtuseness and lack of fine appreciation.

Mrs. Mills laughed. "Forgive me, Cora," she begged. "You must feel badly indeed when you drop into the sentimental. I'm going to advise you, by proxy, if you still desire this silly young person for a sister-in-law. I have a little friend stopping here who is well versed in the ways of love, and, alas, in its management. Prudie-Prudie-Peach, my boys wickedly call her, has captured from other of my indignant young friends their supposedly assured suitors. She is engaged herself to a man in Boston."

Prudence Wharton was called in consultation. Prudence came. Rupert's sister, seeing her, drew a breath of admiration. Prudie was like fresh sweet pinks in an old-fashioned garden; impish, yet kindly little soul. She spread her silk accordion skirt and listened to the confidence. Then she nodded her small head with its quaint, high collar.

"I know just how Rowena feels," she said. "We all like to think there has been competition, else how can we be sure that we may retain that which we have won? Don't you see? If we have vanquished, we may ever vanquish."

The elder ladies looked their indecision. Prudie went on:

"I recall having met Mr. Rupert Flemming at a reception. He was in attendance upon a really lovely girl—your Rowena, no doubt. She seemed, now I recollect, languidly aware of his preference. Mr. Flemming had eyes for no one else. I know, for I tried to charm him for a half hour in the library; heard of his fame as a deep writer. He followed Miss Webster about as one hypnotized. And she flirted, to torment him, because of his dog-like devotion; yes, she did." Prudie laughed back at her listeners.

Suddenly a pucker knitted her brows. "Do you suppose," she asked Rupert's sister, "that your brother is calling this afternoon on Miss Rowena?"

"He will be at our home for dinner this evening," Rowena's hostess replied.

"All right and good," the reader of human hearts answered. "You will excuse me now, please." She flashed a pleasing smile and vanished.

"Leave the problem to Prudie," Mrs. Mills advised.

Dinner was about to be served in the Calicot home that evening when Mr. Rupert Flemming was called to the telephone. Miss Rowena handed the receiver over to her lover. She had first been asked for, and a pleasing feminine voice had explained to her announcing Miss Webster speaking. "Thank you, I wanted to locate Mr. Flemming through you."

Therefore, it may have been absently or it may have been purposely that Rowena waited in the neighborhood of the telephone. Rupert took up the receiver briskly and the vibrant girl's voice that called him reached Rowena as distinctly as though she also were receiving the message:

"This is Miss Wharton—Prudie Wharton. You remember meeting me at the Merton reception, Mr. Flemming? You could give me so little time because Miss Webster happened to be with you. And I wanted so to know about your wonderful book—and we have a mutual acquaintance in Boston who will insist on hearing all about you at first hand. So won't you promise me a call very soon? I am a guest at Mrs. Mills this time. Auntie Sue is in New York. I usually visit there. Can you come here tomorrow afternoon for tea? Mrs. Mills will send her car. She does not like her guests to be disappointed when they have set their hearts upon a thing. You will come, Mr. Flemming?"

Rupert stood, frantically trying to recall Miss Wharton, who remembered him so well—who was so astonishingly anxious to see him. Trying to think "who in thunder" the mutual friend in Boston might be, he answered lamely: "Just a moment please, Miss Webster is here." That sounded strange, and he hastily added: "I have several engagements with Miss Webster; she will know if I am free tomorrow afternoon." He turned confusedly to the woman he loved. His glance was coldly received.

"Go, if you want to," said Rowena, in an unnatural tone.

Rupert was hopelessly troubled. Women were queer. Here was Rowena, all coldness in a moment; here was Rowena, her usually calm eyes deep with reproach.

"Do you want me to go?" he stammered.

"If you'd rather be with that girl than me, Rupert," she said.

His arms went around her. Surrendering, Rowena's head dropped on his breast.

Prudie, at the other end of the wire, turned from the silent messenger. "It's all right," she told Mrs. Mills.

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SWEEWATER, TEXAS

Our good friend F. W. Reidenbach, one of the old timers in this country, was in the city on last Friday and while here dropped into the Mail office to hand us the wherewith to keep the paper coming to his home. We thank you, Mr. Reidenbach.

Banker John Sears, who owns one of the finest and best stock-ed ranches in this part of the west, reports his cattle coming through the winter in fine condition. He is also optimistic over the excellent season now prevailing in this section and states

that he sees no reason why the country should not witness a very fine crop of all kinds this coming fall.

Mr. Joe Alexander of Trent was a visitor in Merkel Saturday

Have you ordered your Ford?

Last year 350,000 buyers waited for delivery.

Insure yourself against delay this spring by placing your order for a Ford Car now.

See the Nearest Authorized Ford Dealer

Ford Motor Company
Detroit, Michigan

Severe Pains in Side

"I HAD had quite a bad spell and sickness," writes Mrs. Emma Patrick, of Caney, Ky., "and it was an effort for me to go about my home. I had a very severe pain in my left side that almost took my breath at times. I lost my appetite. I grew thin, pale and lifeless. I fell off till I only weighed about 115 pounds.

"Cardui was recommended to me and by the time I had taken one bottle I saw it was what I needed. I ate more and

rested better. I kept taking it and my skin and flesh took on a more healthy color. I felt stronger and, as the nervousness left me, the pain in my side was less severe. After taking nine bottles, I eat anything, go anywhere and feel fine. I weigh 160 pounds and am well. I feel that I owe it all to having used Cardui."

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Read the Classified advertisements in This paper

BY THE SLEEPING SEINE

So Still It Lies Before Dawn That Its Course to the Sea Seems to Have Stopped.

You will have to stay out late or get up very early to catch the silver Seine asleep. And even then you might find it waking, wind-ruffled and restless, for the Seine seldom goes to sleep. But when, by some good fortune, you surprise it slumbering then you truly find a sleeping beauty. So still it lies sometimes in the hour before dawn that it would seem for once to have stayed its course to join the sea. Not the tiniest ripple disturbs its polished surface.

And sleeping, it would seem to be dream-haunted. It dreams of the city through which it flows. Above it hangs the starlit sky; tall buildings seem to peep into its depths, and the bridges stretch across it almost carelessly as though protecting a child that had gone to sleep.

And the dream of the river is of these same stars that shine above, of the tall buildings that are peeping down, of the bridges that stretch their arms above its bosom. For in the mirror of its shining surface you will see all these things more beautiful perhaps than their reality, and, looking down into this dream city, you will speak quite softly lest haply you might wake the sleeping Seine.—London Mail.

MARIE GREAT HELP TO HER

Mother Could Do Washing for Eleven So Easy When Girl Played a Ukulele.

Unselfish mothers too often make or permit their daughters to be selfish, more's the pity. One such mother, according to a story that Booth Tarkenton likes to tell, was bending industriously over the wash tub when a neighbor said to her, "Hard at it as usual, ain't ye?"

"Yes," replied the mother cheerfully. "Yes, this is wash day, Mrs. O'Hoolahan, and washin' for eleven don't leave you much spare time on your hands."

"Is that Marie I hear singin' to the ukulele in the parlor?"

Marie, by the way, was in infancy christened Mary and in early youth was always known as Mollie.

"Yes, Mrs. O'Hoolahan, that's her. The help she is to me! Oh, dear! Oh, dear! I don't know how I'd get along without that girl! Every Monday morning she gets out the ukulele or opens up the piano, and while I'm scrubbin' the clothes she sings the nicest, cheerin'est pieces, like 'Mother's Day,' or 'Dear Mother, in Dreams I See You,' or 'Lighten Mother's Tasks With Love,' and the work just rolls off like play. I tell you, Mrs. O'Hoolahan, there ain't many girls like our Marie." —Youth's Companion.

Laughter.

A low, musical voice is one of the greatest charms of woman. It sets the seal on her beauty. Without it she loses much of her power of attraction. But many a person has turned away from a pretty girl because of her laughter. There is laughter so loud that it ceases to be hearty and becomes vulgar, so shrill that it gets on the nerves, so strident that it suggests hysterics, and so inane and cackling that the listener concludes that only an empty-headed woman could laugh so.

Many girls do not realize the effect of their laughter, and continually laugh and giggle needlessly. Thus they destroy their chances of making a favorable impression upon people they meet.

Yet a low, musical laugh is a great attraction, the greater because it is so rare. Do you possess it? If not, with patience and perseverance you can achieve it. First listen to yourself whenever you laugh. You will probably be very disagreeably surprised, and realize how ugly laughter can be. You must lower the pitch of your voice. Practice laughing in your own room when you are alone. Banish the cackle on a single note; laughter is almost a scale—harmonious and attractive.

Would Like To.

An absent-minded country vicar met the village postman trudging along a dusty road on a hot summer afternoon. The postman remarked that he had still a mile to walk just to deliver one newspaper.

"My goodness!" exclaimed the sympathetic clergyman, "I'd never walk all that distance for such a trifle. Why don't you send it by post?"

Not Entirely Alone.

"Yes, your honor," said the aggrieved woman, as she dabbed her eyes, "he neglected me shamefully. Why, he never was at home."

"And I suppose you had to spend your evenings all by yourself, with no companionship whatever?"

"W-w-well," she sobbed, "I had two goldfish."

Terrible Faux Pas.

"What caused the coolness between the De Golds and their country cousins?"

"Why, when she was visiting them she made a terrible blunder by asking if the family crest in the tablecloth was the laundry mark."

Cause for Divorce.

In Turkey, during the Seventeenth century, to refuse or neglect to give coffee to one's wife was a cause for divorce. The man-made promises when marrying never to let their wives be without coffee.

Big Express Shipment This Week

More pretty hats in various styles and colors. Twenty-five more Spring coats in the new Spring weaves and colors. Some pretty high colored blouses and sweaters with just the right skirt for each one. Also middie-blouses for the School girl-

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Lula Belle, as we all knew her, was patient, kind, loyal and true. She always wore a smile and spread sunshine wherever she went.

Her christian character was outstanding. She lived for Christ

She won the love and friendship of all who knew her, and we shall not forget her noble life.

Therefore, we of the B.Y.P.U.'s extend our deepest sympathy to Yates, to her family, and to members of his family. And

in this hour of greatest sorrow we commend you to Him who knoweth all things and doeth all things well.

Committee on Resolutions, Dixie, Howard, Helen Booth, Lucy Tracy, Holland Teaff.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It gives me pleasure to say that Robert Dunn was with us in College a while, and he conducted himself as a Christian boy should. We regretted much to lose him; but we commend him to those with whom he might wish to work, and believe that he will carry out with credit to himself, and satisfaction to others concerned, any agreement which he might enter into. Sincerely, S. S. Boutwell, acting Dean; W. C. Holden, Prof. of History. It

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I have known Mr. Robert Dunn and his family for more than four years, and I consider him to be a very fine, upright, honest Christian boy. He is from one of the first homes in the country.

Robert stayed in our home last year for three months, while a student in McMurry College. We found him to be a gentleman in every respect. He endeared himself to us, and we learned to love him as one of the family, regretting very much when the time came for him to leave us. I heartily recommend him to anyone that might be concerned in any way. Signed, L. E. Northcutt. It

Mr. Z. E. Snow and family of Brownfield, were down this week for a visit with the former's parents and other relatives and friends in the White Church community.

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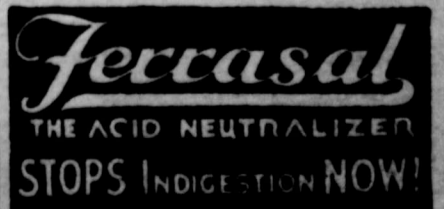
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