

LUNCHEON CLUB INTEREST CONTINUES

Again the members of the Merkel Luncheon Club held its regular semi-monthly meeting at Ed's Cafe, on last Tuesday evening. And there were present some fifty of the citizens of Merkel to mix and mingle together and discuss the needs of the city and surrounding community.

Notwithstanding the fact that there were on this evening a number of attractions going on in the city, there was a good attendance, and every one present demonstrated an earnest and sincere desire to lend their time and energy toward any effort that would help to make this town and community bigger and better.

Mr. W. L. Diltz, one of the clever Assistant Cashiers at the Farmers State Bank, was the interesting and able Toastmaster for the evening's program. "Dub", as he is familiarly called by his close friends, believing in the time old adage that "Things worth doing at all are worth doing right," literally made things hum during the social part of the program.

He first called on Col. J. A. Buford, a citizen of Merkel for many years and a man who believes in progress—progress of the substantial kind where things are really done that count—to tell of "What he thought of the Luncheon Club". And upon this subject Mr. Buford was well posted, for he has been in the forefront in all the work of the club since the organization of same. His talk was pleasing and well taken by every one.

Next the Toastmaster called on Judge E. S. Cummings to tell the Club of the "Impressions Made upon him by the Club". Judge Cummings being one among the best speakers in this part of the country, was able to outline the many good things the club had done, as well as to express an idea of the good the town was to derive from the work of same. He stated that through the work of the club the town of Merkel had accomplished many changes and good things that will in the future prove a blessing and benefit to the entire citizenship.

At this time the Toastmaster announced that the Club had as visitors, the members of the Trinity Quartet, of Waxahachie, and introduced them personally to the membership, after which they treated all present to a sample of the fine singing by the Trinity Quartet. It was indeed fine and was highly appreciated.

The meeting was then turned over to the chairman, Mr. L. R. Thompson, who conducted the business meeting. He called the report of standing committee, and Mr. T. G. Bragg and Dr. M. Armstrong, who compose a special road committee, each made impressive and appreciated talks showing that the work of their committee was progressing nicely, and that the funds for the purchase of the second big road tractor for the Merkel community was forthcoming.

At this time Chairman Thompson in a few remarks complimented the Merkel Mail upon the liberal boost and space given the Club in its work to build up the town, and called for a motion for a rising vote of thanks to the paper, which was unanimously given. Also Dr. M. Armstrong and others expressed their appreciation of the splendid efforts as put forth by the Mail, all of which we take occasion at this time to extend our thanks for the kind words

STITH BUYS TRACTOR TO GRADE THEIR ROADS

We are informed that the people of the Stith and Sandburr communities have this week purchased a big tractor, which they will use in the building of the gravel road, bonds for which were voted last fall in the amount of \$25,000.00, and work on which we are told will soon be started.

EARL DILTZ DIES IN CALIFORNIA

A message was received here early yesterday morning announcing the death of Mr. Earl Diltz, son of Mr. W. L. Diltz of this city, which occurred in California. It seems that Mr. Diltz had been suffering from appendicitis and died following an operation.

The remains, it was stated, will be shipped to Merkel for interment, and would probably arrive here about Saturday morning on the Sunshine.

Deceased was reared here, married a Merkel girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton, and had scores of friends to whom the sad news will be a shock indeed.

TO OPEN ANOTHER MEAT MARKET HERE

Messrs. L. M. Watkins and D. H. Vaughn, who some time ago moved with their families to Wichita Falls, recently returned here with their families and are preparing to open on Main Street a new Meat Market. They are experienced in the Market business and will no doubt enjoy a fair share of the business in this line. We welcome them and their families back to Merkel.

NOODLE TO HAVE A HOME TALENT PLAY

Big home Talent play at the tabernacle at Noodle on Thursday, July 17 at 8:30. Title "An Old Fashioned Mother." Proceeds will go to repair the Methodist Church. Admission: Children age up to 12, 15c; others 25c V. L. Merritt.

Messrs. F. J. Smith, T. F. Compton, and J. N. Shelton returned first of the week from a week's outing and fishing on the Concho. They report a fine trip and SOME fish. To the outside world this paper will not hint a thing about the age of these boys, but we bet a dime that if they went in swimmin' while out on the creek, they did not look around camp to find a little bit of cloth called a "bathing suit". No they just waded 'em off and plunged in while there was no one present but them.

Mrs. L. A. Watts and daughter, Miss Lillian, spent last Sunday in Cisco with Mr. Watts, who is undergoing treatment at a Sanitarium in that city. With their many friends, this paper sincerely trusts that Mr. Watts' condition may continue to improve as is reported at this time by his wife and daughter, until he has fully regained his health.

from each and all as well as those expressed by the Club membership.

For the next Luncheon, which will be held at eight o'clock on Tuesday, July 15, Mr. Booth Warren, another hustling and energetic young banker, will be in charge as Toastmaster. And for the next meeting, Mr. R. L. Grimes, efficient Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, will be in charge.

GENERAL BARTON SPEAKS HERE

Hon. Thos. D. Barton, present Adjutant General of Texas, and candidate for Governor of Texas, spent about two hour in Merkel Wednesday in the interest of his candidacy for that office.

General Barton, who was a Captain in the late war, being with the famous 36th division, and in which division many Merkel boys saw valiant service, was introduced by his old friend and splendid citizen of Merkel, Dr. R. I. Grimes, to a fair crowd of men and women on the streets of Merkel, and for about an hour General Barton discussed the issues connected with the Governor's race, which seemed to meet with the approval of all of those who heard him.

He did not enter into any personalities, in fact never mentioned the name of any one of his eight opponents, but confined himself strictly to the things he advocated and that are issues in the race. He will get a good vote here.

MANY TENNESEEIANS ENJOY A MEETING

In honor of Mesdames Sallie Walker and Ruth Douglas, both of the state of Tennessee, who have been in Merkel for some time visiting friends and relatives, a reunion, of many of the Tennesseesians in and about Merkel was held at the Collins Hotel on July fourth. It was a great occasion and get-together for those in attendance, in that besides the great feast of good things to eat that had been carefully and tastily prepared and assembled together, all had the opportunity of again meeting together and discussing the old country and the happenings of their earlier days in the state of their nativity.

The following is a list of the names of those present on this happy occasion:

J. H. Campbell, Helen Mack Compton, Mrs. T. D. Compton, T. D. Compton Jr., O. W. Hannah, W. B. Stephens, Bob Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Grafton, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins, T. D. Compton, W. A. Campbell and wife, J. C. Rea of Humlylee, Texas, R. J. Reed, T. F. Compton, J. L. Baker and wife, J. M. Cook, Hubert Rea of Humlylee, Texas, B. Y. Rea of Humlylee, Texas, B. C. Gaither, G. W. Johnson, H. H. Tittle, John Rowan, Miss Mollie McCulley, Mrs. Sallie Norris Walker of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Mary Campbell Tittle, Mrs. Will Campbell, and Mrs. Maggie Rea, Miss Sallie Rea, and Miss Hallie Rea of Humlylee, Texas, Mrs. T. F. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Brally and children, Mrs. M. A. Roke, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rosson, Oddie May Rosson, Clarice Rosson, Hollis Rosson, Lois Rosson, Iva Mae Tittle, Ima Gene Rosson, Mrs. Ruth Rea Douglas of Lynville, Tenn., and Mrs. Emma Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Turner, Frank Turner and little daughter, Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Turner and little son, Homer Jr. Mrs. Elmer Penick and two sons, Ray and Russell, all of Rule, Texas, spent the fourth in the home of Mrs. W. M. Turner's brother, Judge W. W. Wheeler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warren of Knox City were here for a few days last week visiting with relatives.

MERKEL SCHOOL IS GIVEN MORE CREDIT

The State Department of Education at Austin has again granted the Merkel High School additional credit. This time the credit is granted in Elementary Economics, which was taught in the Merkel High school last year for the first time. This speaks well for the instruction in this department, for it is no easy matter to secure such credit the first year. This makes 20½ credits for the local high school. The subjects taught, and the amount of credit now held in each subject follow:

Algebra 2, Plane Geometry 1, Plane Trigonometry ½, Solid Geometry ½, Business Arithmetic ½, Civics ½, American History ½, English History ½, Modern History 1, Ancient History 1, Economics ½, English 3, Latin 3, Spanish 3, General Science 1, Physics 1, Physiology ½, Total 20½.

The Merkel High School will continue to require only sixteen units for graduation. This is what the best high schools of the state require, and the number required will not likely be increased hereafter. The number of units required for college entrance is fifteen. Any pupil graduating from Merkel High School with this number may enter any college or university in Texas without examination.

To be classified as a Senior or to graduate in May 1925, a student must have by the opening of school this fall a total of twelve (12) units. He must have this number BEFORE he can enter the senior class. Something like thirty already have this number, others are making the extra credit required during this summer, and the outlook for the coming year is the biggest senior class in the history of Merkel. As in the past, these seniors will be required to have at least sixteen units to graduate next spring.

We shall have our new high school building ready for the opening of school this fall, so the contractor assures us, we shall have our entire high school faculty back again just as it was last year—all the High School teachers are returning. The outlook for the most successful year for the Merkel High School during the year 1924-25 is very promising. Let's have your continued cooperation. Respectfully, Roger A. Burgess, Superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Collins, we are informed, will leave Saturday with Mr. H. D. Simpson, for the Rio Grande Valley, where they will visit the Shary lands irrigated district, as well as see the sights in the valley in general.

Mrs. J. B. Warren of this city had as her guests July fourth to Sunday the following: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Warren and children of Knox City, W. B. Warren and wife of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Clark of Barstow, and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. G. Sadtler of Gatesville.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, announces that on June 25th, this banking institution declared their usual dividend, also stating that the institution had enjoyed a splendid business during the year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Collins returned last week from a visit to relatives at Paris and Clarksville, Texas. They were accompanied home on their return by Master Edward Jones of Bagwell, Texas.

OLD SETTLERS PICNIC AT ANSON, JULY 17-18

A large crowd of Anson citizens, accompanied by the band of that city, spent a short time here last Wednesday afternoon, advertising their big two days picnic and Old Settlers Reunion, on July 17 and 18. They extend an invitation to all to attend same, promising a good time.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT TABERNACLE

"The Menace of the Nations" will be the subject of the sermon at the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. Winsett will deliver the plainest, red-hottest sermon of the whole series. It will be straight from the shoulder; direct to the point and of interest to every one. Both men and women, boys and girls are invited. Come early if you want a seat.

The Sunday morning service will be held at the Baptist church. The meeting will continue through next week. "Get on the Line for God." Back to the tabernacle Sunday night at 8:15 p.m.

75 ATTEND A CHICKEN BARBECUE

July the fourth the Croquet Club met on the croquet grounds of Dr. W. M. Gambill and Mr. R. L. Grimes, where croquet was played all day with great interest.

Then in the late afternoon, visitors from Merkel and Trent, with the families of those belonging to the Croquet Club, gathered at the home of Dr. Gambill for a Chicken barbecue.

The beautiful lawn was well lighted, and long tables were arranged across the grounds and chairs were placed at the tables for seventy-five guests.

Mr. R. L. Grimes did the barbecuing of thirty-four chickens and every one who enjoyed this occasion said that this was the best barbecued chicken they had ever eaten.

Mr. J. A. Buford returned thanks for the splendid feast. Following this, a rising vote of thanks was given Dr. and Mrs. Gambill and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Grimes for so nice a feast and for the pleasant occasion.

The supper was spread at 7 o'clock and consisted of barbecued chicken, bread, pickles, cakes and pies, iced tea and coffee.

It has been reported that the Club will likely have another chicken barbecue before fall.

A. W. Hunter, one of the most progressive farmers and citizens of Merkel territory, closed a deal Tuesday whereby he becomes the owner of the business and residence property formerly owned by John Ray. He also purchased an undivided half interest in a tract from John E. Holbrook. Mr. Hunter bought the property as an investment, and we opine that it will measure up to his usual good judgment.

Mrs. West of Snyder, has been the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Matthews, of this city for the past ten days. She returned to her home first of the week on account of sickness in her family.

Rev. J. C. Burkett of Abilene was here Thursday for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Howard.

"GET ON THE LINE FOR GOD"—WINSETT

The interest in the meeting at the tabernacle is growing with each service. The people are attending from Abilene and other near-by towns. It is becoming the talk of the town. Some are for it and some are against it. Bro. Carroll is leading a great song service. The old songs are being sung with a pathos and power that is very captivating. Say, if you haven't heard Carroll sing a solo, you are missing the opportunity of your life. You should have heard him sing, "In the Good Old-fashioned Way." We all climbed Pisga's heights and got a view of the "promised Land".

Rev. Winsett has a way all his own. He is a John the Baptist type of preacher. The only difference is his dress and food. He believes in and preaches the personal presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the believers. He is fearless in his condemnation of sin and in his presentation of Jesus Christ and His blood as the only means of escape from a literal burning hell. He is emphasizing the fact that when men and women pray as they did just before Pentecost, the same results that came then will come today. This week the morning services are given to a study of the Bible concerning the Holy Spirit and His work in the world. He is using the Bible as his only guide.

This is an opportune time for the Christian people of Merkel to put their shoulders unitedly to the wheel for God that we may have a great revival. There are many people in the town who are lost and on their way to hell and it is the bonded duty of every Christian to do his best to help his neighbor to know God. There is no middle ground. "He that is not for me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

Come to the services at the Tabernacle 10 a.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Addresses Men at Sweetwater

Upon invitation from the members of the Business Men's Bible Class, of the First Christian Church, at Sweetwater, Mr. L. R. Thompson of this city went over to that city on last Thursday afternoon, and in the evening at a picnic held by this class in the Bradford Ranch, Mr. Thompson delivered an able and interesting address. He was very loud in his praise of the royal treatment and entertainment extended him by the good people of this church.

Methodist Revival at Mt. Pleasant

The Methodists wish to announce that their revival will start at Mt. Pleasant Sunday, July 13, 11 a.m.

All people are invited to come make these services yours. B. Y. Dickinson, pastor.

Messrs. L. W. Cox and A. T. Sheppard returned Sunday afternoon from their fishing and outing trip to the Concho, which was several days in advance of their plans, but the quick return was on account of serious illness in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Cox. They hope to yet make a more extended trip.

Mrs. Pearl Kyle of Fort Worth is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton. On last Sunday some 25 relatives and friends gathered at the Thornton home in honor of the visit of Mrs. Kyle, where all enjoyed a general good time.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT PROTECTION

Our board of Directors are composed of Five men who are widely praised for their judgment in financial affairs, men that are your neighbors and friends, who are willing to help you any way that is consistent to good banking principles. If we do not have the pleasure of serving you, then we cordially invite you to become one of our customers.

We offer you 100% protection for the safety of your funds under the Depositors Guaranty Fund Law. State Banks are the only Banks in Texas operating under this Law that can offer you absolute safety for your funds.

Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

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NEW CHURCH AT UNION RIDGE

On January the 15th 1923 the old Hebron School House was placed on sale at auction. This came as a result of the consolidation of the what was then Sears school district and the Union Ridge School district. The church membership at Union Ridge had for some years been looking for a chance to place a building in that community at an adequate spot to serve the members as a Methodist Church building. They deemed it wise if possible to bid this building in and make a church building of it. The community did not wish to take the building from its location if the people of that community desired to buy it for a church, and went to the sale with this intent. The building was placed on auction by superintendent Thompson of Jones county. The Hebron community was the first to bid, their opponent bidders being those of Noodle who wished the building to serve at Noodle for the same purpose. Hebron's bid did not exceed \$200.25 until they stated that they were through. Then Union Ridge took up the bid and ran it to \$500.00 against Noodle and Mr. Claud Derrick's individual bid. The building was then declared sold to the Union Ridge community.

The community made the first move by placing insurance to the amount of \$600.00 over the building to cover the period of three years. Practically no other move was made until July 1st. Then Mr. C. Spicer of Abilene was engaged to move the house from the former site to the present location at a cost of \$180.00, making the total cost of building, moving and insurance \$708. Some three hundred dollars is yet to be expended on the building for paint and repair. This will be accomplished in one or two days from date, and the building will stand well equipped at an approximate cost of \$1000. That is, outside fittings. Seats will be purchased soon, and the building will go into immediate use as a community church building.

We take this method of thanking each and every individual who has in any way helped to bring this about. We feel that we do have the good will of all, and have felt the aid of your having expressed your good will, but still we have felt the sting of opposition, and we feel the aid that this has lent, for no task is set to be accomplished without opposition, its sting makes one revert to the consolation to be gained in the words of David Crockett, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead." Then with its presence we have felt our way along and have profited by taking our own good time. M. R. Pike, Merkel Circuit.

Mr. J. H. McDonald of Oil City, Texas is here this week to visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent was here Monday shopping and visiting with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. McLeod.

Mr. W. D. Hutcheson has been confined to his bed for the past few days.

Mr. Austin Fitts of Abilene was here Tuesday calling on friends.

Mr. John Ray of Buffalo Gap was here attending to business Tuesday.

Mr. W. T. Sherrell of Abilene was here Tuesday attending to business.

Mr. Ira Stanley of the Stith community suffered several ribs broken Wednesday when a team that he was driving to a cultivator ran away, throwing him from the cultivator. He is reported doing nicely.

Watch Our Windows

Watch our windows for the Aluminum Sale Saturday July 12, from 3 p. m. as long as it lasts.

ONE DAY ONLY

Come Get Your Share. Only one piece of a kind to a customer.

Watch our window each week for Saturday Specials.

If its Hardware of any kind you want Come and see us.

Liberty Hardware Company

We Sell the Best Quality

ROMANCE AND ACTION ARE COMBINED IN "THE PLUNDERER"

A story of gold mining can always be counted on to be entertaining as a film, because it is bound to be full of action. "The Plunderer", which comes to the Cozy Theatre Friday and Saturday is no exception. It is a real "thriller" with love, romance and adventure all in the right proportion and set in the great open spaces of the west.

It is directed by George Archinbaud and he has turned it out with his usual attention to every detail and with a careful casting of the right person in each part.

Frank Mayo is handsomer than ever, if possible, as the young mine owner, Bill Matthews. "Lilly," the dance hall girl with whom he falls deeply in love is none other than Evelyn Brent of the raven hair and the lovely dusky eyes.

JOHN S. HUGHES ANNOUNCES PLATFORM

First: I favor good roads, substantial bridges and culverts, and a sufficient tax to build and maintain same.

I am in favor of good public schools.

Fearing that I may not be permitted to see everybody, I take this opportunity of letting you know what I stand for. adv.

JOHN S. HUGHES, Candidate for Commissioner.

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THE INFLUENCE OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public library is such a powerful force in popular education, that every city and town in America ought to have one. Public intelligence would be much higher, and it would be possible to obtain better support for good causes and improved government, if this means for promoting public intelligence were more general throughout the nation.

Even a small library may be an active force. A wide awake library will try to inspire people with a love for good literature, and it will attempt to offer people so far as possible books that will help them in their occupations. But to reach the maximum of effectiveness, the taxpayers or private generosity must provide a reasonably good supply of new books, with magazines and newspapers.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tittle are now happily domiciled in their new home in Merkel, which they recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Thornton who moved to Lamesa last fall, and who returned here last week, will at once remove to this city to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson and daughter, Miss Lynniss, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rurrell, and two daughters returned Sunday from a camping and fishing trip to Paint Rock.

One Minute Please

TRY OUR HOT FISH OIL SCALP TREATMENT FOR DANDRUFF AND OILY HAIR. We Bob your Hair the way you Want It. Marcel Waving Hair Bobbing Shampoos Manicures It Will Pay You To Visit Us

Ye Beauty Salon

Mary Eula Sears Loyce Dry

A GOOD MOTHER PASSES TO HER REWARD

After an illness extending over many months, Mrs. Minnie Tula Tittle Mayfield, wife of Mr. J. W. Mayfield, of this city, died July 6th, 1924, at Baylor Hospital, Dallas, to which institution she had been carried for treatment and operation, the operation being performed Saturday morning, death resulting Sunday evening at 9:05.

Deceased's remains were shipped to this city Monday for interment, which took place Tuesday afternoon in Rose Hill cemetery, following the funeral services which were conducted at the Baptist church at four o'clock by Rev. G. C. Farris of Sweetwater, assisted by the local pastor, Rev. W. H. Arbertson.

The funeral services and burial were attended by one of the largest crowds of sorrowing friends and neighbors ever before seen at a similar occasion in this city, demonstrating the sincere and high esteem with which the community held this wife, devoted mother, and great Christian woman.

Minnie Tula Tittle Mayfield was born November 21, 1876, at Franklin, Ga., married to James Willis Mayfield December 2, 1892, and before her marriage was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Tittle, the former having passed to his heavenly reward some years ago. She came to Texas in 1893 and resided in the Merkel community since 1900. In 1901 she professed religion and joined the Missionary Baptist church, and in which faith she remained loyal and steadfast unto the end.

She was the mother of eight children, one of whom, Beulah Anna, preceded her to the grave having died February 5, 1911.

Besides her husband, J. W. Mayfield, the surviving children are: Jas and Wife, Ora L. and wife of Slaton, Britt of Abilene, Marvin, Gladys, Clyde and Kenneth, all of whom were present to witness the last sad rites of the one

they loved best. There was also one grandchild, little son Wallace Lee, of Mr. and Mrs. Ora L. Mayfield, as well as her aged and Christian Mother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell, among those left to mourn her departure to that home in heaven not made with human hands. Also five brothers Messrs. H. H., Rufus, and Ab Tittle of Merkel, Blue of Abilene and Looney of Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and one sister, Miss Levy Tittle of Merkel.

Active Pall Bearers were: J. T. Howard, Jno. S. Hughes, Herbert Patterson, Bill Haynes, Henry West, and V. N. Ellis. Honorary: W. D. Haynes, J. T. Warren, J. W. Teaff, L. R. Thompson, W. L. Russell and J. B. Collins of Abilene.

In the loss of the deceased the mother loses a loving and devoted child, likewise the husband a true and loving wife and the children a kind, loving and devoted mother, and the community a great Christian character, one who had always been interested in and took part in all that would prove helpful and beneficial to the uplift of society and humanity. And her church has lost one among it's best and most faithful members.

This paper joins a multitude of friends here and elsewhere in extending to the bereaved relatives deepest and most sincere sympathy in the loss of one so dear.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook and little daughter, Margaret, of Port Arthur are here visiting Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cybert and Mrs. Geo. Woodrum.

I am now located at the W. P. Duckett old stand, and pay the top price, cash, for Poultry, and Eggs. West side Jocky Yard. J. D. Robertson. 11t3

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger have as their guests, Misses Lena and Hattie Freedman, and Mrs. Herman Davis, all of Houston. The three ladies are sisters to Mrs. Mellinger.

Miss Fannie Moore of Groesbeck, Texas, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Moore, and sister, Mrs. Claude Partridge.

The Magnolia Filling Station is being repainted this week, which adds much to its attractiveness.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Brittain of Abilene were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones of Trent were here Sunday visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and little daughter of Trent were here visiting relatives last week end.

Mr. S. L. Owens and family returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at San Angelo, Tex.

At The Cozy

Friday & Saturday

Wm. Fox Presents

FRANK MAYO TOM SANTSCHI EVELYN BRENT AND PEGGY SHAW IN

"The Plunderer"

A gripping Story of Gold Mining and Human Hearts

Also— "ROUGH SAILING" A 2 reel Fox Sunshine Comedy.

Admission 10c - 20c - 30c

CONDENSED STATEMENT

The Old Reliable

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business, June 30th, 1924

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$366,157.11	Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts	1,344.89	Surplus	15,000.00
Bonds and Securities	29,210.18	Undidided Profits	9,752.48
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00	Circulation	6,250.00
Stock in Federal Int. Banking Co.	900.00	 	
Furniture & Fixtures	3,850.00	REDISCOUNTS	NONE
Other Real Estate	3,000.00	BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
5% Redemption Fund	312.50	OTHER BORROWED MONEY	NONE
U. S. SECURITIES	139,300.00	DEPOSITS	553,637.42
CASH & SIGHT EXCHANGE	88,615.22	 	
Total	634,639.90	Total	634,639.90

J. T. WARREN President.
Booth Warren, Assistant Cashier

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier
Owen Ellis, Assistant Cashier

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Henry James, G. F. West, J. T. Warren, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman Sr.
Never missed a dividend - never assessed a share holder.

Messrs. H. H. Toombs, J. W. and Zeb Moore, Emmitt Perkins and others whose names we did not learn, returned first of the week from an outing and fishing trip on the Colorado.

Miss Lorena Eiland, of Dallas, was recently a guest in the home of her Uncle, Mr. T. M. Smith.

Mr. O. B. Bone and family of Petty, Texas, have recently moved to our city. Mr. Bone will be associated with the South Side Gin this fall.

J. R. Lamar and family returned this week from an extended visit and trip to points east.

Miss Ellen Anderson was the week-end guest of Miss Mildred Smith.

Miss Ruby Evans of Knox City is the guest of Mrs. M. L. Estes this week.

Messrs. J. J. Dyess and family and A. S. Dyess and family, all of Ennis, are here for a visit with J. S. and A. V. Dyess and families.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanduskey on Sunday the 6th, a baby boy.

Rev. W. G. Cypert left Friday for Gorman, Texas, where he will be in a meeting.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gafford have returned from their trip in the northern states.

Mr. L. B. Scott was a business visitor in Abilene Wednesday.

Choice Alfalfa just received. Swafford, phone 44.

Mr. Jasper McCoy shipped two cars of cattle to Fort Worth on Wednesday.

C. C. Campbell and little daughter left Wednesday for Sweetwater where they will visit friends and relatives for a week.

Col. and Mrs. J. A. Buford left Thursday for a week's visit with relatives at Sweetwater.

Mrs. T. H. Tarbet and son, of Lamesa, after visiting with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hendricks, left first of the week for their home.

Mrs. H. C. Williams is having her rent house, occupied by H. A. Sanders and wife, repainted, which will add much to its appearance.

Benjamin Franklin's picture is on the new \$100 bills, but we know where you can get a picture of Franklin for a lot less money.

The employed who never loses the viewpoint of his employees is the one who has the best chance to get along.

Scholarship for Sale

Miss Ouida Campbell has for sale an \$80.00 Scholarship in the Draughon's Business College of Abilene, and any one who is in need of a scholarship now, or anticipate attending this or any other Business College, will do well to see Miss Ouida Campbell at once. It will pay you to see her.

RADIO IN THIS CAMPAIGN

Political methods are changing rapidly, and this year radio instruments open up a great agency which the politicians will desire to use to its fullest extent for propaganda. Each political party will seek to have its ideas conveyed to an audience of millions through radio addresses from its leading orators.

The broadcasting of political addresses ought to do much to spread political intelligence. Many people who have not been following political developments, will in this way have their attention attracted to political questions.

If some of these folks have thought that politics was a dull and dry subject, they will reach a different conclusion when they hear the words of campaign speakers broadcasted to their radio instruments. They will discover that their own welfare depends upon the general prosperity of the country, and that prosperity depends to a large extent on the political decisions made by the voters. This method of communicating ideas ought to do much to dispel political indifference.

The result will be beneficial, since people will hear a broader range of ideas than they have been accustomed to in the past. Many people would never read a newspaper or attend a campaign rally expressing different opinions from those they hold. This has given them a narrow and often bigoted conception of politics.

But if these folks tune in their radio instruments, and listen to a political address from some speaker whose views are contrary to their own, they are quite likely to want to hear what he has to say. It will do them good to hear the opposite point of view. They will often learn that the half truths that they had previously accepted so trustfully are not the whole story. They will thus get broader

ideas and be more likely to accept rational principles.

A hand-picked candidate is to be preferred to a self-picked one.

Mrs. J. A. Milliken, Misses Murphy Thomas and Ethel Wilcox county a better place in which to live.

I offer you thirty-five years of business experience in different lines, 17 years of it in this precinct.

If elected I will account to you for every dollar I pay out. Your vote and influence appreciated.

Yours for Service,
HENRY R. HICKS. Adv

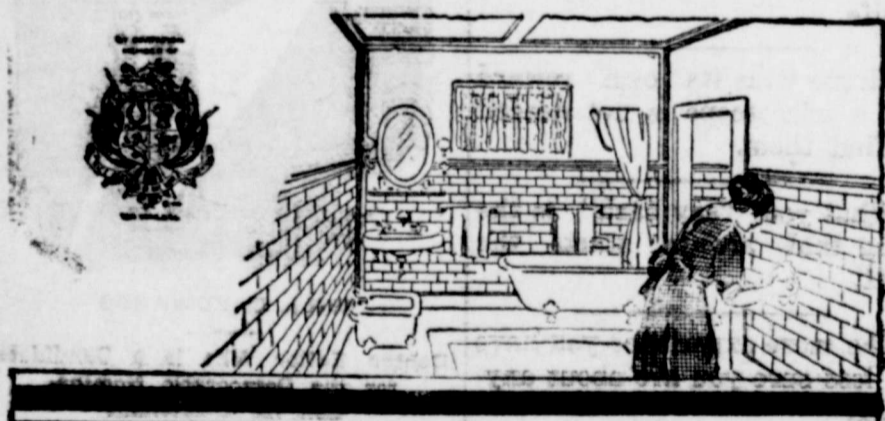
Mrs. Oscar Jackson and children of Spur, Texas, spent last week in Merkel, the guests of Mrs. Jackson's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fobe.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanduskey on route three, a bouncing baby boy. Mother and babe reported doing nicely at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders and daughter, Miss Dorothy, left town minimum at 10c per lb. Eighty per cent ready to wear.

Finished work and cleaning and pressing our specialty. One day service on cleaning six days out of every week. Leave at West's, Petty's of City Barber Shop, or phone 218. Alfred H. Ligon, agent Abilene Laundry Company.

Misses Mary Frances and Ellen Anderson of Hamlin, Texas, were here last week for a few days visit with friends and relatives, enroute to Fort Worth, where they will visit for some time.



"You'd think it was expensive ceramic tile"

"MY UPSON-Fibre-Tile always keeps spotlessly white, clean and beautiful. Not like the ordinary imitation tiles—that crack, tear, loosen, crumble or yellow!"

"Its waterproofed surface is enameled like wood, and it is so strong, stiff and hard that it will last for years. Cheap imitations cannot give Upson service."

"My Upson-Fibre-Tiled kitchen and bathroom cost only one-tenth as much as real tile."

Avoid rough, soft, spongy imitations. They haven't half as many years of life as Upson, and cost much more to enamel. The little difference in price cannot measure the big difference in quality.

Phone us for sample and detailed information.



Burton-Lingo Co.

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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."

Pain, in certain parts of the body, is a sure indication of female complications. The treatment needed is not the use of narcotic drugs, but—

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The Merkel Mail

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CONSIDER MERKEL

Ambitious West Texas towns would do well to consider Merkel, Abilene's little sister to the westward.

Take a look with us at the front page of last week's Merkel Mail, for details:

The Semi-monthly meeting of the Luncheon Club drew a big attendance. A committee composed of T. G. Bragg and Dr. M. Armstrong reported that they had raised a total of \$2,055 to be applied toward the purchase of another five-ton tractor to be used in grading the roads entering Merkel from the Jones county communities to the north, Noodle community kicked in with \$500 in addition to the Merkel warchest.

It seems that a short time ago, after the Luncheon Club began to function, Merkel business men went down into their pockets and bought a tractor and grader. The object was to improve the roads in that district, so as to induce their farmer friends to trade at Merkel.

So great was their success with the first outfit that the aggressive Merkelites decided to buy another; hence Messrs. Bragg and Armstrong's financial foray.

Now Merkel is to put another tractor and grader to work, this time smoothing the wrinkles in the roads radiating from Merkel into the rich communities of Jones county.

From the Mail we also learn that at least two trade trips have been made in the course of the week to outlying communities, Butman and Blair. The party was made up of business and professional men and citizens in general, supplemented by an orchestra and many excellent home-talent readers and singers.

Merkel has the right idea, day is no exception. It is a real "thriller" with love, romance and adventure all in the right proportion and set in the great open spaces of the west.

It is directed by George Archinbaud and he has turned it out with his usual attention to every detail and with a careful casting of the right person in each part.

Frank Mayo is handsomer than ever, if possible, as the young mine owner, Bill Matthews. "Lilly," the dance hall girl with whom he falls deeply in love is none other than Evelyn Brent of the raven hair and the lovely dusky eyes.

JOHN S. HUGHES ANNOUNCES PLATFORM

First: I favor good roads, substantial bridges and culverts, and a sufficient tax to build and maintain same.

I am in favor of good public schools.

Fearing that I may not be permitted to see everybody, I take this opportunity of letting you know what I stand for.

JOHN S. HUGHES, Candidate for Commissioner.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

And we'll bet our interest in a sandstorm that her present activities bear fruit. Just watch and see.

Meantime, Abilene ought to ponder these things. What is Abilene doing just now to improve her roads and unpaved streets? Their condition is little short of deplorable. Shall Merkel shame Abilene? Here's hoping she does!—Abilene Daily Reporter.

The above comment in the Editorial column of the Abilene Reporter, already one of the best daily newspapers to be found in towns the size of Abilene, in fact climbing right along with the best of state dailies, is highly appreciated by the citizens of Merkel, likewise the Merkel Mail. Because the editorial comment pictures to the world just what a united and progressive citizenship such as is the make-up of Merkel can do in the helping to put their town on the map, and again the reference by the Reporter, "Take a look with us at the front page of the Merkel Mail for details," signifies that this paper is endeavoring to do its bit as a newspaper in placing to the forefront the news and best interest of the city of Merkel as we find them.

PROGRESSIVE

With a beautiful new High School building costing \$40,000 the voting of \$60,000 worth of bonds for installation in this city of a modern sanitary sewer system, the building of a fine system of modern dirt highways leading into Merkel, and an effort being made to bring to Merkel natural gas for heating purposes, are some of the fine things that have been secured and under contemplation for Merkel, which have either been directly sponsored by the Merkel Luncheon Club or had its backing.—Merkel Mail.

Truly, Merkel is stepping right along with the other hustling, growing, progressive towns of this section. That town is showing a lot of other places around here that claim more population that for progressiveness Merkel is a mighty hard place to beat; in fact, it can't be beat by any place of its size. But that's what all West Texas cities are doing now: They are making for good causes and improved government, if this means for promoting public intelligence were more general throughout the nation.

Even a small library may be an active force. A wide awake library will try to inspire people with a love for good literature, and it will attempt to offer people so far as possible books that will help them in their occupations. But to reach the maximum of effectiveness, the taxpayers or private generosity must provide a reasonably good supply of new books, with magazines and newspapers.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tittle are now happily domiciled in their new home in Merkel, which they recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Thornton who moved to Lamesa last fall and who returned here last week will at once remove to this city to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson and daughter, Miss Lynniss, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rurrell, and two daughters returned Sunday from a camping and fishing trip to Paint Rock.

more progress than they have made before in their history.—Abilene Reporter.

BUSINESS ORDER

"The clean desk" is one of the mottos that many business men emphasize in dealing with their subordinates. They feel that the man who keeps a disorderly desk is in danger of letting his work go at loose ends.

Such a man should keep the matters under his charge more closely classified, so that letters and memoranda that demand immediate attention shall be placed together, those that will require attention a little later are in another division, those to be looked up at periodic intervals should be in proper places, and finished matters should be filed away where they can be found immediately if needed.

The old fashioned business man was apt to keep a pretty ragged looking desk. He often had pile after pile of letters and circulars, poorly classified, much of the stuff gathering dust. A great number of pigeon holes and drawers were often filled with stuff that was rarely looked at, so that one had to go through many heaps of material to find anything. The result of such conditions is that a man is likely to lose sight of important matters, which may thus pass without attention at times when action is needed.

A great many of the younger crowd seem devoid of the instinct for orderly arrangement of their tasks. If you give them a job to do, someone usually has to pick up after them.

Probably school pupils whose teachers find fault because their books and papers are kept in a disorderly way, think that these instructors are fussy. But the teachers do it because they know that a vital principle is at stake. The pupil who can't keep a desk with a few schoolbooks and papers in neat condition, is going to have a lot of trouble out in the business world. When he gets at a desk where hundreds of papers may pass through his hands in a day, and where all must be kept well sorted, a great deal of important work is likely to be neglected.

Building up trade is only a question of giving people what they want.

The end-seat hog never gets butchered, but he deserves such a fate.

Flower beds are beautiful, but ask the fellow who mows the lawn his opinion on them.

Some cities have established schools for speeders, but how do they expect to teach them anything!

NO. 366 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of June 1924, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 11th day of July 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$254,756.25
Loans, real estate	10,416.00
Overdrafts	290.90
Bonds and Stocks	4,430.40
Real Estate (banking house)	8,600.00
Other Real Estate	24,214.40
Furniture and Fixtures	5,277.50
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	62,254.90
Interest on Depositors' Gty. Fund	7,238.51
Asst. Depositors, Gty. Fund	29,628.75
Other Resources	12,836.45
Total	\$445,942.16
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	8,514.90
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	
Individual Deposits sub. to check	\$43,816.19
Time Certificates of Deposit	17,746.17
Cashier's checks	595.14
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	NONE
Other liabilities	606.00
Total	\$145,942.16

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. T. Warren, as president, and L. E. Adrian, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. J. T. Warren, President L. E. Adrian, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, A. D. 1924. C. L. McLeod, (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas. Correct—Attest: M. Armstrong, H. L. Probst, H. H. Toombs } Directors

IS WOMEN'S WORK HORSEPOWER?

The services of the **West Texas Utilities Company** is measured in kilowatt hours. But it means saving power or steps or efforts of some sort that would have to be exercised in its absence.

When a woman in any home employs the services of Electricity it adds to her efficiency; increases her comfort; provides leisure and defeats the years.

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West Texas Utilities Co.

Electrical Service our Motto

Jealousy is an involuntary compliment one pays to another.

The Rhode Island senate was gassed with Chlorine gas to stop a filibuster, but many senators remained in their seats, having become accustomed to gas in all forms.

C. Bascomb Slempp may be a good presidential secretary, but he is a poor judge of styles in names.

Duty calls in a faint and timid voice, but inclination has a way of making itself heard above any clamor.

The average man of today is more than the breadwinner—he has to pay for the gasoline and oil, too.

Driving a man to drink is not as easy as it once was.

Postponed work is always the most difficult to do.

The worst thing that can happen to a son is to be financed by his dad, or mother.

There is more fun in pursuing happiness than in catching up with it.

The value of a family tree depends upon the quality of its branches.

People who are of good cheer always get cheered in the game of life.

Virtue wins its own reward and a microscope is not needed to find them.

What you "say back" is the thing that always starts the fight.

The more experience you have the less sure you are about anything.

There is a difference between a living wage and a flivvering wage.

Rapid turnovers are good for business, but mighty poor for motorists.

Recipe for success: Advertise in newspapers and do what you say.

Few men really become great until they have a cigar named after them.

It doesn't take much resolution to be good when you are sick.

In 1749 Benjamin Franklin electrocuted a turkey for his dinner. Begins to look like most of the new ideas are old ones worked over.

Denton Publisher Seeks Lieutenant-Governorship



WILL C. EDWARDS
Denton Editor Who is a Candidate for the Democratic Nomination for Lieutenant-Governor.

Edwards, past president of the Texas Press Association and Texas Daily Press League, came to Denton from Alabama a small boy 41 years ago and has lived there since. He has been connected with the Denton Record-Chronicle since 1896 and has been its publisher since 1899.

In 1922 Edwards' home people, drafted him to run for the Legislature—the only public office he has ever held—and this is his first political contest entered voluntarily. He is president of the Denton Chamber of Commerce, served eight years as Democratic County Chairman, two years as State Democratic Executive Committeeman, three years as Red Cross county chairman, four years as president of Denton County Texas-Exas.

Friends say 95 per cent of the Democratic vote of his home county will be cast for Edwards and that he has practically the solid support of Texas newspapermen.

Neglect of the smallest things will never lead to attention to the big ones.

One Minute Please

TRY OUR HOT FISH OIL SCALP TREATMENT FOR DANDRUFF AND OILY HAIR.

We Bob your Hair the way you Want It.
Marcel Waving Hair Bobbing Shampoos Manicures
It Will Pay You To Visit Us

Ye Beauty Salon

Mary Cula Sears Loyce Dry

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, A. D. 1924. C. L. McLeod, (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas. Correct—Attest: M. Armstrong, H. L. Probst, H. H. Toombs } Directors

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of June, A. D. 1924. Booth Warren (SEAL) Notary Public Taylor County, Texas. Correct—Attest: H. W. Beckham, T. L. Stevens, T. J. Williamson } Directors

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—First Class Restaurant. Good business, in live town. See H. D. Simpson. 1tp

FOR SALE—Stationery for both men and women, boys and girls. 200 sheets paper with 100 envelopes to match for \$1.15 and \$2.00. Comes in white, pearl gray, buff, pink and blue. Your name and address or monogram on each envelope and each sheet or folder of paper FREE. Call for Blanche Durham at the Merkel Mail office to show you samples. tf

FOR SALE or Trade—My home place in Merkel. Also have 4000 good second-hand baled Shingles to sell. T. W. Collins. 1tp

FOR SALE—Good Wood. \$2.00 per cord while on ground. W.W. Haynes, French Pasture. tf

FOR SALE—A New seven by nine Auto Tent at less than Wholesale cost. Jas. H. West. tf

FORMULA FOR KILLING
Mosquitoes, Flies, Fleas, Bedbugs, Moths, Cockroaches, and aunts in the house.

Do you want to learn how to kill these insect pests? Make your own insect killer at home, as simple to make as a pot of coffee, and very cheap. Mail us 25 cents, stamps or coin, and we will mail you the formula for making a stainless insecticide that will positively kill above mentioned insects and many more. Send 25 cents today. It will be the best quarter you ever invested.

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Jacksonville, Fla. 4t2

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LOST—Pink Cameo Stick Pin, at or near the Baptist church. Finder please return to Merkel Mail. Reward. 1t

LOST—A ladies grey leather Handbag on road between the Alsbrook place and O. B. Tatum's. Mrs. V. L. Davis, Merkel, Route No. 2. 1tp

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We make loans in Taylor, Jones, Shackelford, Callahan, Runnels and Nolan counties. Take no loan until you have investigated us.

Write W. C. LASLEY, Secretary-Treasurer, Abilene, Texas. Office over Schultz Grocery—Phone 25. 2714

Choice Alfalfa just received. Swafford, phone 44.

Announcements

For State Representative:
JOHN N. HODGE
For District Clerk:
J. K. FULLER,
Mrs. LAURA COOK MITCHELL
J. E. McPHERSON
For County Judge:
CARLOS D. SPECK,
J. M. STEVENSON
For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS
County Attorney
FRANK E. SMITH
T. M. WILLIS
ROY L. DUKE
For Tax Collector:
D. T. HARKRIDER,
ED. DICKERSON,
R. A. McCLAIN
For Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD
JOE T. PERRY
(MRS) FLORENCE VANCE
For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
For Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR
JOHN S. BOND
R. G. (Bob) ANDERSON
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
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Merkel, Texas

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Tutt's Pills keep the system in perfect order. Regulate the bowels and produce
A VIGOROUS BODY
A sovereign remedy for sick headache, constipation,
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RHEUMATISM
The powerful, healing serum of Hunt's Lightning Oil gives instant and positive relief from aching, throbbing, nerve-pulling pains of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Headache, etc. 5c and 10c bottles.
HUNT'S LIGHTNING OIL
For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO

WITH THE CHURCHES

Methodist Announcements

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist church, accompanied by his sons Adrian and T. J. Jr., and daughter, Miss Ermalee, left Monday for a visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth, McKinney and other East Texas points. Rev. Rea stated to his congregation here in his announcements last Sunday that he expected to return last of the week, and would fill this pulpit as usual Sunday morning. His subject at the morning hour will be the "Doctrine of Salvation."

Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian church invites all its members and friends to be present next Sunday morning. Our Summer attendance continues to excel last year each Sunday. You will find a well organized class in each department of Sunday School. And the spirit of worship in every service.

The past week we have had the pleasure and privilege of having the Trinity University Male Quartet with us. Tuesday night they gave an excellent program to a well filled house. Wednesday night Mrs. Spence, a missionary from Alaska, gave an interesting and instructive talk.

We are looking forward to the last Wednesday night of this month to our regular church night. Something good is in store for every one who attends.

Fred S. Rogers.

The Keepers Class

The members of the Keepers Class were delightfully entertained on Wednesday afternoon, July 2nd, with Mrs. R. L. Grimes as hostess. The guests were met at the door and asked into the dining room where delicious punch was served by the hostess. A short business meeting was held with the president in the chair. A very unique contest was passed. The class roll in disguise. For this Mrs. John West was awarded beautiful pillow cases. Next came the "Parisian Designers" and Mrs. Marvin Smith was presented a dainty handkerchief for her efficiency. A delicious plate of brick cream and angel food cake with salted nuts was passed to about fifteen guests. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Marvin Smith the first Friday in August.

Reporter.

The Weekly Prayermeeting

The prayermeeting will meet July the 16th with Mrs. Mack Busbee. Lesson, the Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:1-11) by Mrs. Joe Harris. Song 36. Prayer, by Mrs. Estes. Song 185. Prayer, Mrs. Fannie King. Fulfilling all righteousness (Matt. 3:13-17) by Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth. Confessing Christ (Phil 2:5-11) by Mrs. Mack Busbee. Being in Christ (1st John 5:18-21) by Mrs. Elliott. The Baptism of Saul (Acts 9:10-18) by Mrs. Jim Meek. Baptism to be observed (Matt. 28:16-20) by Mrs. Sears. Jehovah's chosen servant, Isa 42:1-4, by Mrs. Chas. West. Song 218. Prayer, Mrs. Joe Harris. Joshua 3rd chapter, by Mrs. Meek. Prayer, Mrs. Busbee. Song 190. Minutes and roll call. Prayer, Mrs. Elliott. Song 172. Dismissed with sentence prayer.

Reporter.

Junior League Program

Subject: Danger Signals.
Leader: Len McSpadden.
Scripture: The First Temperance Band. (Jer. 35:6-10.) by Victor Smith.
Danger Signals, Edna Wilson.
Harry Lander's choice, Lorine Dixon.
One of Luther Burbank's discoveries, Dorothy Daniels.
Tom's Decision, Sterling Shepard.
Closing song; Benediction.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

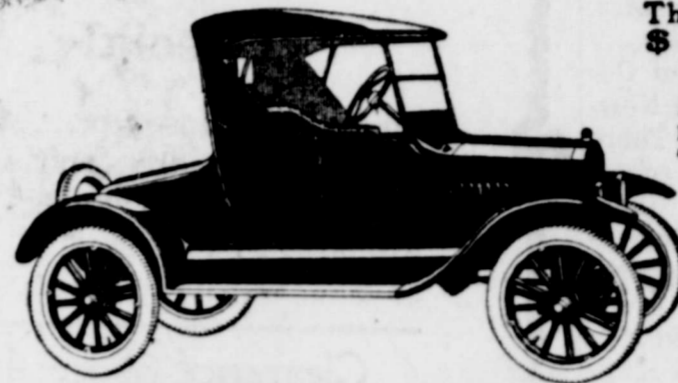
Conserve Your Energy in Summer

You can, literally, get "recreation"—be "made over" again, when your physical self is rested, your energy and your strength conserved by the use of this Ford Runabout.

Simplicity and good taste are embodied in the lines and appointments of this popular car. Uninterrupted use is insured by nationwide, "around-the-corner" Ford service. Better get your order in now!

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Senior League Program

Subject: Topics from the Creed, VI The Forgiveness of Sin.
Leader: Murphy Thomas.
Song.
Scripture (Ex. 34:6,7; Ps. 32:1-5; I John 1:8-10.)
Song; Prayer.
Solo, Christene Collins.
The Fact of Sin, Lena Stutts.
The Interpretation of Sin, Adrian Rea.
The Forgiveness of Sin, Leonard Will.
Reading, Rosie Laney.
Announcements.
League Benediction.

Singing At Mt. Pleasant

The Mail is requested to announce that on next Sunday afternoon, there will be a singing at 2:00 o'clock at Mt. Pleasant. A cordial invitation is extended to all, and especially all good singers.

CANE SEED FOR SALE

I have 25 bushels of Red Top Cane Seed on hand. Any one needing them see J. B. Bell, as I am out of town most of the time and have made arrangements for Mr. Bell to weigh them up for you. L. L. Murray. 1t

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who assisted us in any way in the sad hour of death of my wife and our mother. Words can not express our appreciation to our friends for the many kind words, deeds and beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessing be upon you, is our prayer.

J. W. Mayfield and Children.
Mrs. M. E. Campbell and Children. 1t

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our sincere thanks and appreciation to one and all who so kindly helped us during the illness and death of our beloved husband, son and brother, Mr. P. B. Cox. May the Lord bless and care for each of you, is our sincere prayer. J. M. Cox and wife, Mrs. Pink Cox and father and mother. 1tpd

House Full of bargains.—City Furniture, Joe Garland Prop. ff.

HICKS STANDS ON ANNOUNCED PLATFORM

I am still running on this platform.
I am against:
Graft in any form, from the smallest to the greatest.
I am For:
1. Going forward, and not backward.
2. Economy, but not lose a dollar to save a dime.
3. A square deal for every one.
4. Value received for every dollar paid out.
5. Good roads kept in good condition.
6. Every thing that will benefit every one, and make our precinct and county a better place in which to live.
I offer you thirty-five years of business experience in different lines, 17 years of it in this precinct.
If elected I will account to you for every dollar I pay out. Your vote and influence appreciated.
Yours for Service,
HENRY R. HICKS. Adv

Mrs. Oscar Jackson and children of Spur, Texas, spent last week in Merkel, the guests of Mrs. Jackson's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

NEW MEAT MARKET TO OPEN IN MERKEL

We are glad to announce to the people of Merkel and surrounding country that on next Wednesday, July 16th, we will open a new Meat Market in the building formerly occupied by Watkins Bros. Market, on Main Street. We expect to serve you with best of meats and will appreciate your business. It L. M. Watkins & D. H. Vaughn.

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Misses Mary Frances and Ellen Anderson of Hamlin, Texas, were here last week for a few days visit with friends and relatives, enroute to Fort Worth, where they will visit for some time.

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. Pain, in certain parts of the body, is a sure indication of female complications. The treatment I needed is not the use of narcotic drugs, but—"

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The Woman's Tonic

GOLAN NEWS

Crops are looking pretty good since the small showers and cool weather.

Health of the community is very good, except Mrs. Fred Vestal has been ill for a few days.

Mrs. Andrew Hill, Mrs. Harrison and Grandma Hill of Childress are visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Eula West spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Charlie Edwards of Horn Community.

G. M. Byrom is improving his place by installing a new wind-mill.

Mrs. J. W. Hill and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. West and family Sunday.

W. R. Hudspeth and family are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Rapp Green, on the plains.

Quite a few people from Golan attended the singing at Newman Sunday afternoon. There were several singing school teachers there. Among them were: Professors Eiland, Robertson, Kennedy, Norton and Leverett, Purvis. We had a very good singing. Then on Sunday night we had a very good Singing at Golan.

Miss Maddox is visiting her sister, Mrs. Allen of this community.

On June 27th a baby girl was born to Val and Dixie Byrom and at the same hour the death angel crept quietly in and carried it away. The remains were carried to the Shiloh cemetery for burial. We extend to them our greatest heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thompson and W. T. Duncan visited their sister and daughter, Mrs. C. C. Stribling, Sunday, of White Flat community.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Duncan and family visited G. M. Byrom and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Elliott and sister, Ethel, of Sweetwater, attended singing here Sunday night.

Messrs Russel Herring and Claude Touchstone of Noodle also attended singing here.

Gertrude Byrom is spending the week with Jewel and Pearl Skidmore of the Kale community.

UNION RIDGE ITEMS

Health of this community is very good at present.

The farmers are all about up with their work as it has not rained in some time.

The church house was moved over last week. There are some improvements to be made on it yet.

Mrs. Parker, Mabel and Houston Parker, John Martin from Stanton, spent the weekend with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. H. C. Barnett and two daughters, Lois and Lillie Claud, are visiting in Fort Worth. Also

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK

MID-SUMMER CLEARANCE

SALE CLOSES JULY 19th

Clearance of surplus Merchandise through out our store is our aim in this sale. Price is not considered, we need room for new Fall Merchandise already coming in. Read the items advertised and come get your share of quality merchandise and cheaper prices.

Extra Clearance Special	Extra Clearance Specials	Extra Clearance Special
Men's Lisle Hose 5 pr. \$1.00	Boys 75c Athletic union suits 2 for \$1.00	One lot mens shoes worth \$7.50 and \$6.50 \$2.95
One lot Men's dress shirts 98c	Men's 75c B. V. D. style union suits 2 for \$1.00	One lot voile dresses regardless of former price now \$3.95
One lot children's slippers 59c		
\$10.00 J. E. Tilt shoes 5.95		
\$8.50 J. E. Tilt shoes 4.95		
Clearance Specials	Clearance Specials	Clearance Specials
Ladies' \$2.50 silk teds \$1.95	Ladies \$1.50 gowns 98c	75c Tissue Gingham 59c
Ladies' 50c knit teds 3 for \$1.00	Childrens gingham dresses priced for Clearance	75c Printed Voils 59c
Ladies \$1.00 gowns 69c	Entire stock ladies hats on sale at \$2.00 & \$1.00	\$3.00 Table Linens \$1.95
Ladies \$1.50 silk hose 98c		All piece goods priced Special.

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A big showing of shirts and ties arrived this week in time for price reduction.

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THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

Mr. O. R. Douglas and wife.

Miss Grace Bynum visited Miss Pearl Skidmore Sunday.

Miss Ona Tatum was the guest of Miss Ruth Hartline Sunday.

Mr. Hanie West and wife, Mr. Charlie West and wife visited Mr. J. H. Clark and family Sunday.

Mr. Joe Douglas Jr. and wife, Misses Jewel Skidmore and Gypsy Eason returned home Sunday from a few days visit with relatives of Stanton. Sunbeam.

Choice Alfalfa just received. Swafford, phone 44.

Mr. H. S. Wilson, and son Bill, a former Merkel citizen, but now of Alpine, are here this week visiting.

Mrs. L. Angus returned to her home at Fort Worth, Texas, after a visit in the M. D. Angus home for several weeks.

COMPERE NEWS

Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Roman Palmer and Mrs. Norbin Palmer were called to Grayson county last week to be with Mrs. Clay Kennon, who was seriously ill. Mrs. Kennon is a daughter of Mrs. Smith and a sister to the others.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Merritt and son and Masters Armon Bayliss, Arnold Sherrill and Edward Patton and Miss Ella Lane were guests at the home of Mr. Frank Merritt Sunday afternoon.

Ice cream and tea were served and all had an enjoyable time.

Mr. Henry Foster and others around him have a real pretty crop at the present. He has had green bolls on his cotton for some time.

Miss Bernice Merritt spent a portion of Sunday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foster and family and Miss Ella Lane, who is visiting from southeast of Sweetwater, and who is a sister to Mrs. Foster.

There is going to be a party at Mrs. Morris Brankenship's Saturday night. Everybody better go.

Mr. Henry Foster was chasing some mules the other day and when he was about to break the speed limit, a file flung from a pocket entering his foot from the top, stuck about half way through, and so he has been past walking, but is up going about now.

Compere folks enjoyed the sermon and B.Y.P.U. program the Merkel people rendered them Sunday afternoon.

Miss Hilda Rister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rister, is recovering from an operation for the appendicitis.

Mrs. Grady Prichett and Miss Christene White of Ennis, Texas, are the guests of Misses Dixie and Dewey Blair this week.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith were in Anson Sunday visiting.

Mrs. J. F. Hodo left Sunday morning for Dallas, where she goes for medical treatment.

Miss Mary Eula Sears attended the picnic at Shep Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler of Abilene spent the fourth in the city with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bridges of Ranger, Texas, were here last week visiting with relatives.

Jack Burkhead and family visited Mr. J. B. Bell and family last week for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tippett are here this week visiting with relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Abilene were here Sunday visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox returned Monday from a few days fishing trip to the Concho.

Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby of Sweetwater visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs last week.

Master E. L. Turner is improving after being very seriously ill with blood poisoning, caused from accidentally sticking a splinter in his limb.

Mr. M. L. Dry and wife of Hamlin, Texas, were here Sunday visiting Mrs. J. M. Dry, and daughter, Miss Loyce.

Mr. L. B. Howard and wife, Miss Levy Tittle, and Miss Mae Collins visited in Colorado the fourth of July.

WEEDING THE GARDEN

One of the traditional jobs that used to be handed over to the young crowd was to weed the garden. The older folks said that the youngsters with their good strong backs, were the ones to do this hard work. It did not look so to Johnny and Billy, as they bent over the dusty ground on a hot July day, and thought longingly of the cool swimming pool and whether the fish would bite.

These youngsters, however, learned lessons at the old weeding job that they have never forgotten. One was that a poorly removed weed, with its head merely cut off, springs up again in about two days, and thumbs his saucy nose at you. Better make a thorough job of him, and pull him up by his dirty old roots, so he will never bother you again.

The boy who went over his garden patch so thoroughly that no weed dared show his head for a fortnight, is the fellow who to-day is living on Easy street, on a success built on thorough work and service.

LITTLE MARJORIE VIDRINE PASSES AWAY

Dear little Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby L. Vidrine, passed away at 3:30 Tuesday morning of this week. She suffered a stroke of Infantile Paralysis at the age of 9 months and later developed lung trouble and the immediate cause of her death being an affection of the heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Vidrine have done all that could possibly be done to restore the little one to health, going from Louisiana to Texas and from that state to California, sacrificing in every way for the little child, taking fresh hopes in each small sign of improvement.

Marjorie's intellect was above normal, and seemed too far advanced for the frail body. She would read two or three books a week, and could grasp a situation or appreciate the point in any controversy more readily than many people of more mature years. She was 8 years and 7 months old. Interment was at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in beautiful Forest Lawn Cemetery on the heights between Glendale and Burbank.

Mr. Vidrine is well known in banking circles, being in the legal department of the Citizen's Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles.

The people of Lancaster deeply sympathize with the bereaved family in this, their sad loss.

—Antelope (Calif.) Valley Gazette-Ledger.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vidrine is the grand-daughter of Mrs. Hester, who resides three miles east of Merkel, and this paper with many friends extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents and other relatives.

PAVING CITY CENTERS

The strain of automobile and truck traffic has become so great in the centers of cities and towns, that streets in these centers are being paved much more extensively than would have been thought necessary a few years ago. Under the grind of the incessant stream of cars, the streets wear out very fast unless built of asphalt, brick, concrete, or other enduring material.

Even many of the smaller cities are going in for such improvements extensively. Sherwood, Wisconsin, with a population of 2650, has 261,483 square yards of concrete pavement, and Glen Ellyn, Illinois, with a population of 2851, has 251,939 square yards of the same. A city or town that thus covers its business center appears very up to date and it will save itself many costly maintenance charges.

Substantial paving costs a good deal, and many cities burdened with heavy tax rates feel that they must wait for these improvements. But it does not pay to let street surfaces in a business center become rough and full of repressions.

T. M. Smith and daughters, Misses Mildred and Ola, left first of the week for a visit to the former's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, at Stanton, Texas.

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CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

GAMES—WORKED AND PLAYED.



Humanity began its existence with a desire for contest. A large part of the happiness of this life is found in beating, or trying to beat somebody in doing something, and to this desire and effort we are indebted for our civilization and the great strides of the arts and sciences. The desire to excel runs through all the affairs of life, but judging from what we hear and see and read it is much stronger these latter days, and wins much more applause, in games of play than in games of work. Every boy I have known has yearned to beat every boy in his town, city or community pitching, batting or kicking a ball, but I have never known a boy to seek honors as the champion cotton-chopper, weed-cutter or stovewood splitter of his town or community. And in this the men I have known do not differ materially from the boys I have known. All of us have seen men sit for many hours under the shade of a tree or in the back room of a grocery store running the entire science of mathematics through their brains, and working out many problems harder than any that are found in geometry or trigonometry to keep other men from dominating or shutting out their double fives, but you could not interest one of these men for the short space of two minutes on a carpet-beating or wood-cutting contest, and a Bible study contest would weary their brains and dim their eyes in a shorter time than is required to make the statement.

Every day we see in the papers pictures of men who have gained a lead-pipe cinch on fame by batting or kicking a ball further than other men, or by putting a golf ball on the green or in the hole with fewer strokes than others who vied with them in this rare and luxuriant sport, and quite frequently we see the pictures of women before whom the world is bowing in lavish homage because of their success on the tennis field or the swimming hole—or perhaps on the banks thereof. The men who lead all others in cotton chopping, even as Ben Adhem's name led all the rest, and the women who excel all culinary experts of the world in turning steaks to a delightful brown, or compounding biscuits and pastries that make the inroads glad and digestion perfect, get no honorable mention in the papers, neither are their photos ever sought by publishers or the manufacturers of bricabrac or patent medicines. Nobody knows much about them, hence their photos have no news value and their testimonials are not worth much to those who have something to sell. This favoritism, shown not only by publishers of papers and manufacturers, but

by readers of papers and ultimate consumers of manufactured products as well, convinces me that the world loves players and games of play, and has a deeper interest in their history and personality than it loves games of useful toil and the plodders who play the same. Work is all right as a means of earning bread and clothes and automobiles, but if one would win a wide acquaintance, enjoy a country wide reputation that makes people anxious to see him and do him honor, and wear a real halo, he must learn to excel at some game of play. I am sure that great learning assist one materially in enjoying life, enabling him to see many beauties and glories in nature that the unlearned wot not of, also that such knowledge widens one's field of usefulness, but if one has a desire to be lionized, wined and dined, and talked about in field and store, hovel and palace, I would advise him not to waste time burning midnight oil in acquainting himself with the works of the masters or in forcing from nature her hidden secrets, but to give his time and thought and energy to learning to play some game better than others can play it. If you incline to the opinion that I am not stating facts and giving sound advice, I ask you to note how quiet reigns supreme when some man of letters passes through town and what great demonstrations are accorded Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb and others who have won fame and glory on the field of sports. Nobody cares to look into eyes of the great student who has read all that is worth reading, and with his brain has straightened out many of the world's tangled hanks; nobody cares to examine the fingers of the man who has written the world's greatest essay or poem, but countless thousands would count it a wonderful privilege to feel the batting or pitching arm of the hero of the golf links or the ball diamond. I have never seen pictures of the fingers of Thomas Gray, who gave us the immortal Elegy, or the fingers of Burns, who wrote "The Cotter's Saturday Night," or fingers of Hawthorne, Longfellow or Tennyson, but I have seen many times the picture of Jack Dempsey's fighting arm and of the arms of hurriers who put twisting balls over the plate that puzzle batters.

Right now a big drive is on to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to build a great stadium at one of our great educational institutions, and my prediction is that the drive will be a great success, because many are manifesting an interest therein and a desire to aid. On the campus of this same great educational institution are several box shacks which are neither comfortable nor artistic, in which students study and recite; and nobody seems interested in providing better or hand-somer quarters for study and recitation. Understand, I am not complaining; nay, verily; I am only telling what we all know to be true—that the world ap-

plauds play and players a great deal more than it applauds work and workers. If the subscription lists should be passed to me, I suppose I would go down on the list for a dollar to build the stadium and contribute only two-bits to provide better class and recitation rooms. In other words, "we are all doing it."

What the first games played were like, I don't know. Adam, Eve and the serpent could not have played bridge, forty-two or whist, because they did not have the cards and bones. I have an idea that the serpent led them into the game of stink base, knowing he would be an easy winner. Cain and Abel could not have played marbles or ball, because there were no marbles or balls to play with. Since there were an abundance of switches, I have an idea that they played rap-jacket, which accounted largely for the ill-feeling which soon sprang up between them. I know that it is very hard to play the game of rap-jacket vigorously without losing temper or forming an aversion toward the other players. But I am sure Adam, Eve, Serpent, Cain and Abel played games and that the one who played best wore the honors and was lionized by the others. The Greeks played at running races, the Romans at boxing, our fore-fathers delighted in horse-shoe pitching and we who are now approaching the serene and yellow leaf of existence came up under the belief that no other games furnished so much excitement or so many thrills as town ball and bull pen. Our fore-fathers threw their hats as high when their champions rung the stob with a horse-shoe as the fans of today do when Babe Ruth knocks a home-run or Bo McMillan goes through a line.

From the creation of man to this hot day in July people have delighted in games of play and occasionally have gone "hog wild" over games and players. I have seen several fights matched over the good old game of mumble peg. Pulling the peg with the lips instead of the teeth would start trouble in the days of long ago as quickly as a questionable decision by the umpire does now. And I have seen boys stake and lose their last nickel, their only knife and pencil on the old Democratic game of horse-shoes. Speaking of how wild people sometimes go over games, and how oblivious they are to all things else when a game is in progress, I once went through Southern California, the flower garden of God's footstool, with a party of newspaper people. In that beautiful country were palms of matchless beauty, rose trees of great height in full bloom, pale lemons gleaming on every side and the golden glow of the topaz seen in the oranges ripening under the kisses of the sun on thousands of trees. But all the beauties and glories of Southern California were missed by a few who were in that party

of travelers. As the train sped through this land of fruits and flowers those to whom I refer were in a dirty baggage car, seated on kegs around a goods box. They played poker, and were so bound to and enthused over the game that they didn't know when they entered or when they left the orange and lemon belt. And these men were not gamblers, either. They cared little for the small sums of money that were won or lost, but they loved the game, and for it they missed the scenic beauty of the Golden State, the land of fruits and flowers.

One of the most fascinating games ever played by man is the game of politics. Over this game more people have become temporarily crazed than could be counted in figures in common use. There's something about the game that sets reason aside for a time and tells its devotees to go the limit in the field of foolishness. Usually when the game starts there are few players, the great majority of the people declaring they are not interested. But as the game goes on nearly every fellow picks a man. At first he is a mild supporter, but in a little while he is dancing like a whirling Dervish and swearing that if his man isn't elected the country will become an habitation for owls and bats and grow up in rag-weeds and dog-fennel. As the election draws near, the fellow who was perfectly sane before he took a hand in the political game, reaches the point that he actually believes his candidate, if elected, will reduce taxes, and that the candidate who is opposing his candidate would steal the State House and trade it for whisky before he had been in office three weeks. We are getting very close right now to the point where many of us will stand two hours on a hot night and cheer every word our candidate utters, and lose all confidence in our neighbor who is foolish enough and mean enough to vote for the other fellow. And it's just a game we are playing. We are not really expecting a reduction of taxes if our man wins, and we are not fearing the country will go to the dogs if the other fellow wins. But it is delightful and thrilling to play the game. Hundreds of men will sit up late, and spend much time and money, not that they have great love for or interest in the candidates, not that they hope for great betterment of conditions to come through the policies advocated by their favorites, not that they are expecting or wishing for appointments or favors, but like the poker player who loses for the time interest in all other things, and becomes perfectly oblivious to what is taking place elsewhere, they love the game.

To play any game successfully, one must work. There must be vigorous exercise of mind, hand or body to play a winning game, no matter what the game may be, but it is a work that

doesn't tire. It is a work that does not destroy, but builds tissue. It is a work that develops the mind without wearying the brain. Playing ball or golf is harder work than chopping cotton or splitting stovewood, but golf and ball playing add lustre to the eye and give suppleness and firmness to the muscle, while wielding the hoe and axe only callouses the hand and touches a weariness into the frame that causes one to complain against the old workaday world. Why the difference? The only answer that can be given is, one is play, the other is work; one is compulsory, the other is voluntary; one is the curse of earning bread by the sweat of the brow, the other a diversion to which people flee from the cruel concatenation of today being but a return to yesterday's routine. One is drudgery, because it is life's dull, insipid program; the other is a contest in which the player is spurred on by a desire to excel. One is the long speech of dull argument and statistics, the other the bright joke that woos back the drowsy listener and lights his face with sunny smiles.

I am a member of the old-time Democracy that believes the good old game of horseshoes is the greatest game worked out by the mind of man. I see in such new-fangled games as tennis and golf, in which the players wear jaunty caps, short breeches and women's socks, a tinge of foreign aristocracy, but I did watch a game of golf one day, and from it I learned a lesson we should all heed. There were two people in the field. One of these batted the ball, sighted and planned, the other carried the bats and hunted the balls. After more than an hour on the field the two came in. Both had worked, the batter much harder than the ball hunter. Both were covered with perspiration, and the tan of the summer sun was on both. One was fresh, vigorous and cheerful, and seemed eager for another round; the other was weary and droopy and it was easy to see that he despised the golf field. One was the player, the other the caddy. One had been playing, the other working.

The lesson is easy. Work tires and deadens; play freshens and invigorates. Pleasure may be found in the hardest work if the worker will make his work a field of play on which he contests for excellence. Thos. A. Edison, who works more hours in a day and more days in a year than any man in America, has never tired, and in his old age is yet a boy. He long ago learned the great secret that pleasure in work is the true philosophy of a successful life. Work may be a cruel routine that breaks the body and kills all ideals and dreams, or it may be a green field in Arcady where flowers make the heart glad, exercise keeps the mind and arm active and love keeps the heart young. Let us play.

THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION

Built in 1854, the Mansion Has Been the Official Home of 23 Governors.

By HORACE C. WALKER.

Would you live in the big white Mansion on the hill if you were elected Governor of Texas? It is rumored in Austin that certain candidates now in the gubernatorial race have declared that the upkeep of the Governor's Mansion is too great an expense to bear with the other burdens that fall to the lot of a chief executive of Texas.

Other quarters, just as good, may be kept up at much less cost, it is argued. But for a Governor of Texas not to live in the Mansion is beyond the realm of imagination to the average "oldtimer" of Austin.

From the days of Sam Houston on down to the present, the spacious colonial rooms and broad halls of the official residence of Texas' Governors have been occupied continuously by families of the Lone Star State's chief executives.

For the broad, hospitable doors of the Mansion to remain closed upon vacant rooms during a single gubernatorial term of office, is unthinkable in the minds of many persons.

Furthermore, it is declared that no other place in the Capitol City affords the necessary accommodations for social functions, receptions and entertainments so inseparably connected with the position of the Texas Governor.

It is the general opinion that no man who is placed at the helm of the State Government is socially fit for the office if he does not live in the Mansion. And not to live in the Mansion is ascribed by members of the oldest, most exclusive social circles of the Capital City as being tantamount to social infirmity.

One of Six Women.

Be this as it may, life in the Governor's Mansion has now become a subject of more than passing interest to at least six women of Texas, one of whom will become mistress of this "White House" of the Lone Star State, or of some smaller residence, by the time another year has rolled around.

All candidates now in the gubernatorial race are not rich men. To the wives of some of these candidates a

great white pillared house sitting on a hill, a house of sixteen large rooms, with servants, entertainments and a continuous round of society, may mean the fulfillment of worldly ambitions, or the prospect may be to them a terror.

The Governor's wife may spend as much as her private means will permit in the conduct of the Mansion, but from the State funds her aid will be limited to about \$5,000 a year for all purposes, inside and outside the house. This fact may furnish ample basis for the argument of the candidate who is opposed to the use of the Mansion as an official residence in case of his election.

Five thousand dollars a year was the sum appropriated by the Thirty-Eighth Legislature for the upkeep of the Mansion and grounds. According to the appropriation bill this money is to be divided as follows:

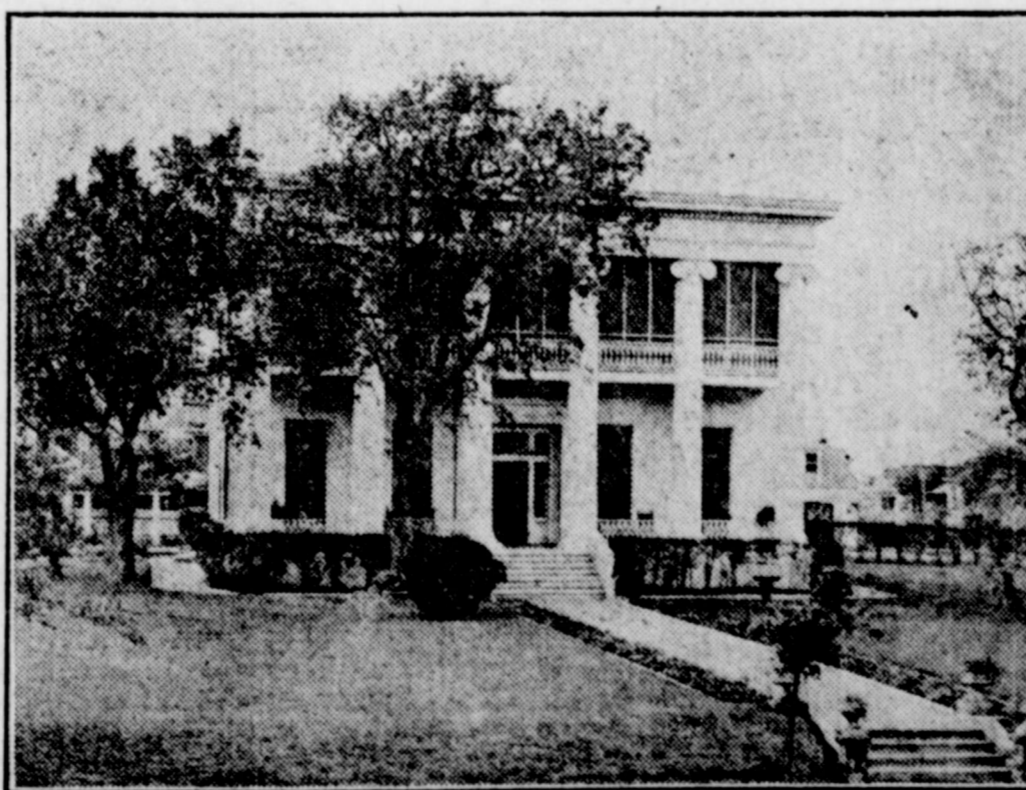
"For Governor's Mansion, including repairs, improvements, labor and replacing upholstery and for purchasing new furniture and furnishings, \$2,000; labor and employees for Mansion, \$1,500; fuel, light, ice, water and telephone, \$1,500."

Another paragraph toward the end of this bill of the last Legislature reads:

"The appropriations herein provided for the Mansion and grounds are to be considered as the maximum sum to be appropriated to and for the purposes named herein, and no expenditures shall be made, nor shall any obligations be incurred, which, added to the actual expenditures, will exceed the amounts

herein appropriated for either of said purposes."

It is evident, then, that only \$1,500 is to be allowed as pay to the servants at the Mansion, and only \$1,500 is to be paid by the State for operating expenses in connection with the running of the official residence. The two sums are to be kept separate, according to the bill—money appropriated for fuel cannot be used to pay servants' wages.



The Governor's Mansion, with its stately white pillars, facing the east.

Three men are the only employees on the payroll of the Mansion under the present Governor. A cook, a houseman and waiter who also doubles as chauffeur, and a yard man who gives all his attention to the upkeep of the grounds constitute the entire servant force at the big house on the hill. The yard tender is a white man and the other two are negroes. The annual salary of the Governor,

including the Legislature's appropriation, make a total of \$9,000 a year for the chief executive and the support of the Mansion.

Mansion Built in 1854.

Built in 1854 by Colonel Ab. Cook, contractor, the Texas "White House" is today in almost perfect repair after seventy years of continuous use—years in which the old colonial brick house has become enshrined in the hearts of Texans as the center of the State's history. The dignity and glamour of the pioneers of Texas hang around it, and its history inextricably interwoven with the history of grand old Texas.

The famous circular stair at the end of the lower hall is perhaps the most noted part of the Mansion. Artists from far and near come to study the graceful sweep of its curving handrail and the broad tread of the steps forming this old colonial stairway—steps which have been treaded by many famous men in history, including the President of two republics.

Besides the sixteen large rooms now in use, there are two wide hallways and the long, circular stairway. The floors of practically all the rooms, save the kitchen, are carpeted. The huge rooms, built on generous colonial proportions with high ceilings, give plenty of floor space.

To the left of the entrance, on the lower floor is the library; then the main dining-room, just in the rear of the library, which is used for receptions. Back of the dining-room is the break-

fast room. On the opposite side of the hall from the library, to the right of the entrance, are two large drawing rooms thrown together as one by broad double doors. In the rear of the drawing rooms, the pantry and the kitchen are located. The library and the dining-room are done in ivory, and the breakfast room, where the family of the present Governor dines, in light yellow, similar to ivory. The breakfast room is a delightfully cool and airy nook in the southwest corner of the Mansion.

A Bed Used by Sam Houston.

On the second floor are five bedrooms, the Governor's study and a sun parlor. The sun parlor is at the rear of the house, being enclosed with windows and furnished with wicker furniture. A door from this room opens on to a rear sleeping porch. One of the bedrooms is reserved for guests. It contains the famous "four-poster" bed used by Sam Houston when he occupied the Mansion, and other relics closely associated with early Texas history. Three of the five bedrooms have fireplaces.

The large pillars at the front of the house afford ample room for a sleeping porch on the second floor, and on this porch are three white iron beds, used in the summer time.

The Mansion has four white tile bathrooms. It is heated by a furnace. Some of the smaller rooms, however, are equipped at present with gas heaters.

The kitchen is furnished with both a gas cook stove and an iron range, adapted for either wood or coal.

The Mansion house, with its stately white pillars facing the east, overlooks the city of Austin. Its perfect symmetry of line and shape are declared as delicate and exact as that of an old Greek temple.

The original plan was to have the Mansion built where the old Land Office building now stands, in the southeast corner of the Capitol grounds. But Governor and Mrs. Pease preferred the

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BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER
THE STATE

A HANDLE FACTORY FOR TEXAS.

The Rogers Saw Mill Co., of Lometa, will soon begin operating a handle factory, near Rockdale, using native hardwood in the manufacturing of handles.

RABIES ON INCREASE.

Dr. J. T. Wilhite, director of the State Pasteur Institute, at Austin, says that rabid dogs continue on the increase in Texas and that with the coming of the hot summer days hydrophobia will increase unless the people take the situation in hand and stop the stray dogs.

BIG-MOUTH BASS SHIPMENTS.

M. L. Cantwell, warden in charge of State Fish Hatchery at Dallas, is shipping big-mouth bass minnows to many parts of the State for the purpose of stocking lakes, tanks and other preserves. Mr. Cantwell says the supply will not be able to meet the demand. The young fish are only an inch or two in length.

81 WEDS 74.

J. M. Holland, 81 years old, and Mrs. S. A. Taylor, 74 years old, both of the Confederate and Old Folks Home at Austin, were married at Ballinger, June 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland returned to Austin after spending their honeymoon in Ballinger.

THREE WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT CLERK.

Following the filing of names for candidates in Collin County it was observed that for the office of District Clerk there were three women and no men in the race. They are Mrs. Alice Taylor, the incumbent; Mrs. C. C. Martin and Mrs. Fred Owenby.

HONOR WORLD WAR HEROES.

Memorial tablets honoring the memory of forty-four Washington County soldiers who died in the World War were dedicated with a beautiful memorial program at Prairie Lea Cemetery, Brenham, June 8. Flags and flowers adorned the speakers' stand and decorated each individual tablet.

KILL MR. CROW.

The game wardens of Texas want the crow exterminated. They want you to kill these birds on sight because they are destructive of bird eggs, watermelon patches, corn and pecan crops. The growing scarcity of quail, declare the game wardens, is largely due to crows pilfering quail nests and eating the eggs.

3,000,000 ACRES SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

Three million acres of land are subject to forfeiture for nonpayment of interest, State Land Commissioner J. T. Robison announced recently. If interest is not paid these lands will be placed on the market for sale September 1st, the Commissioner said. The lands are located in nearly every county in the State.

PLAN HOME ECONOMICS.

In pursuance of the action of the board of trustees of the Decatur district, a strong department of home economics will be organized and made an integral part of the high school system of Decatur, beginning the ensuing term. Rooms for the accommodation of the new department are now being prepared in the basement of the high school building.

VALUE THE PECAN AS FOOD.

The great value of the pecan as a food was advocated at the meeting of the Texas Pecan Growers' Association at Fredericksburg, June 12th. The necessity for a great pecan experiment station in Texas was stressed in a resolution, and State and Federal aid will be solicited in support of the measure. Mason was chosen as the meeting place of the association in 1925.

TEXAS TEACHER AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP.

Miss Bessie McFadden, teacher of Peter Smith public school, Fort Worth, was awarded one of fifty scholarships of \$500 each offered by the American Child Health Association, for work done in the classroom in teaching on child health subjects. Miss McFadden will attend Columbia University, New York, with her scholarship winnings.

CELEBRATE ADOBE WALLS FIGHT

The fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Adobe Walls was observed by the citizens of the Panhandle, June 27 and 28, when a big celebration was staged on the battle grounds, culminating in the unveiling of a monument to the men who participated in the fight, in which 29 white men, barricaded behind adobe walls, defeated a force of 1000 Indians. The corners of the old Adobe Walls were marked with concrete markers and appropriate marble slabs placed on the graves of the three white men killed in the fight.

The Adobe Walls battle ground is about 112 miles northeast of Amarillo, in the northeast corner of Hutchinson county, near the Canadian river.

RUTH CROSS AWARDED \$500 PRIZE FOR NOVEL.

Ruth Cross, who received her B. A. degree from the University of Texas in 1911, has been awarded the D. A. Frank prize of \$500 for the best novel by a student or ex-student of Texas University between 1919 and 1924. Miss Cross has recently come into nation-wide prominence with the publication of her novel, "The Golden Cocoon."

FORT WORTH CITY MANAGER GIVEN AUTHORITY.

The City Manager of Fort Worth will be given full authority to employ and discharge employees of the city, according to a decision arrived at a meeting of the commission now drawing up Fort Worth's new city charter, demanded some time ago by a vote of the citizens.

SHRINERS TO MEET IN GALVESTON.

Shriners of Texas will gather at Galveston for ten days' vacation or a recreation jaunt August 4-14. The event has been designated as the Shriners' reunion to be held in "Allahland by the sea." The site for the reunion is at old Fort Crockett. The Shrine meeting will be followed a month later by the 1924 grand national encampment, to be held on the same grounds. Special rates will be granted by the railroads.

WORK BEGUN ON U. OF T. STADIUM.

Actual work of constructing the Texas Memorial Stadium at the University of Texas was started June 21st, with the pouring of concrete in the foundation. The work is to be rushed to completion as the structure is expected to be ready in time for the Thanksgiving football classic between the Longhorns and the A. & M. College team.

HURRAH FOR THESE EAST TEXAS BOYS AND GIRLS!

Two thousand pounds of delicious East Texas canned chicken was shipped to Austin with other canned edibles to be served on July 21 and 22 by the boys and girls' canning club of Shelby county, who will make an automobile tour of the State, 300 strong, demonstrating to school boys and girls how to can wholesome Texas products.

PANHANDLE PRESS ELECTS PRESIDENT.

J. Claude Wells, editor of the Wellington Leader at Wellington, was elected president of the Panhandle Press Association for the ensuing year at a business meeting of that organization in Amarillo, June 18th.

J. G. Graves, Portales, N. M., was elected vice president; Clyde Warwick, Canyon City, secretary-treasurer; Joe Smith, Pampa, and W. R. Steckman, Hereford, members of the executive committee.

The association voted to hold its 1925 convention in Amarillo.

HOUSTON GIRL WINS IN ESSAY CONTEST.

Joy Willsford, junior high school student of Houston, will represent Texas in a Nation-wide essay contest on the relation of improved highways of home life, the winner of which will be awarded a \$4,000 university scholarship. Out of 150 contestants in Texas, Miss Willsford won the right to represent this State, the Department of Education has announced. The highway education board of Washington, D. C., conducted the contest.

CARL VENTH GETS \$1,000 GIFT FROM MUSIC LOVERS.

Carl Venth, the well known Texas violinist and composer and his wife, received a gift of \$1,000 from the music lovers of Fort Worth at a complimentary recital held in his honor. The act was sponsored by the various music clubs of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Venth will leave Texas in July for Vienna, where they will seek to have some of the composer's operas produced.

FORM "STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN" CLUB.

Employees of the southern division of the Santa Fe Railway held a meeting at Temple and organized a "Stop, Look and Listen Club," intended to minimize the number of accidents, especially automobile fatalities, at railroad crossings. The present objective of the club is to secure signed pledges from all employees of the railway company that in driving their motor cars they will bring the car to a stop before crossing the tracks.

PRAIRIE CHICKEN HUNT

A field trial in the famous prairie chicken country of the Texas Panhandle during the month of August is the plan of the Tri-State Field Trials Association of Amarillo.

Every sportsman in the Panhandle and Western Oklahoma and Eastern New Mexico is expected to be present at this meeting.

In early days the hills and plains of Texas were dotted with prairie chickens, but now they are said to be found only in the Panhandle and in North Dakota in the United States. This will be the only field trial held in the South where these wonderful birds are to be used.

FORT WORTH'S COTTON MILL

Excavations for the foundation of the Fort Worth Mills, 22,000-spindle cotton mill to be erected at Fort Worth, was begun June 11 on the plant site in the southwestern edge of the city.

The buildings will be completed in ninety-five working days, according to the expectations of Thomas S. Byrne, the contractor.

The total construction cost of the buildings will be \$200,000, and the total investment in the mills will be 1,122,000, it is said.

COTTON RISK GHARGES CUT.

An order has been issued by the State Fire Insurance Commission making material reduction in the charges for waiver of subrogation on cotton risks. On uncovered or partly covered platforms and yards or open compresses within eighty feet of railroad tracks the charge of waiver of subrogation was reduced from 25 to 10 per cent of the schedule rate on both buildings and contents. A reduction of from 20 to 10 per cent of the schedule rate was made on cotton in open court warehouses within eighty feet of railroad track.

PAT IS STILL YOUNG.

Pat O'Keefe of Dallas, who attended the national Democratic convention of 1868, which met at Tammany Hall, New York, and nominated Seymour and Blair, attended the national Democratic convention which met in New York, June 24, 1924, where he served as an assistant sergeant at arms.

Pat was only 19 years old when he attended his first national convention in New York and claims that he was the only man at the convention of June 24, 1924, who attended the convention of 1868 from the South or West.

FIRST ORDER FOR HONEY BALL MELONS.

The first order for a carlot shipment of Honey Ball melons has been received by the Texas Honey Ball Association of Fort Worth, from a dealer in Sioux City, Iowa, according to T. H. Adkins, sales manager of the association.

A week's inspection of the 2,500 acres planted to Honey Balls in Tarrant and surrounding counties has just been completed by Mr. Adkins, who reports that 50 to 60 per cent of the total acreage will produce commercial melons. A yield of between 800 and 1,000 carloads is expected.

LAST HONORS TO GEORGE EUGENE MAGILL.

Both the army and navy united at Waco in paying last honors at the funeral of George Eugene Magill, 16-year-old Waco boy-seaman of the first-class, one of the forty-eight victims of the explosion aboard the battleship Mississippi, near San Pedro, California, which occurred June 12. The body was taken to the grave on a caisson, and three volleys were fired as the body was being lowered into the grave. "Taps" were sounded after the grave had been covered. The pallbearers were six sailors, wearing the white uniform of the United States Navy.

BILL FOR TEXTBOOKS ABOUT \$3,000,000.

It is estimated that the Texas textbook bill this year will be approximately \$3,000,000. This large amount is made necessary by the validation of the 1922 contracts in a recent decision of the Supreme Court plus the contracts recently made by the Textbook Commission upon this year's expirations.

With \$3,000,000 deducted from the available school fund, the State apportionment is reduced to that amount, or more than \$2 for each child enumerated in the scholastic age.

NO ADDITIONAL ROAD AID FOR TEXAS IN SIGHT.

The entire apportionment of \$4,410,169 of Federal funds for road construction in Texas for the year beginning July 1 has already been allotted and there will be no additional aid available for allotment until Congress has made additional appropriation, according to R. M. Hubbard, chairman of the Texas Highway Commission.

Chairman Hubbard said that no additional Federal aid has been appropriated at the recent session of Congress, that body having merely made available the appropriation which had previously been made.

ALMOST MILLION DOLLARS LEFT TO CHARITY.

The greater part of an estate valued at over \$1,000,000 was left to charity by the late E. D. Farmer, Fort Worth cattleman, financier and philanthropist, in accordance with the terms of his will, filed in the Parker County Probate Court at Weatherford, June 18th.

George Beggs of Fort Worth, personal friend and former business associate of Mr. Farmer, was named as administrator.

Under the terms of the will, Mr. Beggs, the administrator, with the advice of the sister, is to liquidate the estate within five years and distribute as they see fit the proceeds among various charities in Fort Worth, where Mr. Farmer had large business interests; Parker county, in which his ranch was largely located; Vancouver and certain localities of England.

RADIO WILL BROADCAST COTTON NEWS.

The dissemination of cotton market news in Texas will be expedited by the use of radio, according to plans which have been completed by the Department of Agriculture, under which the entire cotton belt will receive current information on market conditions and prices from broadcasting stations in Dallas, New Orleans, Memphis, Atlanta and Charlotte.

A feature of the service is the information on cotton seed and cotton seed products.

WOULD BROADCAST COTTONSEED PRICE.

At a meeting of the Texas Cotton Seed Crushers Association, in Galveston, June 10, Mr. D. C. Johnson of San Marcos, proposed the daily broadcasting of cotton seed prices by various dealers throughout the State in order to better stabilize the price of cotton seed. The association appointed a committee of five men, representing both North and South Texas, to investigate Mr. Johnson's proposal in the hope of working out of it some practical and beneficial plan.

CAPT. MAPES TO INSTRUCT TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD.

Orders have been issued by the War Department detailing Capt. Paul W. Mapes, Ninth Infantry, from Fort Sam Houston to San Antonio, where he will serve as an instructor of the Texas National Guard. The order will become effective at the end of the annual national matches, to which Capt. Mapes has been assigned for temporary duty.

Capt. Mapes was born in Nebraska, May 5, 1893. He was appointed a First Lieutenant in the infantry on November 30, 1916, and promoted to a captaincy August 8, 1917.

LEGION TO HOLD BIG CONVENTION.

The American Legion convention in Brownwood on August 18, 19 and 20 will be attended by many prominent national figures, according to plans of the program committee of the State department, which met at Temple for a conference.

General John J. Pershing, Secretary of Labor Davis, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, Judge K. M. Landis and others are among those invited. Judge Landis has already accepted the invitation and it is expected that General Pershing and probably others will accept soon.

GIFT TO BOY SCOUTS OF DALLAS.

Frank W. Wozencraft, president of the executive board of the Dallas Boy Scouts, has announced a gift of 145 acres of land, near Dallas, as a camp site for the Boy Scouts of Dallas. The giver is Col. A. E. Humphreys of Mexia.

The land lies on the west side of Camp Wisdom and the two camps make a total of about 345 acres to be used as a recreation spot for the nearly 2,000 Dallas boys who are Boy Scouts. The land will be improved for the Scouts and the boys will make surveys and maps of the tract. Nearly every species of native tree found in Texas grows on the land.

\$1,400,000 FOR HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL.

Navigation commission officials at Houston have been informed that Congress passed the appropriation which will give to the Houston ship channel \$1,400,000 for deepening and widening the channel to a uniform depth of thirty feet in the next year. The channel has been dredged, or money has already been appropriated for its dredging, to a thirty-foot depth to a point between Manchester and Clinton. Of the appropriation just granted, \$1,100,000 will be used to deepen the channel from this point to the turning basin to the required depth, and to widen the channel to 150 feet. The remaining \$300,000 will be used for the maintenance of the government dredges on the channel for the next year.

10,000 MILES OF HIGHWAY TO BE BUILT.

More than 10,000 miles of highway in Texas is to be constructed with the aid of the Federal Government, under the apportionment of funds just made by the Bureau of Public Roads. The Federal highway act of 1921, authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to accept the designation by State officials of not exceeding 7 per cent of their total rural mileage for improvement with Federal aid. Under this designation, which embraces approximately 170,000 miles, Texas is given 10,827 miles.

Appropriations for Federal aid totaling \$540,000,000 have been made since 1916, of which \$27,314,043 has been allotted to Texas. The Federal Government stands up to 50 per cent of the cost of improving the designated highways.

Since the inception of this work, 3,026 miles of State highway have been completed, and there now are under construction 1,648 miles in Texas, approval having been given for projects totaling 261 miles in Texas. In addition, there remains available for new projects not yet approved, the sums of \$316,535 to be spent in Texas.

TEXANS WILL ATTEND MEXICAN UNIVERSITY

A party of fifty teachers, including three Dallas instructors, departed for Mexico in June to attend the summer courses of the Universidad Nacional, in Mexico City. During the six weeks in Mexico City the party will take side trips to places of interest in the Valley of Mexico and a week-end trip to Vera Cruz, Guadalajara will be visited on the way back to the States.

EL PASO'S CLUB LAND IN BOUNDARY CLAIM.

The entire 200 acres of the El Paso Country Club and the magnificent New Country Club house, all valued at close to \$1,000,000, are included in the 25,000 acres of land claimed by New Mexico from the State of Texas and which is to be submitted to the United States Supreme Court on October 10th.

All of the 25,000 acres is rich land subject to irrigation by the Rio Grande river and from Elephant Butte dam. The boundary dispute arose over the shifting channels of the Rio Grande, which is the boundary line between the two States. The land in dispute extends to the very limits of the city of El Paso.

DECLARES BOLL WEEVIL BLESSING.

"Farmers should not become unduly alarmed over persistent boll weevil propaganda," declares J. Perry Burrus, prominent textile mill manufacturer, "for the boll weevil has been a big factor in keeping cotton prices, at a level where the farmer can successfully produce the crop. Production, otherwise excessive, has been reduced by the pest."

Mr. Burrus has been in Texas, recently, looking over prospects for locating several cotton mills in this State. He voiced a warning against increased cotton acreage.

COMPTROLLER WILL COLLECT BACK TAXES.

Since certain lands in the Red River boundary contest have been allotted to the State of Texas by the United States Supreme Court, immediate steps will be taken by the State Comptroller to collect the ad valorem taxes due on these lands for the past five years. Inasmuch as these lands were in controversy for five years no ad valorem or personal taxes were levied.

It is estimated that the taxable values will run well over \$300,000,000.

In addition to the ad valorem and personal taxes due the State, many thousands of dollars will be collected on the gross production of oil on these lands.

Oklahoma brought the suit and must now pay the court costs.

TO BROADCAST CONDITION OF STATE HIGHWAYS.

It is announced by the State Highway Department that on and after June 16, the Texas Highway Bulletin, official organ of the department, will conduct a road condition report bureau in order to inform those who use the State highways of the exact condition of the roads over the State.

This service will be rendered in two separate forms. First, the report on the highways will be broadcast every day from the broadcasting station of the Texas Highway Bulletin at Austin; second, inquiries by mail will be answered.

The report will be broadcast twice each day. In the morning the report will be sent out in code; in the afternoon, between the hours of 6 and 7, it will be given by voice. The report will be relayed to all sections of the State by amateur radio stations, in different cities within the range of the Bulletin broadcasting station at Austin.

DENGUE FEVER REPORTS

Reports of dengue fever cases in Texas are being received at the Texas State Health Department and State Health Officer Malone Duggan said that the disease may again become an epidemic in Texas. Dr. Duggan states that dengue fever cost the State approximately \$3,000,000 last year. Like malaria and yellow fever, it is caused by the bite of the mosquito and it is conveyed in no other way, Dr. Duggan said. It is, therefore, preventable and is simply a question of mosquito control by the individual homes and communities.

The Legislature made a small appropriation last year as a beginning of a State-wide mosquito control. The State Health Department is using that money in those communities where the county or city officials will match it with a like sum. Over thirty counties and about thirty additional communities have been reached. The department has organized six malaria districts which are supervised by a sanitary engineer who works in co-operation with the county and city officials.

The United States Public Health Service also is contributing largely in the control of the mosquito problem, along the Mexican border, and in San Antonio and Corpus Christi. The Government recognizes the great importance of preventing infection from Mexico and for that reason is spending thousands of dollars in this work, Dr. Duggan said. On previous epidemics of dengue, the disease first came from across the Mexican border.

THE PALO DURO CANYON

GREATEST NATURAL WONDER OF TEXAS.

By SHELLEY GROVER

The Texas Press Association, which held its forty-fifth annual meeting at Amarillo, June 18th to 20th, were guests of R. C. Harding, at a bountiful barbecue served in picturesque Palo Duro Canyon, on Mr. Harding's Lazy Six Ranch. Following the barbecue, the editors held a two-hour business session in "Devils Kitchen," a roomy cave within the side of the Canyon, which has a hole through the roof made by ages of erosion and in which a spring of clear water bubbles out of the back wall.

High upon the great plains of eastern New Mexico and near the western line in the Panhandle of Texas, when the rain falls upon the earth, it flows away in three different directions. One part goes toward the north, and ultimately finds its way into the South Canadian river; another part flows west, and finally swells the waters of the Rio Pecos, and the third part goes toward the east, and, after a hundred and fifty miles of commingling with other streams and natural "tanks," forms the turbid flow known as the Red River, which ends in the Mississippi. It is in following this eastern flow, and before it forms the geographical Red River, that we gradually come to and pass through the greatest physical wonder of Texas, the Palo Duro Canyon.

As one stands upon this high, treeless plain where the water divides, 3,500 feet above the sea level, and looks away into the distance in every direction, he views nothing but a broad and apparently level expanse, which gives way to nothingness where the sky seems to touch the ground. The eye has been deceived, for the plain dips a few degrees in the three different directions. But the absence of ravines, creek beds, hills, bluffs, or well defined hollows save a few almost imperceptible depressions or would-be "draws," does not tell that a few score miles in the direction of two of these waterflows and a few hundred miles in the direction of the third, each in turn has cut a great crevice in the earth, miles wide, scores of miles long, and hundreds of feet deep, with vertical walls, and with labyrinths of little canyons within a great canyon, and, in places, has formed veritable mountains standing isolated in the deep, wide canyon and below the general level of the plain through which the canyon is cut.

The Wonder of the Ages.

Such is the wonder of the work of water through ages of erosion. Such is the Palo Duro canyon. Such are the canyons of the Canadian and the Rio Pecos. But the grandeur, extent, labyrinthical system of little canyons within the great canyon; the bewildering details of little hills, mountains, eroded rock formations and shapes; the twisted, entwined and folded strata of beautiful gypsum of solid and variegated colors; the gigantic cylindrical stone columns hundreds of feet high and many feet thick, forming the sides of the great canyon, and with unmagnified appearance of great castles of round towers crested with natural battlements like

those of the Middle Ages; the beautiful waterfalls, rushing rapids and gentle eddies; the great caves and crevices, immense boulders and great jams of huge rocks, dripping bluffs and ledges, ferns and flowers; the wild beasts and deer and smaller game; the large birds, bats, owls and armadillos, the cedars and chaparral, the coyotes, foxes and loafer wolves, eagles, hawks, prairie dogs and panthers; the numerous varieties of shrubs and plants, and even a few fish—all combine to make Palo Duro Canyon the most attractive spot in Texas to the lover of nature and romance. Even the herd of the few remaining buffalo are at the Goudnight ranch, whose boundaries touch this great chasm in the earth. The howl of the lobo can be heard among its rocks or on some promontory in the early dawn, or as the gray twilight of the evening settles down to the darkness of night. The wild and weird silence of its mountains and its gurgling waters impress one with the fitness of this canyon for the untamed Indian and the chants and incantations of the medicine man of long ago whose arrow heads and relics still remain scattered among its rocks and hills.

Two Canyons Converge.

As we start from the top of the great plains, and follow the route of this eastern flow of water, in a few miles we find broad sags narrowing down to well defined "draws," and here and there notice water standing in natural "tanks," many of which are but the last mark of the old buffalo wallows. A little further on toward the southeast, the draws begin to narrow down to slight arroyos with low banks. As we travel on, the banks become higher, and the bed of the arroyo becomes well defined. Further on, a stream is formed, and a well defined creek bottom is found, bordered on each side with an abrupt rise to the level of the plain. This onward system increases as we pass from Deaf Smith county, Texas, into Randall county, when, upon arriving at Canyon City, we meet the confluence of Arroyo Blanco. We have now passed over the traverse of the stream called Palo Duro on the maps, and by this time its bed and bottoms have become a well defined canyon, but yet not deep nor so very impressive.

Arroyo Blanco is also a stream with a considerable canyon, and having a similar origin and growth, beginning in New Mexico, about forty miles south of the source of, and running somewhat parallel to but gradually converging with waters of the Palo Duro. From this junction of the two canyons and streams, which takes place at Canyon City, Texas, is formed what is called Prairie Dog creek—a name which it bears (on the maps) as it passes through Armstrong, Briscoe, Hall and Childress counties and reaches the one hundredth meridian, which is the east boundary of Childress. However, the stream is called Red river, by the people in the Panhandle, from the Claude crossing in Armstrong county; and from Canyon City to this crossing it is indiscriminately called Red river, Palo Duro, and, infrequently, Prairie Dog. So much for the name of the stream. But the canyon, from its beginning west of Canyon City, clearly to its end in, Hall county—some twenty odd miles southeast of Claude Crossing, is called Palo Duro Canyon.

Chasm Grows Narrow and Deeper.

The most interesting portion of the canyon begins at the falls some twelve miles down from Canyon City. The chasm then grows narrow and deeper, and its walls precipitous. About thirty-five miles down from Canyon City, the greatest depth is reached. The top of its walls there are over fifteen hundred feet above the bottom of the canyon. This depth is quite well maintained for fifteen miles or more, or until a point is reached about eight miles below the Claude Crossing. The greatest width is found about four miles east of the Crossing, where, in a bee-line from cap rock to cap rock it is about fourteen miles.

It is just east of the crossing where one of the most interesting sections begins. To fully appreciate the sight, one should go to either the towns of Claude, or Amarillo, on the Fort Worth and Denver railroad. From there a twelve to seventeen mile drive over the plains toward the south, puts you close to the canyon. As you approach it, you can see no sign of a chasm. Your vision goes out to the south, where you can see many miles before you, and it all seems to be one level, objectless plain. The eleven miles of canyon, you are now looking across in an air line, yet you do not know it. You can see no break in the landscape. The delusion comes from the fact that the cap rock of the north side of the canyon, is in a straight line across to the cap rock of the south side. The canyon cuts a level plain in two, and while the top of the plain breaks off into the chasm on the north, it is taken up again in a straight line eleven miles across the canyon on the south. You cannot see the chasm until you are right upon it, and were you a stranger to the country, you would not dream that you were approaching a precipice. Of course, some places are more precipitous than others. At some places it is perfectly perpendicular for hundreds of feet. At others it is not so steep. But there are only a few cattle paths leading down into it.

Sublime Picture.

As you approach at one point from the north, about four miles east of the crossing, and go out upon one nose-like promontory, a sublime picture is unfolded before you. Down you look into a world by itself, segregated by the steep slopes and precipices, upon one of which you are standing. It is over 1,500 perpendicular feet to the broad bottom of the Red River, and then that bottom is nine miles wide, beyond which the south wall of the canyon arises in insurmountable steepness to the same elevation from which you are viewing it. Two-thirds the way across the "bottom" you see here and there segments of the turbid river, and now and then sections of only the sandy riverbed where the stream itself is hidden by cedars, chaparral, or the steep gypsum or red-rock banks. As your eyes turn toward the west, following up the canyon in its half semi-circular trend, before you near the middle of the great depression, rising in grandeur and occupying for its base an area equal to one-half the "bottom," is a great red-rock mountain, spotted here and there with white gypsum and gray limestone and maculosed with skirts of timber and small sections of forest. Then, upon it you see the red slides or precipices, the picturesque shapes of rocky pro-

montories caused by the erosion or rains. You see glens and gulches, and hear—an eternal silence. Thus it stands, isolated and alone like an island in the sea, divorced from its former body, the main land, by chasms cut on each side by ages of washing rains and how extinct rivers, rivulets and brooks. There it stands, a huge mountain, over 1,500 feet in height above its base, and yet you are on the great mother plain, above it in altitude, looking upon it without having climbed a step.

Mother Nature's Cause and Effect.

When you have cast your eyes on up the canyon some twenty odd miles, and viewed the involved intricacies of erosion and earth, you turn your glance back toward the southeast and east. Three more isolated buttes confront you, but of much smaller proportions than the great mountain you have just seen. Your eyes run along and over "bottom." You soon see that only parts of it are the real bottom, and that the rest of it is a compound modulated surface, each nodule being divided by crevices and little canyons. Great numbers of these nodules appear before you, and as you continue to gaze, you see that there is a regularity in the great apparent of chaos. You begin to see that Mother Nature had cause and effect in her soul when she made this pan of biscuits. You notice that you can trace each crevice or little canyon into greater ones, and these into others still greater, and finally into some main arteries of the bottom which universally terminate in the river. But you also see that to go a mile in any direction through these crevices or little canyons would necessitate traveling several miles. Your curiosity is aroused and you determine you will go to the point where the canyon converges into Red River. On your high promontory you try to pick out the way. You see a main artery, but how are you to get to it. You see a gulch to one side, and see you can with little difficulty descend it to a bench or steppe of a few acres. Then you see a gulch leading from that, down into the intricate twining system of crevices and your eye loses its route. Then you know that at any rate and at some time you must reach the river if you just keep on going down grade. In your mind you trust to the deposit of leaves or sticks or brush against rocks or obstructions, to show you which way the water, has flowed, should you get into the narrow walls of the river "bottom," and find them so nearly level that the eye could not tell which is down hill. But you debate whether or not you shall attempt it. You may have seen the Bad Lands of Dakota, or may have read about them, and you see before you a prototype on a limited scale. But if you have been used to the wilds of mountains and frontier rambles, or if you have the spirit of romance with some daring and love of adventure, you take the risk.

Interminable Labyrinths.

Down the nearby gulch you go. Soon you reach the "bench" or level steppe of a few acres. You then start down the second gulch leading into the labyrinth. Assured by your success thus far, you are ready to go on, not dreaming that your gulch may lead you to insurmountable difficulties. You see also leading from the "bench" into the labyrinths, another but apparently more in-

ferior gulch than the one you have decided to take. You turn from the inferior to the one you have decided to take. You turn from the inferior, and take the "better" one, which has additionally in its favor a well worn cow trail. Cows go to water, of course, and how can you help but wind up in time at the river. So you go on. Down, down the chosen gulch, with perpendicular walls from 40 to 50 feet. It winds and crooks and turns and winds again. The walls look like beautiful marble, but they are only "half marble"—semi-crystallized limestone. You become, not interested, but enchanted. No marble could be more smooth and beautiful, and sections of it in natural polished beauty is not surpassed by alabaster. You notice the colors: milk-white, gray, pink, red, then variegated, striped and maculosed. You see in the same ledge, strata of all of these. Then you see thick strata and thin strata, and then you see the strata undulated, curly, zig-zagged; and yet, you notice that many times the entire strata of the ledges are parallel—parallel when straight, parallel when curly, parallel when undulated or zigzagged, and decades of feet of wide and narrow strata, from a fraction of an inch to nearly a foot, all so wonderfully and regularly and intricately parallel. Then you find great folds where the parallel strata one way suddenly turns under itself and runs back exactly to the opposite direction—and what a beautiful effect is this sudden turn, the beautiful strata of various colors all turning in parallel and looking like the beautiful grain of our folded molasses candy as we pulled it in our younger days. On you go, still seeing and seeing and looking to see still more.

Perils Forgotten.

Of course, we forget where we are, forget our possible perils and are dead to business and monotony of the city whirl. We turn a corner. Before us we see signs of some vagrant bear. We awake from our intoxication. Things again become real. The sign seems old, and so we do stop. We have come to small pools of water, and have waded through them. These things have awakened us, however, to realities. As we tramp along we notice an echo of our footsteps upon the floor of gypsum. The vaulted resonance tells us there is a cave beneath. But the "gyp" floor is solid and we go on. Our "marble" canyon now has walls fifty feet high. It has narrowed at times so we could hardly go through, and has broadened at other places so we could give a vaudeville entertainment if we desired. Of course, we have sung and whistled and halloed. We turn another corner. We have come to what? An end to the topless canyon! A wall of rock before us and on each side. We must stop. A dark chasm passing steeply down into the hidden earth, and without a ray of light to seduce us on, tells us that—

Here sinks the flood when rain doth fall
To rise again to light of earth,
And water some palatial hall
Mid distant city's social mirth.

We are truly at the end of our row. So we must now return to the "bench" and go down the "way that was rejected," narrow, unseemly and perhaps less interesting, if we want to reach the Red River. It is late. We must return to the ranch up on the plain, and put off our trip to the river for another day, when we shall try again.

THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

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present site, facing east, when the house was built in 1854, so the location was changed.

First Governor to Occupy Mansion.

E. M. Pease, besides being the man who planned and located the official residence, was the only Governor of Texas who ever held the distinction of living in the Mansion at two widely separated periods of time. He served as Governor from 1853 to 1857 the first time. Later, in the period of reconstruction following the Civil War, he was appointed by the Federal Government to the position again. He held the governorship two years this time, from 1867 to 1869, resigning in the latter year.

Twenty-three Governors of Texas have resided in the Mansion in its seventy years of service as an official residence.

These Governors, beginning with Pease who first occupied the house upon its completion, in 1854, and continuing down to Neff's administration, in 1924, with their periods of official residence in the Mansion, are as follows:

E. M. Pease, 1853-57; H. R. Runnels, 1857-59; Sam Houston, 1859-61; Edward Clark, 1861; F. R. Lubbock, 1861-63; Pendleton Murrah, 1863-65; A. J. Hamilton, 1865-66; J. W. Throckmorton, 1866-67; E. M. Pease, 1867-69; E. J. Davis, 1870-74; Richard Coke, 1874-76; R. B. Hubbard, 1876-79; O. M. Roberts, 1879-83; John Ireland, 1883-87; L. S. Ross, 1887-91; J. S. Hogg, 1891-95; Charles Culberson, 1895-99; Joseph D. Sayers, 1899-1903; S. W. T. Lanham, 1903-07; T. M. Campbell, 1907-11; O. B. Colquitt, 1911-15; Jim Ferguson, 1915-17; W. P. Hobby, 1917-20; Pat M. Neff, 1920-24.

The grounds of the Mansion include

an entire city block. The latest inventory issued by the State Board of Control places a value of \$325,000 on this block of land. The buildings on the ground are listed at \$75,000 in value.

1924 TAX ACT IS DESCRIBED.

Provisions of the revenue act of 1924, which makes many changes in the previous income tax regulations, are explained in a statement issued recently by George C. Hopkins, collector of internal revenue for Fort Worth district. Of most immediate importance to individual taxpayers, the statement explains, is the provision of the new law which reduces their 1923 tax 25 per cent.

Persons who paid their 1923 tax in full on or before March 15 will receive this 25 per cent refund without their being required to file claims, it is explained, while those who chose to pay in quarterly installments had their payments reduced one-half on the second installment, payable on or before June 15, and will have the remaining payments reduced 25 per cent each.

Under the new law, income tax returns are required of every single person whose net income this year is \$1,000 or more, or whose gross income is \$5,000 or more, and of every married person whose net income is as much as \$2,500, or whose gross income is as much as \$5,000. There is no change in the exemption for single persons, which is \$1,000. Married persons, living together, and heads of families are allowed an exemption of \$2,500, regardless of the amount of net income, while under the 1921 act, this exemption was \$2,000 if the net income exceeded \$5,000. No change is made in the provision allowing to taxpayers a credit of \$400 for each dependent, in addition to their personal exemption.

STUDENTS NOT AFRAID OF WORK.

College boys constitute a majority of the laborers who are now placed by the United States Bureau of Farm Labor, according to C. W. Woodman, head of the central office in Texas, which is located in Fort Worth.

One of the most important angles in the case of student laborers is in keeping the parents informed about them. Many of the boys neglect to write home and as a consequence Woodman is bombarded with queries from anxious mothers.

"Write a few lines to the home folks," says Woodman, "if it is only a postcard."

POSTAL EXAMINATIONS JULY 26.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that at the request of the Postmaster General, competitive examinations will be held on July 26 throughout the country for the purpose of securing lists of eligibles from which to appoint postmasters for offices now or soon to become vacant.

Among the offices for which postmasters are sought are those of Rio Grande, Texas, which became vacant on June 4, paying a salary of \$1,800 per annum; Livingston, Texas, vacant since June 14, paying \$2,000 per annum, and Carlton, Texas, vacant since July 28 last, paying \$1,500 per annum.

Examinations to fill the Texas vacancies will be held at Hamilton, Lufkin and Mission.

BRADY GETS NEXT SHEEP MEN'S MEET.

Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association adjourned after a three-day session, at San Angelo, electing T. A. Kincaid, president, W. O. Shultz of Paint Rock and Robert Reel of Kerrville were elected first and second vice presidents, respectively, by acclamation.

WILL CONTEST DR. COOK'S PETITION.

The application of attorneys for Dr. Frederick A. Cook for relief from the supersedeas bond set by Federal Judge John Killits at \$45,000, following his conviction on a mail fraud charge, to come up in Federal Court at Atlanta, July 7, will be contested by United States District Henry Zweifel, who left for Atlanta, July 5.

Dr. Cook is asking that he be permitted to appeal his case "in forma pauperis," asserting that he is unable to raise the sum necessary for his appeal. He has been in Tarrant county jail since his conviction last November.

CAPTURES PINEY WOODS SINGLES

More than 20,000 targets were thrown during the second annual Piney Woods tournament, which closed at Lufkin, June 24. The first Piney Woods singles championship, 100 targets on 16-yard rise, was won by Forest McNeir of Houston in a shoot-off. The Piney Woods tournament is the second largest event of its kind in Texas, being second only to the Sunny South shoot held at Houston.

QUESTION RIGHT OF ROAD TO MOVE OFFICES.

The Railroad Commission has been asked if the Gulf Coast Lines has any legal authority to remove the general offices of the Houston & Brazos Valley Railroad from the town of Freeport, presumably to Houston. It is a legal question which will be submitted to the Attorney General.

Barclay-Sneed-Kasner road district, Falls county, has voted a good roads bond issue of \$115,000. The bonds are issued in denominations of \$1,000 each, and bear interest at the rate of 5½ per cent.

BUMPER WHEAT YIELD.

One of the highest yields of wheat ever made in Denton county is reported from near Justin, in the southwestern part of the county. Off 25 acres of land Lee Houn threshed 1,275 bushels of wheat, according to word received at Denton, which is an average of 51 bushels to the acre. The field was measured to determine the exact acreage, it was said. This wheat scaled 64 pounds to the bushel.

TO SPEND \$75,000 ON AMARILLO FAIR GROUNDS.

The building program of the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition at Amarillo, which is spending \$75,000 for permanent improvements, has begun to take definite form with virtual completion of the agricultural building, race track and grand stand.

URGE GARNISHEE LAW BE 25 PER CENT.

The Central Labor Union of Amarillo at a meeting held in Amarillo adopted a resolution urging the Texas Legislature at next session to enact a law to provide for garnishment of wages up to 25 per cent.

NEW FORT WORTH CITY DIRECTORY.

The 1924 edition of the Fort Worth city directory has just been issued by Morrison & Fourny Directory Company. The new volume consists of 1,236 pages, and credits a population of 175,000.

TEXAS MIDLAND IMPROVEMENT BATTERY
The Texas Midland Improvement Battery is completing a general calling for \$1,000,000.00 in bonds for the purpose of financing the construction of a battery of 100,000 cells for the production of electricity.

TEXAS FARM NEWS

BRIEF REVIEW OF FARMING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Some oat crops in McCulloch county have threshed 90 bushels per acre.

The watermelon crop around Corpus Christi promises to be a bumper one this year.

The first new oats harvested in McLennan county, sold at fifty-five cents per bushel.

Grasshoppers have destroyed some of the cotton fields of Denton county, North Texas.

Pecan trees along the Colorado river in the vicinity of Bastrop are loaded with young pecans.

Kaufman county has 60,000 acres planted to corn, which has been damaged somewhat by hot winds.

The outlook for a fine pecan crop throughout Central West Texas is considered very fine.

Hot, high winds have done considerable damage to the corn crop in the Northern and Central parts of Texas.

Bell county farmers are now out of the weeds and grass, and the cotton crop is showing marked improvement.

Eastland county, West Texas, wheat yield, on many farms, averaged 40 bushels per acre, oats sixty bushels to the acre.

Many of the Hall and Childress county, West Texas, farmers fought grasshoppers with turkeys. It is said the capacity of a single turkey for grasshoppers is enormous.

The peach crop in the Sulphur Springs, East Texas, district promises the greatest yield since 1919, according to W. W. Evans, county agent of Sulphur Springs, and estimates the probable yield for this district at 250 cars.

Giles Garner planted 170 acres in wheat, near Snyder, Scurry county, last fall, from which he has gathered 5,672 bushels. Thirteen of the 170 acres is said to have produced 82 bushels per acre.

Prospects for a big yield of forage crops look very promising in Falls county. Since dry weather, cotton has also shown a marked improvement.

The State Department of Agriculture estimates increase of the cotton acreage in Texas at ten per cent, basing its figures on more than 200 reports.

Charles F. Angell of Boston paid 48c per pound for 400,000 pounds of twelve-month wool at Kerrville, buying it from Schreiner Woodland Mohair Company.

Cattle are reported to be getting fat on the open range around Midland. They are said to be in extraordinary condition for this time of the year.

Sutton county sheep raisers have just sold 477,000 pounds of wool of 12 months' growth at 45c to 47c per pound, and 50,000 pounds of six and eight-month fleeces at 41c.

Farmers are complaining of boll weevils in McLennan county. Frequent plowing is said to be the most effective methods of killing the weevil and checking its ravages.

Another big hen egg is reported from Weatherford, Parker county, having been laid by a Buff Orpington hen. The egg measured 7 1/2 inches and 8 1/2 inches in circumference, respectively.

Fifteen bushels per acre is placed upon the Floyd county wheat crop. Most of the harvesting is done with combined machines that thresh and harvest at the same operation.

Parker county is shipping quite a lot of registered Jersey cattle. A carload of these cattle was shipped to Phoenix, Arizona. Another car was shipped to El Paso. The cattle are for milk.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has issued Circular No. 32, on boll weevil control, and copies will be sent to persons interested, free, upon request. Address B. Youngblood, College Station, Texas.

During the last four years 3,000 settings of eggs from pure bred flocks have been distributed in Dawson county, West Texas, through the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce with the county demonstration agent.

The first car of 1924 wheat, came from Rule, Haskell county, Texas. It graded No. 1, dark hard, and showed an analysis of 10.4 moisture, 13.9 protein, and weighed 60.5 pounds to the bushel.

The largest cantaloupe crop in the history of Webb county, South Texas, is being harvested. Solid carloads are being shipped to Northern markets. The cantaloupe crop will be followed with the watermelon crop.

The Government's estimate of 17,000,000 bushels of wheat, for Texas, is 3,000,000 bushels short of what is thought to be the yield by Fred Honea, manager of the Morten Milling Company, of Dallas.

A. T. Burton, living three miles west of Cleburne, announces that he is meeting with considerable success growing sweet clover, now very rarely grown in this section. His clover, now in its second year, is about three feet high. He states that it is a wonderful soil building plant, is biennial, having to be seeded every other year. It puts an extraordinary amount of oxygen into the soil. The feed value of sweet clover is practically equal to that of alfalfa.

The total of 1,375 carloads of Bermuda onions will about represent the onion shipment in the Laredo district this year. Cantaloupes and watermelons are now being harvested and shipped to Northern markets from this part of the State.

Several demonstration fields of Honey Ball melons have been planted in Hopkins county, East Texas. They were planted with view of engaging in Honey Ball production on a large scale if experiment proves satisfactory.

The quality of wheat being produced in Texas and Oklahoma this season has never been equaled in the history of the Fort Worth Grain and Cotton Exchange, according to G. E. Blewitt, local dealer. Concerns in the grain business for 30 years say that they have never before received such type of wheat.

In the Northern and Eastern parts of the Texas cotton is approximately one month later this year than last, but with favorable season from now on, it is believed that a fair crop will be produced. The farmers are fighting the grasshoppers this year, with deadly poisons, and to a great extent have checked their ravages.

Joe Kell of Wichita Falls has completed a trip of inspection over the entire Panhandle-Plains section, and estimates the total wheat yield in this territory at 11,000,000 bushels, which is one of the largest wheat crops ever harvested. He says most of the wheat will grade No. 1, hard red winter.

Reports from West Texas state that practically all the spring lamb crop, estimated to be around 600,000 head, is contracted for by Northern buyers, to be fattened in corn belt feed lots. Why should these lambs not be fattened in Texas, once the Northern system is applied to Texas conditions?

W. W. Brunson, secretary of the Midland Hereford Breeders' association, estimates that from 27,000 to 30,000 calves have been branded around Midland this year. The calf crop is declared to be extra good. The number of cattle dehorned this year is the greatest in the history of the cattle industry in the Midland territory.

Investigation of the Lindale blackberry industry has been conducted by H. L. McKnight, finance commissioner of the Texas prison system, and Capt. H. T. Thornton, manager of the Wynn prison farm near Huntsville, with a view of establishing on the penitentiary farms blackberry acreage and canning factories.

Threshermen working in the grain fields around Cross Plains, West Texas, report heavy yields. The crop of R. O. Eubank, six miles southwest of Cross Plains, averaged 41 bushels per acre. The general wheat yield is running from 30 to 40 bushels and oats from 60 to 90 bushels. Wheat is testing 61 to 62, and oats from one to three pounds above standard.

Asserting that the increase in food production was not keeping pace with the increase in population, Senator T. H. Ridgeway of San Antonio made a strong plea for the further development of the pecan industry before the annual meeting of the Texas Pecan Growers' Association, held at Fredericksburg, June 10.

G. H. Harrison, tick eradication inspector for Fayette county, reports that the infested herds of cattle in the county have been reduced from 340 to somewhere between sixty and seventy herds, since the fourteen-day dipping was started this spring. It is expected that the county will soon be free of fever ticks.

The acreage yield of wheat per acre in the Plainview section is around 15 bushels. The yield is above that of 1923.

Both the quality and the yield of the new wheat crop harvested in Grayson county, North Texas, is far above the average of the last ten years. Sherman mill men report. From 25 to 35 bushels per acre is being harvested.

Since May 20 the Wool Growers' Central Storage Company, a co-operative wool growers' organization of San Angelo, has disposed of about 2,300,000 pounds of wool, which was practically contracted for at a price of not less than 40c a pound.

With the coming hot weather the shippers of hogs to market are being warned to take precautions against suffocation enroute. One car coming to the Fort Worth market from an Oklahoma shipping point discharged 17 dead hogs. This loss to the shipper was around \$250, which might have been avoided by taking the proper precautions against suffocation. It has been found that bedding the car with clean sand and wetting this thoroughly previous to loading the hogs, and then suspending gunny sacks filled with ice above the hogs, will minimize the effects of a 96 degree state of heat.

At the urgent request of growers and shippers in the Jacksonville-Tyler-Alto section, the United States Department of Agriculture has formed an agreement with the State department of agriculture for co-operative federal-state inspection of all fruit leaving this belt, thus insuring the national standard inspected fruit. An office for the inspection bureau of this Jacksonville-Tyler-Alto belt has been established in the National Bank building at Jacksonville and plans for selecting experienced, disinterested men to be commissioned and licensed as State and federal inspectors has been worked out.

The annual Texas wool crop this year will probably total 22,000,000 pounds, according to experienced growers. The indications are for an expansion of both the wool and mohair industries. The range conditions are splendid, with just enough rain to keep the weeds growing. Organized efforts to control the wolves and other predatory wild animals have resulted in practically freeing many counties of these destructive pests. Ranches are fenced against wolves and the sheep herder has practically disappeared, the sheep being allowed the run of the range, under which condition they thrive best. There is much interest in fine and better breeding stock of the Delaine wool variety.

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The office will be maintained at Fort Worth for about three months in recruiting harvest hands, cotton choppers and cotton pickers later in the summer. Employment will be obtained free of charge, said Mr. Mick. Any worker or farmer needing the service of the labor office may explain his needs.

DOLLAR PER MILE FOR SPEEDING.

Corporation Judge Cullen Bailey, of Fort Worth, fined a speeder on the Fort Worth-Dallas pike \$1.00 per mile for driving his car in excess of the speed limit. The defendant was driving at the rate of 56 miles per hour.

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Si Hemp—I guess you'll have to stay all night with the station agent.

Miss Dazzle—Sir! I'd have you know I'm a lady.

Si Hemp—Well, so is the station agent.

TRUE TO RACIAL CHARACTERISTICS.

Two Jews, left adrift on a raft in the middle of the Atlantic after a wreck, were nearly at the end of their endurance when one sighted a vessel.

"A sail! A sail!" he cried weakly.

"Vot's the use, Simon?" groaned the other. "Ve got no samples here."

"KINDA" SARCASTIC.

Impatient salesman to conductor on a slowly moving train: Say, don't you think it would be a good idea to take the cow-catcher off the locomotive.

Conductor—What are you getting at? Impatient Salesman—Why, what's to prevent a cow climbing on this train, and hooking somebody.

He was a young man and his name was Lew.

He raced to a crossing with a big choo-choo.

But when Lew came back He rode in a hack

And his poor little wife cried, "Boo! Hoo! Hoo!"

THE BABY WAS SAFE.

A woman member of an Ozark camping party was horrified while emerging upon the bank of a swift stream to see a baby seated on a stump overhanging the water, while his older brother played some distance away.

She called the boy severely to account for his negligence.

"Aw, he can't fall in," came the excuse. "We nailed his coat tail to the stump."

A BOOSTER.

Mrs. Jack London, enroute for California by sea, said on a New York pier: "Californians are great boosters. Once, at a funeral in Los Angeles, the minister failed to turn up, and it was very awkward for the waiting mourners. Finally the undertaker rose and said:

"Friends, in our pastor's absence is there not some one present who might say a few words?"

Nobody responded to this invitation, and the silence became more awkward still. But at last a man in a brown business suit got briskly to his feet.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said, 'as nobody here has any remarks to make with regards to the deceased, I will, with your kind permission offer a few words about real estate prospects in Los Angeles."

THE LOST WAS FOUND.

A hard-boiled sergeant was drilling a lot of raw recruits. His patience, at last, becoming exhausted, he said:

"Once upon a time, when I was a little boy, I had a set of wooden soldiers. One day I lost those soldiers, and I cried very much, but my mother said, 'Never mind, Johnny! Some day you will get your wooden soldiers back.' And believe me, you bunch of wooden-headed dumbbells, that day has come."

AN IRISHMAN'S FORETHOUGHT.

A trolley car in Rochester crosses three consecutive streets bearing masculine names. When the conductor called "James" a man signalled him.

"Williams," he called, and another man got off. An Irishman sitting near the door grew visibly nervous. When "Alexander" was announced and a third man left the car the Irishman arose, approached the conductor and said: "I want to get off at Avnoo B. Me first name is Michael."

NO ESCAPE.

Brother Johnson, the colored preacher of Frog Town, had labored through a long, perspiring evening to convince his colored brethren of the terrible fate that remained in store for them if they remained sinners.

He concluded: "And de wicked am cast into outer darkness; an' dare'll be wallin' an' gnashin' ob teeth."

A colored spectator arose from his seat and demanded. "Whut 'bout me, Mistah Johnson. I ain't got no teeth."

Leaning far over the pulpit and shaking a lean, bony finger at the aged sinner, Brother Johnson said, profoundly: "Nevah yo mind Mistah Jackson; nevah yo mind. De teeth am gwine ter be pervided."

LIKE A MULE.

Pat was standing in the road when he noticed a motor car coming up the street. He stepped back a little.

The car caught up with him and, just as it was passing, the driver had occasion to turn off down a side street. As he moved the steering wheel the car skidded, causing the back end of it to swing around, striking Pat and knocking him down.

Pat was seen to get up and look after the car and say: "Now, what do ye think o' that? When ye stand in front o' them they run over ye; and whin ye git out o' the way to let them pass they turn around and kick ye."

UNCLE SI.

"I'm sure glad," said Uncle Si Perkins, "thet the nomernations fer Democratic an' Republican Presidents is 'bout over. Folks can now settle down to 'bissness an' git rid of the things thet pester most, sech as weeds, grasshoppers an' weevils. While politics don't generally do so much harm as some crop pests, yet they keep the minds of our citizens off the biggest thing in life—

WORK. No President of eny party is goin' ter save us from work. The bosses talk a lot of stuff 'bout what this party an' that party is a goin' ter do, but if you an' me is saved we got er do the savin'.

This here grocery store would have mighty few customers if I waited fer some political boss to come erlong and run hit fer me. An' what's more, we got er do our own thinkin'.

Use yer noodle; thet's what the good Lord put it on your shoulders fer, an' while usin' yer noodle, keep yer hands an' feet busy—busy all the time at some kind of honest work.

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A slight wobble of a wheel of only one degree actually drags the tire sideways 920 feet in each 1,000 miles, which causes excessive strain on the car as well as the tires.

Worn engine bearings can be detected by the oil gauge pressure. As the bearings wear the oil circulates more freely and the pressure drops. If a persistent drop in pressure is shown on the gauge and the regulator is known to be right, it is safe to assume engine bearing wear.

A screw driver and a length of stout wire can be used on some cars in an emergency as a valve lifter. The wire is formed into a double loop of such length as to reach from one of the cylinder head bolts to within a short distance of the end of the valve spring. Looped over the cylinder head bolt, it can be used as a pry, sling or fulcrum for the screw driver in compressing the valve spring.

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GOD WILL GUIDE THEE:

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TEXAS RANKS THIRD.
Prospects in Texas are for 3,040,000 bushels of peaches this year, according to reports of the bureau of agricultural economics, released through the co-operative State-Federal market news service. Arkansas, the report states, will have a crop of 2,458,000 bushels and Georgia, 7,159,000 bushels. It is interesting to note that the Texas production takes third place this season, being led only by California which has a crop of 13,584,000 bushels in prospect, and Georgia whose anticipated production is listed above.

GOD CARES FOR HIS OWN.—And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.—Malachi 3: 17.

HEALTH INSPECTOR NAMED.
Weatherford, Texas, alive to the importance of keeping clean, has appointed a public health inspector, who is to make daily visits in the business section of this city and keep close check on sanitary conditions.

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FLOWER CONTEST.

Dear Children:

Your letters are coming in very nicely. I am so happy to know that so many of my little readers are interested in the beautiful things around them. Texas is a garden of wild flowers. However, at the time I am writing this, the summer promises to be a very hot one, which is very hard on the "ground jewels" of Mother Nature. For those that live near the running water it will not be so difficult. Did you ever think how grateful that we should be that we have those beautiful streams of water? How much they mean to the life on this world?

Some of my children have written me and said that they did not understand just how to press the flowers or to mount them. So, for the benefit of those that did not see the instructions in May, I am going to repeat them here.

The flower should be gathered with the stem, roots, flower and leaves and the seed pod if possible. Press between layers of paper under a heavy weight, until they are dry. Change the paper several times a week. Mount on the page of a book, by laying the flower in the position that it looks the best, and paste narrow strips of paper at intervals along the stem and leaves, so as to hold the flower in place on the page. On slip of paper, or in one corner, write the name of the flower the kind of soil it was found in and the date that you gathered it. Now, this isn't very hard, is it? If there are any of you that have not sent in your name yet, and would like to do so, there are a few days left until the 15th of July, when the list will close. Send your name, address and your age. The book will not be returned, whether you win a prize or not. The points that will be considered is, first, the greatest number of different flowers, the greatest number named correctly, and the neatness of the work. There will be three judges, each interested in flowers, and the description of the prize winners work will be given. The names of contestants will be published, if possible.

Now, all of you get busy and try and win one of the beautiful books. They are well worth having, and I am sure that the winners will tell you through this page, the joy that they had in collecting them.

Love to all,
(Signed) AUNT MARY,

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A BEAUTIFUL STORY.

Long ago, when I was a little girl, I heard this wonderful story and I have never forgotten it. It was called "A Child's Dream of a Star."

"There was once a child, and he strolled about a good deal and thought of a number of things. He had a little sister, who was a child, too, and his constant companion. They wondered at the beauty of the flowers; they wondered at the height and the blueness of the sky; they wondered at the depth of the water; they wondered at the goodness and the power of God who made them so lovely.

They used to say to one another, sometimes: "Supposing all the children upon the earth were to die; would the flowers, the water and the sky be sorry?" They believed they would be sorry. For, said they, "the buds are the children of the flowers, and the playful little streams that gambol from the hillsides are the children of the water, and the smallest bright specks playing at hide and seek in the sky all night must surely be the children of the stars, and they would grieve to see their playmates, the children of men, no more.

There was one clear shining star that used to come out in the sky before the rest, near the church spire above the graves, in the old church yard. It was larger and more beautiful than the rest, and every night they watched for it, standing hand in hand at the window. Whoever saw it first cried out: "I see the star." And after that they both cried out together, knowing so well when it would rise and where. So they grew to be such friends with it that before lying down in their beds they always looked out once again to bid it good night; and when they were turning around to sleep they used to say, "God bless the star."

But while she was still very young, oh, very young, the sister drooped and came to be so weak that she could no longer stand at the window at night, and then the child brother looked sadly out by himself, and when he saw the star, turned around and said to his pale face sister on the bed: "I see the star!" and then a smile would come upon her face, and a weak voice would say: "God bless my brother and the star."

And a time came all too soon, when the brother looked out all alone, and when there was no face on the bed, and when there was a new grave among the graves in the church yard, on the hill; then when the star made long rays down toward him, he saw it through his tears. Now these rays were so bright and they seemed to make such a shining way from earth to heaven, that when the child went to his solitary bed, he dreamed about the star, and dreamed that lying where he was, he saw a train load of people taken up that sparkling road by angels; and the star, opening, show-

ed a great world of light, where more angels waited to receive them.

All these angels, who were waiting, turned their beaming eyes upon the people who were carried up into the star; and some of them came out from the long rows in which they stood and fell upon the people's necks, and kissed them tenderly, and went away with them down avenues of light and beauty. The lonesome brother was so happy in their company that, lying on his bed, he wept for joy.

But there were many angels who did not go, and among them, was one whom he knew. The patient face that had once lain upon the bed of illness was glorified and radiant, and his heart found his sister among the angelic host.

His sister angel lingered near the entrance of the star, and to the leader among those who had brought the people hither; she said: "Is my brother come?" And the brother said, "No."

She was turning sadly away, when the brother stretched out his arms and cried: "Oh, sister, I am here. Take me." And then she turned her beaming eyes upon him—and it was night; and the star was shining into the room, making long rays down toward him and he saw it through his tears.

From that hour forth the brother looked upon the star as the home he was to go to when his time should come; and he thought he did not belong to the earth alone, but to the star, too, because of his sister angel having gone before.

At last there was a baby born to be a brother to the child, and while he was so little that he yet had not spoken a word, he stretched out his tiny form on his bed and also died.

Again the child dreamed of the opening of the star and of the company of angels, and the train of people, and the rows of angels with their beaming eyes all turned upon the people's faces.

Said his sister's angel to the leader: "Is my brother come?" And he said: "Not that one, but another."

As the child beheld his brother angel in her arms, he cried, "Oh, my sister, I am here! Take me." And she turned and smiled upon him—and the star was shining.

He grew to be a young man, and was busy at his books, when an old servant came to him and said: "Thy mother is no more. I bring her blessing on her darling son."

Again at night he saw the star, and all the former angelic host. Said his angel sister to the leader: "Is my brother come?" And he said: "Thy mother!"

A mighty cry of joy went up throughout all the star, because the mother was reunited to her two children. And he stretched out his arms and cried: "Oh, mother, sister and brother, I am here. Take me." And they answered him, "Not yet!"—and still the star was shining.

He grew to be a man whose hair was turning gray, and he was sitting in his chair by the fireside, heavy with grief, and with his face bedewed with tears, when the star opened once again. Said his sister angel: "Is my brother come?" And the leader answered: "Nay, but his maiden daughter!"

And the man who had been the child, saw his daughter, newly lost to him, a celestial creature among those three, and he said: "My daughter's head is on my sister's bosom, and her arm is around my mother's neck, and at her feet is the baby of old times, I can bear the parting from her, God be praised!"—and the star gleamed on.

Thus, the child came to be an old man, and his once smooth face was wrinkled, and his steps were slow and feeble, and his neck was bent. And one night as he lay upon his bed, his children standing round, he cried, as he cried so long ago: "I see the star!"

They whispered one to another, "He is dying." And he said: "I am. My age is falling from me like a garment, and I move toward the star as a child. And, O, my Father, now I thank Thee that it has so often opened to receive those dear ones who await me."

And the star was radiant, and it is still radiant, even unto this day, upon his grave.

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THE ELF CHILD.

Little Orphant Annie's come to our house to stay,
An' wash the cups an' saucers up, and brush the crumbs away,
An' shoo the chickens off the porch, and dust the hearth, an' sweep,
An' make the fire an' bake the bread, an' earn her board an' keep;
An' all us other children, when the supper things is done,
We set around the kitchen fire an' has the mokest fun.
A-lis'nin' to the witch tales 'at Annie tells about,
An' the gobble-uns 'at gits you
If you don't watch out.

One't they was a little boy who wouldn't say his prayers—
An' when he went to bed at night, away up stairs
His mammy heared him holler, an' his daddy heared him bawl,
An' when they turn the kivers down he wasn't there at all,
An' they seeked him up the rafter-room, an' chubby-hole, an' press,
An' seeked him up the chimney-flue, and everywhere, I guess,
But all they ever found was this, his pants an' roundabout:
An' the gobble-un'll git you
If you don't watch out.

An' one time a little girl'd allus laugh an' grin,
An' make fun of ever' one an' all her blood-an-kin,
An' one't, when they was "company," an' old folks was there,
She mocked 'em an' shocked 'em, an' said she didn't care,
An' thist as she kicked her heels, an' turn't to run an' hide,
They was two great Big Black Things a-standin' by her side,
An' they snatched her through the ceilin' 'fore she knowed what she's about,
An' the gobble-un'lls git you
If you don't watch out!

An' Little Orphant Annie says, when the blaze is blue,
An' the lampwick sputters, an' the wind goes whoo-oo,
An' you hear the crickets quit, an' the moon is gray,
An' the lightnin'-bugs in dew is all squenched away—
You better mind yer parents' an' yer teachers fond an' dear,
An' cherish them 'at loves you, and dry the orphant's tear,
An' he'p the po' an' needy ones 'at clusters all about,
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RIO GRANDE VALLEY BREAKS RECORDS.

Having shipped its 12,000th car of fruits and vegetables and broken all previous carlot records, the lower valley of the Rio Grande has practically closed out its season, according to the June 15th issue of the State's marketing bulletin of the Texas markets and warehouse department. Of the 11,491 freight cars shipped to June 5, 5,859 cars were cabbage, 2,275 cars beets and carrots, 1,921 cars mixed vegetable, 317 cars onions, 112 cars citrus fruits, 44 cars lettuce, 11 cars turnips, four cars cabbage plants, 493 cars white potatoes, 235 cars tomatoes, 50 cars beans, 85 cars roasting ears, 15 cars spinach and 18 cars cantaloupe, the bulletin says.

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NOT THE SAME DISEASE

J. Boog-Scott, chairman of the State Livestock Sanitary Commission, was in Brownwood recently, in conference with Dr. Sanderson, in regard to the mouth disease, which is prevalent among cattle in this county. The disease has no connection whatever with the foot and mouth disease of California.

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE?—And now, Israel, what does the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.—Deuteronomy 10: 12.

STRANGE MALADY ATTACKS HORSES.

A peculiar disease is affecting horses around Brady, McCulloch county. The mouths of the animals become so badly swollen in some cases that they are unable to eat.

ALL IS WELL!—Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would not have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.—John 14: 17.

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Household Hints.
Kindness is wisdom. There is no one person, who does not need it. May we learn to be kind.
A good way to save fruit juices for jelly making, is to keep all catsup and grape fruit bottles, fit with good corks, pour the scalding hot juice into them after they have been thoroughly cleaned and scalded. Cork tightly, dip the top in melted paraffin, let this cool and dip again; keep this up until you have a good coating. Make up into jelly as needed and as the price of sugar warrants.

MISTAKES IN SUMMER DIET.
Summer time is not only hard on the stomachs of small children, but on the stomachs of grown individuals, as well. It is this time of the year that we must be very careful so as to not lay the foundation for a long siege of sickness. For the man or woman, who must work out of doors through the long, hot days, it is especially wise for them to watch what they eat so that they will be able to withstand the burning heat of the sun. The first thing that I would say, IS DO NOT EAT A GREAT QUANTITY OF MEAT, OIL OR FATS. This constitutes the DON'TS of our diet. We must avoid the excessive use of the above three ingredients, because they are the foods that act as fuel heat for the body. This we do not need in summer. We need foods that will give us energy, but yet, will not produce heat.

Vegetables are the main thing to be used in our diet. They are easily obtained and are both nutritive and cooling. Fruit is another desirable food. But remember, it must be thoroughly ripe. Half ripe or green fruit is often the cause of summer bowel complaint. Another thing is to be kept in mind, and that is, that vegetables and fruit must be thoroughly cooked. Avoid fried foods as much as possible. Baked or boiled foods are much to be preferred. Bacon and fat meats should be used very sparingly. Lettuce and fresh cooked greens are well and should be used frequently. Do not drink a large quantity of ice water before going into the sun or when very warm after being out of doors. It is never advisable to drink large quantities of ice water at any time. However, cool water should be taken freely at all times between meals. The body requires it to replace the water lost through perspiration. New potatoes should always be boiled first before cooking any other way. It is the best to make a cream sauce over them after they are thoroughly boiled. Corn should be eaten, but not in excessive amounts. It is liable to cause summer complaint. Chicken is a good meat to eat, as it is not so heating to the body. It is best to have it boiled. Avoid excessive use of butter, cream and bacon fat.

WOMAN'S PAGE
MRS. MARGARET STUTE

HOME PROBLEMS.
ARTISTICALLY ARRANGED FLOWERS.

I have had so many requests for further discussion of the arrangement for flowers, that, I have been agreeably surprised at the interest manifested. To have a pretty and attractive home is the ambition of every good wife and mother.

The floral arrangements for a party in a country home that I have in mind, was very unusual and unique. It was in the middle of the summer and most of the garden and wild flowers were at the lowest ebb, with the exception of the golden faced lover of hot weather—the lowly sunflower. There are very few localities where this giant does not thrive. Anywhere, from the rich black dirt country to the rocky country, it may be seen turning with the sun; it is called "Natures compass." At this party, I have mentioned the sunflower was used as the keynote of the decorations. As it was summer, the fireplace was only a rather "hard place to hide." A large bucket was placed in the center of it and filled with sunflowers, the stems well submerged in water. Tall ones were placed in the back and they were graduated down to very short ones in the front. The bucket was covered with pretty tissue paper and the effect was very pleasing. Just four medium length stalks were used on the luncheon table in a low vase. (Another pretty way is, if an extra large head can be secured, break off all of the stems and let it float in a shallow dish. Place leaves around the edge to give a pleasing effect.)

Painted sunflower place cards were used. The hostess carried out the color scheme in her dress, and her little daughter wore a crepe paper dress made to carry out the idea. Artistic bouquets were placed here and there.

The salad had a foundation of lettuce leaves, slices of peaches were arranged like the petals, and in the center was a pile of finely sliced cherries, nuts, and several kinds of fruits. The mayonnaise dressing was put on the table in a separate dish and each guest allowed to help themselves. Many other schemes can be devised. A very pretty "every day" center piece for the dining table is made of as many pretty wild flowers as you can find, placed in a "holder," or placed in a shallow dish of water. Long sprays of wild vines can be held in place by putting one end under the holder and letting the vine fall gracefully over the bowl and out on the table.

I have a very pretty "wall pocket" which I keep filled with fresh flowers during the summer months. They are more inviting than the stiff artificial ones.

To arrange flowers properly and artistically is a great gift, but can be cultivated very easily if one will only observe closely.

The closer we follow the arrangement of Mother Nature the more artistic will be the effect. Often we can take the most common-looking, fern-like weed and give an otherwise prosaic looking bouquet a very lovely appearance.

Roses are one of the easiest arranged flowers that I know of, if you will cut the stems long enough and do not crowd too many in one vase. The tendency to overcrowd should be guarded against very closely. A loose, graceful appearance is the main idea to be kept in mind.

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