

MAYOR OF ABILENE TALKS AT LUNCHEON

The regular meeting of the Luncheon Club on last Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe was without doubt one of the best, most inspiring and interesting ever before held. The fine program brought about and arranged by Mr. Earl Lassiter, who had been named as Toastmaster for the occasion, was practically unexcelled.

The principal speaker of the evening was Mayor C. E. Combes, of Abilene, who for more than forty minutes held his hearers spellbound on the question of "City Building." Every one present was indeed very appreciative of his splendid address.

Among local citizens making able and interesting short talks were: Dr. S. W. Johnson, Mayor H. C. West, and Dr. M. Armstrong, the latter gentleman giving an outline of the splendid road work done through the efforts of the Merkel Luncheon Club, he having been a valuable member of the road committee since the organization of the Club.

The entertainment features of the evening consisted of vocal solos by Miss Thelma Jones, of Abilene, and one by Miss Christene Collins, with Miss Williamson at the piano. Every one enjoyed these numbers very much.

Other guests present for the evening were: S. M. Shelton, and T. N. Carswell, the former a prominent business man of Abilene and the latter secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

MISS DRY AMONG C.I.A. STUDENTS ON INSPECTION TRIP

Denton, Texas, Feb. 26.—Miss Lorena Dry of Merkel and fifteen other senior students of the College of Industrial Arts taking courses in institutional management, the school lunch room and nutrition, made an observation trip to Dallas and Fort Worth last Monday and Tuesday. Misses Katherine Harper, cafeteria manager, and Cora Swingle, instructor in foods, chaperoned the group.

The party inspected the kitchens, canning departments and plants of various hotels, lunch rooms, sanitariums, and produce houses in the two cities.

Work offered in the courses at C. I. A. includes lectures on institutional dwellings and practice work and observation in the cafeteria of the college. The educational, the social, and the economic values of foods are taught and a study of wholesale marketing is made.

The household effects of Mr. R. L. Grimes, formerly Cashier of a local banking institution, were shipped out this week for Lamesa, where Mr. Grimes and his family will reside in the future, he having been elected Cashier of a bank in that city. Also the household goods of Rev. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers were shipped to Lamesa in the same car, and here, too, the Rev. Mr. Rogers has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of that city. They will leave today for their new home. Both of these families have been very popular in Merkel, and have hosts and hosts of friends who deeply regret their departure.

Max Mellinger, local dry goods man, is quite ill this week, being confined at his home in the southwest part of the city.

Mrs. Thos. Durham has been quite ill this week from an attack of influenza. At this writing, however, she is improving very slowly.

CUMMINGS' BOGUS CHECK LAW SIGNED

Austin, Texas, Feb. 24.—House bill No. 80, known as the bogus check law, was signed by the Governor Monday. Under the bill a person who gives a check when he has not sufficient funds in bank to cover would be guilty of a felony if he does not make the check good within 30 days. The fact that the check is not covered is prima facie evidence of intent to commit fraud, according to the bill.

The passage of this bill was urged by numerous business organizations of the State, the Texas Hotel Keepers' Association taking the lead.

Cov. Ferguson signed a number of bills Monday, most of them local in effect, the complete list being as follows:

House Bill No. 80, making certain facts prima facie evidence in charges of swindling and thereby making conviction easier

House Bill No. 20 permitting appeals and applications for writs of error from orders granting motions for new trials.

House Bill No. 139, providing for the creation of inland waterway districts to issue bonds for the construction of channels to coastal waters.

Senate Bill No. 56 requiring railroads to provide safety for employes by having overhead structures, such as bridge superstructures, not less than twenty-two feet from the top of the rails of the track and buildings not closer than six feet from the outside rail of any mail line of spur track.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BANK SCANDAL BILL

Austin, Texas, Feb. 25.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson Tuesday signed Senate Bill No. 37, making it an offense for any person to utter or publish untrue and damaging statements concerning any bank or banking institution, the penalty being a fine up to \$2,500 and confinement in the penitentiary not exceeding two years. This measure is designed to stop scandals about banks which cause runs on those institutions.

WHITE CHURCH CEMETERY

The Trustees of the White Church Cemetery Association have discussed a date for our first meeting for 1925 and have decided that the majority would be ready for it by the middle of March. In order to make this meeting as convenient as possible for as many probably as can be reached through the Merkel Mail we decided on Wednesday, March 18th for the date. I am busy sending notices to individuals who can not be reached through the columns of the Mail and I am expecting many to attend who have not been with us before.

I am beginning this advertising campaign this early in order that you who already know what we have been doing may be of service to the board by telling others who may not know of it otherwise. Spread the news and let us reach as many as possible whose duty it is to help in this work. Dillard R. Snow, Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Kate Longacre, of Potosi, was here this week the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Telford. She returned to her home yesterday.

PERISHES IN FLAMES THAT DESTROY HOME

One of the saddest occurrences that has happened in this city for some time was the burning to death of Mrs. M. J. Lowe, blind and aged lady, on last Sunday morning in a fire which also destroyed her home on Oak street.

The family who had been residing with Grandmother Lowe, had just the day previous to the catastrophe moved away, and as she was alone in the house no one knows just what caused the fire which at about five o'clock on the morning of February 22 destroyed her home and caused her untimely death, as the home was practically in flames when the first witness arrived.

Deceased was born in Tennessee and at the time of her death was 81 years of age. Her maiden name was Martha Bryson, and she came to Texas with her parents when quite young, the family settling in Dallas county. She was married to I. W. Lowe, on March 29, 1860, and to this union there were born ten children, six of whom survive her, as follows: I. E. Lowe of Kansas City, Mrs. Steve Grounds of Baird, L. A. Lowe of Plain Dealing, La.; D. W. Lowe, Tecopa, California; Mrs. Mobley, Wichita Kansas; and W. E. Lowe of this city.

Deceased with her family moved to Merkel in 1905, and during her long residence here she became well known and had many friends with whom this paper joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Her husband, Isaac W. Lowe, who was born May 11, 1832, preceded her in death on April 7th, 1907.

The remains of the aged woman were shipped Sunday afternoon to Cedar Hill, Dallas county, accompanied by her son, Mr. W. E. Lowe and wife, where on Monday they were tenderly laid to rest.

Mr. Eli Case, his wife and son, Milton, have all been quite sick from influenza. However, Mr. Case is again able to look after his business at the store, and his wife and son are slowly improving.

Mr. J. E. Lynn, of Kress, Texas, is here a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert. He is also attending lectures now going on at A. C. C. College at Abilene.

OPENS NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP HERE

Mr. Geo. Brown, for many years a successful and competent blacksmith in Merkel, but who has been out of the business for several years, has again this week opened his shop for business on Kent street, his old stand.

Mr. Brown has lately secured one of the finest and best equipped shops to be found in the west, and has already received a part of the equipment, sufficient to open and start business, with the remainder to be installed in a day or so, which when all installed will make him prepared to serve the people of Merkel very efficiently and satisfactorily in his line.

Read his announcement in this paper. He will have associated with him Mr. A. F. Parks, a capable and experienced man in this line, who also was formerly in the business here.

2 WEEKS MEETING AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Special campaign begins Sunday morning. The pastor will preach Sunday a.m. on God's faith in men; in the afternoon on "Going Back to Bethel."

The Seminary quartet will be with us Sunday morning and render a special program. This is given up to be the best quartet in the state. Services will continue through the following two weeks. Following is a partial outline of the subjects:

The week-day services will be at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The morning week-day services will be as follows: First week, "The Prayer Life." 1. Four principles of the prayer life. 2. Hindrances to the prayer life. 3. The prayer life a warfare. 4. Equipment for the prayer life warfare. 5. The weapon of the cross. Second week, "The Holy Spirit." 1. The Holy Spirit in the church. 2. The Holy Spirit in convicting sinners. 3. The Holy Spirit in regeneration. 4. The Holy Spirit in sanctification. 5. The Holy Spirit empowers for service.

Some of the subjects to be discussed in other services are: 1. God's faith in men. 2. Going back to Bethel. 3. Crossing the desert sands. 4. A stubborn heifer. 5. Giants, Grasshoppers, Garrison or God. 6. Death in the pot. 7. The Night-watchman. 8. Tenting toward hell. 9. What a preacher saw through a hole in the wall. 10. Straddling in two ways. 11. A short bed and narrow cover. 12. Prepare to meet thy God. 13. The biggest thief in Merkel. 14. A race with death. 15. Crucifixion or salvation. 16. Is the soul annihilated at death or is there a heaven and hell? 17. Are you living for God or the devil? 18. Drawing sin with a cart rope.

We cordially invite those of other denominations to be with us in these services.

W. H. Albertson.

LET OTHERS TELL YOU

Mrs. Elinor Coffee, of Anson, advertised in the Mail of last week for a wrist watch she had lost. In the afternoon of the day of publication, Master E. L. Turner brought in the watch, which had been dropped by Mrs. Coffee while being served a lunch at the Ed's Cafe. The Classified Advertisements in the Mail bring paying results. As, for instance: The editor found an automobile number plate, and placed a little found notice in the Mail, and the next day in came our big friend Robert N. Campbell, and when we say "big friend" we mean it, for Mr. Campbell tips the beam at more than 300 pounds, and he claimed the number plate. And right here we might mention another thing of interest. We find that the ladies are by far the closer readers of the papers than are the men, as was the case in this instance: Mrs. Campbell noticed the advertisement and so informed her husband of it.

The Mail is in receipt of a letter from Mr. John Elliott, 1941 E. Commerce Street, San Antonio, enclosing the price of the renewal of his subscription to the Mail for another year. Mr. Elliott for many years resided in Merkel, and has many warm friends among the present citizenship who are always glad to hear from him. He states that for 35 years he has been a reader of the Mail, and that without it he and his family get quite lonesome. Thanks, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Milo Jones of Dallas is here the guest of his parents and numerous friends.

LARGENTS' CATTLE SHOW AT FT. WORTH

Messrs. C. M. Largent & Sons, we learn, are today shipping 23 head of their fine Hereford show cattle to the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, which starts in that city on March 7th, continuing for one week.

This fine show herd has won for their enterprising owners many first premiums, blue ribbons, etc. and this paper predicts for them equal success in the contests to be entered in the great Fort Worth Show.

J. C. MASON RECOVERING FROM SERIOUS ILLNESS

Our good friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. J. C. Mason, who for some ten days was seriously ill, is now fast recovering, and, in fact, is up and about town the last few days. He says he is feeling good and his many friends feel confident and rejoice that his recovery is both speedy and permanent.

His sister, Miss Ophelia Mason, who during his illness has been constantly at his bedside, left yesterday for her home at Deport, Texas.

Married Wednesday

At the Baptist parsonage on the 25th, at twelve o'clock, Rev. W. H. Albertson pronounced the ceremony that bound in holy wedlock Mr. D. T. Johnson and Miss Eula May Sudduth, both popular and prominent young people of the Nubia community.

BAPTIST COUNCIL MEET IN ABILENE

The following is the program of the Worker's Council of the Sweetwater Association to be held with the College Heights Baptist Church of Abilene on March 2, 1925.

General Topic: Efficiency and Standardization.
10:00 A. M. Devotional, R. C. Pender. 10:30 a.m. The Efficient Preacher, W. F. Fry, Joe Perry. 11:00 a.m. The efficient teacher. Rupert Richardson, C. S. Williams. 11:30 a.m. The efficient layman, J. H. Fisher, N. E. McGuire.

Noon: Lunch served by ladies of the College Heights Baptist Church.

1:30 p.m. Board Meeting.
2:00 p.m. The standard church, M. A. Jenkins, R. H. Williams.
2:30 p.m. The standard Association, W. H. Albertson, J. B. Adams.
3:00 p.m. The place of gospel music in a standard church, Grady Harlan, Lee Stulce.
3:20 p.m. Making a go of our West Texas interests, Sam Malons, C. M. Caldwell.

Program of W. M. U. of Sweetwater Association.

(The Ladies will meet in the basement of the church)
10:30 a.m. Devotional, led by Mrs. L. A. Ingram. Song. Recognition of Officers. Lest we Forget, Mrs. J. D. Sandifer. Report from executive board, by Mrs. C. M. Caldwell. Lunch.
1:30 p.m. Devotional, led by Mrs. J. C. Burkett. Special music. Reports from Societies and committees. Talk, Mrs. R. M. White. Drama, by local Y. W. A.

THINK IT OVER

Did you ever figure that part of every dollar you spend in Merkel will find its way back to you?

BIG RABBIT DRIVE THURS., MARCH 5

The Mail is requested to announce that on next Thursday, February 5th, there will be a big rabbit drive in the community north from the Collins stock pens.

It is expected that the crowd will gather at the stock pens in the morning and start the drive from there, covering the usual territory that has always been covered each year, and dinner will be served to all participating at Noodle. We are informed that Mr. John Sears has donated one of his fine white-faced Herefords for the barbecue, and everybody is cordially invited to attend the drive and enjoy the big dinner.

It is also announced that the drive will be conducted under rules formerly adopted here in previous rabbit drives.

MISS LEVIE TITTLE WEDS CALDWELL MAN

On last Sunday morning at nine-fifteen Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist church, in his usual happy and appropriate manner pronounced the words that made man and wife Mr. W. L. Fugate, of Caldwell, Texas, and Miss Levie Tittle of Merkel.

The ceremony was performed at the residence of the pastor and only a few close friends and relatives were present to witness the happy event. Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Fugate left by automobile for their home at Caldwell.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. M. E. Campbell, and was reared in Merkel, and by her charming manners and womanly graces has won the friendship and admiration of all with whom she has become acquainted.

The groom spent several months in Merkel the last summer and fall, and during that time won many warm friends, and this paper joins the many friends of both the contracting parties in extending to them congratulations and best wishes.

FORD SALES INCREASE DURING JANUARY, 1925

January sales of Ford cars and trucks totaled 103,022, according to figures given out at the offices of the Ford Motor Company. In addition, the company sold 4,156 Fordson tractors and 395 Lincoln cars during the first month of the year.

Of these, domestic retail deliveries for January were 76,062 Ford cars, 13,790 trucks, 3,384 Fordsons and 371 Lincolns. Foreign sales figure in the totals do not include those of Canada or British possessions which are served by the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd.

Sales reports for the first part of February show an increasing demand generally and in order to care for growing requirements all Ford manufacturing plants are now operating on a full six-day week schedule. This includes the big Highland Park and River Rouge plants and all the smaller producing units.

Mrs. J. S. Swann and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann returned this week from Tyler, where they had been called to attend the funeral of a relative. They were accompanied as far as Fort Worth by Mr. J. S. Swann, who had business in that city last week.

Mr. H. M. Rainbolt was in Abilene this week serving on the Jury Commission, being appointed from this part of the county by District Judge Ely.

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This institution is here for the benefit of the community and we ask co-operation of our patrons and friends. All legitimate business will be handled with care and dispatch.

MR. W. L. JOHNSON PASSED AWAY SUN.

After a long and protracted illness, Mr. W. L. Johnson of this city was called by his Lord and Maker at about 2:30 o'clock on last Sunday morning, February 22, and his soul took its flight to its final resting place in heaven.

Deceased was born at Woodlan Mills, Tennessee, but came to Texas in his early manhood with his parents, settling in Abilene, and on July 19, 1898 he was married to Miss Aurra Wheeler, daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler of this city. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johnson made their home in El Paso for a number of years, but when his health became impaired some eighteen months ago, they came back to Merkel and since which time deceased has been confined to his room most of the time.

Everything that loving relatives and medical skill could do was done to alleviate his suffering and assist him in regaining his health, but along with time, he gradually grew worse until the end on last Sunday morning.

Early in life Mr. Johnson was converted and joined the Baptist church and lived a consistent Christian life.

To mourn his departure he leaves a devoted wife and three children, a brother and a sister, as well as a step-brother and many friends throughout the state.

On Monday the funeral service was held at the Baptist church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. H. Albertson, with burial immediately following in Rose Hill Cemetery. The active pall bearers were: J. T. Warren, J. T. Howard, John Hughes, Earl Lassiter, Percy Jones and W. J. Sheppard.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral of Mr. W. L. Johnson were: Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler, of Abilene; Mrs. W. M. Turner, Mr. Elmer Turner, Mr.

Bob Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Smith of Rule, Texas, and Mrs. H. B. Young of Holdenville, Oklahoma.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR MRS. FRED S. ROGERS

Honoring Mrs. Fred S. Rogers, whose husband, Rev. Fred S. Rogers, has accepted a call to a new field of labor at Lamesa, Mesdames H. C. West, C. H. Jones, R. H. Hicks, R. O. Andersons, and James H. West kept open house from three to five p.m. Saturday, February 21, at the home of Mrs. H. C. West, where friends called to visit with and say adieu to the honoree who leaves next week for her new home. We realize that "Our loss is their gain."

The reception suite was beautiful with cut flowers, blooming plants and ferns in the soft glow of pink lights and burning pink tapers held in silver and crystal candle sticks, which added cheer and hospitality to all.

Mrs. H. C. West met the guests at the door with a hearty welcome before grasping the always ready hand of friendship of the honoree, who was beautiful in a dainty coral frock of flat crepe and lace. Then Mrs. James H. West chatted a few moments before presenting them to Mrs. Hicks who in her own easy manner introduced Mrs. Jones, who so fittingly continued the welcome, then giving the privilege of a brief visit with Mrs. R. L. Bland of Abilene, then Mrs. S. W. Johnson, after a short greeting which only she could give, gave them the opportunity of enjoying a few words with Mrs. A. R. Booth and Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

Mrs. Miller then met them in the archway leading to the tea room resplendent with the continued pink lights and candles, reflecting their soft glow on the carnations and roses, making a beautiful effect.

In the center was the tea table

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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Taylor County, Texas, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all persons interested in the Estate of S. P. Martin, deceased, you are hereby notified that L. R. Thompson has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said S. P. Martin, Deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 3rd Monday in April, A. D. 1925, the same being the 20th day of April, A. D. 1925, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Abilene, Texas, this 21st day of February, A. D. 1925.

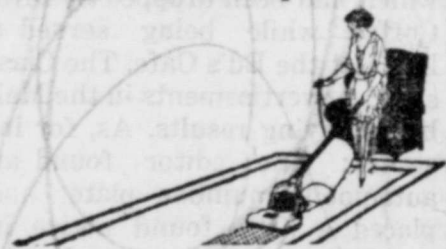
W. E. Beasley, Clerk
County Court, Taylor County, Texas. 2712
By Bernice Britain, Deputy.

Try a sack of Peace Maker Flour. It's the best. G. M. Sharp. 2712

Miss Alma Glenn Smith of Roby, Texas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith, has been in Merkel for the past two weeks visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Daniels.

HOW TO HAVE CLEAN RUGS AFTER THESE SAND STORMS

The HOOVER
It BEATS... as it Sweeps as it Cleans



There are three kinds of dirt in your rugs, viz.: surface dirt clinging litter and embedded grit—of these the latter, which is hidden from the eye, not only is the most difficult of removal but actually grinds off the soft nap under shoe pressure and the rocking of chairs.

While the air suction of any electric cleaner collects surface dirt, it fails to dislodge destructive grit caught in the depth of the nap.

Only a beating can shake out such nap-wearing, hidden grit. And only The Hoover beats rugs on floors, electrically, dustlessly.

To have thoroughly clean rugs we advise you to use a Hoover because it is one electric cleaner guaranteed to get all the dirt and so prolong the life of your rugs.

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laid in real cluny cover, the centerpiece being a beautiful vase of carnations and ferns, surrounded by the glowing pink tapers in the crystal and silver candlesticks.

Here Mrs. W. B. Brown, of Anson, presented enticing plates of chicken and date sandwiches, olives and miniature bouquets of fern and forget-me-nots tied with maline, also cups, into which Misses Melba West, Flora Frances Anderson, Evelyn Curb and Margery Bland, of Abilene, gracefully poured tea from the silver service and served lemons, sugar and mints.

Others who added charm and joy and helped eliminate the sting of sadness of departure were Mrs. Tandy, of Abilene, who gave a number of piano selections and voice solos accompanied by Miss Marie Williamson. Misses Christene Collins and Melba West gave solos much enjoyed by all. Miss Margery Bland did credit to herself and her instructor in rendering the readings she gave. Miss Tracy gave appropriate poems as only she could have done. Every one shall remember Mrs. Wheeler of Abilene as an artist in impersonations and especially shall we remember "What Bill Says." She also read the poem "Goodbye" in the guest book where Mrs. F. C. McFarland asked each and every one to register with a wish for Mrs. Rogers.

One of the most effective moments of the afternoon was when Mrs. Chas. H. Jones only in the presence of the house party who were close friends of Mrs. Rogers gathered around the tea table, presented to her a beautiful vase of carnations and ferns with thoughts of "forget-us-not" as a parting gift from the hostess.

About one hundred ladies called to spend these last few moments with and say farewell but not "goodbye" to Mrs. Rogers, even though she has been among us only four years, has, through her many channels of magnetism drawn many near and dear to

her who deeply regret to have her leave and shall miss her and her strong hand of influence in all phases of life.

METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday is communion day at our church and of course you want to be there. The sermon theme for Sunday morning will be, "The Holy Ghost" and the sermon theme for Sunday night will be, "The Holy Ghost." These are crucial days and how we need the Holy Spirit of God to lead us and guide us. The Sunday School at 9:45 and preaching at 11 and 7:30. The Leagues meet at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. In these services there is a place for every one. May we look for you Sunday? You will miss something if you fail to come. Sincerely, T. J. Rea, pastor.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "What made David a great man." song. Leader, Victor Smith. Scripture: Psalms 40:1-8. Piano solo, Elizabeth Harkrider. Devotional program follows: Talk by leader. No. 1. Dorothy Daniels. 2. T. J. Rea. 3. Inice Brown. 4. Irene Campbell. 5. Tommie Durham. 6. Ruby Fae Golliday. 7. Lola Hays. Song. Benediction. Everyone come. Begins promptly at 6:30 o'clock.

Junior League Notes

Last Monday afternoon the Junior Leaguers met at the parsonage and had a popcorn party. Each one took his turn "shaking the popper" and all had a jolly time.

Last Sunday the League elected officers and learned new songs. Next Sunday we will have a good program and want all to be present. We want to begin now to plan for our next District meeting. Don't forget your dues.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

See our whole page announcement in Sunday's Abilene Reporter.

If you don't take the Reporter tell the dealer in Merkel, ahead of time to get you an extra copy for Sunday. A nickel spent for it will make money for you.

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Advance Made During Span of Four Lives

In the eleventh month of his ninety-third year G. W. Baldwin, Yale '53, wrote a letter to the secretary of the Yale Alumni fund on March 26 last, which contains a statement well worth reflection, says the Independent. Mr. Baldwin said:

"I have argued cases before Chief Justice Lemuel Shaw of Massachusetts, who died at the age of eighty-five. He once said in my presence and hearing that he had talked with a man who had talked with Peregrine White, who was born on the Mayflower in 1620."

These four lives span the history of America from the landing of the pilgrims to the present. Peregrine White's father died in that first terrible winter at Plymouth; his mother's subsequent marriage to Governor Winslow was the first wedding of Europeans in New England. Peregrine himself lived to be eighty-four, remaining "vigorous and of comely aspect to the last," as one of his contemporaries delightfully described the original Mayflower descendant.

Between the death of Peregrine White at Marshfield, Mass., in 1704, and the birth of Lemuel Shaw at Barnstable in 1781 stretch some forty miles and seventy-seven years. It is a pity that the chief justice did not identify the octogenarian who as a small child talked to the still comely Peregrine at Marshfield about 1703, and who in 1785 or thereabouts, himself nearing ninety, passed word of that meeting along to young Shaw at Barnstable. But though that ancient warranty is unidentified, the incident is entirely credible.

A chain of only four lives connects the Mayflower and the giant dirigibles that cross in two days an ocean upon which the weary pilgrims were tossed for seventy-five days. The beginnings of America are thus brought intimately near.

Yet it is even more significant to reflect that only the last of these four lives covers the transition from sail and horse to railroad, motorcar, airplane and dirigible. Chief Justice Shaw traveled no more swiftly in his youth than did Peregrine White. The competent industrialism of our day would be almost as foreign to one as to the other. The acceleration of civilization, as measured in human triumphs over time and space is seldom to be visualized so sharply as in this contrast.

Molasses as Fertilizer

Molasses is being used with rather sensational results as a fertilizer for sugar cane fields in the British island of Mauritius in the Indian ocean. Increases in yield of about nine tons an acre are recorded after molasses applications. The colonial department of agriculture has made a close study of the experiments and has arrived at a tentative explanation. When first applied the molasses partly sterilizes the soil, in consequence of which ordinary soil organisms are, for a time, greatly reduced in numbers while other organisms, notably molds, are stimulated. The nitrification of the soil is suspended and nitrates already in the soil disappear. When the effects of the molasses treatment wear off, nitrification is resumed at an enhanced rate, and apparently leads to an accumulation of nitrates at a time when they can best be utilized by the growing plant. Ammonia and nitrates are said to have a marked tendency to revert to insoluble forms in the soil of the island. Molasses does not increase the rate of nitrogen fixation in the soil.

Banana Fibre Pencils

Banana fibre is being experimented with by European pencil manufacturers as a substitute for the ordinary graphite. The fibre is first burned in retorts, crushed and then mixed with what is technically known as "binding" to give it a gluey consistency and to improve its marking qualities. The whole is then worked up into pulp by machinery, and when partly dry, is crushed again and forced through molds under considerable pressure. The rolls are then baked, cut into lengths and packed with great care in cast-iron crucibles and kept at red heat for two hours. After cooling gently, the "leads" are ready for the wood.

Early Sunday School Work

While the world's convention was in session in Glasgow recently Scotchmen came forward with the claim that the honor of starting the Sunday school movement should not go to Robert Raikes but to Christian workers who carried on the same sort of work in one of the cities of Scotland before Raikes gathered his classes in Gloucester in 1780. Now we are told of a Baptist deacon, William Fox, who actually began to teach the Bible to his pupils in the school organized at Clapton, England, in 1673, says the Detroit News. Raikes continued his attention to spelling, reading and arithmetic. The first Bible school is said to have been organized by Rev. Morgan John Rhys at Cilfawr, near Swansea, Wales, in 1648, and a student under Rhys, Rev. Morgan Jones, driven out by the act of uniformity, is said to have come to Elmhurst, L. I., and begun a Bible school in 1682, or 98 years before Raikes.

Central Cooling

The new system of central cooling, which has been perfected by experiments in the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, may prove a key which will open up the great potential treasure-house of the tropics. By this system a special "cool room" can be kept at a temperature from 20 to 30 degrees below the outside heat. This is done by a forced supply of air, which is passed over the pipes of a refrigerating plant before it reaches the room, while the relatively hot air already in it is drawn out. The room is specially insulated by cork. Experiments over a period of two years prove the efficiency of the "cool room," and also that one can pass between it and the warmer air outside without any injurious effect on health.

Gems of Fabulous Value

One of the most wonderful, privately owned collections of gems in the world, is the property of Mr. Abdul Catefor, an Indian gem collector. The collection embraces two immense sapphires, one priced at \$80,000, a bag of 8,000 pearls, an aquamarine as large as an apple, a \$50,000 cat's-eye set in diamonds, a string of pearls which took 30 years to complete, and sapphires the size of plums! This is not an inventory of the treasures in Aladdin's cave, but merely an accurate description of a few of the jewels belonging to this noted collector. The queen of Rumania and the king and queen of Norway are among the few who have seen the collection, which is guarded night and day.

Long Time in Space

A number of vicious mules had just arrived at the camp and a few recruits made the common mistake of approaching too near to the business end of one of them. His comrades caught him on the rebound, placed him on a stretcher and started off for the hospital.

On the way the invalid regained consciousness, gazed at the blue sky overhead, experienced the swaying motion as he was being carried along, and shakily lowered his hands over the sides, only to feel space.

"My land," he groaned, "I ain't hit the ground yet!"

Eating From Cans

Due to the tremendous demand for foods packed so that they could be easily shipped, the World War with its huge orders for corned beef and many other goods was the greatest impetus the canning industry has had since its introduction in America in 1815.

In 1914 the value of all canned food products here was placed at \$243,000,000. Today it is well above the \$300,000,000 mark. Peaches are said to be the most popular of canned fruits and salmon leads among the sea foods.

Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

SAILORS HAVE FIRM BELIEF IN OMENS

Deep Sea Seems to Breed Quaint Superstitions.

There is no place in the world where superstition is so powerful as on the sea, R. Barry O'Brien, writing in the Washington Post, asserts.

Let an absent-minded sailor whistle on board ship and his mates will curse him for bringing on a stiff breeze when it is not wanted.

But for a sailor to whistle when the ship is enveloped in dense fog is permissible, since the occult wind may disperse the very material fog.

Until comparatively recently, under no circumstances, was a young steamship-trained helmsman allowed to mount the "weather side" of the bridge.

This privilege was reserved for old shellbacks who had been seven times round Cape Horn. But as few seamen can claim such distinction in these days of "iron ships and wooden men" the "leeside" is now universally used.

Parsons are never popular afloat. They are supposed to bring bad luck, and are therefore blamed by the crew for any misfortune that occurs.

Seamen no longer believe that rats leave an ill-fated ship before she sails. But they still regard the arrival of a corpse for shipment as a very bad omen, and I have known them to desert sooner than salt with it.

Strangely enough, the extent of their apprehension on this account varies with the social standing of the deceased, the remains of a celebrity being more unlucky than those of a humble citizen.

So strong was this superstition in bygone days that the packing case containing the casket had to be labeled and stowed as ordinary cargo.

The luck of black cats is proverbial. But what is not so well known is the reason why seamen are so over-indulgent in them. This is to prevent their bringing ill-luck to the ship by running away.

During the war black cats were at a premium. With so much extra tonnage afloat there was not enough to go around.

Sometimes a young midshipman would be sent ashore in search of one. And a certain youth, sooner than return empty-handed, dyed the white patches of a black and white "stray" with ink.

Those Smart Children

"My three-year-old nephew Anaximander, hurried breathlessly into the living room where we were entertaining the minister and his wife.

"Mamma!" he cried without regard for consequences, "Bruvver's gone and torn his rubber rompers and now you'll have to vulcanize them."

Little Willie, my eighteen-month-old cousin, was earnestly watching his father (my uncle) repair his automobile.

"What seems to be the matter?" he finally asked his dad.

"I'm afraid the differential's gone wrong," said his daddy, wiping the grease off his forehead with his \$8 silk shirt.

"Heck!" ejaculated Willie. "A fellow's got to understand calculus to run a car these days!"

Ermyntude is a trifle precocious and for that reason her parents temporize with her.

At the dinner table the other night she brusquely asked her mother to pass the mustard.

Mother smiled wearily and said expectantly, "If you—?"

Imagine our embarrassment when the little darling retorted, "If you know what's good for you!"—Roswell J. Powers in Judge.

Dead Spots at Sea

While we have come to accept "dead spots" on land, there is another form of "dead spot" to be found right in mid-ocean, hundreds of miles from land, for which no adequate explanation has yet been given, according to A. Dinsdale, member of the Radio Society of Great Britain. Some scientists maintain that they are caused by large mineral deposits on the ocean floor, but this explanation hardly seems satisfactory, though it is true that such dead spots can also be overcome by increasing the wavelength for communication. There are several such spots in the different oceans, and they cause quite an amount of inconvenience to ships at times, although the study of them is interesting.—Scientific American.

Something New in History

She was proud of her kindergarten class and was anxious to show off the little ones to a number of visiting mothers.

"Who discovered America?" the teacher asked.

"Columbia," shouted a little girl, easily beating her classmates to the answer.

Overlooking the error, the teacher went on:

"And what was his first name?"

"Hall," was the quick reply that sent teacher and mother into spasms of laughter.

Stars in Pairs

There are many stars that are double, says Nature Magazine—that is, they are made up of stars revolving around one another. Most of these pairs are of contrasting color, one blue and the other gold, or one red and the other green. Albireo is considered to be one of the finest of the pairs that are visible in small telescopes.

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Come, let us sell you a Saftey hatch Incubator, we have them in various sizes.

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Come let us sell you your Garden Water Hose, Garden Plows and Poultry Netting for your Garden.

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Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Group II, March 1, 1925.
Subject: "God's part and our part in perfecting our character"
Leader, Flossie Campbell.

Introduction by leader.
Part 1, Miss Hearn. Part 2 Floyd Dowell. Part 3 Miss Harrison. Part 4 Carlton Dennis. Part 5 Gyrle Howard. Part 6 Miss Hooper. Part 7 Yates Brown.

Little Billie Lloyd Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, has been quite sick this week, but as this writing is said to be improving.

Mr. Acuff, of Roswell, New Mexico, was here last week the guest of his son, Mr. Lee Acuff, the affable proprietor of the Gem Theatre.

Mr. Seth Hamilton of the firm of Hamilton & Case, is still confined to his home from an attack of the "flu" but last reports say he is improving.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "The Beloved Friend"
1. Fannie Belle Boaz. 2. Iris Garrett. 3-a. Joe Ben Ashby. b. Clyde Mayfield. 4. Orpah Patterson. 5. Ora Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, of the Blair community, returned first of the week from a visit to their son, H. E. Spears, at Valera, Texas, where the latter is agent-operator for the Sante Fe. They had us send him the Mail for the next year.

Len Sublett

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all work guaranteed
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Merkel, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Beidleman returned Wednesday from a visit to their farm in Stonewall county. Mr. Beidleman reports a fine season in the ground there as the result of the heavy snow that fell last month.

FORDS—Two Ford coupes, will sell worth the money. Also some other second-hand cars in fine condition. Can give terms to the right parties. See W.E. Lowe 7t2

BLAIR'S No. 7

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HELPING—

If you do not like the way things are run, and think you have a better idea of the way they should be governed, then take a hand and show the balance of the citizens that you have better ideas. That's what the majority of the citizens want to know.—Merkel Mail.

In other words, help out. Anybody can pull back and retard the wheels of progress, that's easy. But to get in and help is the best way. Most of us are prone to pull back sometimes; we have our own opinion as to how things ought to be run in a town, and when they are not run that way, we are in the habit of pulling back and trying to check progress. Maybe we are right, but the fact remains that the majority rules, and so we should go along with the majority and try to convince the majority that they are wrong, if we know that we are right, which is indeed a difficult matter to determine, to say the least.—Abilene Reporter.

THE ONLY INDIAN RESERVATION IN TEXAS

The most unique community of the entire Southwest is, beyond doubt, Indian Village, in the eastern part of Polk county, Texas, the present home of a small remnant of Alabama Indians, all that is left of a proud race, decimated by disease and civilization. Here on the pine-covered hills of East Texas can be found today thirty-five families of the Alabama tribe, the

ever steadfast friends of the white man, barely eking out an existence on a reservation of two sections of land given them by the State of Texas, in 1854, through the influence of General Sam Houston.

You will be interested in reading this story, which will appear in the Merkel Mail Magazine Section, March 13th.

Please look at printed date on margin of your paper and see if your subscription is about to expire. We don't like to discontinue any name on our subscription list; so if your name is dropped it is not because we doubt your honesty or willingness to pay, but because it is our rule to discontinue all subscriptions upon date of expiration.

ON NATIONAL ADVERTISING

This editorial is addressed to the merchants of Merkel, but since it concerns one important aspect of the business of our country, it should be of interest to all of our readers.

Advertising is one of the great business forces in our country. It is estimated that the association of advertising agencies spends well over \$1,000,000,000 in advertising every year. This huge figure is spent by manufacturers who seek to tell the public about the good points of the merchandise they produce.

A very large portion of this should come right into communities like Merkel through the columns of local papers such as the Merkel Mail. It would get directly to the buying public. It would make business better for all of us.

But unfortunately the major portion of this huge sum goes to buy space in national magazines—all because merchants do not demand local advertising.

The manufacturer or distributor wants to get his goods on the local merchants' shelves. In urging you to stock a new line, he will say: "See here. Look at the advertising we are putting into the Saturday Evening Post, the

American Magazine, and other big magazines. We're doing that to help you sell the goods."

Our local merchants should answer: "That's all very well. But the advertising that really helps me is the advertising you put here in the local paper. Only a few copies of these national magazines come into Merkel. But the Merkel Mail goes into practically every home."

Then the manufacturer would make a change in his advertising policy. If his salesman heard that from merchants everywhere it would not be long before Mr. National Advertiser would be placing his advertising right here in the Merkel Mail and in hundreds of other local papers.

That would mean more business for you. More for us. And a benefit to the people in this community by giving them more information on the things they have to buy for the home.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What state leads in the value of all farm products?

A. Texas, according to Department of Agriculture reports.

Q. How many automobiles are there in the world?

A. 22,769,000, of which number about 79 per cent are in the United States.

Q. When was the wooden coffin first used in England?

A. In the sixth century. King Arthur was buried in one hollowed out of a log.

Q. What is spent in the barber shops of the United States each year?

A. \$750,000,000 of which \$300,000,000 is for tonics and facial massages.

Q. When did we adopt our present United States Constitution and was it our first constitution?

A. Our present constitution was framed in 1787. After the Declaration of Independence up until that date, our government was conducted under the Articles of Confederation, a loose union of the colonies.

REVENUE BILLS ARE REJECTED BY COMMITTEE

PROPOSERS CLAIM PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE PRODUCED \$10,000,000.

Austin.—Two proposed revenue producing measures which its authors claimed would have yielded nearly \$10,000,000 have been effectively buried as far as this session of the legislature is concerned when both of these bills were reported unfavorably by house committee of revenue and taxation.

One of these bills is the Teer Tobacco bill in which it was proposed to raise, according to calculations made by former governor Ferguson, over \$4,000,000 annually on a graduated occupation tax on cigars and cigarettes. Governor Ferguson believed that the imposition of such a tax was not only practicable but could be enforced. The bill was discussed at a recent conference by the governor with the heads of the various educational institutions of higher learning, as the plan was to turn this immense amount of revenue to these schools.

The other bill was one by Representative Loftin of Henrietta, known as the soft drink tax, in which an occupation tax of ten per cent was to be imposed on soda fountain and other dealers of soft drinks. Loftin said that had his bill received a favorable report and passed by the legislature, it would have produced approximately \$5,000,000 in revenue.

The defeat of these measures means that the lawmakers do not mean to increase the burden of taxation against the people by additional taxes or by increasing appropriations. There was no minority report on either of these bills as they have been effectively disposed of as far as the regular session of the Thirtieth legislature is concerned.

This committee also unanimously voted adversely on the Rawlins ice cream bill. This is the bill which would have required a standard formula in the manufacture of ice cream. Rawlins, however, had introduced this bill by request.

\$12,000,000 EXPECTED FOR ROADS IN TEXAS

Burkett Says Construction and Maintenance Will be Followed.

Austin, Texas.—"We expect to have \$12,000,000 to spend on the Texas highways this year," said Senator Joe W. Burkett, member of the State Highway Commission, "and of that amount \$8,000,000 will be available by July 1, next. As a result of this condition the commission will proceed with the usual program of construction and road maintenance."

Another statement by Mr. Burkett was that it is probable that the State Highway Engineer will not be elected for a month. "We want to take our time and find the best man available for this responsible position," the Commissioner declared "and we are not going to be rushed in finding him."

"One definite policy decided upon," explained Mr. Burkett, "is that the commission is going to personally direct the program of construction and maintenance, instead of leaving it to the State Highway Engineer, which has prevailed in the past. This commission is going to see that the highways are built properly and maintained as the law contemplates, and we are not going to leave it to any other person. That is our duty under the law and we intend to fulfill it."

The State Highway Engineer receives \$8,000 per annum, being the highest salaried official in the State Government, and Mr. Burkett said he did not think the next one will come from the present organization.

\$237,253 on Wards in January
Austin, Texas.—The State expended \$237,253 in the care of its wards in the various eleemosynary institutions during January, the per capita cost being \$22, according to the monthly report of the State Board of Control. The average monthly per capita cost for the five months of the current fiscal year was \$23.

\$3,000 for Texas Electors.
Austin.—An appropriation of \$3,000 for the Texas presidential electors who met here last month to select a messenger has been passed in the house finally. About \$1,000 of the sum goes to the messenger, Mrs. John D. Claybrook of Austin, who carried the official presidential returns to Washington, and the other \$2,000 pays expenses of the electors.

New Policy is Adopted.
Austin.—A new policy in letting road contracts, providing for submission of bids to the highway commission before they are let by Commissioners' courts, is announced by the new state highway commission. Under the old system the Commissioners' courts let the contracts and they were then submitted to the highway commission for approval or rejection. Rejection of a bid meant readvertisement and inflated expense, according to Frank V. Lan-

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Abilene, Texas

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AT OUR STORE FROM MONDAY, MARCH 2, TO SATURDAY, MARCH 7th. IN CONNECTION WITH THE GEORGEOUS ASSEMBLAGE OF WOMAN'S APPAREL DISPLAYED AT OUR STORE WE WILL HAVE A FASHION REVUE AT THE QUEEN THEATRE ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENINGS AT EIGHT O'CLOCK SHARP. THIS WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR THEATRE PROGRAM, HOWEVER, THE USUAL CHARGE OF 10c FOR SMALL CHILDREN AND 50c FOR ADULTS WILL BE MADE.

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YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE FASHION REVUE AND URGE THAT YOU COME TO OUR STORE AND LET US SHOW YOU THE LARGE AND BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF WOMEN'S SPRING APPAREL THAT WE HAVE IN STOCK.

POWER OF THE PRESS

"The power of the press" was a phrase that became current in the days when Greeley, Bennett, Dana, and other great journalists of that time exerted tremendous political influence thru their editorial columns.

But after seeing newspapers defeated in one political campaign after another, some people are now prone to scoff at this old phrase, and assert that newspapers today have no political influence. But the editor is of the opinion that the times have merely changed. The press still exerts a great influence on the public mind, but now it works in a different, and we will hazard, a more beneficial way.

Unscrupulous editors have abused the power of the press. They have used newspapers as clubs, as weapons to win their own personal ends. And so today people do not like to be told how to vote. But the well edited newspaper still influences the minds of its readers.

It gives this great American public, on which our government rests, full information about laws, proposed measures, and issues. It no longer shouts loudest at campaign time. But months before the torch light parades and political rallies, it gives its readers the knowledge which governs them later in casting their votes.

It works to set up standards of public honesty, and good citizenship. It enlightens its readers on sound economic and social principles. And then when election time rolls around, it need

not indulge in personal vituperation, in telling its readers how they must vote.

Its editors need merely sit back, watch, and say "We have done our part in this campaign. We have created in the minds of our readers a common body of ideas on what is best for our community, our state, and our nation. Now it is up to them to choose those candidates whom they feel will live up to these standards best."

We want your eggs. G. M. Sharp. 27c2

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iams (page 26 of Voice).
Song; Prayer.
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Reading, by Mrs. Harrell (page
23 of Voice).
Leaflet, by Mrs. Vaughn.
Discussion on Fellowship lead
by Mrs. Sanders (page 26 of
Voice).
Why we must go forward, by
Mrs. Geo. Brown. Committee.

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**SOLON WOULD CALL HALT
ON REMISSION OF TAXES**

McFARLANE SHOWS PROPERTY
WORTH \$200,000,000 NOT
TAXED NOW.

Austin.—That the legislature should call a halt on the passage of bills releasing counties of the state from the payment of state taxes ranging from periods of 10 to 25 years, in the opinion of Representative McFarlane of Graham, who has prepared statistics showing that property valued at approximately \$700,000,000, of which the state is losing and will lose by tax exemptions nearly \$700,000.

The following is a list of the counties that are now exempted from the payment of state ad valorem taxes for various reasons, also the taxable values and the amount of the tax exemption.

	Value	Tax Exmpt
Brooks	4,467,823	15,640
Duval	7,677,675	22,854
Jim Hogg	2,876,206	10,000
Jim Wells	7,967,196	27,885
Klerberg	7,670,534	26,846
Nueces	20,217,329	67,760
Willacy	5,554,671	18,356
Galveston	56,246,374	190,908
Hidalgo	30,117,654	105,412
Matagorda	20,007,880	60,363
Wharton	15,540,090	54,390
Aransas	2,614,985	9,152
Calhoun	4,682,986	16,287
San Patricio	9,755,265	31,148

Total \$195,085,918 173,196

McFarlane stated that these totals did not include proposals now before the legislature to also exempt from taxation for a long period of years of the city of Freeport, the counties of Cameron and Brazos. Passage of the Cameron county bill would mean the remission of \$100,000 in taxes while exemption of Brazos county would mean about \$80,000.

"The people back home should know about this," said McFarlane, "so they could advise their representatives."

**BUS CARRIER BILL
KILLED IN THE HOUSE**

Claims Measure Would Create Monopoly for Established Concerns.

Austin.—The important common carrier bus bill, to place automobile bus lines under regulation of the state railroad commission was killed in the house by striking out the enactment clause 72 to 42.

This was considered one of the most important measures before the legislature, as it had been agitated throughout the state and discussed for weeks before the legislature convened. Regulation of the bus lines as common carriers had been demanded in some form by many organizations and lawmakers, and even by some of the established bus lines.

The argument against the measure was that it would create a monopoly of established companies and that it was incompatible with the functions of the railroad commission, whose duties are to regulate road rates.

May Get Out of Politics.

Austin.—Representative T. K. Irwin of Dallas, leader in the prison investigation, announced that with but one exception, after the present session of the legislature, he would retire from politics. "What's the exception?" he was asked. "I intend to stay in politics until the legislature cleans up the prison system and any other state department that needs attention," he said. "If the Thirty-ninth legislature does the job, I will retire, and will devote my time to my personal affairs, but if it does not, I intend to again run for the legislature, and stay in the race until the cleanup is achieved."

Uniforms for Road Officers.

Austin.—Representative Williamson of San Antonio, obtained final passage, under suspension of the rule of his bill requiring traffic officers in cities or on highways to wear uniforms and badges so that the people may know who they are. "The bill is to protect the public so we may know whether we are being arrested for violation of the speed laws," said Williamson, "or being held up by hijackers."

Holderness Appointed.

Austin, Texas.—C. O. Austin of Dallas, State Bank Commissioner, announces appointment of C. N. Holderness of Greenville, departmental examiner and office deputy. Mr. Holderness was an examiner when Mr. Austin was Banking Commissioner under the administration of former Governor James E. Ferguson.

Labor Pays Its Respect.

Austin, Texas.—Organized labor paid its respects to Governor Miriam A. Ferguson recently when its legislative representatives called at the executive office in a body and had a brief conference with the Governor, who was assisted by her husband, James E. Ferguson. No business matters were discussed, and the representatives paid only a social call. It was the first meeting of Governor Ferguson with the labor representatives.

C.C. SHARP, FATHER OF G.M. AND J. P. SHARP, SUCCUMBS

Messrs. G. M. and J. P. Sharp, with other members of their family, returned last week from Stephenville, where they had been called to attend the funeral of their father, Captain C. C. Sharp, who at the time of his death was eighty-five years, one month and 20 days old.

The deceased, who was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, December 27, 1839, had since 1876 been a useful, upright and prominent citizen of Erath county; in fact one of those sturdy pioneer citizens who did much in blazing the way of civilization and progress in this our great state.

He had been twice married, and to the first marriage there was born five children, four of whom survive him as follows: G. M. and J. P. Sharp of this city, Edward Sharp of Eckkaby, and Mrs. Johnson Campion of Stephenville.

After a prolonged illness of several weeks, the aged man was called by his Lord on February 17th, burial taking place on the following day in the family cemetery, conducted by the Rev. R. L. Smallwood, Baptist minister, the deceased having been a devoted member of that faith for more than fifty years.

Besides the sons and daughter mentioned above, with other relatives, there is left to mourn his departure a beloved and faithful wife, who is also quite aged, and who returned to this city where her sons, Messrs. G. M. and J. P. Sharp, with whom she will make her future home. To his loving companion and all other devoted relatives of Captain Sharp this paper joins many friends in extending deepest sympathy during this their saddest hour of bereavement.

BLACKSMITH NOTICE

To my friends and former patrons and the public, I wish to announce that I have again opened my Blacksmith Shop on Kent street, and will appreciate a share of your patronage. I have just installed a fine new and up-to-date set of tools and am prepared to give you first class work. Also have a good supply of the best steel and can make your automobile springs, etc. Come in and give us a trial.
GEO. BROWN: 27t2

NOTICE—I am still buying cream on Saturdays. Price is still 31c. T. L. Hamblett. 1tp

Mrs. J. L. Banner left first of the week for a visit to her daughter in San Angelo, and while it is quite a job, the editor and a number of other friends of "Uncle Jake" have agreed to look after him, and, if possible, keep the young man in the "straight and narrow way" during the absence of Mrs. Banner.

Specials for Saturday and all next week.

One lot dresses, values up to \$15.00
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Good Grade 36 in. Sea Island domestic
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NUBIA MAN, 84, PASSES INTO HIS ETERNITY

On last Sunday, February 22, at his home in the Nubia community, Francis Marion Dudley, aged 84 years, eight months and eighteen days, answered the call of his heavenly Father, and his soul took its flight to that home in Heaven, where in eternal peace it will rest throughout all eternity.

Mr. Dudley was born in Dixon county, Tennessee, June 4, 1840, but had been a citizen of this part of the country for many years.

During the war between the states, he served faithfully and honestly the cause of the South for four long years. In June 1868 he was married to Miss Mary Jane Forrester, and to this happy union were born nine children, seven of whom survive him. And besides the children mentioned, he is also survived by his aged and loving companion and a host of good friends.

His remains were laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery, this city, on Tuesday, with Eld. W. G. Cypert officiating. This paper joins many friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman have sold their home in this city to Mr. R. Hampton, of Clyde, and purchased from him his farm near that city. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman left first of the week for Clyde where they will make their home. Mr. Hampton and family have moved to their home in this city, where they will reside in the future. We regret to lose from among our citizenship such a splendid people as Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, however, we are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Hampton again citizens of the town, they having made Merkel their home several years ago.

Mr. I. D. Walton left first of the week for Goree, where he went to attend the bedside of a son who was quite ill.

WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS

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

Buy your chops, bran and shorts at G. M. Sharp's. 27t2

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money. tf

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington returned first of the week from a ten days visit with relatives at Mt. Vernon.

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Of the new Merkel Headquarters of the
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Manager
Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock, February 28

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An Event of Interest For Early Spring Wearing STREET FROCKS

The opening of a new store is always of interest to the members of any community—but we believe it is especially interesting when the new store brings back an old friend and associate—one who knows the good people of Merkel and surrounding territory, their Needs, Wants and Desires.

That is just what we are going to do on the 28th day of February. Mr. Jud Sheppard, who has lived in Merkel for many years, will take charge of this newly equipped—completely stocked Dry Goods and Ready-to-Wear center of the Jones Dry Goods organization.

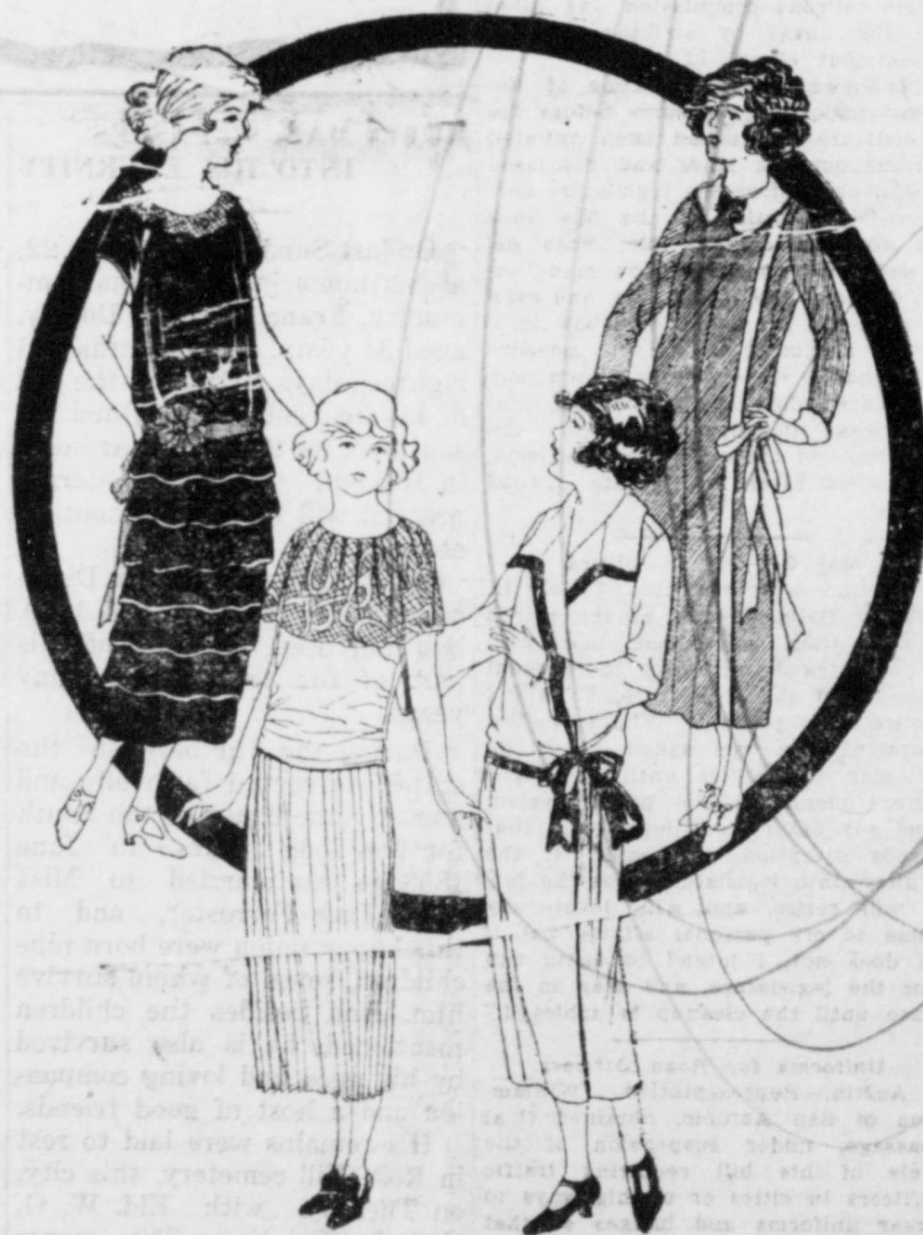
He has just been to market with the managers of our other stores and we can hardly wait to have you see the extensive assortment of smart, up-to-the-minute Apparel for Ladies, Misses and Children, Millinery, Men's and Boys' Furnishings and Dry Goods we procured to meet your demands of the coming season.

EVERYTHING—just as you would wish to have it, will be found right here in this store and we can assure you our PRICES will be right. Naturally, the united purchases of thirteen stores give us a tremendous buying-power—and, consequently, we are going to PASS ON TO YOU the savings this advantage makes possible for us.

Many years of experience in merchandising has taught us how to buy judiciously and it will be our aim to give you "Quality at a Price." However, we hope you will offer suggestions for bettering this store—let us know if there is something you would like to have—some special service we might render. We shall be glad to do your bidding. This is to be YOUR STORE and we hope you will look upon it as YOUR HEADQUARTERS for everything you need in our line.

WE ARE HERE TO STAY AND WANT YOUR BUSINESS. WE BELIEVE IN SMALL PROFITS AND QUICK TURNS. FAIR DEALINGS AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT GUARANTEED.

JUD SHEPPARD, MANAGER



That you may know the quality of merchandise we are going to handle we herewith quote you a few of the lines we have secured, which, we think are the best in the country. New York has always been considered by far the greatest ready-to-wear market in the United States. We have the following lines for your inspection:—

Max Wiesen & Co., Ladies Dresses; Joseph Rosenberg & Co., Ladies Dresses; The Fair Waist and Dress Co., Ladies Dresses; H. B. Ruben & Co., Ladies Coats; Eisenberg & Freidman, Ladies Coats; Silver & Goldstein, Ladies Coats.

In Men's Wear--

We have E. & W. Shirts, Arrow Collars, John B. Stetson Hats, Big Buck work shirts, Hawk Brand Overalls and work pants.



In Hosiery--

We have, Cinderella hosiery, Canary guaranteed silk hose at \$1.39, Bear Skin and Topsy Hosiery for Children.



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A VIGOROUS BODY
A sovereign remedy for sick headache,
constipation,
Tutt's Pills

The BULL'S EYE



LOOKING at this Bull's picture here just reminds me of the Cattle Business, of which I am still in, in a small way.

Stock on the Exchange in Wall Street was never higher, Stock on a Ranch was never lower.

If a cattleman sold a Steer and they would let him weigh all the mortgages that was on the Steer with him, he would weigh 50 pounds heavier.

One Tenderloin Steak at a Hotel brings more than a Steer.

A quart of milk brings more than the Cow.

A Texas Long Horn brings \$20 and one pair of Horn-rimmed glasses \$25.

A Calf sells for \$10 and its brains sell for \$20.

The hide of a Cow brings \$1 and one pair of shoes \$18.

Two sacks of 'Bull' Durham is worth more than the Bull.

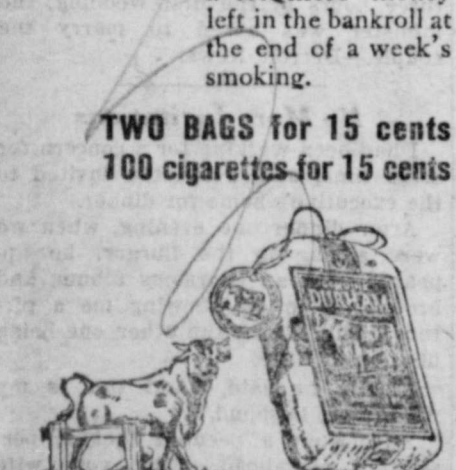
The only way to be in the Cattle business is with a picture of one.

Will Rogers

P. S. I'm going to write some more pieces that will appear in this paper. Keep looking for them.

MORE OF EVERYTHING
for a lot less money.
That's the net of this
'Bull' Durham proposition. More flavor,
more enjoyment and
a lot more money
left in the bankroll at
the end of a week's
smoking.

TWO BAGS for 15 cents
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Columbian Wyandotte Eggs,
from exhibition stock, \$3.00 for
15. \$5.00 for 30 eggs. John R.
West, at West Co. 20t4pd

FOR SALE—A player piano, in
fine condition. Would sell or
trade. See W. A. Howard, Mer-
kel, Texas. 20t2pd

FOR SALE—Have some good
gin-run Kasch Cotton Seed for
planting at \$1.00 per bushel. W.
A. Campbell, Rt. 5. 13t4

Half and half Cotton Seed. Pure,
first year seed from originator
in Georgia. Write for circular
and price list. I guarantee 1,100
pounds seed cotton to make 500
pound bale. Address ED TAY-
LOR, Queen City, Texas. 1Apr

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plants. Best early varieties. 400,
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paid. Prompt shipment and sat-
isfaction guaranteed. TEXAS
PLANT FARM, Mart, Tex. 16t8

FOR SALE—A few shoats that
weigh about 100 pounds each.
See Sam Butman. 1t

FOR SALE—S. C. Rhode Island
Red Eggs. 15 eggs for 50c. Mrs.
E. F. Vantress, Hawley, Texas,
Route two, 5 miles northeast of
Stith. 27t3pd

FOR SALE—Four Hayes de-
mountable wheels and five rims
for Ford car, price \$17.50. Will
throw in four used tires and
tubes for good measure. —West
Company. 1t

FOR SALE—One Case single-
row Planter. Also 100 bushels
Kasch Cotton Seed and two fresh
Jersey cows. See A. B. Cranston,
Merkel, Route one. 27t2p

FOR SALE—Earle P. Adams
strain Rhode Island Red Eggs
50c setting. Mrs. E. M. Dean,
phone 9010. 1tp

FOR RENT
FOR RENT—A 4-room house on
the south side, close in. S.F.
Haynes, phone 24. 1tp

FOR RENT—The W. L. Diltz
residence. See W. L. Diltz, Jr., at
the State Bank or W. L. Diltz,
Senior. tf

FOR RENT—My home on Oak
street, Merkel. For particulars,
address L. B. Howard, Hamlin,
Texas. 20t2

WANTED
WANTED—Men to grub 100
acres of mesquite land. A. B.
Cranston, Merkel, route 1. 27t2p

WANTED—Some hands to do
some grubbing. See Sam But-
man for particulars. tf

I want partner who wishes to
build 5-room bungalow from car
of lumber. Lee D. Williams. tf

LOST
LOST—Number plate 460-521
off of car. Finder please return
to Merkel Mail office. 1t

CARD OF THANKS
Words will not express our
thanks and appreciation for the
loving kindness shown us during
the sickness and death of our
loving husband, father and brother.
We wish to thank the friends
and neighbors who so kindly
assisted us, also the Junior
class of the High School, and
the Altman class for their
tributes.
May God's richest Blessings
rest on each and every one.
Mrs. W. L. Johnson and children
Mrs. H. B. Young, G. R. Johnson.

W. O. Boney can make you a
loan from 5 years to 30 years at
6% interest. tf

**INTRODUCTION OF
BILLS STARTED IN
THE HOUSE**

**COMMITTEES WILL BE APPOINTED
BY SPEAKER SATTER-
WHITE.**

Austin, Texas.—With the organiza-
tion of the house, including the elec-
tion of the house officials, introduc-
tion of bills is in progress.
All committees will be appointed
by the speaker at once.

A record-breaking fight for the
speakership was staged with Repre-
sentative Lee Satterwhite of Pan-
handle receiving the honor over Repre-
sentative T. K. Irwin of Dallas and
Representative J. W. Hall of Hous-
ton. Six ballots were necessary be-
fore Mr. Satterwhite received the
majority necessary.

The officers elected are as follows:
Carl A. Phinney, Brownwood, chief
clerk; Joe White, San Antonio, ser-
geant at arms; Hal Bourland, read-
ing clerk; N. A. Gordon, Fort
Worth, assistant reading clerk; Mrs.
Ida C. Ewing, Austin, enrolling
clerk; Mrs. Bess Odell Strong, Aus-
tin, engrossing clerk; W. M. Dickin-
son, Austin, doorkeeper; M. G. Jack-
son, Eastland, assistant doorkeeper,
and the Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Austin,
chaplain.

Following are the first six bills in-
troduced in the Thirty-Ninth legisla-
ture:

Senate Bill 1—David; appropriat-
ing \$125,000 for mileage and per diem
expense of members of the legisla-
ture and salaries of officers and em-
ployees.

Senate Bill 2—Davis; appropriating
\$0,000 to pay the contingent ex-
penses of the regular session of the
Thirty-Ninth legislature.

Senate Bill 3—Wood; providing
for protection of fish and all aquatic
life of Texas streams and that part
of the Gulf of Mexico under State
jurisdiction, also for the require-
ments of an angler's license.

Senate Bill 4—Wood; providing for
protection of wild game and fowl of
Texas and for the appointment of
a deputy game and oyster commis-
sioner.

Senate Bill 5—Murphy; for mak-
ing an appropriation for the State's
portion of compensation to be paid
by the State and the federal govern-
ment, to owners of live stock de-
stroyed in the foot and mouth disease
plague.

Senate Bill 6—Pollard; making it
felony for use of false statements
in writing respecting the financial
condition or means to pay for the
purpose of obtaining money, prop-
erty or credit or in making accept-
ance, discount, sale or indorsement
of a bill of exchange or a promissory
note amounting to more than \$50.

**SENATE COMMITTEES
WILL BE PRO-FERGUSON**

The Important Committee on Nom-
inations by the Governor is Headed
by Senator True Strong.

Austin, Texas.—Analysis of Senate
committee assignments, announced by
Lieut. Gov. T. W. Davidson following
conference with Barry Miller, lieuten-
ant governor-elect, indicate that
they are strongly pro-Ferguson.

The important committee on nom-
inations by the governor is headed
by Senator True Strong of Dallas,
an East Texas anti-Klan, pro-Fer-
guson member. He is counted a strong
Ferguson man. On this committee is
the only Republican member of the
senate, Julius Reel of Kerrville.

Governor Neff's recess appointees
as well as Mrs. Ferguson's appointees
must go before this committee for
approval before they get confirma-
tion by the senate. This committee
considers the evidence and reports
its recommendation to the senate on
the question of all the governor's
appointments. The ticklish question
of whether some of Governor Neff's
appointments shall stand in the face
of other appointments to the body
which is considered entirely Fergu-
son.

Austin, Texas.—"Hot" checks, the
little orders to pay that come back
marked "NSF," will come under fire
in the Thirty-Ninth Legislature. A
law to punish severely the giving of
such checks will be introduced by
Senator Jesse R. Smith of Brecken-
ridge.

Austin, Texas.—H. M. Hargrove of
Beaumont has been appointed by
Governor Neff as a member of the
board of directors of the Texas Tech-
nological College, to fill the vacancy
caused by the recent resignation of
former Gov. W. P. Hobby of Beau-
mont.

Granbury Speaker's Secretary.
Austin, Texas.—Read Granbury of
Austin, who has been an employe of
the House in some capacity for the
last nine Legislatures, was assured
of his place as parliamentary secre-
tary to the speaker no matter who
would have the speakership contest.
All three of the candidates spoke for
the services of the young man many
weeks before the race was decided.
He is the finest parliamentarian that
has ever sat at a reading officer
in a Texas Legislature. 27t2p

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When you think of a refrigerator, remem-
ber, the Automatic is the best. We can
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your Automatic now and get just the size
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results in diseases of the stom-
ach, liver, bowels, blood, skin,
nerves, heart, kidneys, bladder,
bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs,
rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers
and rectal ailments.

Below are the names of a few
of his many satisfied patients
in Texas.

A. Zinke, Roscoe, Texas, gall
bladder trouble.
C. A. Kuykendall, Leonard,
Texas, ulcer of the stomach.
Ben Kubena, East Bernard,
Texas, catarrh.
Mrs. J. D. Ward, Hugo, Okla.,
bowel trouble.
R. A. Schumann, New Braun-
fels, headaches.
Mrs. Henry Lippe, McGregor,
Texas, varicose ulcer.
Mrs. H. D. Brown, Burkbur-
nett, Texas, high blood pressure
and nerve trouble.

Remember above date, that
consultation on this trip will be
free and that his treatment is
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CARD OF THANKS

To our many friends and
neighbors who so kindly render-
ed assistance following the un-
timely death of our mother, Mrs.
M. J. Lowe, on last Sunday morn-
ing, we take this method of ex-
tending heartfelt thanks and ap-
preciation for every kindness
and favor shown and sincerely
trust that the richest of bless-
ings may abide with each and
every one. Mr. and Mrs. W. E.
Lowe and other relatives. 1t

CITY FURNITURE Co. buys,
sells and exchanges new and
second-hand furniture. Large
shipment of dishes, rugs and
army goods. Joe Garland, Prop.
Across from Post Office. tf

**WHOLE BODY SEEMED
IN ONE AWFUL PAIN**

Morse, La.—Mrs. L. P. Lam-
bert, who has been a popular
school-teacher here for several
years, recently told a visitor of
her interesting experiences with
Cardui.

"Just before my . . . came
on," said Mrs. Lambert, "I would
ache all over. My feet, my toes,
my arms, hands, head—my whole
body seemed to be in one awful
pain. I would grow so nervous
that I could not hold a cup in my
hand. My husband would have
to hold my coffee for me to
drink. Last fall I was in such a
bad condition that I had to spend
about three days in bed every
month. It seemed to me that I
was on my last go-round."

Then one day, said Mrs. Lam-
bert, she happened to read about
Cardui and the experiences of
some women who had been
helped by it. "I felt that Cardui
might help me if I tried it," she

continued, "for I had been suffer-
ing with similar troubles to
those mentioned there. I had
heard of Cardui all my life and
I knew many women who said
they had been helped by it. The
very next day I began to take it.
Very soon after, I began to
notice my improvement. I kept
on till I felt like a different
woman. I gained in weight from
98 pounds to 115 and felt better
than I had in years. I took six
bottles right along and found it
a splendid tonic. My suffering
was partly due to a run-down
condition and the Cardui stimu-
lated my appetite and helped me
to gain the strength I needed.
. . . I take a bottle every now
and then, even now, just as a
tonic to keep up my strength,
but I am in better health than
I have been in for years."
All druggists sell Cardui. Try
it.

BISHOP MADE CHIEF OF AFRICAN TRIBE

High Honor Conferred on Missionary-Explorer.

Bishop Overs of Liberia, who, as a young missionary explorer entered African forests where the face of a white man had never before been seen, and for 30 years braved the perils and hardships of life among the savages, while a guest at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, recently related the story of how he was once made a chieftain by a tribe of Africans, says the New York Times.

"Few white men in all time have experienced the ceremony and received the honor of African chieftainship," said Bishop Overs. "Henry M. Stanley, the great explorer, was made an African chief, and a member of the British parliament was made a chief, because of what he had done for the African in England. But certainly I never anticipated that the honor would come to me.

"One morning I received a call from the king to appear before the council of chiefs. When I went to answer the call I found the king seated on his throne dressed in his gaudiest costume, and the chiefs around also in gala attire.

"I was taken to a box in front of the throne. The king then told me how much the chiefs and the people appreciated what we had done for them, and the only thing in the way of reward that they could give me was the honor of chieftainship. They told me that if I would express my willingness to be made a chief they would confer this honor upon me.

"I had not the slightest idea of what it means to be an African chief or of the ceremonies through which I would have to pass, but I determined that as I had taken so many chances in Africa, and had come through all right, I would accept the offer.

"One of the ceremonies through which I passed was the ceremony of blood brotherhood. Blood was taken from my arm and also from the arm of the king. In a most impressive manner and with much ritualistic ceremony the blood was mixed, and thus the white man was made a blood brother to the African.

"In another ceremony the green liquid from an herb was sprinkled on the head and face of the king and each chief, and was then sprinkled over my head and face. The king explained that this green liquid was known for its healing qualities and said that its use was to impress the white man that as a chief he must always be a healer of wounds and a settler of disputes.

"After various other symbolic ceremonies a scarf, stamped with the mixed blood of the king and the white man and sprinkled with the liquids they had used in the various ceremonies, was placed upon my head and finally taken off and placed on my left shoulder, where it is always worn by the chiefs.

"So I was made chief of the tribe and, as such, a man of power among them. I was listened to with a great deal more deference when I preached a sermon, or addressed a meeting or sat as a chief in council. I took advantage of every opportunity in bringing all the tribe in touch with the higher things of life."

Many Cows in Cities

We have all come to believe that the cows are all in the country and that they have no city cousins, in spite of the fact that any day Washingtonians can see one of the finest herds of Holsteins in the world grazing in the Soldiers' Home pastures, says the Washington Star. As a matter of fact, there are 1,200,000 "city" cows in the United States, as against 25,556,000 "country" cows, according to a survey by the United States Department of Agriculture. The combined production of the "city" cows and the "country" cows in the United States last year was 110,000,000,000 pounds of whole milk, or an average production a cow of 4,230 pounds. The effect of city life on the producing capacity of a cow is not shown.

Requirements for Culture

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, outlined five traits that distinguish a man of culture. They are, in condensed version: Correct use of the mother tongue; refined and gentle manners; sound standards of appreciation of beauty; power and habit of reflection and efficiency; and the power to do. To these requirements for the cultured man, an European woman educator has added, to make the "complete woman," the following: Cultivation of a lively imagination, untiring energy and wholehearted devotion to an ideal, idea or a person.

Service Without Blemish

Manuel Astorga Y. Soperinas, chief of the claims department of the United Railways of Havana, recently completed 30 years of service with the company without being absent a single day. As a reward, three months' leave with pay was granted him, and he and his wife have gone to England to place their son in school. Senor Astorga, a Cuban, started in March, 1884, as a clerk when fourteen years old. He will be pensioned when he becomes fifty years of age.

This Parrot a Songster

A parrot, belonging to Mrs. C. H. Williams of San Antonio, Texas, sings the complete choruses of both "Tipperary" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold." For variation he whistles the tunes after singing the words.

Bragg Dry Goods Co.

—THE FRIENDLY STORE—

Friendliness is one of the ideals of our store. Our efforts to please you go back beyond the time in which your actual purchase is made. We are thinking of your needs when we buy the goods you find in our store. Then when you come in to buy, we try to carry this friendly spirit into the actual selling of each item. We want you to think of us as the friendly store and know that you are always welcome.

Our Extra Special Prices for Saturday will be on New Spring Coats and Hats

Fifty more hats came this week and are on sale at \$4.95

Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Health of this community is very good at present.

The farmers are all busy putting up their land.

Bro. Ledger filled his regular appointment at this place last Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Lois Barnett is visiting her brother, Harry, at Lamesa.

Miss Ruby Skidmore entertained a number of her friends Saturday afternoon with a birthday party.

Messrs. Willie and Leo Harris spent Saturday night with Charlie and Willie Blackwell.

Mr. Alva Barbee of Stanton spent the week-end visiting with friends here.

Mr. James Harris, Robert and Lillie Davis, Jewell and Pearl Skidmore motored to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Earthman of Merkel has a music class in this community which she teaches every Tuesday at Mrs. Clark's and on Saturdays at her home.

Miss Jewell Skidmore who underwent an operation about a month ago, will not attend school any more this term.

The Kale basketball teams of girls and boys went to Blair to play ball last Friday. The score of the girls was 9 to 3 in favor of Blair. The boys played I. X. L. and the score was 30 to 19 in favor of Kale. Sunflower.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

Send to the Laundry and be convinced. Regular family washing. Everything included except stiff collars, silk and woolen goods at ten pounds for one dollar. Phone 218. Alfred H. Ligon.

Senior League Program

Subject: "The Cost of Friendship."

Leader, Miss Williamson. Song. Scripture: 1 Sam. 20:14-16, 17. 2 Sam. 1:26; John 15:13-15. Prayer. Song.

The Friendship between David and Jonathan, by leader. The Friendship of the young, Adrian Rea.

The Bases of Friendship, Julia Martin. True Friends, Loring Hamblett. A higher Friendship, Miss Pierce. Business; League benediction.

Mr. C. F. Curb has been appointed to assess taxes in this part of the county by Mrs. Florence Vance, County Tax Assessor, and he is now busy doing same. Mr. Curb is well qualified and the appointment is indeed a good one.

Baptist Sunday School Notes

We now have our 1925 pennant. Everything is set for doing good work for the Lord through the Sunday School in 1925.

Our average attendance has been good since the first of the year, but if we all work we can make it better.

Let us make next Sunday a banner day. Every body come and bring some one with you. You will feel good after being in one of the classes, and then when that is over one of the best quarters in the state will sing for us. You can't afford to miss hearing these fellows sing.

Everybody welcome. Sunday School starts promptly at 10:00 o'clock. Bill Haynes, Supt.

Houston Parker of Stanton was here last week the guest of his sister, Mrs. Leonard Abernathy and other relatives.

Remember!! 2 Days Only (Friday and Saturday)

"MENS SILK SOX"

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Friday & Saturday 55c pair

"VIOLET TALC POWDER"

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REPORT FINDING OF MAYAN THRONE ROOM

Excavators Uncover Royal Relic in Buried City.

Advices received at Washington from the archeological expedition of the Carnegie institute to Yucatan say that the excavators at work on the ruins of Chicken Itza have penetrated to the throne of the king, perhaps the most magnificent spot within the columns of the buried chief city of the prehistoric Mayan empire.

The throne is a magnificent affair, thirteen feet wide, seven feet deep and three feet high. On the sloping sides are carved elaborately costumed warriors, weaving in and out among which are serpents, sacred to Kukulkan, principal god of the Itza. The throne was painted in deep red, warm yellow, brilliant blue and green.

The throne and council chamber were found in the northeast colonnade of the buried city. The excavators were guided in their work by four sculptured columns, the rest of the 48 which compose this colonnade being plain. The walls and plain columns were painted with frescoes in bright colors, now almost entirely destroyed. The floors were of hard lime plaster, painted a rich red. Around the back and side walls runs a deep, broad bench with sloping back, where perhaps the Itzas dignitaries, priests and councilors sat in solemn deliberation with the king seated on his throne.

Another very important discovery has been the outer wall of the colonnade with its sculptural decorations uninjured, in position at the southwest corner. This shows the original height of the building to have been 19 1/2 feet. Around the top of the building there had been a sculptured cornice. Below this there were two great, grotesque human heads with square eye sockets, curling noses, filed teeth set in grinning mouths, and square earrings. These are representations of none less than Kukulkan himself. Below is another cornice.

Life in Chicken Itza, however, was not entirely one of grotesque reverence to Kukulkan. The Carnegie institute excavators announce the uncovering of a ball court just north of the throne location in which a game similar to the American basketball was played. The game, which was introduced by the Toltec-Aztec conquerors of the city, had for its object the driving of a solid rubber ball through a ring fastened in the side of the wall. The court just uncovered is the third to be discovered in the "New" Mayan empire.

The game was known as "tlachtli." The hole through the ring being perpendicular to the wall, it was necessary to stand very close to the wall and throw the ball practically parallel to the axis of the wall. The ball would not be thrown directly with the hand, but had to be struck with the elbow, wrist or hip. The players wore leather pads on these parts to make the rubber ball bound from them more easily.

The winning shot was so difficult and so seldom made, that, according to another rule of the game, the lucky player had forfeited to him all the toting of the spectators.

At the court of Montezuma, where the game first was witnessed by the Spaniards, high stakes were wagered on the game by the Aztec nobles—quills filled with gold dust, estates, even liberty, the bettors becoming slaves if they lost. It is notable that from the balls used in this game the Spaniards gained their first conception of rubber.

The excavating work has been brought to an end for the year, due to the rainy season, which prevents any operations for the greater part of the time.

An Example

A Methodist minister on Michigan avenue presents a concrete example of the contagion of marriage. He tells of a couple last week who decided to become married after they had seen a wedding party emerge from his church. They were walking along the street, the minister says, and were watching the members of the party leaving the church. A hasty consultation was held, a marriage license was obtained an hour later, and within three hours of the first wedding, the minister was asked to marry the couple.—Detroit News.

No More Invitations

I had been working for a concern for some time, and was often invited to the executive's home for dinner.

After dinner one evening, when we were sitting in the library, he appeared with an enormous album, and brought it to me showing me a picture of his sister, the other one being his Cousin Kate.

Finally he said, "And this is my wife's first husband."

"My, what a peculiar looking person!" I exclaimed. "But your wife never mentioned being married before."

"No!" he replied, "I happen to be her first husband."—Chicago Tribune

Happy Thought

Even out in the shadows of Universal City, people do have the measles, and of course, Harriet didn't escape. But even sickness has its compensations, as on the night when her mother crept to the bedside and whispered: "Are you asleep, Harriet?"

"Yes," said Harriet, "I'm asleep, and the doctor said particularly that I wasn't to be waked up to have my medicine."—Los Angeles Times.