

## EXHIBIT JUDGES COM. FAIR RULES

The following is a list of the judges who will make decisions upon the various exhibits at the Big Community Fair to be held on Merkel next Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20 at the Armory building.

You will also find a number of things mentioned here concerning the rule and regulations governing those competing for various premiums in the Fair—just when to bring in your exhibits, how and where to enter contests, etc. Study them over and you will help an overworked committee to handle the big job of putting the Fair over.

Judges for all small grain, maize, kaffir corn, feterita, cane oats, etc.: H. M. Rainbolt, Joe Harris, Robert Hicks.

Judges of Live Stock: cows, calves, horses, colts, pigs, mules etc.: James Patterson in charge.

Judges for Toys: Mrs. McSpadden, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Burgess.

Judges of Cakes: Mrs. Ada Heater, Mrs. Dr. Johnson, Mrs. H. C. West.

Judges of Needle work: Mrs. Fred Groene, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Booth Warren.

Judges of Canned Goods: Mrs. Geo. West, Mrs. John Sears, and Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

Judges of Relics: Mesdames J. T. Warren, E. S. Cummings, W. H. Albertson.

Judges of Ferns: Mesdames Rea, A. R. Booth, Fred Guitar.

Judge of Prettiest Baby: Mesdames R. I. Grimes, L. A. Arrington and Miss Burrus.

Judges of Community Display Mesdames J. T. Warren, Thos. Durham, T. J. R. Swafford, Tom Toombs, Asa Sheppard.

The following ladies are to help at the building: Mesdames Fred Latham, Earl Lassiter, T. E. Collins, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, Dee Grimes, Sam Swann, Gene West, R. I. Grimes, Dye, Hicks, Geo. Wadrum, R. A. Burgess, Tom Largent, Eli Case, Scott and Miss Mossie Sears.

**Rules and Regulations**  
All boys entering cotton picking contest must have weights registered at cotton booth at Fair by Friday noon.

All chickens must be in by 12 Friday, judging starts soon after twelve.

All needle work and canned goods must be in by ten o'clock Thursday morning.

Cakes must be in by Friday morning at ten.

## DR. CHAS. F. WILLIAMS MARRIES IN ABILENE

The following is an article clipped from the Abilene Reporter, and relates the marriage of Dr. Chas. F. Williams. Dr. Williams is well known here, having made his home here for many years, and was a practicing physician in Merkel a number of years.

An early morning wedding which held interest for many friends of both the bride and groom was that of Miss Irene Cox and Dr. Charles F. Williams which was solemnized Wednesday morning at six-thirty by F. B. Sheppard, pastor of the Church of Christ of Abilene Christian College at his home, 420 Euclid Avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Williams left immediately after the ceremony for an automobile tour of the southern part of the state, stopping for a few days at Christoval. Upon their return they will make their home here where both have many friends. The bride has been for some time a bookkeeper at the Minter Dry Goods store, and Dr. Williams is a practicing physician here.

## BIG BARBECUE FOR SANITARIUM OPEN'NG

Abilene, September 11.—A barbecue next Monday noon on the Simmons College campus will feature the day of celebration occasioned by the formal opening here of the West Texas Baptist Memorial Sanitarium recently completed here at a cost of \$200,000. The barbecue also will commemorate the opening of the thirty-third annual session of Simmons College, the registration for the fall term of that institution beginning next Monday.

Final plans for the day have been made by the trustees of the sanitarium in conjunction with Simmons College. All West Texas is invited to attend and join with Abilene during the afternoon and night in a trip through the model institution of mercy. The dinner will be served by the ladies of the Women's Missionary Unions of the five Baptist churches here, though visitors are asked to bring well filled baskets where they wish to do so. You are invited.

## ICE CREAM SUPPER AT WHITE CHURCH

We have been asked to announce through this paper that there will be an ice cream supper at White Church Saturday night September 13th. Proceeds will go to the benefit of the church. Every one is invited and asked to come.

## ICE CREAM SUPPER AT UNION RIDGE

Tonight, Friday, September 12, the ladies of the Union Ridge community will sell ice cream and cake on the church grounds at Union Ridge. The proceeds derived from this entertainment will go to pay on our church debt. Ice cold soda water will also be served. Bring your nickles, dimes and quarters, as well as your girl, or fellow, and let's have a great time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg came in Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg. Mr. Wallace Bragg returned Sunday night to Chillicothe, but Mrs. Bragg remained for a longer visit.

Miss Leona Hancock of Abilene is the guest of Miss Edith Brown this week.

## BIG HOME TALENT PLAY SEPT. 19TH

A big home-talent production will be presented on the night of September 19th at the Cozy Theatre.

"Mrs. and Mr. Polly Tickk" will be one of the very best plays Merkel has ever had.

Miss Edith Hines has been in Merkel ever since September 4 giving rehearsals. She is a splendid coach and knows her business, having been in this work several years. Miss Hines is making many friends in Merkel, and we are very fortunate in having her here.

The characters of "Mrs. and Mr. Polly Tickk" are as follows:

### Prologue of Play

Dame Fashion, Miss Lucy Tracy; Father Time, Russell Pike; The old-fashioned girl, Mamie Ellis; The woman who wants to vote, Mrs. W. Smith; Another who says she won't, Christene Collins; The Battered Dude of 1975, Yates Brown; the up-to-date Girl of 1975, Lois Dry; The male Flapper of 1925, Warren Smith.

### Characters of Play

Mr. Polly Tickk, Mr. Burl Scott; Mrs. Polly Tickk, Mrs. Burl Scott; Billy Lawson, Delma Compton; Daisy Ann Gray, Miss Edith Hines; Sullivan O'Brien, Tom Allday; Senator Zella High-brow (the heap-big suffragette) Mrs. Duncan Briggs; Mrs. O'Brien (captain of police force) Miss Lorena Dry. Some important married men: Mr. Eva Edwards, Mr. Edna Ray, Mr. Susan Johnson, Mrs. Birdie Mae Harris Mr. Mary Lamb, played by Loring Hamblett, Yates Brown, Warren Smith, Charlie Jones, and Russell Pike.

Other important women characters: Mrs. Eva Edwards, Mamie Ellis; Mrs. Edna Ray, Lucy Tracy; Mrs. Susan Johnson, Mrs. McSpadden; Mrs. Birdie Mae Harris, Christene Collins; Mrs. Mary Lamb, Lois Dry.

There are also eight chorus girls who have a very important part, and about eight children who belong to the Tickk family. This is a real musical comedy. Don't miss it.

The Parent-Teacher's Club is sponsoring this play and proceeds will be used for benefit of our public schools.

## TAYLOR COUNTY MUSIC LEAGUE MEET AT POTOSI

The Mail is in receipt of a letter from Mr. S. W. Jones of Abilene asking us to announce that the Taylor County Musical League will meet with the Potosi class Sunday, September 14th. Every one is invited to come and bring basket lunches. A great day is expected, according to Mr. Jones.

## Suffers Broken Limb

Mrs. J. J. Grimes, mother of Mr. R. L. Grimes, cashier of the Farmers State Bank, who was here for a visit with her son, in some manner fell while going out in the yard at the Grimes home Monday night, and suffered a broken leg, the fracture being just above the knee.

Although the lady is quite aged, she is reported to be resting fairly well, and infact getting along as well as could be expected. This paper joins many friends in wishing for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. C. M. Largent and wife returned this week from Kansas City, where they went to see the show of fine cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose returned last week from a visit to Tulia, Texas.

## "LOYALTY" SUBJECT AT LUNCHEON MEET

While somewhat different to the past meetings, yet equally as interesting and appreciated, the Luncheon Club meeting on last Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe was very successful. Some sixty of our citizens, with a few invited guests, met to mingle together for a social hour, and during that time talk over the needs of our city—the problems of just how we may best improve and build up the town. Mr. L. B. Scott, another popular and well known young business man, was in charge of the evening's program as Toastmaster, and every one present vouches for the statement that there never has been a better or more interesting program at a previous meeting. Mr. Scott had chosen as a topic for discussion, "Loyalty to our town and its various institutions", and the different speakers of the evening thoroughly convinced those present of the necessity of being loyal to our own home town and her citizenship.

"Loyalty to our Schools" was ably handled and discussed by Superintendent Roger A. Burgess and Principal I. L. Jackson, both of whose remarks were appreciated very much.

The next speaker of the evening was Rev. W. H. Albertson, whose subject was "Loyalty to our churches", and as is usual with him upon any subject assigned, he made an able and interesting talk, one that would be well for all our citizens to have heard.

At this time the Luncheon was treated with a splendid solo by Miss Christene Collins, accompanied on the piano by Miss Iva Bragg.

"Loyalty to our Friends"—this subject was indeed very ably discussed by Hon. E. S. Cummings, Representative elect from Taylor county. It was one of the greatest subjects to be found, and the Judge made it plain to his hearers that he knew what it was to have loyal friends, and that he appreciated same very much. But the Judge always brings a good message.

The next speaker of the evening was Mr. C. W. Bacon, formerly a citizen of Merkel for three years, about 1902-05, but now a banker and capitalist of Abilene, who brought us one of the best and most appreciated messages that has yet been given the Luncheon Club members. Mr. Bacon's subject was "Loyal Citizenship", and, while there was no fine oratory connected with his talk, there was plenty of good, common, business judgment, and practical experience from a real successful and keen business man. Every word of Mr. Bacon's address was highly appreciated.

A real treat was in store for all when it was announced by the Toastmaster that the next on the program would be a reading by Miss Lucy Tracy, the talented and splendid Expression teacher in the Merkel Public schools. She gave "Our Own Home Town" by Edgar A. Guest, which was indeed grand and nicely fitted in with the fine address of Mr. Bacon, on "Loyal Citizenship", whose address preceded the reading of Miss Tracy.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Mr. L. R. Thompson, the splendid president of the organization, and a number of matters of business were discussed.

Mr. J. B. Foster of the Stith community, discussed with the Club the question of the citizens of Merkel securing for the Stith Oil Company 2,500 acres in leas-

## METHODIST ORPHANS GIVE PROGRAM HERE

Monday evening at the Methodist church twenty-seven orphan children of the Methodist Orphan's Home at Waco gave a very delightful program. The church auditorium was filled to its utmost seating capacity, and never was a program of this kind given to a more appreciative audience. The program consisted of songs, solos, readings, and orchestra music. Each member of the Glee Club was well trained and showed much talent, many of the members being able to play several different instruments, read and sing. This shows just what the Methodist Orphans receive in the way of training and care at the Waco home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barnett, who are the superintendents, were here with the children. Mr. Barnett made talks, explaining the different work carried on at the home, and just how the boys and girls were cared for.

While here the boys and girls were cared for in the homes of the Methodists.

## NOTICE REGARDING SEWER CONNECTION

In contemplating the installation of a sewer system in our town the City Council decided that they would make a free connection to the property line, of all those who would agree to take the sewers at once. To those in the residential section of the town this will mean a saving of about \$15.00.

If it is your intention to tie on to the sewer soon it would pay you to see either myself or the marshal at once and make your intentions known so that we may look after same as the work progresses. The pipes are being laid at a rapid rate and the city cannot afford to hold this proposition open after the pipe has already been laid past your premises.

I would also advise those who intend to connect to the system that they do not have any plumbing done until the city has prepared their regulations regarding the installation of these fixtures. Or at least if you do you should have the work done by a man who will guarantee that he will do the work according to standard plumbing practices, as no work will be connected that is not up to the standard.

I would also like to say that there will be no charge for connection to the system as it was the idea of the council to let the entire issue be taken care of by taxation. In other words, the installation cost will be your only cost.

As to the water, I believe it is the idea of the council to furnish water to those who do not have it, for sewer purposes only, at a cost of \$1.25 per month.

HENRY C. WEST, Mayor.

Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr., and baby left Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Diltz's parents, at Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. G. A. Guthrie of Slaton, Texas, was here last week looking after farming interests.

es to induce that company to drill that well some seven hundred feet deeper. A committee was appointed to look into the matter.

Mr. Chas. H. Jones, another hustling young business man was appointed by the chairman as Toastmaster of the next Luncheon with Thos. Durham the succeeding Toastmaster.

## FOOT BALL BOYS HAVE HARD GAMES

The prospects for a successful year in football for the local High School team are good according to those who have seen them at work. With eight days of intensive training and this week to round into form, they should be in good shape to win some games that will be a credit to our town and school. The team this year is made up of veterans among whom are 'Cap' Boots Smith, Patterson, Acuff, Williams, the Chaney twins, Hutcheson, Garrett, Harkrider, Polly and others, with the prospective return of other lettermen. Then there is a fine supply of material to be worked in from last year's squad who did not make letters, Adams, Thomas, McDonald, Witche and others. There are also some good boys coming in from other schools as Rogers from DeLeon, Tittle of Trent, Garner brothers, Vick and others from local communities.

The boys are all working hard and deserve the cooperation and support of the town, more this year than ever before, so let's get behind them and help them help themselves.

They will soon be around with season tickets so take advantage of the saving and buy a few for the family. Bring them all out. Below you will find the schedule and can see how many games we have at home.

### Schedule

September 19, Clyde at Clyde  
Sept. 26, Ballinger at Ballinger  
Oct. 3, Sweetwater at Merkel.  
Oct. 10 Open date.  
Oct. 17, Hamlin at Merkel.  
Oct. 24, Rotan at Rotan.  
Oct. 31, Baird at Merkel.  
Nov. 7, Clyde at Merkel.  
November 11, Roscoe at Roscoe  
November 14, Albany at Merkel  
November 21 and 29, open date.

This schedule is not complete as it is intended to contract two of three more games.

Boost for us, don't knock. We boost for Merkel. Come and see us play.—"Badgers."

## OVER A MILLION FORDS RETAILED FROM JAN-JLY.

Sales reports from the 34 American branches of the Ford Motor Company show that over a million Ford cars and trucks were sold at retail during the first six months of 1924. The actual figure is 1,036,978, which exceeds the total retail sales for the same period in 1923 by 133,095—an average gain of 22,182 sales per month.

A comparison between Ford sales in 1924 and 1923 not only indicates a remarkable increase in the country's buying power, but also shows that this growth continues month by month. In every instance the monthly sales in 1924 have shown a substantial increase over the corresponding month in 1923. In June they reached 170,747 which was approximately 10,000 ahead of June sales in the preceding year.

Those figures are for retail sales in the United States alone and do not take into consideration the sales made by foreign Ford branches and associated companies, the majority of which assemble cars from American made parts.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign of the times lies in the fact that these sales have been spread very evenly throughout the country and indicate a general prosperity that is not confined to any particular section.

Dr. J. P. Howard returned last week from a visit with his parents at Crosbyton, Texas.

## To Our Friends Who Are Members of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Ass'n.

When you deliver your cotton to the platform the local receiver will give you a receipt for the number of bales to be shipped. It will not be necessary for you to wait for a bill of lading, just bring your receipt to the bank and we will gladly advance you the amount the Farm Bureau Cotton Association is now paying. The local receiver will deliver to us the bills of lading at the close of each days business.

Every employee of this institution is always at the service of our farmer friends.

## Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

A Guaranty Fund Bank and a Community Institution.

### WITH THE CHURCHES PRESBYTERIANS PLAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

During the month of September the Presbyterian church plans a big rally service each Sunday. Next Sunday, September 14 will be Rally Day for the young people. This will be a great service and we hope to have all the young folks of the church present. Also any young people in and around Merkel who do not go anywhere will receive a cordial welcome. We have two splendid classes for young people of senior age.

This church is planning to hold another school of missions this fall, we had a great school of missions last year, and this year expect a great and instructive school of missions. This church always has something interesting and every service we seek a spiritual service. Worship with us. Fred S. Rogers.

#### At The Methodist Church

We wish to call attention to the fact that Sunday week, September 21st, our meeting will begin. We are looking forward to this meeting with great anticipation and expectation. We trust and believe that our people will appreciate and use this opportunity for the strengthening and furthering the kingdom of our Lord and Master.

Zimmerman has done a wonderful work in at least 95 per cent of the places he has gone, and has the record of as many or more converts in his meetings than any of our Evangelists. He stands in a class to himself and preaches the gospel from a different angle to that which we commonly hear. I have made a wide investigation of his work and am delighted that it is our pleasure to have one like him to preach for us.

Just a word of appreciation for the splendid spirit shown in all our services. The Sunday School is good. The preaching services, especially the morning services, are well attended and each one gets better.

A word to those who are not in attendance. You are missing something that you need to help you in your daily life. There is nothing that will take the place of the coming together in fellowship and worship. Besides, we miss you and need you. Come to both services next Sunday.

#### Elder Cypert to Preach

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ in this city Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour and also in the evening at eight o'clock. All members, as well as others, are urged to be in attendance.

#### Merkel Circuit

Rev. U. S. Bird, ex-pastor of the Merkel Circuit will fill the pulpit at Union Ridge Methodist Church next Sunday, Sept. 15th. It is needless to urge that every one be out on that day to hear Bro. Bird.

We will have services at Nubia Methodist church Sunday morning. Sunday school promptly at 10:00. Preaching service to begin promptly at 11.

In the afternoon at 2:00 we will preach at the school house at Blair. We are looking for you at all of these services.

M. R. PIKE.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

#### T. E. L. Class Meeting

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church held their regular monthly business and social meeting at the church Friday afternoon with Mesdames Burl Scott, Joe Holmes, Sam Swann and Jinks Winter as hostesses.

Mrs. Andy Brown led the devotional for the afternoon, reading the 103rd Psalm. Mrs. Swann then led in prayer.

Mrs. John Toombs then took charge of the meeting. Minutes were read, after which business was called for. The different committees then made their reports. The most important being our Lula Belle Sharp Brown Memorial. The class now is ready to furnish a room in the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium as a memorial to this much loved member. As it was time to change "Capsule" every one was anxious for this part of the meeting.

During the social hour a very interesting "Capsule" contest kept every one busy for a while. Mrs. Bearden was winner.

Delicious ice tea and sandwiches were served to the following members: Mesdames Allen McGehee, Frank Hodo, John Toombs, Thomas Bearden, Dean Higgins, Walter Frazier, George Bullock, A. E. Barnes, Walter Boden, Andy Brown, Doyle Pogue, Ross Wheeler, McAllister Barnett, O. R. Dye, the teacher, Mrs. A. R. Booth and one visitor, Mrs. V. P. Tippett.

#### Busy Bee Class Meeting

Tuesday evening the members of the Busy Bee Class met in the primary room of the Methodist church for a social hour.

Various games were played. Then the lunches were spread picnic style, followed by cream and cake. Those present were: Misses Lillian Rider, Mary Hutcheson, Intha Bird, Eva Mae Johnson, Juanita Patterson, Anna Lou Russell, Alma Patterson, Elfe Chaney, Juanita Beene, Gladys Milliken, Ermalee Rea, Opal Patterson and Mrs. Hutcheson. Class Reporter.

#### OBITUARY NOTICE FROM AMITY BAPTIST CHURCH

In memory of our deceased sister, Mrs. Mary E. Carr, wife of J. M. Carr, who was born May 6, 1897, died June 27, 1924, converted at the age of 16 years and was a member of the Missionary Baptist church at the time of her death. She leaves her husband, two little boys, her mother and several brothers and sisters to mourn her loss, besides the church and a host of friends.

She was a devoted wife and a faithful mother, loved and respected by all who knew her always ready to lend a helping hand to those suffering or in distress, and having finished life's duties she now sweetly rests:

Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast,  
There by His love overshadowed,  
Sweetly her soul shall rest.

Committee: Mr. J. N. Hatfield, Mrs. A. J. Sharp, Mrs. A. M. Daniels and R. H. Williams, Pastor

Ford fender braces \$6 per set. Clamp on bumper rear; heavy Wichita pattern front. Get them at West Company.

Messrs. T. G. Bragg, Thos. Durham, and Rev. T. J. Rea were Abilene business visitors Tuesday.

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MRS. W. A. McSPADDEN 11

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Now open for Business  
The place where you can get  
**THAT GOOD GULF GASOLINE AND SUPREME AUTO OILS.**

**TIRES AND TUBES.**  
Drop by and give us a Trial.

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Unimproved farm land in Gains County. Sandy soil, good water. \$8.50 per acre bonus, \$1.50 per acre due the state. No cash payment required. You improve the land and pay for it out of the cotton crop. Write the owners, R. A. & G. M. Cox 3200. Guadalupe St., Austin, Texas.

# Remember!

All you have to do to get a ten dollar gold piece, is just send in the most appropriate name for my new Drive-In Filling Station, located just north of the fire station, on Kent Street.

Contest closes Sept. 13, 1924

Watch for the date of the Opening of the new Filling Station.

Address all Mail to—

**BILL HAYNES, MERKEL TEXAS**

## Community Fair Special

On next Friday and Saturday, 19th and 20th, we are going to offer you special prices on our entire stock of millinery.

Large, Medium, and Small shapes with small and large head sizes.

Black, Brown, and all the late Autumn shades, fashioned in Beautiful Lyons and Paon Velvet, Demetyne and Felts.

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### POLITICAL STATISTICS

It has been said that figures do not lie, yet that liars can figure. There never was a political cause yet, but what its promoters could find facts and statistics which seem to support that view.

The voter attends the rallies of one party and he hears some speaker show by statistics that the United States or his commonwealth is going to rack and ruin. Then he goes to the meeting of the opposite party, and some equally eloquent speaker presents figures indicating that the country or his state is riding the top of the wave of prosperity. He goes away with his mind in a muddle, and is apt to reach the conclusion that no attention can be paid to statistics used as a political argument, and that one must be governed by his general impressions of parties and candidates.

There is some force in that point of view. Yet the successful business man has to make constant use of statistics in his personal and corporate affairs. If figures show that the sales of

a certain department have fallen off, he concludes that things are wrong and he must make some change. But he analyzes such figures with care, and if they are distorted by some subordinate who is trying to put a better face on a situation than the facts warrant, he is bright enough to discover that fact.

Similarly the people of this country must develop a little more political intelligence, so that they will be able to tell when a politician makes unfair use of facts and figures. If they would read business and political news more thoroughly, they would not be so often misled.

Then when some speaker happens along with some wild statement which he has perhaps picked out of some irresponsible newspaper, people will grasp the fact that in all probability the claim is absurd and exaggerated.

If you are going to buy or trade for a Ford soon, better get it now and get ahead of the fall rush. If you haven't the money we can make terms to suit your convenience. Merkel Motor Company, authorized Ford Dealers. It

### A CHANGE IN IDEALS

One of the factors in national greatness and in the success of a people, is found in its reverence for great leaders, both of the present and of past history.

In spite of whatever lightness and frivolity may remain in American spirit, very great reverence is still felt for the names of men like Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln. Their sayings and acts are constantly quoted. People are influenced to a large extent by the thoughts of such men, who were so largely influential in shaping the forms which our government and social institutions have taken.

Some people may have thought, however, that it was a sign of decay of this spirit, when the other day at New York, only two persons appeared at a memorial service held in honor of Gen. U. S. Grant. Perhaps though this is merely a sign, that our ideas of the kind of leadership which we value the most, are changing.

Gen. Grant is recognized as one of the greatest soldiers of modern times. He had a marvelous genius for leading men on the field of battle and for planning successful military campaigns. He succeeded in defeating the amazing military power which the Confederate government had created, where perhaps any other general in the world at that time might have failed.

But times have changed since those days, they have changed since even our World War. The passion for peace has grown ardent. From now on it is probable that statesmen and thinkers and creators of better social systems will be revered far more than military leaders.

Formerly the world paid its chief tributes to these military heroes. They figured first in the histories and the songs of the people. Now we give first honor to the makers of peace, and to those who lift the ordinary mass of mankind to higher levels.

Have you guessed at our Big Lump of Coal. Three prizes—Free guess contest closes 19th. Come to the Fair. Swafford Feed & Coal Yard. Phone 44, South side.

Mr. Earl Baze is able to be up after a few days illness.

Mr. George Bullock, for the past year or more with the Merkel Lumber Company, has accepted a position with the Merkel Motor Company, being in charge of the parts department. He is a capable young business man and will no doubt make good.



# Sewer Connections!

As work has begun on the Sewerage we would like to have the privilege of figuring on what you will need in this line.

We have the supplies now in stock So we are able to figure with you on a complete outfit installed or otherwise.

Also come see us on our general line of Hardware.

Your trade is always appreciated.

## Crown Hardware Co.

Mr. A. L. Jobe, for several years in the grocery business in Merkel, has closed out his business and left with his wife for Ranger, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Jobe had many friends in Merkel who regret his disposing of his business here, as well as removal from the city, and who wish him success and happiness in his new home.

GENUINE FORD PARTS! Complete stock; up-to-date, efficient equipment; service that is unequalled. West Company, Ford Service Dealer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bullock of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks last Sunday.

**Senior League Program**  
Subject: In His steps; how Jesus helped sinners. Leader: Mabel Toombs. Scripture: Luke 15:1-7; 19:1-10. Prayer. Special music. Sinners, Murphy Thomas. Luke 19:1-10, Jesus and Zachaeus, Castle Ellis. Personal evangelism, Adrian Rea. Announcements; benediction.

Mr. D. A. Bickle, a professor from the Arlington Agricultural and Mechanical College, spent last Thursday and Friday with his old boyhood friend, Mr. L. R. Thompson.

Mr. J. T. Howard has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the F. P. Hamm Gin.

# Electric Range

### What they save the Women:

1. No smooted cooking utensils to scrub.
2. Has accurate heat control, no guess work in cooking.
3. Saves a hot kitchen, doors and windows can be left open while cooking.
4. Insures perfect cooked foods, no fumes or greasy tarter.
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1. Saves the health of his wife, she's better contented.
2. No danger of fires.
3. Save cost of up keep, no waste of foods by shrinkage.
4. Saves the light bill, use the iron and appliances off Range meter, has cheaper rate.
5. Don't divorce your wife, buy her an electric range.

This is an Electric Age. An Electric Cookery means a Better Cookery, therefore use an electric range.

See our Ranges at the Community Fair.

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On Products Brought to **COMMUNITY FAIR** September 19th and 20th

Premiums are offered on Agriculture, Livestock, Poultry, Fine Arts, Textile, Home Canning, Cooking, Community Exhibits, etc.

<p><b>McFARLAND GARAGE</b></p> <p>BADGER TIRES — MOBIL OILS One of the Best Oils for all makes of cars</p> <p>We can furnish you with any size <b>BALLOON TIRES</b> They ride Easier and take Care of your car</p> <p>While attending the Community Fair drop in and see us about them.</p> <p>F. C. McFARLAND, Proprietor</p>	<p><b>MAGNOLIA FILLING STATION</b></p> <p>Welcomes all Community Fair visitors to Merkel on September 19th and 20th.</p> <p>We strive to serve our patrons courteously and efficiently at all times, and will make special effort to serve all who visit us on this day with entire</p> <p>SATISFACTION</p> <p>Chas. H. Jones, Manager.</p>	<p><b>WE WILL GIVE YOU--</b></p> <p>For Best Caramel-Nut Cake..... Pair of Silk Hose For Heaviest Rooster..... Ladies or Mens House-Shoes</p> <p>-ALSO-</p> <p>At our Store you will find Quality Merchandise--For Cash</p> <p><b>BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY</b></p>	<p><b>WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAVE YOUR MONEY?</b></p> <p>Then come to us for your Fall Bill of Dry Goods.</p> <p>We Guarantee to Save You Money on: Gents Furnishings, Shoes, Blankets, Staple and piece Goods, Also Ready to wear and Millinery</p> <p><b>BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY</b> "The Place Most People Trade"</p>	<p><b>CHICKENS — CHICKENS</b></p> <p>We are exclusive agents for the "Jersey Incubator" and "Blue Flame Brooders." Also we have poultry supplies of all kinds.</p> <p>Let the Hen Pay your Bills.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY HARDWARE COMPANY</b></p>
<p><b>GOOD, FRESH, CLEAN GROCERIES</b></p> <p>That is the kind of merchandise we handle. We also endeavor to give to our patrons along with the best in GROCERIES, the BEST and most ACCOMMODATING SERVICE.</p> <p>If you are not now numbered among our large list of satisfied customers, come around and give us a trial.</p> <p>"Our Prices Are Always Right"</p> <p>We are for our Community Fair and bid you welcome.</p> <p><b>BOB MARTIN GROCERY COMPANY</b></p>	<p><b>THE MERKEL DRUG COMPANY</b></p> <p>Is for the Community Fair. We are for anything that is for the progress and upbuilding of the community. And besides, we are doing our best to conduct a first class Drug Store, where service is found and enjoyed by our line of satisfied customers.</p> <p>We appreciate all the business tendered us.</p> <p><b>THE MERKEL DRUG COMPANY</b> We Handle All Kinds of School Supplies</p>	<p><b>List of Premiums Offered</b></p> <p>The following is the list of big, fine premiums offered by the business firms and professional men of Merkel to be given away during the two-days Community Fair at Merkel, September 19th and 20th. This writer has had opportunity to see the premium list as offered by other towns, even the catalogue of the Dallas Fair, and we can assure the farmers and stock raisers of this community that in most every prize offered, the same is larger than that offered by other Community Fairs, even the Dallas Fair. Hence, we urge the farmers and others who may have something that you can enter, to study the premium list, and bring in some thing to be offered.</p> <p>Last year Merkel had her first Community Fair, and it was indeed a success. And while the crops this year are not so good as last year, there is no reason why we should not have a fine fair. Especially do we urge the different communities to collect their exhibits and bring them in and display them as a community. A separate booth will be set aside for every community that will do this, and then any citizen from that community who has something he wishes to enter in competition for individual premiums, may do so.</p> <p><b>OUR TOWN</b></p> <p>There are fancier towns than our little town, there are towns that are larger than this; and the people who live in the smaller towns don't know what excitement they miss. There are things you see in the wealthier towns that you can't in a town that's small; and yet, up and down, there is no town like our own little town. It may be the streets through the town are not long, they're not wide and maybe not straight, but the neighbors you know in your own little town all welcome a fellow—it's great. In the glittering streets of the glittering town, with its palace and pavement and throng, in the midst of the throng you will frequently long for your own little town, after all. If you live and you work in our little town, in spite of the fact it's small, you'll find it a fact that our little town is the best little town, after all.—Okla. Wheat Grower.</p>	<p><b>WELCOME FAIR VISITORS</b></p> <p>You are cordially invited to visit our Shop</p> <p>We Carry an Up-to-date Line of <b>MILLINERY</b></p> <p>We now have a complete stock of Matrons, Ladies, Misses and childrens HATS in all the newest colors and Shapes.</p> <p>Prices that are in Reach of ALL We Want Your Business</p> <p><b>BETTYE BONNET BOX</b> Located in Mrs. Dry's Racket Store.</p>	<p><b>OUR MARKET SERVICE</b></p> <p>We are trying our best to give the people of Merkel and surrounding country</p> <p><b>GOOD MARKET SERVICE</b></p> <p>We keep in stock both Fresh and Cured Meats, and will appreciate your business in our line.</p> <p>Visit us and give us a trial, and be convinced that <b>Our Service and Meats are as "Good as the Best"</b></p> <p><b>WATKINS &amp; VAUGHN MARKET</b> On Main Street</p>
<p><b>FRESH GROCERIES</b></p> <p>At All Times—Guaranteed to Please</p> <p>Try a Sack of our <b>LIGHT CRUST FLOUR</b></p> <p>And while attending the Merkel Community Fair Make our Store your Headquarters</p> <p><b>W. W. CAMPBELL</b></p>	<p><b>ED'S PLACE FOR GOOD EATS</b></p> <p>A Place where good, clean meals are served night and day, to Ladies and Gentlemen.</p> <p>Try Our Service</p> <p>We appreciate all patronage extended us.</p> <p><b>E. L. TURNER, Proprietor</b></p>	<p>1st Prize—\$25.00 cash to the community (for school for the best farm display. 2nd. Prize \$10.00 cash. 1st. prize \$5.00 cash for best Jersey Cow. 2nd \$2.00 cash. 1st. prize \$5.00 cash for best span of mules. 2nd. \$2. 1st prize \$5.00 cash for best span horses. 2nd. \$2.00. 1st prize \$2.50 cash for best Calf. 2nd. prize \$2.00. 1st prize \$2.50 cash for best sow, any breed, 2nd \$1. 1st prize \$2.50 cash for best litter of pigs under 3 months old, 2nd prize \$1.00. 1st prize \$2.00 cash for best pair of Turkeys, any breed, 2nd prize \$1.00 cash. 1st prize \$1.00 cash for best 10 heads Maize. 2nd prize 50c cash. 1st prize \$1.00 cash for best 10 heads Kaffir Corn. 2nd prize 50c cash for best 10 heads Kaffir Corn. 1st prize \$1.00 cash for best 10 heads Feterita. 2nd prize 50 cents cash. 1st prize \$1 cash for best bundle Cane, 2nd 50c cash. 1st prize \$1.00 cash for best bundle Oats, 2nd 50c. 1st prize \$1.00 cash for biggest pumpkin, 2nd 50c. <b>CAKES:</b> For the best home-made Yeast Bread, 48lb sack Light Crust Flour, by W. W. Campbell. For the best Angel Food Cake baked by housewife, one 24lb sack La France Flour, Grocery Department of West Company. For the best Angel Food Cake baked by girl, age 12 to 16, \$3.00 cash prize, by Parent-Teachers Club. For the best pound cake, 25lb sack Sugar, J. T. Dennis Grocery. For the best White Loaf Cake, \$2.50 Cash, by Woodrum Filling Station. For the best White Layer Cake, \$5.00 in merchandise, by McFarland Garage. For best Jam Cake, 5 gal. Ford Oil, Magnolia Filling Station. For the best Devils Food Cake, Ford Tube, Merkel Motor Company. For the best cake cooked on an Electric Range, one months stove service, by West Texas Utilities Co. For best Caramel-Nut Cake, pair of Silk Hose, by Brown Dry Goods Company. <b>JELLIES:</b> Plum Jelly, 6lb Roast (value of Roast in trade) by Vaughn &amp; Watkins Meat Market. 2nd, 50c Apple Jelly, \$1.00 in work, by Renfro's Tailor Shop. 2nd prize for apple jelly, 50c. Grape Jelly, 5lb Beef Roast, by Patterson Meat Market. 2nd prize 50c. <b>PRESERVES:</b> Plum Preserves, Special plate dinner (value \$1.00) by White House Cafe, 2nd. 50c. Peach Preserves, \$1.00 cash. 2nd prize 50c.</p>	<p><b>THE QUALITY BAKERY</b> First Class</p> <p>BREAD, CAKES, PIES AND CANDY All Kinds of the Best, most Tasty and most Delicious Pastry</p> <p>Try our goods and be convinced of their <b>HIGH QUALITY</b></p> <p>We welcome every one to Merkel's Community Fair</p> <p><b>A. A. McGehee, Proprietor</b></p>	<p><b>WHITE HOUSE CAFE</b></p> <p>Will appreciate your patronage at any and all times. We assure you the best of eats, with courteous and fair treatment.</p> <p>We will be especially prepared to care for your Restaurant wants on the Community Fair days.</p> <p><b>J. F. HOLLAWAY, Proprietor</b></p>
<p><b>OUR COMMUNITY FAIR</b></p> <p>We are for it. Let's make it the best possible We invite you to make our store your headquarters when attending the Community Fair.</p> <p>And incidentally we call your attention to our Mammoth line of New Fall Dry Goods. They are New, Up-to-date and of the best makes. And the price—well we are always right on that.</p> <p><b>MAX MELLINGER, DRY GOODS</b></p>	<p><b>A REAL WELCOME</b></p> <p>The Largest Public Servant in West Texas is for The Community Fair.</p> <p>Service through Growth, Progress and Efficiency Is our Slogan.</p> <p>We are 100 per cent for Progressive Development.</p> <p><b>WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY</b></p>	<p>CANNED FRUIT: Best can Peaches, 1st prize, an Aluminum Dish Pan, 2nd prize 50c in cash, by the Schindler Variety Store. Best canned Pears, 1st prize aluminum stew pan, 2nd prize 50c cash, by Mrs. Dry's Racket Store. Best canned Plums, 1st prize 3lb silver moon Coffee, 2nd prize 50c cash, by Hamblett Grocery. Best canned Berries, 1st prize 2 years subscription (value \$3.00) to Merkel Mail, 2nd prize 50 cents in cash, by Thos. Durham. Best Peach Sweet Pickles, 1st prize \$1.00, 2nd 50c. Best Cucumber Pickles, 1st prize \$1.00, 2nd 50c. Best Beet Pickles, 1st prize \$1.00, 2nd prize 50c. Best Canned Beans, 1st prize \$1.00, 2nd 50c. Best Canned Tomatoes, 1st prize \$1.00, 2nd 50c. <b>HAND WORK:</b> For the handsomest piece of handwork entered in the entire exhibit, \$12.50 Rocker, by Barrow Furniture Company. Crochet Bed Spread, 5 Victor Records, by Merkel Drug Company. Embroidered Bed Spread, 1 pair silk Hose, by Max Mellinger, Dry Goods. For the neatest job of mending, \$2.50 cash, by the Cash Tailor Shop. For the best embroidered Bucella Vanity Set, one vanity set complete, by J. T. Dennis, Dry Goods. For the Best Luncheon Set, one stamped Linen Luncheon Set, by Bragg Dry Goods Co. For the best Embroidered Vanity Set, worked by girl under 12 years, one Hat, by Bettye Bonnet Box. For the best handwork by a girl under 12 years, \$2 cash prize by the Parent-Teachers Club. For the best piece of crochet, one bottle of Narsisse Toilet Water, by Sanders Drug Store. For the best piece of knitted Lace, \$1.00 1st, 50c 2nd Best piece of tatting, \$1.00 cash 1st prize, 50c 2nd. For the best display of embroidery by one individual, \$5.00 in trade, Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. For the best roll and whipping, 1st prize \$1, 2nd 50c For the best Colored Embroidery, 1st \$1.00, 2nd 50c For the best embroidered Towel, 1st \$1.00, 2nd 50c. <b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b> \$2.00 cash to the boy under 12 who picked the most cotton this fall in one day, to Sept. 19, by Parent-Teachers Club. \$3.00 cash to the boy between the age of 12 and 16 who picks the most cotton this fall in one day up September 19th.</p>	<p><b>COME TO THE COMMUNITY FAIR</b> September 19th and 20th</p> <p>Meet Your Friends—Enjoy Yourselves</p> <p>Visit our Booth and let us Show you the best place in West Texas to buy your Furniture.</p> <p><b>BARROW FURNITURE COMPANY</b></p>	<p><b>CAN YOU AFFORD TO LOSE THE PROFITS THAT BUILDING WILL GIVE?</b></p> <p>If we could reduce building costs we would cut them fifty per cent. We can make more money when prices are low. But what indications is there that prices will be lower; none that we know of. It is our advice to build now what you need.</p> <p><b>THE MERKEL LUMBER COMPANY</b></p> <p>Dealers in Carey's Blue Ribbon Paints and Roofing, Wall Board, Builders Hardware &amp; Glass. Infact everything in the Builders Line. Sash, Doors, Screening goods, Lime, Cement and Sand—Gravel. Make this your headquarters when in town. Wm. P. Carey Company, Owners Phone 62 Established 1881</p>
<p><b>HAMILTON &amp; CASE, GROCERIES</b></p> <p><b>GROCERIES</b>—That's our stock in trade. That's what we study about most. We must do that if we are to render our patrons the kind of Grocery Service they are entitled to. And our fast growing patronage is indicative of the kind of service we are putting out.</p> <p>However, we are always glad to cooperate with the people of our town and community; hence we are for the <b>COMMUNITY FAIR</b>.</p> <p>If you are not a customer now, give us your next order and then you will know how to appreciate our goods and our excellent service.</p> <p><b>HAMILTON &amp; CASE</b></p>	<p><b>When You Think of Building Material</b> Think of</p> <p><b>BURTON-LINGO LUMBER COMPANY</b></p> <p>Dealers in</p> <p>LUMBER, BUILDERS HARDWARE AND GLASS ...LOWE BROS. HIGH STANDARD PAINTS....</p> <p>Phone 74 Corner Lamar &amp; North Front Sts.</p>	<p>For the best White Loaf Cake, \$2.50 Cash, by Woodrum Filling Station. For the best White Layer Cake, \$5.00 in merchandise, by McFarland Garage. For best Jam Cake, 5 gal. Ford Oil, Magnolia Filling Station. For the best Devils Food Cake, Ford Tube, Merkel Motor Company. For the best cake cooked on an Electric Range, one months stove service, by West Texas Utilities Co. For best Caramel-Nut Cake, pair of Silk Hose, by Brown Dry Goods Company. <b>JELLIES:</b> Plum Jelly, 6lb Roast (value of Roast in trade) by Vaughn &amp; Watkins Meat Market. 2nd, 50c Apple Jelly, \$1.00 in work, by Renfro's Tailor Shop. 2nd prize for apple jelly, 50c. Grape Jelly, 5lb Beef Roast, by Patterson Meat Market. 2nd prize 50c. <b>PRESERVES:</b> Plum Preserves, Special plate dinner (value \$1.00) by White House Cafe, 2nd. 50c. Peach Preserves, \$1.00 cash. 2nd prize 50c.</p>	<p><b>SCHOOL WILL SOON OPEN</b></p> <p>Don't Forget</p> <p><b>SANDERS DRUG STORE</b></p> <p>Headquarters FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES</p>	<p><b>THE WOODRUM FILLING STATION</b></p> <p>Where real <b>AUTO SERVICE</b> is rendered those who patronize our Filling Station, is glad to contribute toward a Community Fair in Merkel. While attending this Community Fair, come to us with your car trouble, we will solve them for you.</p> <p>We thank you for any and all patronage.</p> <p><b>GEORGE WOODRUM, Proprietor</b></p>

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**The Merkel Mail**

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

So far as reported none of the  
girls has been too tired to dance  
with the Prince of Wales.

Many of the boys are setting  
out to marry money, but money  
is frequently unable to manifest  
affection.

The only bank that some peo-  
ple will ever have much to do  
with is bankruptcy.

The girls of Merkel who are  
anxious about their love affairs,  
would come out better if they let  
their suitors do the worrying.

As the football teams are all  
coming back in good shape, the  
American system of education  
seems safe.

A man should not fail to ad-  
vertise merely because he is af-  
raid of getting more business  
than he can handle. He can al-  
ways get help.

It is difficult to persuade  
Young America that the school  
bell has that beautiful and mel-  
liferous tone which the grownups  
attribute to it.

The people who buy worthless  
stocks are often very anxious for  
fear they will miss the oppor-  
tunity to secure the same.

It is not always safe to offer  
comfort to the sentimental girl  
who complains of being lone-  
some.

It is not reported that the  
wives who produce good cookery  
are often complaining of jealous  
husbands.

Most of the young crowd want  
to work with their heads, but  
the bulk of the work has to be  
accomplished with people's  
hands.

Formerly children were seen  
and not heard, but now it is dif-  
ficult for the grown people to  
get a chance to butt in.

The students who can't get to  
school on time can commonly  
get to the ball game at the first  
inning.

Dog shows being held now,  
and quite a display can be had  
most any time by concealing a  
few bones in your back yard.

The people who write the  
"Health Talks" should have one  
showing that is would be health-  
ier for the automobile speeders  
to go a little slower.

The politicians soon learn that  
when everything seems to be go-  
ing against them, they must in-  
crease the claims of the vote  
they are going to get.

Many folks who complain be-  
cause their home towns are too  
quiet, are yet much irritated if  
the kids do a little yelling out-  
side of school hours.

Opinion prevails among many  
men that the most useful cam-  
paign button is a suspender but-  
ton.

There will be one excellent  
thing about the coming elec-  
tion, that it will retire to private  
life a large number of people  
who are excellently fitted for  
such duties.

There is at least one pronoun-  
ced difference between Republi-  
cans and Democrats, in that  
they disagree radically as to  
who should have the offices.

If grass would grow in the  
lawns with the same enthusiasm  
it manifests in sprouting in the  
gardens, many householders of  
Merkel would be pleased.

Many of the people who got  
all tired out while on their va-  
cations, are prepared to rest up  
on their job at home.

There have been no serious  
earthquakes lately, but land-  
slides are predicted for next No-  
vember.

Aviators who knock over our  
chimneys are respectfully re-  
quested to land and build them  
up again.

The people who fail to put out  
their camp fires can't complain  
if lumber is high the next time  
they have a repair job done.

**TWO TYPES OF TEACHING**

As America's educational ma-  
chine starts up again, one re-  
flects that the spirit back of ed-  
ucation counts more than the  
book knowledge.

A teacher may simply be a  
good instructor who is trying to  
see that the students complete  
faithfully the requirements of  
the school. The majority of edu-  
cators are of that type. It is a  
big job to work faithfully along  
those lines, and get the work  
done, since so many pupils are  
unwilling or indifferent.

There are some people in this  
profession, however, who are  
not content even with the ex-  
cellent purpose. Their hearts  
yearn to see their young people  
accept the highest ideals. They  
try to interpret their lessons so  
that their pupils shall learn to  
admire all that is fine and noble  
and despise that which is mean  
and degrading. A teacher who  
gets results along that line is  
beyond price, and performs a  
service which no amount of  
money, even if the salary equal-  
ed that given the most success-  
ful business executive, could ful-  
ly compensate.

There is a better market for  
used cars now than will be later.  
Better trade your old car and  
get a new one now. Merkel Motor  
Co, authorized Ford dealers. It

**MELLINGER'S**

**Outfitters in Dry Goods  
For Men, Women  
And Children**

And our store is brim full to the ceiling, with every-  
thing needed to complete the wardrobe of every member  
of the family. Especially do we call your attention to  
our complete line of

**Ladies Ready-to-Wear**

—in which you will find all sizes in the latest styles and  
newest colors. All of these having been selected from  
the leading fashion centers of the east, and will be most  
pleasing to you.

Also we have a big line of Ladies Coats of the latest  
designs. Nifty Slippers in the New Colors and designs.  
And all these goods are priced in keeping with the times.

And don't forget to visit our Booth at the community  
Fair, Next Friday and Saturday, for we bid you welcome,  
assuring our farmer friends that we are always glad to  
take part in such splendid enterprises.

**Max Mellinger**

**THE DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH**

The amount of rubbish col-  
lected in the average home is  
probably larger than ever before  
on account of the large quan-  
tity of foods and other materi-  
als that come into the homes  
packed in paper containers, cans  
jars, etc. Many people will  
throw newspapers into the rub-  
bish cans when they should be  
saved to sell to junk men.

Many people will accumulate  
a good sized can of this stuff  
about every week. If burned in  
bonfires, it may annoy neigh-  
bors or cause danger to their  
property. Some families burn it

in stoves, fireplaces, and heat-  
ers, sometimes under conditions  
that constitute a fire peril.

A good system for collecting  
rubbish from the homes of a  
community does much to pro-  
mote neatness and prevent fires.

Have you guessed at our Big  
Lump of Coal. Three prizes—  
Free guess contest closes 19th.  
Come to the Fair. Swafford  
Feed & Coal Yard. Phone 44,  
South side.

Mr. A. C. Browning was here  
last week visiting with his par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brown-  
ing.

Announcements are being re-  
ceived by friends here of the  
marriage of Mr. Ted Lamar and  
Miss Bulah Cozart of Stanton,  
Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Lamar will  
make their home at Mingus,  
Texas. Mr. Lamar is a Merkel  
boy and is well known here. Mr.  
and Mrs. Lamar also visited re-  
latives here, the past week, re-  
turning to their home Wednes-  
day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White and  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White have  
recently rented the house known  
as the old R. L. Bland home on  
Oak Street, and will operate a  
rooming and boarding house.

**"Don't Miss The Fair"**

Don't fail to attend Merkel's Fair. You  
will miss something if you do. If possible dis-  
play something. Make our store your loafing  
place while you are in town. And if you need  
any thing in Hardware let us show you what  
we have. Get your souvenir, "Kiddies."

**To the People in Town:**

A word to the people in town. We are  
ready to install your sewer connections. Plenty  
of Bath Room fixtures, tubs, lavatories, sinks,  
Combination Closets.

Why wait? Let's get busy, be  
ready to tie in.

**Liberty Hardware  
Company**

**Woorum Filling  
Station**

Besides rendering SERVICE to our Patrons  
that pleases and lasts, we sell that

**Good Gulf Gasoline  
And Other Gulf Products.**

While Attending the Community Fair drive  
around and try our service.

Yes, and when you need GOOD TIRES and TUBES  
see us before you go elsewhere.

**George Woodrum, Prop.**



**TUXEDO VACUUM CUP TIRES**

INDIVIDUAL tires—beauties for looks, for wear, for nonskid performance. The highest quality tires that men, money, materials, and modern manufacturing methods can produce. Let us tell you personally all about them.

**West Company ACCESSORIES**



Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaffer of Texline, Texas, were here last week visiting Mrs. Shaffer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. All-day.

Mrs. E. P. Beene and daughter, Juanita, returned last week from a visit with relatives at Cross Plains, Texas.

Miss Iva Bragg returned Sunday from a visit with her brother, Mr. Wallace W. Bragg, of Chillicothe, Texas.

Messrs Wade Darsey and Walter Warnken have recently improved their garage by adding another gasoline pump.

Miss Martha Swafford who has been here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford, will return to Houston, Texas Friday, where she will again teach school.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones of Tipa, Texas, were here last week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Partridge.

Mrs. E. C. Wedemeyer and daughter, Mary Maud, of Lubbock were guests in the R. A. Ellis home last week.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sears and two boys were here last week end visiting with Mrs. Frank Sears.

Mr. J. W. Teaff, wife and son, Billie, spent a few days last week at O'Briant, Texas visiting relatives.

Mr. A. L. Jobe will soon move with his family to Ranger, Tex. to make their home.

Call 180 and let us come out and get all of your dirty fall clothes and fix them up. We can do all kinds of repair work. Re-lining, dying and pleating at very reasonable prices. **CASH TAILOR SHOP.** tf

Safety and Service are assured to the customers of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. tf

Mr. C. P. Stevens and family visited relatives in Comanche county last week.

Mr. Eli Case is having constructed on his farm about five miles east of Merkel, a four room bungalow. Fire recently destroyed a neat bungalow on this location.

Mr. W. H. Laney left Monday for San Angelo, Bonhart, and Ozona, Texas on business.

Mr. Walter Hathway of Bradshaw was a business visitor in Merkel Monday.

Mr. James A. Haggard of Potosi recently purchased the Drive-in Filling Station at Tye, and with the assistance of Mr. Arl Sharp of Merkel, will operate same.

Mr. H. P. Wilkins and family will soon move to Tulia, Texas, to make their home. Mr. Wilkins will likely be here until his crop is gathered.

Misses Loyce and Lorena Dry and Mr. Delma Compton left on Tuesday for Dublin, Texas, where they will visit Mr. M. L. Dry and wife for a few days.

Misses Mamie Ellis and Annie Mae Swann are visiting friends at Clyde, Texas, this week.

Little Miss Nevidell Spurgin is visiting Mary Ellen Ashby this week.

Mrs. J. R. Jackson of Strawn is here visiting her son, Rev. Fred S. Rogers and wife.

Mrs. J. E. Stevens and daughter, Mildred, of Augusto, Arkansas, are the guests of Mrs. G. F. West.

**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Chas H. Jones has as her guest, Mrs. E. H. Moore and daughter, Elinor, of Bristol, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff and daughter, Mrs. V. V. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Eckard, returned last week from a visit to Fort Worth and Dallas.

There is a good deal of talk of changing the calendar, but the only thing the public wants is to have payday come oftener.

If it's a Ford car of any model or description, we have it. Merkel Motor Co, authorized Ford Dealers. 1t

Mr. Norman Pledger of Carthage, Texas has accepted a position with the Barrow Furniture store.

**FOR SALE**—Ford touring car. Like new, priced to sell. W. S. J. Brown. 1t

Mrs. Ross Ferrier who has been in Los Angeles, California visiting a sister, is expected to arrive home Saturday.

Mrs. Tallie Holloway attended the wedding of Miss Nell Holloway and Mr. George Groene at Gorman, Texas.

Mrs. G. C. McDonald and children of Abilene were guests of Mrs. McDonald's sister, Mrs. W. L. Harkkrider Tuesday.

Mrs. Alice Rose returned Monday from a visit with relatives at Big Spring, Texas.

Mr. J. W. Moore left last week for Barstow, Texas, where he will work for some time.

So far the neighbors have not complained that Cal Coolidge makes so much noise in the White House that they can't sleep.

**THE HAY RAKERS**

Congressman Treadway of Massachusetts journeyed up to the little Vermont town where President Coolidge has been spending his vacation, and presented him and his father with a pair of hand-made ash hay rakes.

People may think that the president will not value his rake, but anyone who ever lived in a country town and worked on a farm knows the value of this tool. He also knows that the use of this implement has been one of the factors by which energetic and thrifty people have got their start in the world.

The old time farmers used to say that they could judge of the quality of a farmer by the way he raked over his fields of hay. If there were many scattered bunches left in out of the way corners, clinging to stones or bushes, they could see that he was not thrifty in picking up the loose ends of his work. But if these "scatterings", as they were called, were thoroughly raked up, it indicated a man who looked after the small leaks carefully, and was not afraid of work.

They would say that all these stray bits of hay if assembled together, would make a very considerable amount, and add largely to the product of his grass lands.

Farming may be done differently now, and labor costs so high that these thorough methods can not always be afforded. Perhaps though they will be even more necessary if intensive farming becomes the general rule.

A good rake is not merely needed on the farm, but it is a part of the equipment of the home which must be used if people are to have good looking grounds. It needs to be well exercised when the leaves are falling, and a lawn seems to brighten up right away after the rakers have combed its hair in the spring.

**September 19 and 20**  
Is the date for  
**Merkel's Community Fair**  
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Mrs. M. A. Neill of Howe, Texas is expected to soon arrive for a visit with Rev. T. J. Rea and family.

Mr and Mrs. Antheil Moss of Lingville, Texas were guests of J. P. Sharp and family last week.

Miss Holly Mae Tippet of San Angelo, Texas was here this week the guest of Mrs. W. L. Harkkrider.

Mrs. Clifford Rose and two children left Wednesday night for Long Beach California to join her husband.

Mrs. G. W. Smith and little son, Billie Loyd, returned last week from their visit to East Texas.

Mrs. S. O. Owens, of Gorman, Texas was here last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haggard of Potosi were here last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Miss Elsie Sharp had as guests this week, Misses Mary, Myra, Loraine, and Catherine Longacre, of Potosi, Texas.

Miss Ruby Fae Golladay visited friends in Abilene this week.

**A Circular Tour.**  
Mary had a little ring, 'twas given by Joe, and everywhere that Mary went that ring was sure to go. She took the ring with her one day, when she went out to tea, where she might show it to the girls, who numbered twenty-three. And when the girls all saw the ring they made a great ado, exclaiming with one voice: "Has it at last got round to you?"

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"Too much use of the door mat will wear the 'WELCOME' off

You will "welcome the chance to get your

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- at a big saving in price. We carry all standard goods and sell at a price that saves you money. Why not try us—it will pay you in the long run.
  - 11 lbs Sugar ..... \$1.00
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  - Picnic Hams ..... 20c lb.
  - 21 bars P & G Soap ..... \$1.00
  - 24 bars White Naptha ... \$1.00

**J. N. CARSON**  
GROCERIES

**Former Texas Girl Trains Ballet For "Tokyo" State Fair Feature**

**GLADYS HIGHT AS LITTLE GIRL LIVED IN HOUSTON AND DALLAS—HAS "MADE GOOD"**

Gladys Hight, former Texas girl, and now the head of the Gladys Hight School of Dancing, Chicago, will be responsible for the beautiful ballet numbers to be given in connection with "Tokyo," the magnificent fireworks spectacle at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 11-26 this year.

Ten or fifteen years ago Gladys Hight was a little girl in Houston and Dallas. Her mother, Madame Virginia Lee Hight, was a well known and highly capable vocal instructor, who conducted big voice culture schools in both Texas cities. Miss Gladys received her first instructions in the art of dancing at the hands of Texas teachers, and continued her practice intensively, after her mother removed to Chicago. Now Miss Gladys, who has more than "made good," is the head of two big schools in the Windy City—one down in the loop district and the other out on Sheridan Road.

"I was very glad to have opportunity for training a ballet that would appear before 'home folks' of my childhood days," she said, "and so when Mr. Charles Duffield, the producer of 'Tokyo' told me what he



**GLADYS HIGHT**

wanted, I jumped at the chance. "There will be twenty-four beautiful girls in the ballet number, one of which will be a fan dance and the other a typically characteristic Japanese number called the 'Shishin dance.' You know, 'Tokyo' is based on the great Japanese earthquake, and the ballets come as showing the peaceful villagers enjoying themselves, before the holocaust swallows up their little town."

"Tokyo" will be given in the great race track infield at the State Fair, before the big grand stand, every night, and is declared to be the most awe-inspiring spectacle ever evolved.

**STATE FAIR of TEXAS DALLAS OCT. 11-26**

**All New This Year!**

New Agricultural Building—Main Exhibit Hall

**13--Days Running Races--13 Magnificent Live Stock and Poultry Show**

**Poultry Show, Oct. 11-20, Inclusive**

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## "ALL COLLEGIATE CIRCUS" TO BE BIG FEATURE AT STATE FAIR OCTOBER 12



J. N. B. MOON



P. B. GARRETT

"All-College Day" at the State Fair of Texas, Saturday, Oct. 12 next, promises to be one of the biggest features of the 1924 exposition, which runs from Oct. 11 to 26 this year.

In the afternoon the football elevens of the University of Texas and Southern Methodist University of Dallas, meet in their annual game on the athletic stadium field.

At night, also in the stadium, will come the "All-Collegiate Circus" and the crowning of the "All-College Queen," which, it is expected, will be attended by no less an important personage than Corinne Griffith, Texas' own motion picture star. Miss Griffith will come as an ex-student of the University.

John B. Moon and P. B. Garrett, now Texas business men, but both former varsity students, have the management of the Circus and Coronation in charge. During their college days they produced many college

functions of a similar character, and because of their experience were asked to take charge of the big State Fair feature. The best "acts" from colleges, universities, prep schools and other institutions, all over the country, will take part in the circus events, for prizes totalling \$3,500. The "queen" will be crowned as the most beautiful college girl, her selection to be made by a committee of competent judges from entrants by all the institutions which take part in the "circus."

Mr. Garrett is now a prominent Dallas bond man, while Mr. Moon is connected with a big insurance concern. The former is a graduate of the law department of the university and the latter of the engineering department. Heads of the various educational institutions have all accepted appointment as members of the advisory committee of the "All-College Day" arrangements and executive staff.

### The Management of Dumps

Many towns are greatly marring their beauty, by permitting ashes, rubbish, etc. to be dumped in conspicuous places. This may be inevitable as a temporary condition, while low lands are being filled in with the idea of making it available for homes. In many cities, such heaps are allowed to remain in prominent places for years, where they disfigure a neighborhood and render the approach of a community unprepossessing.

Every town should have dumping places in remote neighborhoods away from the main lines of travel, where they will be observed as little as possible. If they are much exposed to public view, it would be a fine thing to plant quick growing trees around them as a screen.

A town that permits such dumps in conspicuous places gives an impression something like a family that has its grounds littered with refuse.

Mrs. Schmidt, wife of Mr. L. A. Schmidt, with the Cash Tailor Shop, spent Wednesday in Abilene assisting the Abilene Floral Company in making their display for the opening of this new floral company in that city. Mrs. Schmidt is an experienced and competent decorator and designer, and has been employed to assist in the decorations for the big celebration to be held next week by Simmons College for their opening day this year.

Follow the advice of the ten million. Buy a Ford now. It

## DATES FOR STATE FAIR AT DALLAS ARE OCT. 11-26

Many Changes All Over Grounds in Progress—Thirteen Days of Horse Racing.

October 11 to October 26 inclusive, are the dates for the State Fair of Texas at Dallas this year, and many new features, as well as many changes in buildings, are promised for the 1924 exposition.

There will be thirteen full days of running horse races on the great mile track; "Tokyo," a reproduction in fireworks of the great Japanese earthquake, will be a nightly feature; "The Passing Parade of 1924" a magnificent scenic, musical and "girl" show will be given in a specially constructed theatre, and the live stock displays, the poultry show, the automobile exhibits and the implement demonstrations, it is declared, will be wonderfully interesting and complete.

Outside of the transformation of the former Coliseum into the new agricultural building, the greatest change in buildings will be the new interior of the main exhibit building. Work has been in progress for two months. The interior will be an exact reproduction of a Spanish village, in architecture, coloring and every other detail, down to—or rather up to—the red-tiled roofs which complete the picture.

The handsome new booths will be occupied by exhibits of every description, and broad aisles, from which all manner of concessions have been removed, will give maximum ease and comfort for visitors.

### WOMAN TOURIST WILL BOOST STATE FAIR

Emulating the example of Samuel Guy, Dallas real estate man, Mrs. L. L. Massengill of Lawrence, Tex., is to "boost" the State Fair while on a motor tour through West Texas and out into Yellowstone country. Mrs. Massengill wrote the publicity department of the State Fair that she was leaving Dallas July 15, and asked for several thousand copies of State Fair literature to take with her on her trip. The literature was furnished, and the loyal Texas woman was thanked for her offer. It is just such effort which lets the world know of the greatness of the State Fair of Texas—just such loyal co-operation that makes it great.

### NEW INTERURBAN LINE READY BEFORE STATE FAIR OPENS

The new Denton Interurban will be in operation well before the opening of the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, Oct. 11-26, it is announced. The Terrell line into Dallas, was opened just before the 1923 State Fair by 1925, according to all indications, Dallas and Gainesville may be connected by trolley.

Thirty County Premiums As heretofore there are thirty premiums offered for the best county exhibits at the 1924 State Fair, Dallas, Oct. 11-26. County exhibits this year will be seen in the new Agricultural Building (the former Coliseum) right at the entrance of the grounds.

The poultry show at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, will be held for ten days this year, Oct. 11 to Oct. 20 inclusive.

### Intermediate B.Y.P.U.

Subject: "Friendship." Leader: Mary Ellen Ashby. 1. Introduction, Roy Giles. 2. A good friend, Avo Vaneaton. 3. Friendliness rewarded, Clyde Mayfield. 4. Ruth, a friend to Naomi, Lou Neil Lamar. 5. Ruth's love for God's people, Bill Haynes. 6. Ruth's song, Charlie Largent.

### WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS

If it is cleaning and pressing you want, that is one of our specialties. Phone 218. Ligon, the Laundryman.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Spears of the Blair community were here yesterday, bringing in some fine comb honey of their raising for the market. While here they had us send the Mail to Mrs. Spears' brother in Ala, Mr. W. Z. Littleton.

Look for McFarland's Mobil-oil display at the Community Fair.

The Parent-Teacher's Club of Merkel will serve home-made candies, delicious sandwiches, ice tea, and lemonade at the Community Fair on Friday and Saturday. Call around every time you are hungry.

### MR. JUNGER RETURNS FROM TRIP TO GULF

Mr. A. F. Junger, our well known and esteemed Cotton buyer, representing the well known firm of Geo. Finberg & Co. of Abilene, and New York, relates an interesting incident occurring to him during his recent flying trip to his home town, Houston, also Galveston.

Mr. Junger states that while passing thru the City Hall in Houston, he was very cordially greeted by Houston's Mayor, Hon. Oscar F. Holcombe, together with Mr. H. A. Halverton, Finance Commissioner of the same city.

Both high officials were very loud in their praise of the recent trip of the West Texas Boosters Club toward the Gulf, and which also included Mr. Owen Ellis of the F. and M. National Bank of this city.

Mayor Holcombe of Houston, took opportunity of directing several very interesting questions toward Mr. Junger regarding the continued prosperity around Taylor county in West Texas, and gave out a very expressive commendation on the recent sewerage plan adopted by the City of Merkel. Mr. Holcombe went on to state, that such meagre outlay of only \$55,000 could only lend wonderful inducement to a speedy acknowledgment thus inviting many new prospectors toward Merkel, and cited instance, where in Houston at present the new Brays Bayou sewerage plan which has not started yet, already invites all sorts of inquiries. This portion of Houston lies 20 miles south of town and will entail expenditure of \$778,000.

Mr. Junger took advantage of his recent impromptu meeting with the two distinguished Houston officials, and as he says, "He dealt back some high talk for our own Merkel Administration, and gave out loud praise in favor of our own able Mayor, Hon. H. C. West and City Councilors, also calling attention to the Merkel Luncheon Club Bi-Monthly meetings where all interesting topics are discussed. Furthermore, Mr. Junger mentioned the able toast mastership on such occasions, namely Mr. L. R. Thompson, Booth Warren, R. L. Grimes etc.

While in Houston, Mr. Junger also spoke with Mr. Geo. Bailey of the Houston Post-Dispatch

## Cozy Theatre

When Better Pictures are made the Cozy will show them  
Next Friday and Saturday, September 19th & 20th  
Emory Johnson's Mighty Motion Picture



Never before have your eyes beheld such a mighty spectacle of human emotions—the underlying love and courage of a Mother—the hope and faith of a father—the heroism of a son—the sweet goodness of his sweetheart—all merged and blended into the greatest human story ever told.

Starring  
Mary Carr  
and Johnnie Walker as  
Mother and son.

Extra— "Navy Blues" Roaring 2 reel Comedy.  
Note— We will have a special Matinee  
Next Friday on this big Picture.

and did not fail to give out a word for our Merkel Mail Editor, Mr. Bailey of the Houston Post is Editorial Writer.

Editors Note— We are very glad to receive above encouraging reports from the Gulf Ports and are pleased to receive this advice from Mr. Junger, coming from such high observance thru Mayor Holcombe of Houston. We are pleased to see the fast progress we are attaining.

Seed Wheat—I have placed my Seed Wheat with Swafford Coal & Feed Yard, No Johnson grass. You can get this at \$1.50 per bushel. Bring your sacks. R. B. WELLS.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school at ten a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. All B. Y. P. U's at 7 p. m. Last Sunday was an exceptionally good day. The interest was fine. With the beginning of school and the people settling down for the winter, we should soon get back to our four hundred mark. This month closes our associational year. Let's close it with the highest mark of the year.

We extend to all a welcome to worship with us. W. H. Albertson, pastor.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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**EL PASO**



**\$12.00**  
ROUND TRIP

Friday September, 19th

Train leaves Merkel 5:01 p. m., arrives El Paso 8:45 a. m. Saturday. Returning leaves El Paso 7:00 p. m. Sunday, September 21st.

### TWO DAYS IN EL PASO

Extraordinary Attractions

International Exposition (September 18-28)

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**JUAREZ, MEXICO** Just Across This River  
REAL BULL FIGHT By a troop of noted Matadors

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## ANNIVERSARY SALE

ONE WEEK ONLY

September 13th to 20th  
New Fall Hats Coats and Dresses.

A big surprise and a big opportunity. Everything new, this seasons. This is our first Anniversary sale. We are giving a birthday party; handing out presents in the way of price concessions.

75 SILK DRESSES \$14.95 Values \$25.00	75 Silk & Wool Dresses \$24.95 Values \$35.00	75 Very Fine Silk and Wool Dresses \$34.95 Values \$45.00	75 Very Best Silk and Wool Dresses \$44.95 Values to \$60.00
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He has five distinct grades to sell. Each grade is a leader in quality and price appeal.

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### McFarland Garage

Mr. A. B. Rose and wife of San Angelo were here this week for a visit with Mr. Rose's mother, Mrs. Alice Rose.

Miss Essie Floyd is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Jessie King at Plainview.

We have a phone for the use of our customers as well as ourselves. Use it when you give checks to cotton pickers who are strangers. Use it if we can serve you during the busy season. Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

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"Where the Best Pictures are Shown"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

THOMAS MEIGHAN and LILA LEE

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"THE NE'ER DO WELL"

It's Rex Beach's greatest story—It's Thomas Meighan's greatest role—and it's your greatest entertainment of the season.

EXTRA— "Those Athletic Girls"  
2-reel Mack Sennett Comedy

NEXT WEEK—Monday and Tuesday.

Cecil B. DeMille presents a Typical DeMille  
All-star Cast in

"TRIUMPH"

The heart-story of a girl who struggled for success, won it and lost it, and finally found happiness in the triumph of a great love.

EXTRA— "Moving" A Good Comedy

Wednesday and Thursday—

JOHN GILBERT

-in-

"JUST OFF BROADWAY"

It is a drama of gay life, bright lights and a band of International crooks, interwoven with a love story.

ALSO— "The Explorers"  
2 reels of continuous laughter

Friday and Saturday.

Emory Johnson's Mighty Motion Picture Spectacle

"THE SPIRIT OF THE U. S. A."

Starring Mary Carr and Johnnie Walker for the first time since their memorable appearance in "Over the Hill"

NOTE—We are now showing every day at popular admission prices: 10c, 20c and 30c.

### BY THE SLEEPING SEINE

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

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

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

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

### MARIE GREAT HELP TO HER

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Laughter.

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

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

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

### Would Like To.

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

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

### Not Entirely Alone.

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

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

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

### Terrible Faux Pas.

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

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

### Cause for Divorce.

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



### Mrs. McFarland Hostess

Mrs. F. C. McFarland entertained a number of friends with a lawn party on Thursday evening, honoring Mrs. Elma H. Moore, who is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Jones.

Tables were arranged on the lawn at which several interesting games of five-hundred were enjoyed. At the conclusion of the games, Mrs. McFarland served a refreshment course of Orange Ice, chicken sandwiches and olives with dainty plate favors of yellow chrysanthemums.

Those enjoying this delightful party with Mrs. Moore were: Messrs. and Mesdames W. L. Diltz, John West, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, R. O. Anderson, Lige Gamble, R. I. Grimes and Mrs. C. H. Jones.

### Mrs. Golladay Entertains

Mrs. Frank Golladay entertained her Sunday School Class, known as the "Sunshine Class" at her home on Oak Street last Tuesday evening during the hours from eight to ten o'clock.

A very interesting devotional meeting was first had. Following this a series of fun making contests and various games were played for a time. Miss Dorothy Daniels was given a prize for her efficiency in a contest.

Then all were asked out on the lawn, where Mrs. Golladay served iced watermelon to the following: Misses Dorothy Daniels, Elizabeth Harkrider, Ruby Fae Golladay, Hazel Leslie, Marza Chaney, Mrs. Chas. Russell, and little daughter, Mary Joe were honor guests.

Miss Ona Fae Rose returned Monday from a brief visit with relatives at Big Spring.

### Seniors Of '21 In 3rd Annual Reunion

On Thursday evening at seven thirty, the members of the Senior Class of '21 met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent for their annual reunion.

Pep and enthusiasm of High School days prevailed. All members were present, eager to know or relate happenings since the last meeting. School days were lived over again, when High School Notes of '21 were read, bringing to mind the never-to-be-forgotten ball games, socials, and amusing incidents that happened in the school room. The class prophecy and how it had been fulfilled proved very interesting also.

A picnic supper consisting of sandwiches, chicken, potato chips, olives, cakes, and soda pop were served.

After a class meeting, called to order by the president, at which much merriment prevailed, a motion was made to adjourn, after plans had been made to meet again next year.

The members present were: Misses Lucille Russell, Mae Beid leman, Loyce Dry, Evelyn Hamm, Mrs. Roy Largent, Mrs. Roy Baccus, and Mrs. Roy Doan Messrs. Wade Darsey, Bill Stevens, Sewell Harvell, and Roy Largent.

The honorary members were: Mr. Roy Doan, and little Roy Rust Largent Jr., and Roy Doan Jr.

### The Delphian Club

The Delphian Chapter will have its regular meeting Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 3:30 o'clock in the basement of the Presbyterian church.

The subject for the week will be, "The Greatest Greek Dramatist". The lesson will be found very interesting as well as helpful, so let all come and contribute a part toward making our chapter a success.

### PROMINENT COUPLE MARRY AT GORMAN

The many friends of Mr. George Groene and Miss Nell Holloway were surprised to learn of their marriage, which took place Saturday evening at eight thirty o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. S. O. Owens, at Gorman, Texas. Rev. Isabel of that place officiated at the marriage ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Groene left Monday morning for a short trip to Fort Worth, Dallas, and Sherman. They will be at home at Bonham, Texas, where Mr. Groene has been for several months, being in the employe of the Electric Light Co. at that place.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and is much loved by many friends. She is a graduate of the High School, and spent one year at Kid-Key, Sherman, studying music, in which art she is greatly talented. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene, and has practically lived in Merkel all his life. He was with the West Texas Utilities Co. here before going to Bonham.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughters, Misses Mary Eula and Boog, accompanied by Miss Johnny Sears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, left last week for Bristol Va., where the young ladies will enter Sullens college. They are among our finest folks and will be missed during their stay in that state very much.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and two daughters, Mary Katharine, and Ouida, returned first of the week from a two weeks vacation trip to various places in east Texas. They report a very enjoyable trip, and very little car trouble.

Mrs. Bernie Rhode of Sweetwater visited her sister, Mrs. Claude Comegys last week.

# CAMPBELL'S

"Abilene's Favorite Shopping Place"

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And the West Texas Fair

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The Autumn season is here, heralded in this store by the greatest assemblage of fashionable apparel and dress requirements ever shown in this city. Our buyers, returning from market, are full of enthusiasm about the new merchandise secured. The new things arriving in every section of the store are making buying here more than ever interesting.

In every Fall display the accepted fashion tendencies of the season are clearly revealed. Coats, Suits and Dresses in the newest modes; Autumn fabrics in all their beauty of weave and coloring; Millinery and footwear of marked originality; as well as men's and boys' wear of superior quality.

We want you to know how well we can serve you in giving you good merchandise at reasonable prices. When in Abilene, don't fail to stop in at CAMPBELL'S. There is always a friendly welcome awaiting you.

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in  
"RAGS TO RICHES"

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Starting Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16-17, The Gem will Show every day except Monday's. We have under contract a line of Specials from "United Artists"

PROGRAM FOR THIS WEEK-

Friday, Carlyle Blackwell in "The Beloved Vagabond"  
Saturday, Hoot Gibson in "The Thrill Chaser" Also the comedy "Sons-in-Law"

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Tuesday and Wednesday Featured by Beautiful Catherine Calvert  
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**"ALL-NEW FAIR" WELL DESERVED BY 1924 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS**

Many Brand New Features Promised for Annual Exposition at Dallas, Oct. 11-26.

That the title "All-New Fair" will be well deserved by the 1924 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26, is the verdict of all who have studied the program for the thirty-eighth annual exposition, now practically complete.

Utmost praise has been given the new interior of the main exhibit building, which is in replica of a Spanish village, with the distinctive Moorish style of architecture preserved throughout. It is the most unique as well as the handsomest building of its kind anywhere. The new Agricultural building—the former Coliseum—will house hundreds of agricultural exhibits of every description, and being located directly at the entrance to the grounds, thousands will see them and more than ever realize Texas' agricultural importance.

**Big Dairy Show**  
There is to be a most comprehensive dairy show, in keeping with Texas' development as a dairying State. In connection there is to be a government display more complete than any ever brought south.

The program for the thirteen-day running race meet has been completed, and entries are already in from owners of some of the best horses in the country. There will be four big stake events of \$1,000 and over each, and six races every week day.

Complete, comprehensive and instructive displays of implements, machinery, farm power plants and other appliances will be of keenest interest, and the amusement program is the most ambitious in years.

Prospects for the great live stock show are for the most magnificent display ever seen, and the same is true of the poultry show, wherein more than 5,000 prize birds will be on display.

In the annual State Fair automobile show, the very latest in automotive development will be displayed in hundreds of brand new models, and manufacturers' "action" displays in the same building will hold interest for thousands.

**"SPECIAL DAYS" DESIGNATED FOR STATE FAIR OF TEXAS.**

Many "special days" at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26, have already been designated and additional requests are being received daily. Hunt County Day will be Wednesday, Oct. 15, and the Lions and Rotary Clubs of two towns are behind the movement for a big day. Clarendon and Donley Day will be Thursday, Oct. 23, and Texas Commercial Executives will be at the Fair on Saturday, Oct. 18. That day is also "All College Day." University of Texas Day and Congress of Mothers' Day.

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**NEW EXHIBIT BUILDING AT STATE FAIR OF TEXAS HEARTILY APPROVED**

President of Exhibitors' Association Declares It Wonderful Addition. Smyth Makes Prediction

J. B. Graham of Waxahatche, president of the County Exhibitors' Association, has passed approval on the new Agricultural Building at the State Fair of Texas, to be used for the first time at the 1924 State Fair, Dallas, Oct. 11-26.

"It is a wonderful addition to State Fair equipment," Mr. Graham said, "and will permit the demonstration of Texas' agricultural advantages to the maximum."

J. A. Moore of Grand Prairie, has been named superintendent of the Agricultural department, and will be in charge of the new structure. Mr. Moore was formerly in the government agricultural service and has had years of experience in the work.

**Many Counties Get Space**  
Twenty counties have already been assigned space in the new building. Among them is Hale, first prize winner in 1923, and Col. R. P. Smyth will again "chaperone" the exhibit. It will come by automobile truck from Plainview, more than 700 miles. Col. Smyth is a veteran exhibitor, and predicted, after seeing the new building at the State Fair, that fully 100 counties would have exhibits therein by 1925.

The exhibit booths are all uniform—14 feet wide, 10 feet deep and 3 feet high, from exhibit platform to top. At the front, the booths are eighteen inches in height, rising gradually, to a height of 3 feet 6 inches at the back. This incline permits the most advantageous display of the exhibits.

**"HUSK" O'HARE'S ORCHESTRA FEATURE OF STATE FAIR**

"Husk" O'Hare's famous Chicago "Society Orchestra" is to be a big musical feature at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26 this year. "Husk" and his men will appear with the "Passing Parade of 1924" in the "New Theater" to be located just east of the Automobile and Manufacturers' Building. The "super orchestra" as it has been called, is one of the most popular musical organizations in Chicago, and is the official broadcasting orchestra for radio Station WLS.

**CHILDREN'S DAY, OCT. 17 AT THE STATE FAIR**

Friday, Oct. 17 is Children's Day at the State Fair of Texas, at Dallas this year. As usual, all school children of Texas will be admitted free on that day. Distribution of tickets has already begun, the details being handled by the Welfare Department of the City of Dallas. Teachers anywhere in Texas, who anticipate bringing their pupils to the State Fair, may apply for tickets to Mrs. Albert Walker, Welfare Department, care City Hall, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hodo were Clyde visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Donald DeWolf and children, Mary Lou and Jim, of Chicago, who have been visiting in the S. H. L. Swafford home will return to their home Friday. Miss Virginia Swafford will accompany them home for a visit.

Look for McFarland's Mobil-oil display at the Community Fair.

Mr. J. G. Younger returned last week from a visit with his parents at Houston, Texas.

**Family Reunion**

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe of Merkel on Sunday, August 17, 1924. The following children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were present:

Mrs. L. N. Simmons of Abilene, Mrs. Oscar Jackson of Spurr, H. E. Jobe of Thurber, Brittain Jobe of Ranger were the children present. Grandchildren present were Mrs. J. Cash King of Abilene, Bessie Wayne Jackson of Spur, Eugenia Jackson and Hazel Jackson of Spur, Mr. Clyde Nichols of Abilene, E. J. Simmons of Abilene, Juanita Simmons of Abilene, Florine Jobe, Thurber, H. E. Jobe Jr., Thurber. Great-grandchild, Leonie Joe Nichols, of Abilene.

The family was all present except Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth, Cecil Jobe of Ranger one grand daughter, Mrs. G. D. Kirkland of Eastland, one great grandchild, G. D. Kirkland Jr.

There were present the husbands and wives of the children and grand children as follows:

L. N. Simmons, Oscar Jackson, Mrs. H. E. Jobe, Dr. J. Cash King, Clyde Nichols.

The party arrived by automobiles at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jobe about eleven o'clock and an old fashioned chicken dinner was served under the grape arbor of the Jobe residence.

A good time was enjoyed by all present. The dear old folks were made very happy as the visit of their children came as a surprise to them, and the girls of the family taking thought of the comfort of their mother, prepared and took with them a large part of the noonday meal. The party motored back to Abilene in the afternoon. It is the hope of all present that many more occasions of the same nature may be enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Jobe.

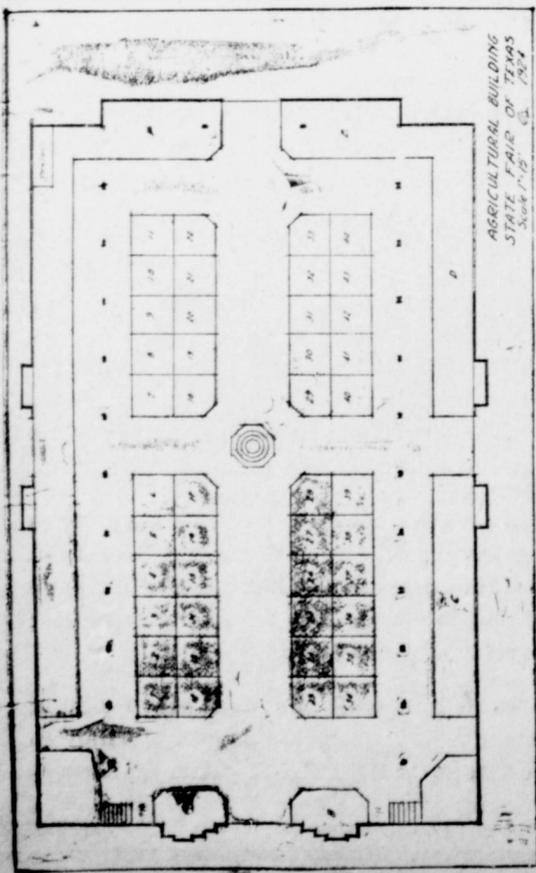
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Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Groene of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Groene, alos of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene Sunday.

Mr. Tallie Holloway and father, Mr. G. R. Holloway left Monday for Corsicana, to attend the funeral services of Mr. G. R. Holloway's brother.

**Floor Plan of New Agricultural Building At State Fair of Texas**

Final arrangement as to exhibit space in the new Agricultural Building at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26, has been completed. The plan shows the booth arrangement for various county exhibits, with the illuminated fountain in the center. County exhibits will be grouped as to various sections of the state—east, west north and south. County agents and commercial clubs are now applying for exhibit space in numbers, and the effort of State Fair officials is to take care of everybody.



**List of Premiums Offered**

(CONTINUED FROM PAGES FOUR and FIVE)

One pair best House-Shoes for the heaviest Rooster (any breed) by Brown Dry Goods.  
1 set Ford Fender Braces (value \$7.50) for exhibit showing greatest diversification on one farm, by West Company, Accessory Dep.  
To the couple marrying on the 19th or 20th of September, 1 marriage License by Sie Hamm, 1 Minister's fee by H. A. Sanders.  
To mother of the youngest baby at the Community Fair, 1 can of Maxwell House Coffee, by Porter's Grocery.  
Mans wool Shirt for the best 10 heads of Maize, by Bragg Dry Goods Co.  
100 lb. Sack Omeline Feed for the best Colt, by Garrett Feed Co.  
\$.50 in Gold for the best 3 stalks of cotton, by Farmers State Bank.  
Base ball fielders Glove to boy under 16 who exhibits best pig (any breed), by Liberty Hardware Company.  
Set of Community Silver Tea Spoons to the lady exhibiting the best display of Home Canned Fruits, by Liberty Hardware Co.  
Automatic Feeder to Best pen of chickens hatched in a Jersey Incubator, by Liberty Hardware Company.  
Little Chick Feeder for the best pen of pure bred Friers (any breed) Liberty Hardware.  
\$1.00 cash for the best Hound Dog, by J. A. Buford.  
3lb. can White Swann Coffee to the largest family calling in the store of Hamilton and Case, Grocery.  
To the best Mule Colt, \$1.00 worth of Barber work, by West Barber Shop.  
To the best twin calves, \$1.00 worth of work, by McCoy's Barber Shop.  
For the oldest Relic, \$2.50 1st prize, \$1.00 for 2nd prize.  
For best Fern, \$2.50 cash 1st prize, \$1.00 2nd prize.  
\$.50 Meal Ticket for the best twin babies under 16 months old, by Ed Turner's Cafe.

One 24lb. Sack Seal Flour for best Angel Food Cake baked with Seal Flour, Bob Martin Grocery Company.  
One 24lb sack Seal Flour for best yeast Bread baked with Seal Flour.  
\$2.50 cash for most perfect baby under 18 months old. Baby Ring second price.  
For best Feed display raised on any one farm, variety and quality considered, \$5.00 in Gold, by Farmers and Merchants National Bank.  
\$2 for best toy made by his or herself for boy or girl under 14 years. \$1 second prize.  
\$5.00 by Darsey Furniture for the best display of handwork (including crochet, knitting, tatting, etc.) outside the city limits.  
\$1.00 by W. T. Daniels for the best display of Garments made from Flour sacks.  
\$12.50 first prize, \$7.50 2nd, \$5.00 3rd, for the best grade of cotton ginned up to 19th of September of this year, by the following gins: Guitar Gin, South Side Gin, Planters Gin of Merkel, Planters Gin of Blair, F. P. Hamm Gin. Samples must be in at the Fair by noon Friday.  
CHICKENS: \$2.00 best pen Rhode Island Reds. \$2 best pen White Wyndotts. \$2.00 best pen Silver Lace Wyndotts, \$2 best pen Columbean, \$2 best pen White Leghorns, \$2 best pen Brown Leghorns, \$2 best pen White Minorcas, \$2 best pen Black Minorcas, \$2 best pen White Langshang, \$2 best pen Barred Rocks, \$2 best pen Buff Orphington, \$2.50 best pen party colored, \$2 best pen solid colored. \$5.00 setting of Silver lace Wyndott eggs for the best young pen, any breed, by W. L. Diltz, Jr.  
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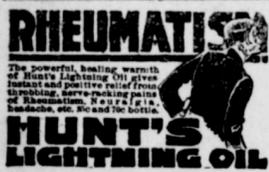
"If I hadn't gotten Karnak three weeks ago when everything else had failed me I firmly believe I would still be in bed," declares Mrs. W. O. Minter, 1413 W. Eighth St., Oklahoma City.

"Stomach and kidney trouble had made me almost a complete

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Have some Good cord wood at \$2.50 per cord on the ground. See L. W. Gilmore, 4 miles south Merkel. 29t3pd

130 acres of land for sale, well improved, close to town. For particulars see V. N. Ellis, Merkel, Texas. 5t3pd

WOOD—\$2.00 per cord, posts 15c. Would trade for stock. Reece Hail, Trent, Texas. 5tppd

FOR SALE—Home place. Located northwest Merkel. East front. Mrs. Frank Sears. tf

FOR SALE—1923 model Studebaker Special Six Roadster, 1923 model Dodge Coupe, 1920 model Dodge Touring, all in A-1 condition. Cash or terms. MARVIN BONEY. tf

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FOR SALE—Some headed maize, about six or seven ton at \$25.00 per ton. A. J. Huffman on the Cullum Farm, near Stith well. 12t2c

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FOR SALE—25 or 30 tons of good Maize. Also some good bundle sorghum. H. P. Wilkins, route one. 1t

FOR SALE or Trade—Some good young Jersey milk Cows; also some young mules. See Bill Haynes at the Merkel Motor Company. tf

FOR SALE—Ford touring car. Like new, priced to sell. W. S. J. Brown. 1t

FOR SALE—Wood at \$2.00 per cord on ground in front of Alfred Meeks place on route five. J. B. Jones. 12t2p

NEW FORDS—Plenty of them at Merkel Motor Company. Authorized Ford dealers. 1t

FOR SALE—Full-blood Greyhound pups, \$5.00 pair. See J. B. Jones, 1 mile north of Blair on Merkel route 5. 12t3

FOR SALE—One Army Tent, 16-ft square. See T. F. Compton at Garrett Feed Store. 1tp

FINE ROOSTERS—Have a few fine Barred Rock and Rhode Island Red Roosters to sell, just the right kind to improve the farm stock. Joe Higgins. 12t4

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—160 acres land, 143 in cultivation, teams, tools and feed for sale. See A. M. Giles, route four, two and half miles southeast of Merkel. tf

FOR RENT—2 up-stairs rooms, near school building. See T. W. Collins. 1tp

### WANTED

WANTED—Woman to do house work. Good house, fair play, for proper lady. Seth Hamilton. 1t

WANTED—Stock to pasture. Good pasture, ever lasting water. Six miles north of Trent. Lee D. Williams. tf

### LOST

STRAY MULE—Have a stray mule branded X on shoulder. Black mare mule. Owner call on Lee Campbell and get the animal. 12t2p

Mr. Percy Jones and family returned last week from a visit to relatives at Breckenridge.

## Mobiloil Demonstration

Frank McFarland of the McFarland Garage, the Gar-goyle Mobiloil dealer, will have a distinctive display of Mobiloil in his booth during the two days Fair September 19th-20th. Mr. H. H. Carsner, correct lubrication expert of the Vacuum Oil Company, manufacturers of Mobiloil will be present during these two days, and will be glad to give you advice about the correct grade of Mobiloil for your car.

### NOTICE

The Woodman Circle will entertain the W. O. W. Friday, September 12 at eight o'clock. Each Circle member is requested to bring a cake. Com.

Miss Edith Brown spent Tuesday with friends in Abilene.

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**WOMAN WHO LIVED HERE  
MANY YEARS AGO DEAD**

The following article is from a California paper concerning the death of Mrs. Abbie G. Vaughan, who many years ago lived in Merkel and was prominent in the affairs of this city. The deceased is also the mother of Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., who went to California when the message of her mother's death came.

MRS. ABBIE G. VAUGHAN, the first operator to receive telegraphy by sound, and known on a number of railroads as "Mother Vaughan," died Sunday at the age of 79 years at her home, 60 Diego Avenue, Long Beach, California.

So absorbed was Mrs. Vaughan in telegraphy that the science played an important part in shaping the life of her entire family. Before her marriage she was earning her living as an operator, and was credited during the Civil War with many acts of heroism. On May 24, 1866, she was married to J. L. Vaughan and for a time left the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, but the fascination of the "wonder working wire" still held her, and she became noted as a successful instructor of telegraphy.

First she taught her husband, and he took up the work. Then the railroad looked to her for new operators to fill vacancies, and at one time nearly one-half of the operators, a trainmaster and one dispatcher on the Pittsburgh division had been her students.

Mrs. Vaughan virtually raised her two boys, George L. and H. Latrobe, and two daughters, Madge and Lucie, in a telegraph office, for her husband followed this profession, and Mrs. Vaughan would serve as his assistant. Almost instinctively, the children took to telegraphy, and when the calls would come over the wire, and mother and father were out of the office, one of the boys or girls who happened to be near the key would recognize the signal and call to their parents to get back on the job.

Subsequently "Mother Vaughan" taught her children the art of telegraphy, and each one pursued this work for a number of years. But none ever had the record of Mrs. Vaughan for she went fifty years to various parts of the country and Mexico following "the key" and during that entire time never made an

error that caused an accident. She was the only woman agent in Mexico in 1891. In the Civil War, through revolutions in Mexico, and during the World War telegraphy was Mrs. Vaughan's main interest in life. For twenty years she was an operator in Mexico and her sojourn there was brought to a close by

the revolutions of Madera and Orozco in January, 1912. During her stay in Mexico most of the time she was employed as night operator by the Mexican Central and National lines of Mexico.

In the World War although 72 years of age, "Mother" Vaughan conducted a school in telegraphy

at her home situated at 2828 Sliot Street, Long Beach.

But of all her achievements, and only a few are enumerated above, her children are proudest of her distinction of being the first operator to take telegraphy by sound. When Mrs. Vaughan first studied telegraphy the tape system was used but that meth-

od was too slow, and the B.&O. decided to try the sound method. A school was started in Pittsburgh, where a number of young ladies and a few young men who had been employed as agents, were given a chance to learn the new system. Among the young ladies was Abbie G. Struble, and her sister, Madge.

**"TRIUMPH" AT THE COZY  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY**

In "Triumph", which opens a two days run at the Cozy Theatre Monday, Cecil B. DeMille returns from the ancient spectacle of his "Ten Commandments" to the type of ultra-modern society love drama in which he scored his most sensational successes and of which "Male and Female" and "Manslaughter" were such notable examples.

Here is the typical DeMille production, with its gorgeous settings, luxurious backgrounds, beautiful women, flashing gowns and an array of featured players that looks more like a copy of the roster of the Paramount studios than a cast. Leatrice Joy, Rod La Rocque and Victor Varconi have the principal roles. Then there's Charles Ogle, Julia Faye, Theodore Kosloff, Robert Edeson, Zasu Pitts, George Fawcett and Raymond Hutton, all featured. Quite a line-up, you'll agree.

"Triumph" is the story of a strong man ruined by money and a weak man regenerated through the loss of it, and thru a wonderful girl. It takes one man from the haunts of the rich and tosses him into the gutter. It takes another from poverty to wealth and high position. It shows you a factory girl in the whirl and thunder of ponderous machinery. It shows the same girl at the pinnacle of what she calls "Triumph", with wealth, jewels, applause.

Like "Manslaughter", "Triumph" is a strictly modern love story adapted from a popular Saturday Evening Post serial. May Edginton is the author, and Clara Beranger wrote the screen play.

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It developed that Abbie Struble, later Mrs. Vaughan, was the most capable, and the railroad gave her the honor of being the first operator to take the code by sound.

Mrs. Vaughan is survived by two sons, George L. and H. Latrobe; three daughters, Mrs. Madge B. Butman of Texas, Edna Lucie Biefenbach of Long Beach and Mrs. Evadine Carpenter. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Patterson & McQuilkin Parlors.

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## SEEZEM and SQUEZEM

By OSCAR HITTLER

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# THE BATTLE of ADOBE WALLS

By J. MARVIN HUNTER.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Adobe Walls was fittingly observed by the citizens of the Panhandle, June 27 and 28, 1924. A monument to the valor of the 28 men who participated in the fight was unveiled on the battle grounds, the corner of Adobe Walls marked with concrete markers and appropriate marble slabs placed on the graves of the three white men who were killed in this battle.

The battle of Adobe Walls, where twenty-eight straight-shooting plainsmen held five hundred Comanche Indians at bay for five days, and with their withering rifle fire finally brought conviction to the Indians that the scalps of the twenty-eight were not worth the price it would take to get them, is a desperate adventure of frontier days in the Panhandle of Texas.

John J. Clinton, who died at Abilene, Texas, June 1, 1922, and who at one time was Abilene's chief of police, took part in the Adobe Walls fight. Chief Clinton, in relating incidents of the battle, said it was the most thrilling experience in the more than half century of his life as frontiersman, Confederate soldier, government scout, cowboy, Indian fighter, Texas Ranger, and in the later and more placid days, peace officer in a prosperous and modern West Texas town.

Adobe Walls, the scene of the five-day battle, is now a small place in Hutchinson county, Texas, seventy-five miles northwest of Amarillo. At one time it was on the main route of an old cattle trail along which plains cattlemen drove their herds to market, at Dodge City, Kansas, before the railroads penetrated the great cattle ranges of the Southwest.

## "Peaceful" Indians on Warpath.

The fight occurred in 1874, at a time when the settlers gave little thought to the Indians. The warlike Comanches were assumed to be contentedly smoking their peace pipes on the government reservation at Anadarko, in the Indian Territory, under the watchful eye of the commandant of the reservation fort. But aroused to a fanatical pitch by an Indian medicine man, a band of five hundred of these warriors, under the leadership of their chief, Sun Boy, had eluded the government troops and started on the warpath to the northwest, where cow-camps were plentiful, where there were many possible white scalps and much plunder.

John Clinton, with four Mexican vaqueros, was beating up the Panhandle, along a cattle trail, looking for a bunch of horses that had gotten away from him on his way back from Dodge City, where he had accompanied a herd of steers. Early in the morning one of the four Mexicans uncovered the broad trail of a large band of Indians and the

little party, fully appreciating the situation, rode at top speed for the nearest place of safety. This was Adobe Walls, twenty-five miles to the northwest, where there was a small frontier camp occupied by a party of buffalo hunters. Thinking each moment they would be discovered by the Comanche

scouts and forced to stand where complete extinction might be only a matter of time, Clinton and the four Mexicans pushed forward rapidly and at sundown rode their exhausted horses into the camp of Adobe Walls.

## Description of Adobe Walls.

Adobe Walls was more than a camp. It was a crude frontier fort. The walls were built of the material which gave them their name—adobe—thick at the base and tapering to twelve inches at the top. They were stockade height and plentifully punctured with loopholes. Except for a broad entrance gap, they described a complete circle. Nothing but heavy artillery could have prevailed against them in hostile attack. Who built the walls no one knew. Old timers said Kit Carson once sought refuge in them from the Indians, and that there were many legends as to their construction.

Inside the walls, in rough timber shacks, the lumber for which was freighted out from Dodge City, Kansas, there was a saloon and gambling hall, store, and other equipments of a typical frontier gathering place for the devil-may-care male breed of the plains.

With the arrival of Clinton and his vaqueros, the total population of Adobe Walls camp was twenty-eight, and it was a strange collection of men of many different types and nationalities. Almost each man was a rank stranger to the other, but all were of the plains-breed whose courage was never questioned and whose daring had been proved too many times to be doubted; each had the fighting instinct of the Anglo-Saxon developed to the highest pitch by the wild condition of the frontier. There were buffalo hunters with their curious long rifles, seasoned Indian fighters, soldiers on furloughs, trappers, gamblers, scouts, rangers, and camp hangers-on, Americans, Englishmen, Germans, Mexicans, and what not. Each man with his brace of deadly six-shooters and his cherished rifle, was a fighting unit in himself. "There hain't been an Injun off the



"At each charge they would be met with the deadly rifle fire of the frontiersmen."

reserve for two years," was the scornful reply they had for Clinton's warning of the band on the war-path. The camp life went on with many joking references to "Clinton's Injuns." That night Antelope Jack, a notorious frontier gunman, held a mysterious card in a poker game and got crossed up with a man who beat him to a draw. There was a quarrel, a flash of revolvers and a midnight funeral in camp; many of the remaining twenty-eight men, their serenity slightly ruffled by the tragedy, drank heavily of liquor and were soon sound asleep.

## A Providential Accident.

In the middle of the night occurred the thing which Clinton believed was a supernatural agency to save them all from surprise and death. The ridge-pole of the earth-roofed building, under which the men slept, broke with a crack that brought every man to his feet with weapon ready for any contingency. The camp settled down again, but the incident called for more drinks, and it was nearly morning when sleep was again thought of.

Clinton and Billy Dixon, an experi-



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enced Indian fighter who had been impressed with the story about the Comanches being on the war-path, decided to remain awake the balance of the night. They took their blankets to the stockade and sat smoking their pipes with their faces to the prairie which sloped up to a long ridge be-

fore the Walls. Just before dawn they observed a moving blur on the crest of the ridge. Their field glasses revealed the riders. They were Comanche Indians and were mobilizing for an attack on Adobe Walls.

The alarm was sounded and all entrances quickly barricaded with boxes, barrels, and every movable thing that would offer resistance to a bullet. When the five hundred red men swept over the hill in their first charge, with the indescribable yell that has made the name of Comanche synonymous the world over for diabolical deeds, they were met with a withering fire that sent them reeling backward, but not before they had thundered to within a few feet of the Adobe Walls. This was the first of many charges, usually just at dawn and at dusk, in the long five-day battle that followed.

## Disposing of the Medicine Man.

None of the defenders thought for a moment that the Indians could storm the Walls, yet their food and ammunition grew scanty. The Comanches, maddened by losses and incited to frenzy by the supernatural incantations of their medicine man, raged about the Walls, vainly endeavoring to batter down the defenses. At each charge they would be met with the deadly rifle fire of the frontiersmen who were well protected by the thickness of the Walls.

At last the defenders decided that the medicine man must be disposed of. This was an undertaking for desperate, but brave men, for the medicine man was crafty enough to drop back after he had led each charge almost up to the Walls. He was always accompanied by a negro bugler, who had deserted from the Ninth United States Cavalry. Disposing of the medicine man and his negro bugler, who inspired the red men to battle by incantations and improvised bugle calls, was left to a party of five volunteers—Clinton, Dixon, two Shadley brothers, and a man named Tyler. These five men, on the fifth night of the attack, crept out of the enclosure and crawled to a wagon two hundred feet

from the main entrance to Adobe Walls. Here they lay until daylight, awaiting the usual Indian charge.

## Fate of the Five Volunteers.

At the first glow of dawn over the hills came the medicine man on a big white horse, the negro bugler at his side, and the entire army of red men at his back. On the crest of the ridge he paused, made a few "awe-inspiring" gestures, and signaled the negro to sound the charge. Down on the Adobe Walls crashed an avalanche of Indian horsemen. Before the warriors passed the wagon, behind which lay the five men with their long rifles, the medicine man and the negro began to lag behind to save their valuable skins. Finally, in the midst of the chargers, the doughty pair came in sure range—then five rifles spat in unison. The medicine man threw up his arms, spun around and fell from his horse. The negro bugler hit the ground dead a second later.

The defenders now knew that their work was practically done. The Indians, with their leader dead, would hardly attack again. Then it was up to the five volunteers concealed behind the wagon to save their own scalps, for they could get no aid from within the Walls. The maddened Indians who had passed the wagon, and had recoiled before the bullets from the fort, were now attracted by the fire on their flank, and, swinging around, surrounded the wagon and group of five men, who made a desperate dash for the stockade gate, running through a confused tangle of horses, painted faces and feathered heads, with the roar and flash of rifles all about them. The two Shadley brothers were killed instantly. Dixon, a giant, gathered the two brothers under each arm and staggered into the stockade with their limp bodies, thus saving them from mutilation at the hands of the Indians. Tyler, running alongside Clinton, cried out that he was shot. Clinton slung the wounded man over his shoulder, and also reached the inside of the stockade unhurt. Tyler died a few minutes later. Only two of the five brave volunteers came back alive.

The Indians now withdrew behind the hills and held a council of war. They palavered a long while, but made no further attack on Adobe Walls.

The battle and long siege was over and Sun Boy, the hereditary chief of the Comanches, whose star had been somewhat dimmed by the medicine man, was a wise Indian in his own way, and knew a losing game when he saw it. He and his counsellors made new medicine and decided that the Anadarko reservation, with government beef, was a far better place than the prairie where rifles of white men sprayed a leaden death. When the sun arose next morning the defenders of Adobe Walls beheld a welcome sight. The Indians were "snaking" their dead warriors one at a time over the hills, always a preliminary movement to a disastrous retreat.

# Girls Who Work Their Way Through College

—By HOWARD C. MARSHALL

A few years ago there was a certain ambitious little girl, who, like hundreds of other little girls had just finished her high school education. She wasn't even a Texas girl, for she lived in New Mexico; but she didn't mind that. The big idea was that she wanted to go to a college or an university, somewhere, anywhere; and she just didn't have the money.



She was reading a Texas newspaper that had reached her home in New Mexico, and she noticed an ad in the classified column that stated an Austin woman wanted a reading companion and a nurse for her children. The ambitious little girl didn't hesitate. She borrowed some money from a friend and caught the first train for Austin, Texas, applied for the job, and landed it.

When the University opened in the fall, the ambitious little girl was in the long matriculation line, and she's been in it each year since then. At the end of the present session, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. In the intervening four years, she has earned all of the money necessary to keep her in school with the exception of small sums for clothing sent her by her parents.

I asked her how she did it. "Well," she laughed, "I expect the thing that helped most was that I cut my expenses to the minimum. I found that I could live on about \$40 a month. I have helped Mrs. X. with her house work when I wasn't in school, and I've sewed for her, and looked after the children when she was away from home. She has given me my board and room, and all sorts of little presents for this. Then the first year I was in the University, I took a course in shorthand and typewriting, and lately I've been copy-

ing themes and theses for other students. I haven't time for much of this, but I make all of the extra money that I need."

Incidentally, the ambitious little girl has found time to become one of the most popular girls in the University of Texas. She is a member of the Women's Council, and a member of numerous campus clubs and organizations.

## Riches Unnecessary.

This girl is only one of the more than three hundred girls who are proving false the old assumption that a girl whose father wasn't rich enough to back her with hundreds of dollars could never see the inside of a college room. These three hundred girls are proving that a girl, as well as a boy, can earn a college education. It's not easy, as many of the girls admit; but it can be done, and is being done.

There are really three ways by which these hundreds of girls are earning all or part of their expenses. By the regular positions which the girls find for themselves or which are obtained for them by the Young Women's Christian Association; by unusual or unique schemes which fertile-minded girls originate; and by borrowing money either from friends or from the numerous scholarship and loan funds connected with the University.

At the Scottish Rite Dormitory, for example, more than fifty girls are employed. These girls wait on the tables, look after salad courses, and do a few housekeeping duties connected with the dormitory. Three girls are employed at the telephone exchange inside this building, each alternating with the others so that none of them work more than a few hours each day. Several girls work in the dormitory postoffice, where they sort the mail and hand it out to the other girls. For all of these services board, room, and laundry, of a total value of \$35, is given. A larger number of girls are likewise

employed in the other woman's dormitories and at some of the boarding houses and sorority houses surrounding the campus. These positions are known as permanent or "full-time" positions because they engage the girls steadily and pay a definite, regular amount.

## Employment Bureau.

The number of such positions is necessarily limited, however, and a large number of girls are forced to depend on odd jobs that they can pick up from day to day. This is naturally harder for a girl to do than for a boy, but by means of a central exchange, or employment bureau, maintained by the Young Women's Christian Association at the University, the difficulties are minimized.

This bureau is managed by Miss Ione Spears, general secretary of the Y. W. C. A., who, incidentally, as a result of her position has become a sort of "god-mother" to the working University girl. To illustrate how this bureau functions, perhaps the description of her day's experiences by Miss Spears will best serve. About ten o'clock this morning," Miss Spears said, "a woman, a resident of Austin, called me over the telephone, and asked if I had a girl who could come to her home for the afternoon. This woman was going to a bridge party and she needed someone to care for the children in her absence. I told her that I would send a girl at two o'clock.

"I then telephoned one of our girls, (for I keep a list of those who want work) and told her to report to a certain street address at two o'clock in the afternoon. In this case the girl stayed with the children about four hours and was paid 25 cents an hour plus her carefare to and from the woman's residence. If the children had been young and had required any special attention on the part of the girl, such as giving them meals, entertaining them, etc., she would have been paid 30 cents per hour plus her carefare. "Then," continued Miss Spears, "about noon another Austin woman call-

ed me and said that her husband would be away from home that night and that she would want a girl to stay with her. I quickly found a girl for her. This girl was paid 50 cents per hour plus her carefare. If she is required to do any kind of work while she is at such a home on such an engagement, she is paid more.

"Some time during the afternoon, another woman called me and asked for a girl to come out to her home to read to her. Another was giving a party some time later and needed a girl to write out her invitations. Still another wanted a girl to telephone a large number of her friends on some kind of business. For such duties the girls were paid 30 cents an hour.

"And so it goes on all day. The bureau simply serves as a means of bringing the girls and the positions together."

## Y. W. C. A. Bureau Helpful.

The Y. W. C. A. Bureau also assists in locating permanent positions for the girls. For example, many Austin women give rooms and board to girls for general housework, as in the case of the girl from New Mexico. Such work varies. It may be washing dishes, making up beds, sweeping, polishing furniture, sewing, etc.

It has been found to be the best policy to put even these girls who do general housework in Austin homes on the business basis that is used for the "odd-jobs" workers; that is, these girls are paid so much money for a definite number of hours of work. Formerly, it was the custom to allow the girls to make separate bargains with the different women, but it was found that some girls were overworked and underpaid. "We have estimated that board and room is worth \$30 a month," said Miss Spears, in explaining how this system works. "For this amount of money, we have made it a rule that a girl work 28 hours a week. If she is receiving her meals only, she works 3 hours a

day; if her room only, she works one hour a day.

"The work is seldom hard," Miss Spears added. "The average girl has done such little duties in her home, and it is no new thing when she does them here. As a rule, she is treated as a member of the family, and is contented."

But, according to Miss Spears, once in a while an incident occurs that requires action on the part of the bureau.

## Must Respect the Girls.

"Some time ago," she said, "an Austin woman called me up over the telephone and asked for a girl to do general housework. I sent her one, and a day or two later learned that the girl was not allowed to take her meals with the family. I called the woman up and asked her about it.

"Why," said the woman, 'you surely don't expect servants to eat with the family, do you?'

"And then I told her that University of Texas girls were not servants, and that if she wanted a maid she should advertise in the local papers for one. I took the girl away that night, and saw that no more went there. We are very particular where the girls work."

In addition to working in this manner, a number of girls teach a few hours in the Austin schools and in the several academies in the city. Other girls have built up rather profitable businesses in the University itself by coaching students who are behind in their studies. Coaching, if regular enough, is extremely profitable, and if a coach makes a reputation for transforming habitual "bustees" into "B" students, she is never without employment. A coach is paid on an average one dollar per hour.

In this connection, it should be mentioned that a very large number of girls are assistants in the different departments of the University. These girls are usually Juniors and Seniors, who

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# CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

## SEPTEMBER, HOME-COMERS AND COTTON.



September is an important month, from many viewpoints. It is in September that the neighbors who have been away many months return. When the burning rays of the sun began to scorch and blister the earth these friends hid themselves away to the mountains or the seaside. Understand I am not blaming them for doing so, but rather praising their judgment and envying them their good fortune. My attitude toward them is the same as my attitude toward those darlings of fate who can earn big money without performing much work. I can't help hating them and envying them a little any more than Joseph's brethren could help hating and envying him when that favored son of Jacob strutted through the fields where they were grubbing sassafras and persimmon sprouts arrayed in a coat in which all the colors of the rainbow glittered. Of course I wished them a good time when they went away, but deep down in the recesses of my heart I said I had the same inalienable right to play snowball in the mountains, or flirt with the mermaids at the seaside during the long, hot season that they had, and if I hadn't been discriminated against by the government, the banks, the railroads, or some other power, and ground under the heels of the merciless corporations, I could close my dingy den for the summer, put on some good clothes and catch the train for some Elysian retreat where bobbed hair beauties gladden the eye and murmuring waters entrance the ear.

Also September brings the summer vacationists home—and vengeance is sweet. The vacationists' minds and hearts are far away, but their bodies must now bend to work, and perspiration must run in rivulets therefrom. Thank heaven, the weather is still hot, and the scoundrels who have been sending me and other proletarians cards from the resorts, telling of wearing wraps and sleeping under blankets, must now perspire by day and fight mosquitos by night.

## THE HUM OF THE GIN.

But September is an important, an epochal, month in other ways. In grand old Texas September is the beginning of the business season. August is the last hard hill of fly time. True, August sunshine paints white bugles on the cotton in the morning, and pink bugles on the cotton in the evening; true, it fills the country with the odor of new-mown hay, and of sorghum, boiling and spluttering in the pan; true, it rubies the heart of the watermelon, but it also calls a halt on our credit at the stores, and makes the banker a little more close-fisted and harder to interest in a conversation. But after August comes September, just as beyond the Alps lies Italy. The frazzle of fly-time lethargy and business depression was worn out with August, and with September comes a day of better things. The stillness of early morning is now broken by the shrill whistle of the gin, which is the clarion call of prosperity; the processional which leads the people to service in the fields, factory and stores. No national air is more inspiring than the whistle of the gin in the early morning, when the first streaks of day flash along the eastern horizon, and no lullaby is more soothing than this same whistle when, late in the night, it announces that a big day's work has been done. As the pibroch called the Scottish clans to the battle front, so does the whistle of the gin call Texans to business activity. Truly, it is prosperity's song of gladness, and it makes melody in the hearts of the people all over these wide extended plains. Every morning, even before the king of day has kissed away the dews of evening, the wagons go lumbering by on their way to the gins, and this is kept up until long after the curtains have been drawn and by angels pinned back with the stars that gem night's radiant brow.

## HEGIRA OF THE WASH WOMEN.

Of course September does not bring all joy. In the richest ointment a few flies are found, and the September business redivivus touches sorrow into the hearts of a few dwellers in the towns and cities. Joe, the colored man who has been doing the chores of the house, lot and yard for several months, suddenly disappears

and no coaxing will bring him back. Dinah and Sooky, who looked after the family washing and ironing so long, have also gone, and neither tears nor money tempts them to return. They have made their annual hegira to the cotton patches, and there is weeping and wailing by the housewives of the cities and towns. But Joe and Dinah and Sooky have been transported to the third heaven, and care not for others' woes. They earn good wages in the cotton fields; they sing, they dance, they fight, they shoot craps, and occasionally they find a watermelon. Saturday evening they spend the money for fine clothes, high-powered perfumery and chock beer. Yea, September means much for Joe and Dinah and Sooky. And September also makes business good for the courts of the Mayor and the Justice of the Peace, for the sable cotton pickers could not enjoy to the fullest extent the following week if they did not pay a fine Saturday night.

## WAR ON THE HITCHING RACKS.

At Lockhart, Texas, they are having a legal war over the question of whether the hitching posts shall be removed from the square, and courts injunctions are flying thick and fast. I haven't been in Lockhart, but knowing something of the hitching post issue, I am sure that many people there are "het up" over the matter. It was seven or eight years ago that the hitching-post issue was paramount in the town in which I live. Many noisy sessions of the City Council, of which I was a member, were held. In the Council were "progressives," who said the hitching posts must go and make more room for automobiles, and there were also "reactionaries," who said the hitching racks had been here for many years, were responsible for much of our prosperity and good health, and right here they must stay. There were several quarrels, but fortunately the fighting stage was not reached. The most tragic result of the bitter fight was the loss of one subscriber by the paper I was publishing. But the man who "stopped his paper" now rides in a Buick six and always pays his subscription promptly. These issues cause many wounds, but they heal and are forgotten in the fullness of time. Ten years from now (glorious thought) the

supporters of Miriam and Felix may be singing in the same choir, and happy over their agreement on another "paramount" issue.

## THE HAPPIEST PERSON.

A newspaper I have just read makes the claim that the happiest person on earth is a barefoot boy, wearing his first long pants, the same being turned up at the bottom and held in place by red galls, and who has just learned to whistle, "It ain't goin' to rain no more." Doubtless the young chap, with eternal spring-time in his heart, and lots of things in his pocket, is a picture of happiness that is hard to beat. Mr. Whittier looked on such a chap and found inspiration for a very pretty poem apostrophizing the "barefoot boy with cheek of tan, upturned pantaloons, merry whistled tune," etc., but I still contend that the happiest person on this earth is another fellow. Observation covering a period of many years has convinced me that the happiest person in this vale of tears is a certain negro of my acquaintance. This negro is now in the prime of life, and while plowing, hoeing and picking cotton is his vocation, his great avocation is preaching, for he was licensed to preach several years ago. Our hero has a strong physique, a splendid appetite, and a voice that never tires. He is so strong and so courageous that at the festivals the other negro men keep out of his way, and so popular that all the colored ladies seek his company and praise him. He belongs to all the lodges in the town, holds an office in each and wears the proudest regalia at all the funerals and social functions. This negro is adjustable in size, and anybody's coat and anybody's shoes will fit him. He can shoot craps all night arrayed in a seersucker suit, in a cotton pen, in the dead of winter without getting cold, and he can preach four hours in an overcoat in August without becoming uncomfortably warm. It is admitted in Darktown circles that he owns the best "hoodoo" in the county, and his neighbors court his friendship, but fear his wrath, even as they fear graveyards at night or a thundering Jove. He has as many dogs and as many wives as he wants, and nobody protests or cares. That he is the happiest person on earth I have not the shadow of a doubt. Com-

pared to him all others are wailing children of sorrow.

People who think of changing locations should by all means investigate Knoxville, Tennessee. I am not an employed booster for Knoxville; in truth I fledged from Tennessee with the hope of escaping poverty, and while not yet able to buy shoes, pants and shirts the same month, I am a little further from the almshouse than when I turned my back upon the hills of the Old Volunteer State. But Knoxville seems to be a tax-payers Utopia, and so far as I have heard, the only one on this mundane sphere. For the last several years the tax rate has been reduced in Knoxville every year. Political economists tell us that in the very nature of things taxes must increase, yet Knoxville goes right on reducing from year to year. Furthermore, Knoxville has a big surplus in her treasury right now, and has announced that for several years to come the taxpayers will be paid an annual dividend of 10 per cent! Never before was such a thing heard of, and we cannot but wonder what manner of man is guiding the destinies of Knoxville. My first impulse was to circulate a petition urging him to come to Texas and run for Governor. Surely we need a man for Governor of Texas who can get the tax rate down a little, and put enough money in the treasury to pay those who work for the State. But after thinking the matter over, I doubt seriously whether the man who reduces tax rate and pays the taxpayers annual dividends could be elected Governor of Texas. If Knoxville's manager should come to Texas and become a candidate for Governor we would not pay much attention to his record of reducing taxes and paying dividends. We would want to know whether he was an original advocate of woman suffrage, or jumped into the band wagon after the petticoats had scored their triumph. We would also want a full history of the fellow's record on the prohibition question. If a prohi, when did he become one, and if an anti, was he such from infancy, or did he enter the "wet" ranks after reaching his majority. And of course we would want to know what he thought of the Ku Klux Klan. And the probabilities are that after cussing the man who reduces taxes and pays dividends awhile, we would beat him to a frazzle.

# Putting Individuality in a Farm

By DAVID J. MORRIS.  
(Owner of Rosehill Farm).

When Uncle Ned was a young man and had just been married, (and that has not been so long ago) he purchased a beautiful farm home for his wife and himself to make their start in life. The soil was medium sandy, which was just the thing for garden vegetables and truck such as: Peanuts, watermelons, fruits and berries. In addition to the splendid soil, there was a spring back of the house to furnish an abundance of water. The owners at once recognized the possibilities of their new home. The young wife desired above all things to give it a name, that would add to these possibilities, and for several days she and her husband considered the problem of a correct name.

They knew that a farm's name should embody some feature it possessed, or that the farm should be made to conform to the name. The beautiful pecan trees around the spring solved their problem. They trimmed the trees, cleaned up and cut away the brush, lined the spring with brick and called their farm "Pecan Grove Farm."

## Opened to Tourist and Picnickers.

Today there are few persons for miles about, in the city or in the country, who do not know Pecan Grove Farm by name and have very pleasant recollections of it. The reason is not far to seek. Uncle Ned's farm has something to sell direct from the field in a fresh condition about nine months of the year. He early recognized the assets of his farm. Accordingly, the pecan grove was opened to tourists and picnickers at all times, with but two restrictions: first, that no tree should be purposely damaged; and second, that all remains of camp or picnic such as papers, tin cans, scraps, etc., should not be allowed to litter the grounds. On account of the beautiful shady grove and the spring with its clear, cool water, picnickers came to it for many miles about, and tourists stopped often. What was the result? Just this: Everything that Uncle Ned had to sell, in the way of vegetables, berries, truck, fruit and melons, was sold without having to be carried to the market. Visitors came often and their reception was so pleasing that they bought freely. The name helped to make this farm better known and distinct from those around it.

One often reads of some noted person having his home named; but too few are the farmers who consider naming their farms. The naming of the farm home probably has been carried farther in the northern section of the United States than in the southern. The Southern

people, and especially we Texans, should change this, for we have the privilege of much natural beauty without any restriction. Every thoroughbred animal and fowl is registered, numbered and named; every person, land, mountain, ship, etc., are named. Why not give the farm a name and put it into the deeds and papers relating to it? Should there be future owners they no doubt would accept and adopt the name selected.

Many places are known only by the surname of the owners as: the Butler Farm, the Smith Farm, the Bennet Farm, etc. This is far from being a good method of naming the farm, as there will probably be a great many farms that bear the same name in one locality. Only as a last resort should this method be used.

## A Distinct Name.

The giving of a distinct name to the farm is growing in popularity every day. But probably at first thought an appropriate name for the farm does not suggest itself. But it should not take long to find one, or make one. The writers own farm has borne the name of, Rosehill Farm, for about ten years. Now when Rosehill Farm is mentioned persons recall the place and the owner; or, if they do not recall these, they remember the yard, where the roses bloom prolifically for about nine months of the year. In this case the farm was made to correspond to the name.

A few suggestions as to appropriate farm names may not be out of place here, in order to give an idea of great variety and types, bearing in mind, however, that the name should correspond with the farm, or the farm with the name.

Such names as these: Live Oak Farm, bringing to mind a picture of stately old live oak trees around the house and farm. Orchard Grove Farm, brings the thought of peaches, pears and numerous other kinds of fruit. Bluebonnet Knob, takes its name from the beautiful State flower of Texas. Ridgeway, Rose Dale, Mountain Top, Cedar Bluff, all these were indebted to some of nature's wonders for names.

Way Side Farm, was suggested to the owner on account of the distance between his home and those of his neighbors, and because the timber surrounding his home prevented a wide range or vision. White Leghorn Farm, Berkshire Farm, Indian Runner Farm, etc., all were suggested by live stock or poultry raised on the farm. Other sugges-



A Farmer's Mail Box.

tions are: Lilac Knoll, Toe Head, Rippling Springs, Moose Lake, Trout Lake, Black Boulder, Pilot End and Bee Farm.

Now when no good suggestive name can be found, the use of a proper name dealing with history, fiction or geography often make very attractive and appropriate names. Some of this type are: Ballyhinch, Mt. Vernon, Auburn Dale, Wakefield, Montpelier, Montecello, Croatoan, and Old Manse Farm.

## Print Some Stationery.

After the farm has been named there are two other things that should be done. A farm worth naming is worth telling about, therefore put the name up where passers-by may see it and get some stationery printed with the farm letter-head on it.

Get the paint brush and a pail of paint and put the name in a very conspicuous place. There are a number of excellent places to put the name—on the end of the barn, if the end faces the road; on the roof of the barn, if it faces the road; on the front gate; or on the mail box. The paint should be a good contrasting color and the painted letters about twelve inches high on the end of the barn and twenty-four inches high on the roof. One of the best places to put the

name is on the front gate; for it will attract the attention of all who pass or come through it. This may be painted on the gate proper or placed on a separate board and then nailed to the gate. The name should also be painted on the mail box, for here not only will your farm's name be found, but yours also. The two should go together always in thought and in words.

Now in regard to the business stationery. Have some stationery printed with the farm's name on it. It will not only advertise the farm but the owner as well. It will show individuality and will leave a good impression on all who receive such letters. The farmer can be just as business-like, and should be, as any one. One simple and good example for the letter-head is like this:

GOLDEN STAR FARM  
Granger, Texas.

Poultry Cotton  
Sheep Corn

If one so prefers their name may also appear upon the letter-head. The crops and other business of the farm may be inserted, as shown in the above lay out, or they may be left off. When the letters are written the date is inserted either under the name and location of the printed stationery or to the right in the customary place below the heading. The envelopes should also bear the name of the sender and the farm in the upper left hand corner. All this will lend a great deal of dignity and prestige to the owners and to their farms.

## Girls Who Work Their Way Through College.

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have made very high grades in some particular subject, and who are, consequently, competent to instruct their fellow students. Their work consists in holding examinations, helping in the laboratories, and in grading papers. For this work they are paid regular salaries by the University, these

salaries averaging about \$35 per month.

## Technical Training Valuable.

But if a girl has had some kind of technical training, particularly in a stenographic way, before she enters the University, she is in the best possible position for earning her expenses through the school. As one University professor expressed it: "If a girl is a stenographer, that is, if she understands shorthand, and can hammer a typewriter, her success is assured."

Dozens of such girls act as stenographers and secretaries to professors and in special departments in the University. Other girls find employment with the downtown business men or with the State officials at the State Capitol.

One such girl came to the University five years ago with only \$100 and a lot of hope.

"I'd heard that if a girl was a stenographer she could find a position," this girl told me; "so I took a chance. The first day on the campus I interviewed about a dozen professors, and finally found one who needed me. I've been with Dr. X. every since. This year I'm earning \$100 a month, so I've brought my brother down here. I'll send him through now."

These methods of earning money are the most reliable and are hence the ones most utilized by the girls working their way through the University. But, as is the case in practically all other lines of business, the person with an idea that is different can usually capitalize it.

A girl with a journalistic bent of mind gets out the church bulletin for one of the biggest churches in Austin. She gathers the news items and rustles the advertisements from the merchants. What she makes above the cost of printing the paper, which is small, is profit.

## Ex-Student Loan Fund.

But when all is said and done, probably the best friend of the girl who is working her way through the University is the ex-student's loan fund. The money from this fund has been available for only five years, but during this time loans have been made to more than three hundred students. It is the policy of the trustees of this fund not to lend money to boys or girls until they have been in the University for three months, because until that period is ended, it cannot be known whether or not the students will be able to make their way and remain in the University. But if, at the end of that time, they have proven that they are in earnest in trying to get an education, they soon (Continued on Next Page, Column 3)

# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER  
THE STATE

## MACHINERY FOR WORTH MILLS ARRIVES.

The first shipment of machinery and equipment for the new Worth Cotton Mills, at Fort Worth, arrived recently, consisting of twenty-seven carloads.

## WIFE SUCCEEDS HUSBAND AS SHERIFF.

The Commissioners Court of Fisher county, West Texas, named Mrs. Baxter Lambert as sheriff of Fisher county to succeed her husband who died recently in a Dallas sanitarium.

## A TEXAS BALL PLAYER SOLD FOR \$12,500.

Pitcher Comer Wilson, who has just been sold to the Brooklyn Dodgers by Des Moines, Ia., at a price said to be \$12,500, is a resident of Hamlin, Jones county, Texas. His parents live in Des Moines.

## MAKE BROOMS OF BEAR GRASS

Bear grass has been used most successful in the making of brooms at Weatherford.

Brooms made from this grass are said to be more durable than those made from broom corn. The Weatherford factory is running full time making forty dozen brooms per day.

## HOUSTON SHIPS COTTON DIRECT TO RUSSIA.

For the first time since 1914 Houston will export cotton direct to Russia.

Four full cargoes consigned to the Soviet Government left Houston and Galveston in August and September and other cargoes will be arranged for later in the season.

## VEHICLES REGISTERED.

Passenger motor vehicles to the number of 642,324 have been registered, according to figures compiled in the State Highway Department. Registrations of commercial motor vehicles total 51,831; motor busses, 3,144; trailers 1,929; tractors, 107; dealers, 2,630; motorcycles, 10,271; transfers, 124,503.

## GROUND BROKEN FOR MEXIA COTTON MILL.

Ground has been broken for the new cotton mill at Mexia. The site is just south of the corporate limits of Mexia and near the H. & T. C. shops.

The mill is incorporated for \$450,000 and most of the stock was bought by Mexia citizens.

## MASTODON TUSK UNEARTHED.

At the Lagow Gravel Pit, south of Dallas, a mastodon's tusk, eight feet and four inches in length, was unearthed and turned over to the Texas Museum of Natural History.

A lower jawbone and a full set of teeth were unearthed several months ago in the same place. The fossils were discovered about 30 feet deep.

## KAUFMAN COUNTY GIRL WINS CLOTHING CONTEST.

Miss Vada Mary Robertson of Elmo, Kaufman county, won first place in the State girls' clothing contest, complete costume, out of sixty-seven counties represented at the farmers' short course held at A. & M. College. Mrs. Horace Thomas of Kaufman won first place in the woman's buttonhole contest.

## PARKER COUNTY MELON SHIPMENTS.

By the end of the season it is expected that the world's record for volume of watermelon shipments from any one county will be exceeded by Parker county. Weatherford is now recognized as one of the largest watermelon shipping points in the world. The melons are shipped all over the United States; also to Mexico and Canada.

## TO ESTABLISH OLD FOLKS' HOME AT KERENS.

Establishing of a home for old feeble and disabled persons at Kerens, Navarro county, is provided for in a charter granted in August to the State Old Folks' Home, Colored, without capital stock. The board of directors consists of H. Davis and A. Wright, Dallas; Ed Williams and John D. Williams, Kerens, and R. A. Quince, Corsicana.

## \$1,000 CASH FOR BEST TEXAS SONG.

The person writing the best Texas State song will receive \$1,000 cash, following its formal adoption by the Legislature next winter. Announcement to this effect was made by Gov. Neff in a communication addressed to the public and signed by him. The Governor would not divulge name of the party who offered the \$1,000.

## AUSTIN VOTES CITY-MANAGER PLAN.

By a majority of thirty-six votes, citizens of Austin in a special election August 9, discarded the commission form of government, under which it has operated for sixteen years, and substituted the city-manager plan. The new system will be put into effect upon the expiration of the present city administration, May 1 next.

## DALLAS' WATER PROJECT.

The State Board of Water Engineers has granted the city of Dallas a permit to appropriate 300,000 acre foot of water annually out of Elm Fork of the Trinity River for the large Dallas water supply project. A lake more than ten miles in length and over a mile in width is expected to be created. The spillway will be eleven miles southeast of Denton.

## A TEXAS COFFEE COMPANY ERECTS NEW PLANT.

The Cheek-Neal Coffee Company, has announced through its Houston plant that a new plant for this firm is being constructed at Los Angeles, California. When completed the Los Angeles plant will be the sixth operated by this firm. The locations of the six plants are: Houston, Texas, Nashville, Tenn., Jacksonville, Fla., Richmond, Va., New York, N. Y., and Los Angeles, Cal.

## CATTLE THEVES ACTIVE ON BORDER.

Cattle theft is quite prevalent along the Rio Grande Valley almost to El Paso, according to Capt. R. W. Aldrich, quartermaster of the State Ranger force, who has returned from making an inspection of the Ranger headquarters along the border. He visited nearly a dozen Ranger camps, traveling by motor car, and covered a distance in excess of 1,000 miles.

## DALLAS MAN'S STALLION WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The championship stallion stake of the North Randall grand circuit meeting, held at Cleveland, Ohio, August 21, was won by Mr. McElwyn, Guy Axworthy, Widow Maggie colt, owned by W. H. L. McCourtie, Dallas, Texas, and driven by Ben White Lexington.

Guy Richards was second and Col. Bosworth third. The record time, 2:02 4-5, was the fastest of the four miles trotted to settle the event.

## AIRPLANES SPRINKLE COTTON WITH CALCIUM ARSENATE.

Five thousand acres of South Texas cotton fields have been dusted with calcium arsenate from airplanes this year in the annual war on boll weevils. Practically the entire acreage was dusted by one airplane, the property of the San Antonio Air and Motor Schools.

Next year this concern expects to have between twenty and thirty planes equipped for dusting poisons at the opening of the boll weevil season.

## HOUSTON'S NEW INTERURBAN.

Articles of incorporation of the Seaboard Electric Railway Company, with capital stock of \$1,000,000 which has for its purpose the construction and operation of an interurban line between Houston and Seabrook, via Harrisburg, Pasadena, San Jacinto Battle Park, Morgan's Point, along the south side of the Houston Ship Channel, thence along bay shore via Bay Ridge, LaPorte and Red Bluff, were filed August 11 in the Secretary of State's office.

## WOMEN EXCEED MEN TEACHERS.

The fact that women hold many administrative offices in Texas schools is revealed by the recent issue of the public school directory. There are forty-two women county superintendents, thirty-two independent district superintendents and nine presidents of city school boards in the State. In addition there are a number of women principals of high schools and ward schools, while a great per cent of the rural schools are taught entirely by women.

## PASTOR, 92, PREACHES ANNIVERSARY SERMON.

The Rev. John H. Reynolds, veteran Methodist minister of North Texas, preached his anniversary sermon, Aug. 4, at the Travis Street Methodist Church, of Sherman, observing his ninety-second birthday. It was also his seventieth anniversary as a Methodist preacher, having been licensed at the age of 22 in Tennessee.

The Rev. Mr. Reynolds, despite his age, enjoys excellent health and the use of all his faculties.

## SIX FOOTBALL GAMES AT DALLAS STATE FAIR.

The State Fair of Texas, which opens October 11, at Dallas, will include, among its other attractions, six football games, as follows:

A. & M. vs. Sewanee, October 11; Baylor vs. Central Teachers' College, October 14; S. M. U. vs. University of Texas, October 18, and S. M. U. vs. A. & M. October 25. Clarendon and Weatherford College play October 23, and North Dallas High meets Bryan High of Dallas on October 17.

## SAN ANTONIANS PURCHASE ISLAND.

St. Joseph's Island, in the Gulf of Mexico, off Rockport, has been sold by Cyrus B. Lucas to the San Jose Cattle Company of San Antonio, which plans to convert it into a model ranch and game preserve. St. Joseph Island is 300 miles in length, from three to six miles in width and contains 30,638 acres. It is the intention of the owners to not only propagate wild game of many kinds, but to also breed upon the island a large Hereford herd of cattle.

## STATE PENSIONS TOTAL \$447,100.

Old Confederate soldiers and widows of those who have passed on are to receive from the State of Texas nearly half a million dollars in pensions for the quarter ending August 31.

There are approximately 13,000 of the Confederate Veterans and widows who will receive the maximum of \$34 for this quarter, and there are about 300 confined in the Confederate Home who will receive half this award for the quarter. Computed on these figures the State will distribute among these old people \$447,100.

## BANKER OPTIMISTIC ABOUT TEXAS.

"There is no doubt in my mind but that Texas is better off now than any other State in the Union, in that its prosperity will increase in spite of its being presidential election year," declared Thomas J. Caldwell, vice president of the Federal International Banking Company, with headquarters in New Orleans. Mr. Caldwell was in Fort Worth following a recent tour of Europe, during which economic conditions of that continent were studied in regard to their bearing upon American conditions.

## WORLD'S SMALLEST PLANE.

An airplane, said to be the smallest in the world, weighing 480 pounds and occupying a space about ten by eighteen feet, was driven by its designer, Lieutenant Donald B. Phillips of Kelly Field, San Antonio, to Love Field, Dallas, recently. From Love Field Lieutenant Phillips flew to Ohio for further tests of the machine. He said he made an average speed of 100 miles an hour from San Antonio to Dallas, using one gallon of gasoline to each 20 miles. The plane has three cylinders, developing about forty horsepower. The ordinary machine has a twelve-cylinder motor.

## TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY IN TEXAS AGAIN STARTED.

The joint topographic survey of Texas is once more under way as a result of the return to Texas of control parties who have been sent to the Guadalupe River for topographic surveys. The work is being jointly done by the Federal and State Governments. It was reduced to a minimum following the exhaustion of appropriations three months ago, but with the coming of the new fiscal year beginning September 1 next the new funds will be available and the work will start anew on a larger scale.

## MARKING A TEXAS SHRINE.

The State Board of Water Engineers, as a patriotic act, will make a topographical survey and map of the Washington State Park of fifty acres on the Brazos River, in Washington county. This survey and map is to form the ground-work for the improvement of the property and its marking as a Texas shrine. It is on this fifty acres that the building stood in which the Texas Declaration of Independence was written and signed on March 2, 1836, and where the Congress of the Republic of Texas met. It was the first Capitol of Texas.

## ASKS PUBLIC'S AID IN GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENTS.

There is practically one person killed every three days and nearly an average of one per day injured in grade crossing accidents in Texas, according to Clarence E. Gilmore, chairman of the Railroad Commission, who issued a statement recently urging concerted action on the part of the public and all public officials whose duties make it possible for them to aid in working out some plan whereby "this great toll of life and injury may be reduced, if not eliminated altogether."

During the first five months of this year, forty-eight persons were killed and ninety-nine injured in grade crossing accidents in this State, practically all of these being automobile accidents. There were as many people killed in grade crossing accidents the first five months of this year as were killed during the entire year of 1919, when forty-eight were killed.

## CONDITION OF STATE BANKS.

A comparative statement of the condition of all State banking institutions on June 30, 1924, and on June 30, 1923, issued August 4 by Banking Commissioner J. L. Chapman, shows a very material improvement. There has been an increase of seven and two-thirds millions dollars in bond investments, equal to 31 per cent, and cash and exchange increased \$13,250,000, equal to 22 per cent. In bills of exchange the increase is \$250,000, or 12 per cent.

Deposits in the 949 banks on June 30, 1924, totaled \$251,561,306, increase of \$34,192,438, or 14 per cent. Decrease in the number of banks was seven. Money borrowed by the banks was \$4,500,000 less than one year ago, a decrease of 35 per cent. Many banks, Commissioner Chapman reported, are carrying large amounts of commercial paper and Government securities, which could be converted into cash on a day's notice, much in excess of a year ago.

"Taken as a whole," the Commissioner announced, "the statement shows a remarkable improvement in conditions which existed over a year ago."

## FORFEIT SCHOOL LANDS FOR INTEREST.

State Land Commissioner J. T. Robison has announced that 551,117 acres of State school lands had been forfeited for nonpayment of interest. The amount of land subject to forfeiture totaled approximately 3,000,000 acres. The lands forfeited were placed on the market September 2, to be sold on competitive bidding.

The lands which have been forfeited included 80,718 acres in Brewster county, 42,000 in Culberson, 43,070 in Hudspeth, 80,000 in Jeff Davis, 12,000 in Loving, 22,000 in Pecos, 55,000 in Presidio, 103,000 in Reeves and 19,000 in Ward, 40 in Borden, 70 in Mills and 80 each in Randall and Taylor.

## TEXAS OIL PRODUCTION FOR 1923.

The State of Texas produced during 1923 a total of 131,023,000 barrels of oil; 30,821,000 was produced from the Gulf Coast fields and 100,202,000 barrels from the remainder of the State. This is compared to a total of 118,684,000 barrels for 1922 when the Gulf region brought in 35,370,000 barrels and remainder of the State 83,314,000 barrels.

The number of wells total 18,250, producing a daily average of 19.3 barrels. The Gulf Coast is shown to have had 2,270 of the Texas wells, producing a daily average of 32.1 barrels, while the 15,980 wells in the remainder of the State showed a daily average of 17.4 barrels. The Oklahoma wells for the year numbered 57,500, producing a daily average of 6.9 barrels.

## HUGE RANCH TRACTS ON MARKET.

According to the Amarillo Board of City Development the following ranches in the Panhandle will be cut up into small farming tracts and offered for sale:

The Capitol Syndicate Company reservation lands, 100,000 acres, Dallam and Hartley counties.

The James ranch, 80,000 acres, near Dalhart.

The Flagg ranch, 35,000 acres, south of Dimmitt, in Castro county.

The "Circle Back" ranch, 14,000 acres, southwest of Sudan, in Lamb county.

The Pat Landergerin ranch, 95,000 acres, sixty-five miles west of Amarillo.

The Busch lands, comprising 100,000 acres, adjoining Amarillo on the west.

The "JA" ranch of the late Mrs. Cornelia Adair, consisting of 500,000 acres, in Donley and Armstrong counties, is expected to be placed on the market for colonization purposes some time this fall.

## TEXAS STADIUM TO SEAT 60,000 PERSONS.

The Texas Memorial Stadium, now being erected on the campus of the University of Texas, at Austin, when completed will seat 60,000 persons and cover approximately thirteen acres.

The stadium will cover an area 915x-610 feet. The distance from the back of the horseshoe section of seats to the end of the stands along the sides will be 703 feet. The distance between the top rows of seats along the sides will be 600 feet.

There will be fifty tiers of seats in each of the stands now being constructed, each tier 437 feet long. Twenty-two more tiers will later be added to each stand. The playing field will be 120 yards long and 100 yards wide. A race track thirty feet wide and 440 yards long will encircle the field. In addition to the oval track there will be a straight track 250 yards long for the sprints. Both the field and track will be enclosed by a concrete curbing.

## REPORT SHOWS CORN SHORTAGE.

Scarcity of corn this year in Texas will make necessary the importation of at least 1,000 carloads from other States, according to T. W. McBride of the Texas Market and Warehouse Department. A large quantity was imported last year to supply feed for stock of all kinds, but indications now are unmistakable that the State is worse off this year in this respect than last year.

With the exception of most of the crop in South Texas and scattered localities elsewhere, the condition of corn this year is very poor, according to an official report on the situation, which adds: No such low conditions has prevailed since the bad drouth ending in 1918, when the August 1 figure dropped as low as 45 per cent.

It is estimated that the present condition of 58 per cent forecasts a production for Texas of 79,300,000 bushels, or some 17,000,000 bushels less than the short crop of last year. The corn crop is short, as a whole, over the greater part of the United States—2,576,440,000 bushels being forecast as against 3,046,000,000 bushels produced in 1923, and 2,899,000,000 bushels the ten year average.

In Texas, some of the early corn has made a good average, but a large acreage is not good enough to warrant gathering. Upland corn particularly has been hit hard, practically a failure in many counties. June corn, which ordinarily forms a valuable addition to the early acreage, has done very poorly except in favored localities.

## TEXAS PYTHIANS TO HOLD EDUCATIONAL WEEK.

Charles E. Baughman, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, has issued a proclamation designating the week of October 4-10 as Pythian Educational Week. He requests that all members of the order in the grand domain of Texas observe the week "by meeting each evening in their castles and other places suitable for such occasions."

## SHORT PECAN CROP PREDICTED.

A. W. Woodruff, pecan authority of San Saba county, expresses the opinion that about one-third of a crop of pecans will be made this year. Referring to the production report of last year, made by the nut specialist of the Department of Agriculture of Texas, and comparing the estimate of Mr. Woodruff the crop promises as follows by counties: San Saba 350,000 pounds, Brown 115,000, Bell 20,000, Burnet 150,000, Coleman 78,000, Colorado 50,000, Comanche 180,000, Denton 20,000, DeWitt 4,000, Eastland 17,000, Ellis 17,000, Falls 10,000, Fayette 60,000, Gillespie 24,000, Grayson 116,000, Gonzales 150,000, Guadalupe 50,000, Hayes 7,000, Hill 8,000, Kinney 70,000, Kimble 165,000, Llano 55,000, Mason 80,000, Medina 100,000, Mills 80,000, Navarro 20,000, Palo Pinto 335,000, Parker 100,000, Somervell 16,000, Stephens 50,000, Tom Green, 300,000, Wichita 1,000, making a total of 2,880,000 pounds. These figures were given out by Mr. Woodruff as the minimum estimate, taking all losses and deterioration into consideration.

## AMERICAN LEGION SELECTS NEW STATE COMMANDER.

Mark McGee of Brownwood, overseas veteran who served during the World War as Lieutenant in the 144th Infantry, was unanimously elected State commander of the Texas department of the American Legion for the ensuing year at the final session of the department's sixth annual convention held in Brownwood August 20th.

In addition to State Commander McGee, the following State officers for the new year were elected: Giddings Stone, Brenham; John W. Hampton, Wichita Falls; Don Hart, El Paso; Y. D. Mathes, Houston; Z. C. Christian, Denison, vice commanders; G. L. Folbre, Dallas, re-elected adjutant; Guy Haltom, Port-Arthur, treasurer; Steve Alford, Orange, master at arms; Eugene Clark, Sour Lake, chaplain; Curtis Douglas, Waco, judge advocate. Ben J. Dean, Breckenridge, was elected national executive committee member, with Leonard Withington, Fort Worth, alternate.

Fort Worth was selected as the 1925 convention city.

## Girls Who Work Their Way Through College.

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have a lasting friend to help. In a recent report of the trustees, this statement was made: "We are now able to announce that no capable student need to resign from the University of Texas because of lack of money, if he or she is willing to borrow from this fund."

This should show just one thing: If the girl who is now dreaming of a university career wants to work, and finds that she can't earn all of her expenses, then there is a powerful loan fund ready to help her.

## Working Girls Make High Grades.

When I asked Miss Spears, the "god-mother" of the girls, as to the effect on the girls which their work had, she said:

"Scholastically, it makes no difference. As a rule the girl who is working her way through the University makes very high grades. She doesn't waste her time, and she's here for a purpose. A large number of girls are Phi Beta Kappas.

"And socially," Miss Spears went on, "I should say that it all depends on the girl. If she is bright and cheerful, she will find that she is just as popular as the girl who has a lot of money. If anything, I've found that men admire the girl who is brisk and alive and really doing something much more than they do the old type of girl who was too weak and timid to do anything."

But on the other hand, Miss Spears pointed out that the task of working through the University is not always an easy one.

In general, the consensus of opinion obtained from a series of interviews with University professors, dormitory matrons, Y. W. C. A. officials, Austin society women, and Austin business men, is this:

A girl can work her way through the University of Texas without a doubt if she makes up her mind to do it, but it will not be easy for the average girl. She should have at least one hundred dollars besides her clothing when she arrives in Austin. And above all other things, she should make up her mind that the world isn't down on her.

"If a girl feels that she has been singled out for the ill favors of fate, and becomes embittered, she ought not to try it," said one Austin woman. Then she hastened to add: "But if a girl will stay sweet and be happy, she'll find everyone trying to help her, and she'll win just as sure as she's alive. That's all there is to it."

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### \$500 IN PRIZES OFFERED

Pedigreed pigs that rank with the best in the swine world are to be featured in the Swine Show at the East Texas Fair at Tyler from September 23 to 27, where their owners will compete for the \$500 in prizes which the fair has offered to the prize winning pigs entered at the fair. Poland Chinas, Duroc Jerseys and Berkshires will be the principal breeds, according to the entries already listed.

### NEW REAGAN COUNTY WELL.

Three days after being drilled in No. 1 of the Texon Company, in Reagan county, was reported making about 90 barrels of oil an hour from 3,024 feet.

This well is the tenth producer in the Big Lake oil field and started flowing August 23. The new producer is on land belonging to the University of Texas. The daily production of the Big Lake field is now estimated at 6,500 barrels daily.

Taylor McGarrity, of Brownwood, has six birds which are half turkey and half chicken—a turkey gobbler and Plymouth Rock hen being the proud parents. The offspring are in fine health, growing rapidly and resemble both sides of the fowls—long neck and head of the turkey, with other parts of the body resembling that of a chicken.

# A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

## A WOODLAND WOOPER



"Redhead you are too grand for words; you're the first fellow I ever had who could carve my initials on a tree."

## DIDN'T STAND STILL.

"You say," quizzed the lawyer, that the defendant fired three shots at you in rapid succession? Now, how far were you from him when he fired?"  
"The first shot or the last one, sah?"  
"Why? What difference does that make?"  
"Bout a mile an' a quatah, sah."

## PARTNER OF FINNIGAN.

The oft-quoted Finnigan has a rival in Pat Donohue, an Ohio freight conductor whose train had a breakdown recently. After the accident he sent this message to Train Dispatcher Straight: "Two-twenty-two has a busted flue. What will I do? Donohue."  
He received the following in reply: "Two-twenty-eight will take your freight. You must wait." Dispatcher Straight.

## THE BOSS LIAR.

"While I was out hunting," said a noted liar, "I saw a fox peeping from behind a rock. I took good aim and shot at him. The bullet hit the rock, killed that fox, and bounced off and killed another fox. My gun kicked so that I fell into the river back of me. My right hand landed on a wild duck, and my left hand on a muskrat. When I got up my trousers were so full of trout, that a suspender button broke, flew off and killed a partridge."

## PLANT ONE.

Before the dawn of the motor-car age, a passing motorist picked up a farmer who had never before seen an automobile. The farmer was duly impressed and delighted. To impress him still more, the motorist put his foot on the accelerator and for six or seven miles they tore along like the wind. Then something went wrong with the steering-gear and they ran into a tree. The farmer and motorist alighted unhurt on a bank of moss. The car was not damaged.

"That was fine," said the farmer, as he got up. "We sartinly went the pace. Tell me this, tho—how do you stop her when thar ain't no trees?"

## NEWSPAPERMAN IN CHURCH.

A preacher, at the close of one of his sermons, said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Presently every man, woman and child, with one exception, rose to their feet.

The preacher seated them and said: "Now let every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception, a careworn, thin-looking individual, clothed in last summer's suit, slowly assumed a standing position.

"How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only one not able to meet your obligations?"

"I run a newspaper," he answered meekly, "and the brethren here who stood up are my subscribers, and—"

"Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.

## ORDERS IS ORDERS.

Little Mary Doughob was attending a class in French, and the teacher had ordered that no English be spoken during the lesson. The next day, as Mary arrived, the teacher greeted her with: "Bon jour."  
Mary hesitated but an instant.  
"Mah Jongg," she gravely replied.

## "RELATIVES."

The husband, who had a great habit of teasing his wife, was out driving with her, when they met a farmer driving a span of mules. Just as they were about to pass the farmer's rig the mules turned their heads toward the auto and brayed loudly.

Turning to his wife, the husband remarked: "Relatives of yours, I suppose?"

"Yes," said his wife, sweetly, "by marriage."

## HAD NO MORE TO SAY.

Three smart alecks met an aged minister with flowing beard.  
"Good morning, Father Abraham," greeted the first of the trio. "Good morning, Father Isaac," chimed in the second, and "Good morning, Father Jacob," followed the third, in an effort to have some sport with the old man.  
"I am neither Abraham, Isaac, nor Jacob," replied the old man, "but Saul the son of Kish. I went forth to seek my father's asses and lo, I have found them."

## EASY FOR THE CAT.

Mrs. Jones found Mrs. Smith, the aviator's wife, in tears.  
"Whatever is the matter, my dear?" she asked anxiously.  
"I'm worrying about Harold," said Mrs. Smith. "He's been trying for a week to loose our cat, and as the last resource he took her up in his plane. He said he would take her up two thousand feet and drop her over the side."  
"Well, what is there to worry about?"  
"Lots," exclaimed the frantic woman. "Harold isn't home yet, but the cat is."

## WARNED.

Sambo, while walking in the river bottom late one afternoon, was surprised by a panther which proceeded to chase him to the top limbs of a large oak tree. The panther was climbing as fast as Sambo, and soon had forced him perilously near the decaying end of a long limb extending beyond the edge of a precipice. Sambo decided it was time to remonstrate.

"Panter," he said impressively, "ef yo' makes dis nigger climb out eny furdur on dis limb yo' is gwine to jump a long ways fo' yo' suppah."

## UNCLE SI.

Uncle Si Perkins was busy restocking his shelves with shipments of new canned corn, peaches, beans and soups.

"Thar ain't a bit of reason why we Texas folks should buy so much canned stuff," ventured Uncle Si. "when we kin raise it all right here at home an' can it ourself. Them peaches an' pears cum frum Californy, the corn frum Illinoy, the beans frum New York, the soup frum Massyhusetts. This ain't eny iron age; it's a can an' paper carton age. All them fancy cans an' cartons cost my customers money. Look at that nickel package of crackers—all fine an' fancy—but the package cost 'bout 2 cents. Same thing when you buy vinegar or pickles—you pay 5 cents fer each bottle they cum in. An' we keep on talkin' hard times, though we help make 'em hard by hifalutin ideas. When we git more sense an' stop all this style an' waste there'll be no hard times an' we'll keep our money in Texas 'stead sendin' it to them Yankees back East."

# AUTO HINTS

When tires have been run for a considerable length of time put new plungers in the valve, even if the old ones appear satisfactory. The rubber washers in the plungers become stiff and hard after a time, and it is a good policy to change them at least once a year.

To keep the magneto in perfect running order the only attention necessary is to see that it is kept free from dust, oil and water, and properly lubricated—a few drops of very thin oil every 500 miles. The contact points of the timer and distributor should be carefully adjusted.

Before sending the car to have the brakes relined, it is well to squirt a little kerosene on the clevis pins and brake-band adjustment nuts each day for a week or so in advance. This will eliminate much of the rust and make it easier for the repairer to get the work done without delaying over rusty and "frozen" parts.

The front wheels should never cut under so far as to cause the tires to scrape against the inside of the four fenders. If there are marks under the fender, better have someone look over the front assembly. The wheels can be adjusted to cut so far and no further.

If your neck begins to feel sore from the bobbing of the car, try holding it with the head turned to one side. In this position the neck is no longer flexible, which means that some other part of the body will be obliged to take up the bobbing motion. It is the change that helps to rest you.

Motorists who are careful to keep the fenders of their cars well polished are often puzzled when rust holes appear. This is the result of failing to clean the underside of the fenders and paint them now and again with black enamel. Many a fender is eating itself to pieces from the inside out without the owner's knowledge.

## WILL ASK FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$35,497,190.

The Thirty-Eighth Texas Legislature, which will convene Tuesday, January 13, 1925, will be asked by the various State departments and institutions to appropriate \$35,497,190 for support and maintenance of the State government for the biennium beginning September 1, 1925. The last Legislature appropriated \$24,757,059 for the present biennium which is \$10,740,131 less than the estimated appropriations for the next Legislature.

## THE GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE.

R. R. Reppert, entomologist of the extension service of Texas A. & M. College, says that there is little basis for a grasshopper infestation this year. It is unusual to have heavy grasshopper damage two years in succession, as has occurred in 1923 and 1924. The reason for this is that grasshoppers are usually held to small numbers by the various natural causes. Several kinds of flies attack them. The larva of the blister beetle destroys the eggs in the fall. A fungus disease sweeps away great numbers, especially in warm moist weather. Only in seasons when conditions favor the hopper and are unfavorable to these various enemies do grasshoppers multiply to destructive numbers.

## COMBATING BOLL WORMS.

Boll worms have appeared in Tarrant county cotton since the recent rains, and steps to destroy the destructive pests are being taken by farmers under the guidance of M. C. Counts, county agricultural agent. A mixture of three parts of slack lime and one part of Paris green, placed in meal sacks and carried on each side of a horse between the cotton rows and agitated in such a manner as to dust the powder on the plants, will be found effective in killing the boll worms, according to Mr. Counts. The operation should be carried on in the early morning, when there is little or no wind and when dew is upon the plants.

The Honey Ball melons, marketed by the Texas Honey Ball Association, will in the future be protected by a copyrighted label, according to Ireland Hampton, manager of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the Texas Honey Ball Association.

AN END TO WORRY:—Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. —Philippians 4: 6, 7.

## FARMERS SELL WILD GRAPES.

Many Parker county, Texas, farmers have found the gathering and selling of mustang grapes that grow wild in many portions of the county profitable. While the crop this year has not been as large as in former years, the quality of the fruit is splendid.

Plans for community campaigns throughout Johnson county, Texas, for the purpose of arousing more interest in the canning of fruits and vegetables is being planned by Mrs. Rosa Briley, county home demonstration agent.

Plans are being formed for holding the Parker County Fair and Poultry Show at Weatherford in the early part of November.

## LEAF WORM DAMAGE.

The leaf worm is doing considerable damage in some sections around Ennis, Texas. The farmers have been instructed to use arsenate of lead, Paris green or calcium of arsenate. Preference should be given arsenate of lead or calcium of arsenate, as Paris green will burn the cotton unless handled carefully.

## GROWING PURE BRED CATTLE.

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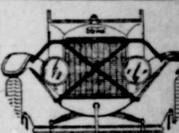
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How-de-do:  
 I know that you are not expecting to hear from me so soon, but mother has such a glorious time writing to you and she has told me so many things about you and your page that I wanted to be part of it, too. So I am writing to tell every little girl or boy, whose birthday falls on September 25th, to get the editor of your paper and you yourself to write me a letter and I will send you a little birthday card signed by me. Of course, I am such a little child, that mother will have to help me out, but my hand will be in it just the same. The reason I am wanting to hear from every girl and boy who reads this page and whose birthday is on September 25th, is because that date is my birthday, too and, this year I will be one year old. Now, be sure and write me as soon as you can and tell your editor about it, too. Perhaps you would like to know what I look like, as you cannot see me, so I will tell you. I have blue eyes and blond curly hair, and best of all, I have just six teeth, and I sure do like to use them. Be sure to let me know what you look like, too. Hurry up and write, I am so anxious to hear how many boys and girls have the same birthday as I do.  
 Love to all,  
 (Signed) ELISA-MARIE.

### FLOWERS OF TEXAS.

#### Russell's Open-Mouthed Flower (Eustoma Russelianum).

This flower is called open mouth, as the flower is not only quite wide, but more open than flowers usually are, and as it was first discovered by a botanist, named Russell, it is also called after him.

It belongs to a family, the Gentian family, which has several representatives in Texas and a family which can justly lay claim to more beautiful flowers than can any other family, except the Orchid family.

I hope that you have it in your collection. It flowered early in July and is by no means uncommon. I feel you must have found a specimen.

The whole plant, which grows about two feet high, is very smooth, bluish in color. The upper leaves are a little different from the lower ones. The upper ones come to a somewhat sharp point and are heart-shaped at the base, closely clasping the stem. The lower ones are blunt at the top and sit closely on the stem with little ear-shaped leaf at the base. The stalk, that bears the flower, has a little leaf at its base and is about four inches long.

The flower, of course, is the most attractive part of the plant; opening as it does in the bright sunshine it is about three inches in width; in color, lavender, purple or blue, and sometimes white. When one sees a large group of them you are impressed with their unusual beauty.

If in gathering and pressing them, they have lost their lovely color, do not be alarmed, as this is always the case with this flower.

#### American Star Thistle. (Centurea Americana).

One of the showiest plants is the American Star Thistle. It grows abundantly in dry ground from Missouri and Arkansas to Mexico on the south and Arizona on the west. It often takes possession of a field (becoming quite a pest) and will grow to the height of six feet or more.

The stem of the plant is simple and quite leafy, which wither and falls off by the time the head of the flower is formed. There is a single head of flowers at the top of the stem, or at the end of a branch of the stem when such a branch is present. If you will examine the leaves carefully you will see that they sit close on the stem and at the top end in a short sharp point.

The flowers are usually pink or purple, occasionally they are pure white. A close examination of the flowerhead will show that of the flowers on the outside of the head, the corolla is a little different from the corolla on the inside of the head, in that the upper part of it is somewhat larger.

Beneath the flower head, as is the case in all the members of the Thistle family, is a group of small leaves called bracts which are beautifully fringed.

This plant was first discovered and named by the great naturalist, Thomas Nuttall.

### LITTLE JOURNEYS.

In America, where the lives of little children are held precious and guarded, for the most part, we do not often realize how fortunate we are. In many foreign countries little children are forced to work in unhealthful, disagreeable places from the time their tiny fingers are able to hold a tool. Here, amid these sordid surroundings, some of them stay for their whole lives, except when they are fortunate enough to find more pleasant occupation by the time they are grown-up. In China and Japan, little girls are taught the art of needle work as soon as their baby fingers can grasp a needle. The rooms where they work are close and stuffy and sometimes very dirty. They only make a few cents a day and this they give to their parents with which they buy their scanty food and clothing. They become very proficient in their trade and sometimes you will find as many as three or four generations working in the same place. Conditions are slightly improving in these countries today with advancement of the many modern facilities. We should be thankful we live in a country as fine as the United States; and be glad the poor little children in the other countries are getting better opportunities.

### LITTLE GIRL'S COOK BOOK.

How do you like this department? Are you taking advantage of it and trying the lovely things that I tell you how to make every month? I want to hear from you once in a while; I would like to print some recipes sent me by a few of my little readers. To make the inducement stronger, I will give a very nice cook book to the little girl that will send me the best recipe. It can be for anything and I want you to send the recipe for the thing you like best. Send it in before October 1st.  
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### FRIED POTATOES.

Peel as many potatoes as desired, slice in thin narrow strips. Wash carefully and dry. Put in a frying pan that has been previously heated and that has the bottom well covered with grease. Be sure the grease is very hot. In fact, it should be so hot that a thin blue smoke will rise off of it. Add the potatoes and fry until brown. After removing from the grease drain for a few minutes in a strainer and then salt and pepper them.

### FAVORITE POEMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

#### A STORY OF AN APPLE.

Little Tommy and Peter and Archy and Bob Were walking one day, when they found An apple; 'twas mellow, and rosy and red, And laying alone on the ground.

Said Tommy, "I'll have it." Said Peter, " 'Tis mine."  
 Said Archy, "I've got it, so there."  
 Said Bobby, "Now let us divide in four parts, And each boy have a share."

"No, no," shouted Tommy, "I'll have it myself."  
 Said Peter, "I want it, I say."  
 Said Archy, "I've got it, and I'll have it all, I wont give a morsel away."

Then Tommy he snatched it, and Peter, he fought, ( 'Tis sad and distressing to tell) And Archy held on with all his might and main Till out of his fingers it fell.

Away from the quarrelsome urchins it flew And then down a green little hill That apple it rolled, and it rolled, and it rolled As if it would never be still.

A lazy old brindle was nipping the grass And switching her tail at the flies, When all of a sudden the apple rolled down And stopped just in front of her eyes;

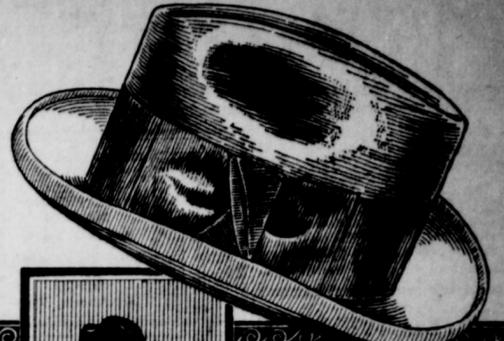
She gave but a bite and a swallow or two— That apple was seen nevermore. "I wish," whimpered Archy, and Peter and Tom "We'd kept it and cut it in four."

### A GLORIOUS SURPRISE.

What do you think it can be? We already have had so many surprises that it is sometimes hard to guess what is coming next. But for the next twelve months we have one of the dandiest departments to add to this page. I know that you will be thrilled to ecstasy when you know what it is going to be. I want you to call up your editor or write him a note and tell him that you don't want to miss a single number of his good newspaper. I am not going to tell you what it is, because I feel that you like surprises as much as I do. I am very fond of them. But I will tell you that it is something that will interest every little boy or girl who reads this page. Best of all (now listen very close) there are going to be some wonderful prizes given for the one who is best in doing this—Oh! I almost told you what it was. Put on your guessing cap and see how good it can work between now and the time I will come for my little visit with you next month.

### FLOWER CONTEST.

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### WATERMELON SEED PROFITABLE.

A number of farmers of Parker county, Texas, are realizing good returns from the sale of watermelon seed and many melons are not even placed on the market but raised solely for the seed.

One farmer who resides a few miles north of Weatherford has already sold more than \$1,600 worth of melons from a patch of seventy-eight acres and expects to save \$3,000 worth of seed that have already been sold to be delivered as soon as they are ready for the market.

But in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.—Philippians 2: 3, 4.

### MEDALS OFFERED.

At the meeting of the Arlington Rotary Club, Arlington, Tarrant county, a recommendation by the board of directors was passed whereby four medals will be offered to each of the two ward schools, and one to the North Texas Agricultural College, for the student making the highest record in scholarship and department during the year of 1924-1925.

Eighteen farmers of Denton county have entered the corn growing contest conducted by Denton Chamber of Commerce. This organization has offered two prizes of \$200 each, one for the greatest production on five acres of upland corn and the other for the greatest production on bottom land.

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**WOMAN'S PAGE**  
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**HOME PROBLEMS.**  
**BALANCED DIET FOR GOOD TEETH**

Recent experiments all over the United States have served to reveal a startling fact—that there are so many adults with false teeth and so many children having defective teeth, it is estimated that seventy-five per cent have imperfect teeth. This is largely due to a wrong diet.

There are unlimited fields yet to study, but Dr. Mellanby working for the Medical Research Council, England; Dr. S. S. Zilva of the Lister Institute for Medical Research, England; Dr. Clarence T. Gries of John Hopkins University and Dr. Percy R. Howe of Harvard University, have given much valuable information on the teeth to the general public through their research and writings.

"If the profession of dentistry is to undertake to prevent dental diseases, it will have to apply other measures than are at present employed," said Dr. Howe. "We clean a tooth to prevent decay. A few hours and the process must be repeated, and so it is with cavities of the teeth. The fillings are on the average good for say five years. Disintegration of the teeth recurs; then the process is repeated. We have not in either case removed the cause of the caries."

The methods that Dr. Howe refers to is the old method of the tooth brush, paste or powder and mouth washes together with the regular dental examinations for the first signs of decay. Today, science is revealing entirely new methods of an entirely different character. They are found to a large extent in the selection of our foods. Science has proven that with the proper elements in our foods the destructive bacteria in our mouths, which decay the teeth, would be powerless.

The safest measure that can be followed by any one is the prevention of decay. Parents are responsible for the health and well-being of their children and in this enlightened age there is little excuse for them not growing up to be healthy, normal humans in every respect. Any man or woman who has "sat through" a siege with a dentist, while he pulled the teeth God intended us to have to the day of our death, and replaced them with false ones, will more than advise the younger generation to take proper care of their teeth. However, it has been proven an erroneous idea that after teeth start to decay that there is little chance for their recovery. Research men are proving every day that the teeth can be disintegrated or repaired by the proper diet. But our main thought is to feed our children so that they will grow up with strong healthy teeth and be able to meet the onslaught of disease and age.

The teeth are composed of three substances, the enamel, the dentine and the cement. The main constituent of these is calcium that also goes to make up bone. There are four different forms of calcium found in the teeth. Since this is true, we must turn our attention to diet and find the foods that are rich in calcium. Another important factor is to be sure that the conditions are right for the digestions of these foods. It is essential that a certain number and type of vitamins are present. These are known as vitamins A, D, and C.

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**LATE FASHIONS.**  
For the high school miss, this dress is just the thing. If made up in charmeuse or serge it will be practical and easy to keep looking tidy. Material required for the dress for size 36 is 3 yards of 54-inch, 1 yard 40-inch satin for trimming, and 3-8 yard tucking for vestee. The long tight sleeves are very popular this year and will help to bleach out the arms after the summer vacation.



This darling little bloomer dress is just the thing for school for the little tot. Made up in serge with satene bloomers to match in similar or contrasting color it can be worn all winter. There are also many new washable materials that are on the market this fall. Size 8 requires 2 1/4 yards 54-inch serge (for both dress and bloomers) and 1/4 yard 40-inch crepe de chine to trim.

Dresses are very much shorter this season.

Wise is the woman or girl who wears high shoes during the winter months, they strengthen the ankles and keep them small and shapely.

Embroidery, fringe, braid and frills trim the newest frocks.

Teach your children to sew. You will be doing them a kindness in the years to come.

Initiating is good on children's and young misses' frocks.

vitamins are listed partially as follows: Eggs, milk, raspberries, blackberries, oranges, olives, dates, bran, cauliflower, almonds, pecans, walnuts, peanuts, peas, beans, oatmeal, cabbage, celery, lettuce, carrots, parsnips, turnips, lemons, beets, radishes, onions, asparagus, cherries, currants, potatoes, tomatoes, butter-fat, and cod-liver oils. It will be noted that meat is not included in this list because it does not contain calcium of sufficient quantity to make it desirable for this purpose. The blood and bone of an animal contain the calcium and are not utilized in our meat products.

For this reason it is not advisable to give meat to growing children only in very sparing amounts and then only at a meal where the necessary vegetables have been eaten first. Meat does not supply the necessary elements essential for a child's diet, but does satisfy the appetite so thoroughly that helpful vegetables will not be eaten. In other words milk, eggs and vegetables supply all of the foods necessary for the growing child. It is said that in London, where very few vegetables and fruits are served while great quantities of meat are consumed, that the number of young people with false teeth is strikingly noticeable.

The kind and quantity of food is not the only feature, but the manner in which it is prepared is also important. Cooking destroys some of the vitamins and changes some of the mineral contents. Often, foods are drained before serving and in this way much of the valuable food value is poured down the sink. When vegetables are cooked, after being peeled, if it is not desirable for the juice to be eaten, then they should be boiled dry on the stove with care being exercised that they are not burned. In the case of greens, such as spinach, cook as low as possible, then serve with the remaining juice poured over the greens. It is permissible and healthful to break small pieces of bread, one at a time, into the juice and eat with a fork.

Fresh fruits and vegetables should be used whenever possible as the canning process as well as the drying process destroys the vitamins. As cooking also destroys them, it is wise to serve raw vegetables and fruits as much as possible. This is best done in the form of salads and sandwiches. Fresh fruits should be emphasized as an important desert and for the children between meal lunches. Peanut butter, slices of tomatoes and lettuce make good sandwiches. Many other combinations can be worked out.

For the nursing infant, who is being raised on modified cow's or goat's milk, it must have an addition of these important mineral foods. Orange juice and tomato juice are excellent to use in this case.

The tooth brush does not get at the root of teeth, where decay starts, but it is a great aid to prevent external decay and every child should be taught to use it as soon as they can understand how to handle it.

Let not our children in the future look back and regret that we did not make them eat the healthy foods or pursue healthful hygiene, regardless of how much they resent it now.

**TESTED RECIPES.**  
This is the time of year that the good housewife is loading her shelves with the "goodies" that are to last through the long winter days. Following are a few recipes that will be of use to her.

**PLUM JELLY AND BUTTER.**  
Plum jelly is the easiest made of any fruit jelly. To each gallon of fruit add a pint of water. Let cook slowly until the plums are thoroughly cooked. Put in a clean bag and let drain until most of the juice is drained off, but not all of it. Take measure for measure of juice and sugar and boil until it "heads" and when tested on ice will form the right consistence for jelly. Put up in glasses that have first been washed in hot soap suds and then taken through boiling water. Set to cool and when hard cover with a layer of paraffin and lids to fit.

For the butter take the pulp that is left and mash through a colander and cook for an hour on top of the stove or in the oven after sugar has been added to taste. Some people like the addition of ground cloves or allspice. Seal in jars that have been treated as the jelly glasses. Turn up side down to see that there is no leak in the tops or rubber and set in a cool place.

**DRYING FRUIT.**  
For the recipes for drying fruit one can obtain the best information by writing the State Agriculture School. The process is too long to describe here. This is very valuable information for any thrifty housewife and can be done with very little expense. Vegetables can be dried and are easy to keep. It is much cheaper than buying canned goods and is more healthful.

**PEACH PRESERVES.**  
This is a delicious fruit to have on the shelf. Make a syrup, enough for the amount of fruit you have to put up, in proportion to two cups of sugar to one cup of water. Let boil five minutes, then add the sliced peaches and boil until tender. Can, seal and keep cool.

Prepare the jars as instructed above. Stand on the tops to see that there are no leaks.

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**FARMERS URGED TO HOLD COTTON.**  
Fixing 30c as fair price to the producer should the crop run 11,500,000 bales and at least 25c should it go as high as 13,500,000 bales, Balis E. Hariss, president of the Galveston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade, has issued a statement urging farmers of Texas to hold cotton for a fair return. The statement followed a recent slump in prices paid for cotton.

Mrs. Emmeline Taylor, 92 years old, and a resident of Lancaster, Texas, went to the polls August 23 and voted for her favorite candidates. She is the oldest settler in Northern Dallas county.

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