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HOME TALENT PLAY AT TRENT ON 10TH

The Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church, South, of Trent, Texas, will give a play entitled, "The Old Fashioned Mother," at the High School Auditorium on Friday evening, April 10th.

The play is a parody of a mother's love, in three acts, and special music by the McMurry College quartet will be the feature attraction.

Synopsis.

A synopsis of the play follows. Act I.—The Good Samaritan. Aunt Debby's farmhouse in late March. The Widder rehearses the village choir. Sukey in trouble with the old gray tabby cat.

Lowizy Custard reads her original poetry and Jerry Gosling drops in to see if there are to be any refreshments. Lowizy and Jonah pass the fainting tramp by the wayside and Deborah rebukes them with the parable of the Good Samaritan. The tramp gives a story of downfall due to drink. John, Deborah's youngest son, profits by the tramp's experience. John arrested.

Act II. A Mother's Love. The same scene but 3 years later, a wintry afternoon. Jerry's engagement ring. Deborah longs for news from John, the boy who was taken away. The Widder gossips. Lowizy is disappointed in Brother Guggs and decides to set her cap for Jonah. Deborah mortgages the old home for Charley and Isabel. The sleighing party. The face at the window. Enoch and John.

Act III.—The Prodigal Son. Two years later. Deborah bids farewell to the old home before she goes over the hills to the poorhouse. The bitterest cup—a pauper. Gloriana and the baby. Jerry's presents. The Sheriff comes to take Aunt Deb over the hills. The return of the prodigal son. Jerry gets excited and yells. The joy and happiness of Deborah. "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land."

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt spent last Sunday in Abilene the guests of relatives.

HE WAS SOME STEER

A good friend of Mr. Edd Criswell, one among the good citizens of the Noodle Community, says that the latter gentleman can tell the biggest story about the biggest steer that ever trod the soil, and since that gentleman was born and reared in this great country, worldwide known for the raising of big, fine cattle, he ought to know whereof he speaks. The story is said to be somewhat as follows:

"About forty years ago I came in contact with a large steer, (said Criswell) his horns measured at least 20 feet from tip to tip, and it was with much effort and desperate struggle that we tied him to a large mesquite tree, with a big rope and log chain. And then the next morning we were dumfounded to find that the steer had pulled up the tree and had escaped, taking with him one-half mile of three-wire fence the distance of three miles.

"The steer has not been seen nor heard of since that time," said Criswell. "He must have been some steer" quered our informant.

THREE NEW BRICKS ARE NOW GOING UP

The brick work on the fifty by eighty foot brick building which is being erected on east front street by Mr. W. T. Daniels is about completed, and will be ready for occupancy within a short time.

This is going to be a very handsome and modern building and will add to the appearance of Front street very materially, as well as to our city. Mr. Daniels informs us that he has two of the buildings into which the large building is divided already rented and expects to close contract soon for the other.

There is also talk of some four or five other new brick buildings to go up in Merkel soon, as well as many new and modern bungalow homes.

TO THE VOTERS AND CITIZENS OF MERKEL

Having been brought into the Mayor's race, and having lived here for the past twenty years, it is needless for me to make a personal canvass and solicit your vote from an individual standpoint, knowing already that you possibly know me personally and politically; I take this method of asking you personally and individually to vote for me for Mayor of Merkel.

I understand that some Ungrateful, Ignorant Whelp has been norating a Rumor that I did not want a "Certain Class of Votes," which I here and now renounce as a Most Unmitigated Falsehood, and told for the purpose of Prejudicing this vote against me, and I beg pardon for having paid any attention to said Rumor.

I do not wish to detract one single vote from my opponent; but if you feel inclined to vote for him, I assure you that I shall not feel the least bit out of humor toward you for so doing.

Now in conclusion, I wish to say that we need in Merkel "A United Effort on the part of Citizens and City Officials" to Harmonize the citizenship and I assure you that if elected it will be my one purpose to bring together the warring factions and to keep in tact and make more efficient the work which has been undertaken by the present administration.

I hope that you will not think that I am begging your suffrage, but merely taking this method of soliciting your suffrage, feeling that it would embarrass you and me for me having been here so long to undertake a house to house campaign.

Thanking you in advance for anything that you may do for me, I am Very respectfully,
N. D. COBB.
(Political Advertising It)

It will pay you to read Mims' advertisement on page three, the right hand corner. Don't overlook it, if you do you'll regret it many times. 1tp

Having recently returned from my legislative duties at Austin, I take this means of informing my friends that from now on I will be found in my office regularly. E. S. CUMMINGS. 3t2pd

Mrs. J. A. Milliken visited last week with her sister, Mrs. Dewey Brown at Tuscola, Texas.

HOME TALENT PLAY AT COZY TO-NIGHT

A country boy from Splinterville as a freshman at college—that's 'Aaron Boggs, Freshman' a three-act play at the Cozy Theatre tonight, Friday, April 3rd, presented by the Baraca and Philathea classes of the First Methodist Church, South, under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy, teacher of expression in Merkel High School.

A play full of pep and interest from beginning to end, the acts, thoughts and deeds of young people enacted by young people, and presenting a moral that is adaptable to both young and old alike, a clean cut, snappy, wholesome play—that is what is offered in "Aaron Boggs, Freshman." If you like clean, wholesome drama that will make you laugh and see the brighter side of life don't miss this play tonight.

The cast and Miss Tracy have worked hard for two weeks to perfect every detail as nearly as possible, and each character has been selected for their adaptability to that particular part.

In addition, the sponsors announce that between the acts the audience will enjoy a real treat from the well-known and popular "John's Quartet," from St. Paul's Church, of Abilene.

A very small admission price has been agreed upon, as compared with other home talent plays, and no one need miss this because of price. The admission will be 35c and 50c, and there will be no reserved seats. Come early and get a good seat.

The Cast.
Aaron Boggs Cyrus Pee
Pepper Jervis, Kenneth Watkins
Beau Carter Castle Ellis
Happy Jimmie Jamieson
..... Wrenn Durham
Casey Jones Loring Hamblet
Mr. Boggs Kenneth Pee
Mr. Chubb Tom Allday
Lizzie Maud Feeny
..... Lynn Thompson
Cherry Caruthers, Ethel Wilson
Evelyn Newcome Mary Blair
Mrs. Chubb Madge Pierce
Mrs. Pickens Martha Bird
Lois Hunter Marie Williamson
Dolly Chubb Edna Watts
Loretta Rea Willie Toombs

AN INCH RAIN FALLS AT NOODLE

On Tuesday afternoon of this week the Noodle country ten miles north of here was visited by a very fine rain estimated at from one inch to one and a half inches, and covering a scope of country for several miles around, getting heavier. We are told, as it extended north along the Clear Fork. A fine rain is reported also in the Roby country. Winters is also said to have had a good rain and the Panhandle and some parts of northeast Texas have had rain.

However, the greater part of the state is still very badly in need of rain.

Mrs. S. W. Johnson and mother, Mrs. Sandefer, returned first of the week from a visit to the former's daughter, Mrs. Ernest M. Mims, at Abilene. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Mims who will spend a few days in Merkel at their guest.

Mr. Frank Smith and wife of Anson, Texas, visited in the J. F. Abernathy home last week.

START PLANS FOR COMMUNITY FAIR

The meeting last Tuesday evening of the Merkel Luncheon Club was not the largest in attendance, but was equal to any in pep and enthusiasm.

Mayor H. C. West was the able Toastmaster, and, as predicted, he brought forth one of the best most constructive programs that has ever been heard at a similar club meeting in this city.

The entertainment feature was clever, entertaining and uplifting, and, let us say here, was worth going miles to hear. The first number of the occasion was a duet by Misses Christene Collins and Melba West, with Miss Roberta Gay at the piano. This number was indeed appreciated by all.

Next, those present were highly entertained by an interesting reading by Mrs. Jas. M. Wheeler, of Abilene, a sister of our own splendid citizen Mr. Chas. H. Jones, which was also very pleasingly accepted.

At this time the Toastmaster announced that we would be favored by a quartet composed of Messrs Delma Compton, Parker Sharp, C. H. Jones and Harry Barnett. This number was indeed a real treat.

The principal topic of discussion by the club members for the evening was "Merkel's Community Fair." Besides an able address on the subject by the Mayor, talks were also made by Messrs. C. H. Jones, S. D. Gamble, R. I. Grimes, T. G. Bragg, W. O. Boney, A. T. Sheppard, Emmette Grimes, Dr. M. Armstrong and J. A. Buford, all of whom expressed the belief and desire that we can and should have a larger and better fair next fall than ever. And every one pledged himself to do all he could to help make it so. It is expected that every community in the surrounding country will be invited to look forward to and in the fall arrange a farm exhibit, and prizes will be awarded for the best community and personal exhibits.

As stated by Mr. L. R. Thompson, the able and untiring president of the Luncheon Club, it is hoped and expected that every business man and citizen who can will get in behind the movement and help to make the Fair the very best possible. And the Luncheon Club, as he further stated, is an organization for the upbuilding of all Merkel. Its efforts shall be to promote the city's welfare in a way that will redound to the good of the city as a whole; that there has never been nor will it ever be used by any one to foster private or individual interests, and therefore there is no good reason why any business man or citizen should not be in attendance at these regular meetings. As soon as the plans are fully completed for putting over our Community Fair, the Mail will publish them in detail.

OPENS NEW TIN SHOP ON KENT STREET

Mr. Archie Rose has this week opened a new and completely equipped Sheet Metal Works in the old Jobe building on Kent street, facing the J. T. Darsey Furniture store.

Mr. Rose is well known here, having been reared in Merkel, and is an experienced tinner, and will no doubt enjoy his share of the business in that line.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING FOR NOODLE

From a prominent business man of Noodle we learn that the citizens of that fine community are planning the building of another and more substantial school building in order that care may be properly taken of the ever increasing scholastic population of the community.

There is not a more fertile spot in all the country and there is not a more progressive and up-to-date citizenship to be found anywhere than the people of the Noodle community, and the better school building and better school they may build and maintain, the better the citizenship will become in the years to come, and the more fitted and prepared will be the boys and girls of that community to go out and fight the battles of life.

There is no occupation or no place in life today where there is need of education more than is needed by those engaged in the agricultural and stock raising pursuits. Let all good men and women get behind the leaders in this move in the Noodle community for a substantial school building. Make it large and in keeping with the progress of the times. You will regret it if you fail.

MISSES ROSE AND DURHAM IN RECITAL

The recital Monday evening at the Presbyterian church in which Miss Roberta Gay presented her pupil, Miss Ona Fae Rose, in piano, and Miss Lucy Tracy presented her pupil, Miss Tommie Durham, in expression, was well attended and most heartily enjoyed.

Both of the young ladies presented in the recital are very talented and showed that they had been well trained, and had spent much time working to make themselves as nearly perfect as possible in their respective talents.

Miss Ona Fae Rose is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose, and is a member of the Senior Class this year. She has been a pupil of Miss Gay for the past three years. A wonderful training was shown by the difficult pieces she played with such ease.

Miss Tommie Durham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham, and has been a pupil of Miss Tracy for the past two years. Miss Tommie showed a wonderful talent as a reader and was most graceful and poised throughout her numbers.

That the two young ladies pleased and entertained their audience was evidenced by the unusual attentiveness given each number during the evening.

Both Misses Gay and Tracy are very capable instructors in their respective work and the city of Merkel is proud to have such excellent young women to carry on the finer arts such as music and expression. And each year that they have been with our school there has been a steady growth of both departments. A good demonstration of their fine teaching was shown through the most excellent recital of their pupils Monday evening, March 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Elia Case and son, Milton, returned Monday from San Angelo, where Mrs. Case went for treatment.

ABILENE C. OF C. HAS BIG BANQUET

Messrs. L. R. Thompson, president of the Merkel Luncheon Club, Mayor Henry C. West and the writer were in attendance at the big annual banquet and meeting of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce in that city on last Monday evening. It was a grand affair, attended by some three or four hundred citizens and out of town guests, there being around one hundred of the latter from neighboring towns around Abilene for one hundred miles.

In response to the eloquent address of welcome, which was delivered by Abilene's wide-awake and efficient Mayor, the Hon. Chas. E. Coombes, Mr. Thompson of Merkel on behalf of the visitors, extended "Greetings to Abilene" in a splendid address in which he commended the citizenship of that thriving metropolis upon their progressive spirit, and by which they were rapidly building in Abilene the largest and finest city throughout Central West Texas. His speech was well received and highly appreciated by every one present.

Besides the bringing to light the wonderful growth and development of the city of Abilene, the representatives from the scores of towns for one hundred miles around also brought forth facts to show that their cities were not asleep but up and doing in becoming cities of no small proportions. And in this connection our splendid Mayor, when called upon and introduced to the large crowd of real town boosters and builders, made perhaps the greatest hit of any out-of-town speaker when in a short and spicy speech of well chosen words he told of the splendid virtues of his home town and its citizenship.

Every man, woman and child in all West Texas knows of the great "Abilene Spirit," and let us say here that every one present went away feeling certain that throughout the next year she would maintain her former progressiveness, high ideals and desires to make that city the Queen of All West Texas, as at the close of the meeting another live-wire bunch of men were elected to head the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. O. A. Pool, banker, was elected President of the organization.

HIGH SCHOOL HEARS JUDGE E. S. CUMMINGS IN CHAPEL

By invitation of the Superintendent Hon. E. S. Cummings, State Representative from Taylor county, made an appreciative and able talk to the more than 200 hundred students in the Merkel High School Monday morning of this week.

Besides his remarks along educational lines, Judge Cummings explained in detail the recent legislative enactments affecting the welfare of the schools of the state, all of which every one appreciated and highly enjoyed.

Judge Cummings, was especially active in sponsoring and helping to pass all measures having a tendency to help the schools of the state, besides making this county and state an able legislator in general.

Mr. W. B. Howard, merchant of Noodle, was here one day this week and while in the city dropped in and had the Merkel Mail sent to his address for the next year.

Plan now to enter something in Merkel Community Fair in Sept.

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PRE-EASTER SERVICE AT M. E. CHURCH

In our Pre-Easter Campaign we are depending on the Sunday School and other organizations for field work. We want this week to be a week of organized effort. The Missionary Society will have a good part in the program and the Epworth Leagues will do their part. What about YOU? The pastor will preach on the fundamentals of Religion. We want every officer and teacher of the Sunday School to be present Sunday morning. The subject for that hour will be "Turning Back at Kadesh-barnea." Come on fellow co-workers and let us get a real view of ourselves and reconsecrate for the Master's service. What do you say? Remember "Turning back at Kadesh-barnea" will be the theme and it is important that you be there. Come boost the service with your presence and remember to pray for the pastor.

"Turning Back at Kadesh-barnea" is the theme, don't forget that. It's in the Bible. It's no joke. Are you one of the number? Come out and let's see.

T. J. Rea, Pastor.

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POSTMASTER ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN POSTAL RATES

The new postal rates, affecting post cards, newspapers, third and fourth class matter, passed by the last Congress, will go into effect here and throughout the United States April 15, according to Postmaster G. E. Comegys. The new rates were added to increase the pay of postal employees. The new schedule is expected to raise a revenue of \$60,000 a year.

The rate on post cards, picture cards and reply cards is increased from one to two cents. The increase does not apply to government postal cards, but is only for private post and picture cards.

Class Rates Change

The most important changes are in the rates for third and fourth class matter. One important change in the rules was made which abolishes former distinctions between third and fourth class matter. Under the new rule anything, such as photographs, books and printed circulars are fourth class after they weigh more than eight ounces. This will mean a considerable reduction in postage in this class of mail.

The new rate is one and a half cents for each two ounces. After that parcels take the 4th class rate. The increased rate of one and a half cents does not apply to books, catalogues, seed, cuttings and bulbs.

Parcel Post Affected

No increase was made in the rate for fourth class or parcel post. Each parcel, regardless of size or weight, will be charged two cents above the regular rate of postage as a handling charge. This handling charge does not apply to parcels collected on rural routes to be delivered from the office. By adding twenty-five cents postage to the parcel the postal department will agree to handle the parcel as first class mail. This assures prompt

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Booth Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass't Cashier



EPWORTH LEAGUE GIVES PROGRAM AT ABILENE

About twenty-five members of the Sub-Senior Epworth League went to Abilene last Sunday afternoon, where they were highly entertained by the Reidenbach League of the St. Paul Methodist Church, and where they rendered a splendid program.

After arriving a merry social hour followed, in which there were games to get acquainted played and a delicious refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, olives and iced tea was served.

The Merkel League then rendered the following program, which was an excellent one and was much appreciated by the Abilene league.

1. Song. 2. Prayer. 3. Scripture Reading, "The Good Samaritan" read by Miss Eva Mae Johnson and acted out by the following boys: Robert Mayfield, Buford Smith, Ray Garrett, Comer Patterson and Lewis Giles. 4. Solo by Miss Ruth Watts. 5. Talk, "The Good Samaritan in everyday life," by Dorris Durham. 6. Quartet by Ray Garrett, Adrian Rea, Fred Giles, Buford Smith. 7. Reading, Ermalee Rea. 8. Talk, "Challenge of the Good Samaritan," by Adrian Rea.

OPTICAL NOTICE

Owing to my bad health I am forced to remain at home, not being physically able to maintain a downtown office; hence if you are in need of glasses or anything in my line, I will be glad you would call on me at my home in Bettis Heights, Merkel. DR. H. C. FLOYD. 3t2p

Mr. Joe Garland has recently purchased a residence on the North side known as the J. L. Harris place. Mr. Garland is our second-hand furniture dealer and we are glad to learn that he is thus becoming a permanent resident among us.

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Two pants with each suit.

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Only one week until easter. Now is the time to get that new suit and new straw or panama, and doll up for the Easter Parade. We have all the fixings that go with them too.

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The increase in the postage on newspapers is slight. No increase was added, except where the newspaper is sent more than 500 miles away from the place of publication. The postage is then increased 1 cent per pound over the present rate of 8c.

Insurance Rates Up

The C.O.D. fee is increased from ten to twelve cents, and the registration fee from ten to fifteen cents. Where a return receipt is requested, three cents will be charged.

Insurance rates were increased in two cases. For insurance up to \$5 in value, the rate was increased from three to five cents. The rate for \$25 value is increased from five to eight cents. No other increases were made.

GREGORY ORPHANS HOME MOVED TO ABILENE, TEX.

The Gregory Orphans Home, formerly known as the West Texas Children Orphans Home at Lubbock, is now located in Abilene at the corner of Fisher and Fifth Avenue, and the founder, Mr. W. T. Gregory, stated that by April the 15th he hopes to have the home refurnished and in readiness to take any orphan that he may be called upon to take.

Although at present the Home is located on rented property, he intends to secure 150 acres of land near Abilene where an up-to-date Home will be built soon.

Mr. Gregory is well known through East and West Texas for his service in the Salvation Army, part of this time was spent in Abilene. He stands ready at all times with his staff to go to the help of those in need.

In thanking the people for their past favors we earnestly solicit your support in the future.

Mrs. Homer Rainbolt and Mrs. Roger Beasley of Amarillo, Texas, were here last week visiting in the H. M. Rainbolt home.

THREE ARE PARDONED MAKING 23 FOR WEEK

Austin, March 29.—With the granting of three more pardons Saturday, a total of 23 have been issued by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson during the week. Since the woman Governor has been in office, a little over two months nearly 400 pardons, furloughs and restorations of citizenship have been issued.

Names of the prisoners pardoned Saturday were not disclosed, the proclamations not having been officially issued.—Star-Telegram.

At the above rate of pardoning criminals, Texas' first female Governor, assisted by her seasoned and experienced husband, former Governor Jim, she will have made for herself a pardoning record up to this time unexcelled by any former state executive throughout the entire nation. And at this rate she will undoubtedly be able to carry out a platform promise to place the penitentiary system on a paying basis, as within one year's time she could reduce the number of inmates by more than 2,000, which would naturally reduce maintenance expense of the system. But whether such tactics will have a tendency to reduce the great crime wave that is today sweeping our state, and about which all good men and women are daily becoming more and more alarmed, may be another chapter.

Having recently returned from my legislative duties at Austin, I take this means of informing my friends that from now on I will be found in my office regularly. E. S. CUMMINGS. 3t2pd

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and Mesdames Edith Gilmore and J. P. Sublett spent last Sunday with friends and relatives in Cisco. Mrs. J. P. Sublett had the pleasure of visiting her sister, who, up until last fall, she had not seen for fifty years.

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Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong returned Monday from Ft. Worth, where they visited with their son, Dr. W. F. Armstrong. They report that the young doctor is doing fine.

To cure constiveness the medicine must be more than a purgative; it must contain tonic, alterative and cathartic properties.
Tutt's Pills
possess these qualities, and speedily restore to the bowels their natural function.

Mr. A. J. Cannon recently purchased a fine section of land located in Briscoe county, near Silvertown, and from what can be learned, Mr. Canon stands a mighty fine chance of reaping a handsome profit from his land in the way of an advance in the price, as it is almost certain that the great Burlington railway system will within the next year build a new railroad right thru Briscoe county and near Mr. Canon's recent investment. He has no doubt made a fine investment.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown and children, Billy Joyce and Charles Garrison, of Tuscola, visited in the J. S. Thomas home last week end.

**REVELATION SEALED
BOOK--IS HIS THEME**

Next Sunday morning at the Baptist Church the pastor will begin a series of sermons on the book of Revelation. To many people Revelation is sealed book and they turn away from it thinking that the things revealed are too deep for them to understand. There are so many things that have vital connection with our present day and its needs that it behooves us to stop and consider the things revealed to the Patmos preacher. The theme of the entire book is Jesus Christ. It takes up His varied relationship with the past present and future. These sermons will be of special interest to every one. If you miss one you will break a link in the chain. The sermon Sunday morning will be, "The First Vision." Sunday evening "The First Message."

The services last Sunday were all attended by full houses at both services. One for Baptism at the evening service. The Home and Foreign program by the S. S. was well rendered and attentively received. When we think of Foreign Missions, among the many items of interest we turn to this fact: in the world to-day there are 1,748,000-000 people, and there are only 566,201,000 nominal Christians (including Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, Protestants and Baptists). This leaves 1,181,799,000 who do not even make any profession of knowing God. What a tremendous task! When we think of Home Missions one problem stands out to us in Texas. There are in our state 600,000 Mexican Catholics. There are approximately 5,000 evangelical christians among the Mexicans in Texas. Every year 100,000 Mexicans come to Texas. Every year 60,000 return to Mexico. We will win them to Christ or they will PAGANIZE us.

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
All B. Y. P. U.'s at 7 p.m.
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**FUNERAL SERVICES FOR
MRS. MARTHA A. PERRY**

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha A. Perry, 73, for 25 years a resident of Taylor county, who died at the ranch home 17 miles south of this place Sunday morning, were held at five o'clock Sunday. Services were conducted by the Rev. McGinnis, pastor at Nubia. Interment was made in the Dudley cemetery near the ranch.

Mrs. Perry was born in 1851 in Murray County, Tenn., and early in life was converted and united with the Baptist church. In 1874 she was married to W. C. Perry in Columbia, Tenn. In 1886 she came to Texas with her husband and after living at Georgetown for a year moved to Eureka Springs, Arkansas where they made their home for four years.

In 1891 Mr. and Mrs. Perry moved to Taylor County, settling near Cedar Gap, and five years later moved to the old ranch home where they have lived since.

She is survived by her husband, W. C. Perry, and four sons, Joe T. of Abilene, E. C. of Merkel, E. P., who is foreman of the Stoker ranch near the Perry ranch, and W. O., who is a farmer living near Merkel.

Missionary Ladies Have Social

Monday afternoon instead of the regular program of the Methodist Missionary Society being carried out, a special program and social hour had been arranged. Each member of the society was asked to bring two ladies as their guests for the afternoon.

The primary room of the church was made quite attractive with pretty ferns and pot plants. Vases containing bright colored flowers added a cheerful appearance to the other decorations.

A very inspiring program, including songs, talks, and special numbers was rendered. In the remainder of the social hour, new members were solicited and a general good time was enjoyed by all. A refreshment plate of fruit punch with cakes was served.

At the close of the afternoon pleasures six new members were reported and a nice sum taken in for dues.

Those present for this occasion were Mesdames Tom Largent, Roger A. Burgess, Dan Matthews, Clyde Sears, George Brown, H. A. Sanders, Fred Latham, W. F. Golliday, Ross Ferrer, D. H. Vaughn, H. M. Rainbolt, Ira Huss, A. A. McGehee, V. N. Ellis, N. D. Cobb, Charlie Russell, C. B. Smith, S. H. L. Swafford, L. A. Watts, Will Smith, W. L. Harkrider, R. A. Martin, Thos. Durham, W. A. McSpadden, E. P. Beene, L. M.

Watkins, J. E. Richardson, M. V. Mitchell, Sie Hamm and Sam Butman.

RESOLUTIONS

Merkel, Texas, March 30, 1925
WHEREAS, in the faithful discharge of his duty, as an officer of the law, in the discharge of his moral duty as a man, and in helping a fellow officer enforce the law of this State and through the love he had for humanity and law enforcement, George L. Reeves lost his life and,

WHEREAS George L. Reeves was a fearless officer, a man who believed in law enforcement in its every constitutional right, zealous in his obligation under his oath of office, a man who believed in home protection and the protection of the citizenry of the country and the constitutional protection afforded to every American Citizen in his rights under our Constitution and,

WHEREAS George L. Reeves was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan, but in reality believed in and upheld its principals
Now therefore be it resolved that we as an order commend the actions of our deceased friend George L. Reeves for the faithful service he has rendered to this community and the definite stand against all law violation that he took.

Now therefore by order unanimous, we as an order express by these resolutions, our deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends of our deceased friend, especially do we commend to his immediate family the rich heritage which Geo. L. Reeves left to them in his lifelong stand for, and in the end giving his life for constitutional government.

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Sunday School is moving along nicely. Last Sunday we had an increase in our regular attendance also a revival of enthusiasm in the school. Let every member be present next Sunday, on time.

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BOOSTING

"Just what is the policy of your paper," a subscriber asked the editor of the Merkel Mail the other day, and in the belief that our answer may be of interest to all of our readers, we are giving a statement of about what we told him. First we stand ready to support every movement that we feel will make this a better community. It is our wish to wipe out personal animosities and factional lines. It is our desire to create a common set of interests, aims and purposes among citizens of Merkel.—Merkel Mail.

The home town paper always has the best interests of the community at heart. The editor is always boosting the town and he keeps boosting even in the face of circumstances which are not promising. What Clip and Comment is getting at, is that you can always count on the editor of the home town paper to boost the old home town when everybody else quits boosting. And the home town paper is always seeking to establish harmony among the folks.—The Abilene Daily Reporter.

You will find it easier to hear the knock of opportunity when you yourself stop knocking.

We wonder why the government is still turning out nickles. We can't find any use for one.

The editor often feels that the term "Road Hog" is a slander on a poor dumb animal that can not speak for itself.

Some Merkel flappers will have to wear bathing suits in order to don something lighter for Spring.

We have a few citizens in Merkel who seem to think that they can become howling successes merely by howling.

SHILOH HAPPENINGS
By Mrs. C. W. Seago

The farmers are all up with their farming and waiting for rain.

There was good attendance at Sunday School last Sunday, but it can be better. Every body come next Sunday and let's put Shiloh over the top.

Mrs. M. L. James returned Saturday night from a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Maynard, at Magargel.

A large crowd attended the singing at Mr. Joe Winter's Sunday night. Sure had some good singing, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Winter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James, Mrs. B. L. James and children spent Sunday at the home of W. J. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell visited Mrs. Efford Brown and family of Golan Sunday.

There was a large crowd at the party Friday night at C. W. Seago's. All seemed to have a nice time.

A good many from here enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. S. L. Grayson near Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansion James visited Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cox Sunday.

Mrs. Earnest Norwood is on the sick list this week.

Miss Maude Greene is visiting at Lamesa.

A large crowd from here attended the singing at Newman Sunday evening.

The people in this community enjoyed a nice rain Tuesday evening.

The Jones County Singing Convention meets at Anson Sunday, April 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge.

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Tourists who spend the winter at Palm Beach recuperating their health are now back among us recuperating their fortunes.

LIQUOR, ILLITERACY AND ANTI-EVOLUTION BILLS ARE DEAD

LACK OF TIME SPELLS DOOM OF MANY PROPOSITIONS OFFERED BY SOLONS.

Austin.—More than 200 house bills and approximately 35 senate bills automatically died on the house calendar when the house suspended the rule which precluded house bills from being considered on second reading 72 hours before sine die adjournment.

The house refused to adopt the Veatch proposed amendment to the constitution which would have submitted the question of amending the constitution so as to empower the legislature to pass a law which would remove the Ferguson impeachment. The vote on the resolution was 72 to 30. In order for the resolution to have prevailed, it would have had to receive 100 affirmative votes. The house passed to third reading the Berkeley senate proposed amendment to the constitution submitting an amendment providing that school lands owned by counties shall be subject to taxation in the county where such land is situated.

Among the bills killed on the floor of the house were the Harper house evolution bill which sought to prevent the teaching of evolution in all educational institutions in the state supported in whole or in part by the state and the anti-frat bill which would banish fraternities from the University of Texas. The house refused to consider this bill by a vote of 27 to 63.

The house also refused to consider the Wirtz senate bill which would have placed interurban railroads under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission, also defeated the Stout senate bill providing for investment of the surplus funds of insurance companies in the state. The house bill by Rawlins of Dallas which sought to increase the salaries of probation officers in the larger cities from \$200 to \$225 was defeated when the house refused to take up the measure.

Other bills meeting defeat in the house included the Murphy bill which sought to put all counties in the state under the budget system, the Lewis senate bill which provided that bonds issued by the state, county or district shall be paid at one specific place, that place being at the state treasury.

By refusing to consider the measure, the house killed the Price liquor prescription bill. This is the bill which made more stringent the law regulating the sale of liquor by drug stores. The bill had had a stormy time in the senate but quickly met defeat in the house because of lack of time for proper consideration. The house also refused to consider the senate illiteracy bill. This bill proposed to create an illiteracy commission. The house also killed the Jasper house bill which proposed to increase the compensation of various county officers.

RESOLUTION TO REINSTATE PARK BOARD DEFEATED

Austin.—A resolution to reinstate the state park board, which was abolished at the early part of the session, was defeated in the house, 40 to 41. The resolution by Senator Beckley had passed the senate.

Representative Covey defended the resolution and asserted the state now owns 30,820 acres of park lands. A second motion to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was defeated, was tabled and this proposition was definitely set aside for the thirty-ninth legislature.

A concurrent resolution by Senator Holbrook authorizing the state to pay county tax on prison lands in Houston, Walker, Fort Bend and other counties, was referred to the constitutional amendments committee.

The argument was made that the state should pay these taxes only when a profit is made on the farms.

Falls Bill Passed.

Austin.—The house passed finally a bill by Representative Dunn of Falls county increasing the tax to be levied for the maintenance of the workmen's compensation division of the state fire insurance commission. The present tax is three-fifths of one per cent, and it is proposed to increase it to 1 1/4 per cent, the same as is now assessed against fire insurance companies. The companies writing workmen's compensation insurance are required to pay this tax and it is estimated that the increase will yield about \$70,000 a year and will be used to increase the force in the workmen's compensation division.

New Dallas District Court.

Austin.—An appropriation to pay the salary of the Judge of the 101st Judicial District Court, the new Dallas County District Court, is provided by the Senate bill by Mr. Davis which the House passed to third reading. The bill carries an appropriation of \$24,000, providing for salaries of the Judges of the 102nd and 103rd District Courts, as well as the Dallas Court, which have been newly created by the Legislature.

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<p>Mrs. A. M. Giles Entertains</p> <p>On last Friday evening the Alethean Class of the First Baptist Church met with Mrs. A. M. Giles in a regular business and social meeting. The class president, Mrs. Pick Allen, soon transacted the business and the evening was turned over to the hostess. The house was decorated in pink and yellow and Easter rabbits peeped around. We enjoyed an Easter hunt which was much merriment. The hostess served refreshments which consisted of ice cream and cake. There were two visitors present, Mrs. Branton and Mrs. William Elliott. Mrs. Branton gave a very appropriate reading which was enjoyed by all the class. Wishes to meet with Mrs. Giles again soon were expressed in departing. Reporter.</p>	<p>A Delightful Party</p> <p>Saturday evening of last week Miss Ruby Fae Folladay was hostess to a group of friends at her home. The chief diversion of the afternoon was forty-two. Other games that were interesting were had, making the evening a complete one. Delicious fruit was served.</p> <p>This delightful evening in the Golladay home was participated in by Misses Gladys Deutschman, Elizabeth Harkrider, Inice Brown, Tommie Durham, Lois Higgins, Juanita Beene, Anna Lou Russell, Dorothy Higgins, Rubijo Higgins, Audry Porter, Mildred Hamm, Messrs. Clyde Mayfield, Charlie Largent, George West, Joe Ben Ashby, Tolbert Proctor, Leron Chaney, and Vernon Chaney.</p> <p>Mr. Roger Hamblet and wife of Breckenridge were here last week end for a brief stay with his father, Mr. W.F. Hamblet.</p> <p>W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.</p>	<p>Sunrise Breakfast</p> <p>Miss Lucy Tracy entertained the Junior B. Y. P. U. and the Juniors of her Expression Class with a sunrise breakfast last Saturday morning. At six-thirty o'clock all the little folks gathered at the Baptist church and hiked to Craig's Hill. Here a most appetizing breakfast consisting of waffles, bread, deviled eggs, oranges and doughnuts was served. Fifty-one junior boys and girls attended.</p> <p>Miss Mary Burkes Blair spent the week end with her aunt at Roscoe, Texas last week.</p> <p>Mr. Jerome Hutcheson came in the latter part of last week from Hot Springs, Ark., where he had been for treatment.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams have this week purchased from Mr. J. R. Lamar his home in north Merkel, and will soon move to that location.</p> <p>Mrs. Tom Spears of route five has been very ill for the past several days.</p>
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ONE LONE BALLOT SAVED SCHOOL FUND

MILLER VOTES OFF TIE ON
MOTION TO RECONSIDER
FUND BILL.

Austin.—A single vote by the presiding officer of the senate saved what appeared to be a certain call for an extra session of the legislature. The vote also saved the entire educational appropriation of almost \$15,000,000, the largest measure of the session. Lieutenant Governor Miller accomplished this by voting off a tie 14 to 14 on a motion to appoint a new conference committee to reconsider the educational appropriation.

Warnings of a special session to begin immediately were cast into the debate, if the measure did not go through, and the vote of the presiding officer apparently dispelled these fears.

The issue came up on the question of adopting the free conference report on the measure. Senator Pollard moved that a new conference committee be named, to include in the bill certain appropriations desired by senators especially for institutions in their districts.

Pollard charged that the conference committee had "gagged" the senators, and Senator Wirtz called it "a Russian duma." Wirtz charged the committee had refused to admit him to the committee room to lay before them claims for the Southwestern teachers college at San Marcos. Senator Stuart of Fort Worth and Senator Berkeley of Alpine objected to the committee report, both asking for another conference committee, to consider additional appropriations for institutions in their districts.

Senator Davis of Dallas, chairman of the senate finance committee, which has worked day and night and Sunday during the session to perfect the appropriation measures, declared the committee had done its best and that the criticisms were unjustified and without reason. The job of the committee, he said, was to keep the expenditures within the revenues, and that it had been a tremendous job.

The senate at first voted down Senator Davis' motion to lay Pollard's motion on the table. Then Senator Bledsoe took the floor and warned the senators that a special called session was certain on the morning after adjournment if the conference report was not adopted.

Refusal of the senate to adopt the report would have meant almost certain defeat of the educational appropriation at this session, for the house already had shut off further action in that body by tabling a motion to reconsider the vote by which the conference report was adopted. The only way to get the bill or report up after such action is by unanimous consent, and senators pointed out this would have been impossible.

HOUSE PROVIDES \$100,000 FOR PRISON SYSTEM

Austin.—Final passage was obtained in the house of the Fairchild senate bill carrying an appropriation for the aid of the penitentiary system to August 31, 1925. This bill as it passed in the senate carried an appropriation of \$500,000 but an amendment was adopted reducing the appropriation to \$100,000. The amendment was by Representative Blount who stated that as no one appeared before the house representation committee in behalf of the bill, he decided that perhaps \$100,000 would be sufficient. He added that if the senate refuses to concur in the amendment then a free conference committee would be named to adjust the differences between the two branches.

A bill by Senator Parr which would permit the Y. M. C. A., American Legion and other fraternal organizations of the state to charge a small fee for the maintenance of billiard and pool tables, was defeated in the house, when that body refused to take up the bill, 35 to 46.

The Davis senate bill carrying an appropriation of \$32,000 for pink boll worm eradication work in Texas for the next two years, was passed to engrossment in the house. With no opposition the house passed finally the Davis senate bill making an appropriation of \$10,000 to pay mileage and per diem of members of the legislature for the balance of the session, the original appropriation of \$225,000 made for that purpose having been practically exhausted. This is the bill which passed the previous day within 5 minutes after having been introduced.

Nonpar Bill Signed.

Austin.—Gov. Ferguson signed the Holbrook senate so-called nonpar bill, which becomes effective ninety days after adjournment of the legislature. This is the bill which will permit the formation of corporations in Texas with nonpar value capital stock. The governor also signed the Wirtz senate bill to prevent state printers copying state printed matter unless permission from the state board of control is obtained. This bill is effective ninety days after adjournment.

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REPORT OF FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING AT SALT BRANCH

Singing opened with song No. 172, Signal Bells. After which Bro. Henry Praither led in prayer. First on program was Lee Eason of Union Ridge, two songs Nos. 155 and 163, Mrs. Robertson at the piano. N. W. Alpine of Abilene, two songs, Nos. 166 and 20, Mrs. Webb at the piano. S. W. Jones of Abilene, two songs, 172 and 54, Mrs. Earthman at piano. Howard Garner, Merkel, one song, No. 3 Signal Bells, Mrs. Robertson at piano. T. K. Marshall, Comper, two songs, Nos. 85 and 36 in Gospel Sunlight, Mrs. Robertson at piano. Albert Raines, Comper 2 songs, Nos. 18, 48 in Signal Bells with Mrs. Earthman at piano. T. R. Frances, Anson, two songs, Nos. 167, 70 in Signal Bells, Mrs. Webb at piano. Milburn Warner, Tye, 2 songs, 157 in Signal Bells and 46 in Gospel Sunlight, Mrs. Earthman at piano. Z. D. Haley, Abilene, 2 songs, 161 and 176 in Signal Bells, Mrs. Earthman at piano. Ira Stanley, Stith, two songs, Nos. 106, 49, Heavenly Praises, Mrs. Earthman at piano. W. W. Woods, Abilene, 2 songs, Nos. 90 and 126 in Harbor Bells, Mrs. Earthman at piano. J. W. Clark, Neill, 2 songs, Nos. 76, 13 in Gospel Sunlight, Miss Alma Trammell at piano. Roy Leverette, Sweetwater, Arr. song No. 66 in Harbor Bells, W. W. Wood at piano.

12:05 o'clock—Lunch.
1:30, reassembled for singing.
J. R. McCook, Abilene, 2 songs 26 and 94, Harbor Bells, W. W. Wood at piano. S. E. Clark, Neil, 2 songs, 82, 119, Harbor Bells, Miss Alma Trammell at piano. A. M. Coleman, Wastella, 1 song 78, Harbor Bells, Mrs. Robertson at piano. John Algoood, Wastella, 2 songs 16-12 Harbor Bells, Mrs. Earthman at piano. Nathan Wood, Merkel, 2 songs 116-124 Heavenly Praises, W. W. Wood at piano. W. H. Nix, Wastella,

2 songs 57-63 Harbor Bells, Mrs. Earthman at piano. V. Garner, Merkel, 1 song arr. 11, Gospel Sunlight, Mrs. Earthman at the piano. Buster Horton, Salt Branch, 2 songs, No. 52 arr. No. 6, Harbor Bells, Mrs. Earthman at piano. E. H. Smith, Sweetwater, 1 song, arr. No. 114, Harbor Bells, W. W. Wood at piano. Ulric Philley, Abilene, 2 songs, No. 92 Signal Bells No. 107 in Harbor Bells, W. W. Wood at the piano. Luther Spincer 1 song 48 Signal Bells, Mrs. Earthman at piano.

Then our president led our closing song, "God be with you 'till we meet again." Houston Robertson, President. V. Garner Secretary-Treasurer.

We are indeed thankful for those who brought dinner and those who helped in any way to make our singing a great success.

Also we wish to thank our

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Every day brings its opportunities to scatter smiles along the pathway of life, to add some of joy and happiness to somebody's home and somebody's existence.

In general, the homes of this city are homes of comfort. The exceptions are due, solely, to lack of financial income necessary for the needs of living. What is the remedy for the latter condition? Simply that it is up to all of us to aid in bringing about commercial and industrial conditions that will make for and better employment for those who need it. This can be accomplished in a large measure by keeping our community finances within ourselves.

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JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE GIVE PROGRAM AT TRENT

Following is a program to be given by the Merkel Junior League of the Methodist Church at Trent at 3:00 o'clock next Sunday.

Subject: "Christ's Heroes in Africa."

Song by congregation.

Go tell the world of Jesus, by Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Leader.

Prayer.

"Pep" service by Juniors.

Our League, Dahlia Watkins.

Duet, Glenna and Clarence Rea.

Harry's report, Burrell Chaney.

Facts about Africa, Imogene Middleton.

Walter Russell Lambuth, by Florence Rider and Nell Durham.

His arrival at school, Billie Lloyd Smith.

Beginning of our work in Africa.

Reading, Holt Vaughn.

Song "Africa for Christ," by the Juniors.

League Benediction.

Intermediate League Program

Song; Roll call; Talks:

The good tidings, Ruby Fae Golladay.

The best friend, Jesus, Victor Smith.

The only Savior, Christ, T. J. Rea.

Jesus, My Savior, Elizabeth Harkrider.

The Curfew, Inice Brown.

Benediction.

Mr. J. R. Lamar and daughter, Miss Minnie Maud, of Slaton, recently of Merkel, were here several days this week. Mr. Lamar came on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Costphens and baby of Sweetwater stopped off here a short time Tuesday of this week while enroute to Fort Worth, to visit in the J. E. Costphens home.

Messrs. John Sears, Brooks Patterson, Fred Giles, Ed Turner left early Wednesday morning for several days fishing and outing at Menard.

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LOST—A bay horse, blocky built, eight or nine years old, shod all around, has fore top trimmed. Any one knowing of the whereabouts of said horse will please notify Twyman Collins, Merkel. 1tp

LOST—Ladies kid glove on the road between T. W. Collins house and Stith. Finder please leave at T. W. Collins. 1tp

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Messrs. Henry West, Mayor, and Thomas Durham and L. R. Thompson attended the annual banquet of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Monday evening.

Lynn McSpadden, son of Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, is able to be at home after being in Abilene all week under the care of Dr. Leggett for ear trouble.

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CARD OF THANKS

We again wish to express our thanks for the kindness shown us during the death of our Christian husband and father. Also for the floral offerings. Words are inadequate, but our kind remembrance shall be with each of you forever. Our dear neighbors were so faithful, our many friends far and near were ever ready to comfort us, we know that God will reward you for your good deeds.

Especially do we thank Doctor Grimes and Doctor Cranford for their promptness in trying to aid our loved one.

We thank Bro. Sam Morris and Bro. Albertson for the consoling words spoken. We also thank the citizens for their cooperation with our dear one while he was an officer of the law. We especially thank Mr. King who faced so many dangerous places with our loved one.

We thank the Woodmen for their kindness, also the agents of the Missouri State Life Insurance Company and the Kansas City Life Insurance Company for their prompt service.

The death of our dear was so sudden and so sad that it has left a shadow over our home. Without our friends and God we could not bear our trouble.

We know that we had friends who were faithfully searching night and day for the slayer, and we appreciate their faithful service. Our sincerest thoughts shall always be with the officers of law of our country who have been so true to our loved one in the past and for their faithfulness in the search.

May God's richest blessings rest on you all forever.
Mrs. George L. Reeves and Children. 1t

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our sincere thanks and appreciation of every kindness, aid and sympathy rendered and offered during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother.

For all such we are indeed grateful and hereby express to one and all the sincere hope that God's richest blessings may forever rest upon each of you. W. C. Perry, Joe T. Perry, W. Oscar Perry, E. C. Perry, John T. Perry and Families.



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HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, 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 the 11th day of March A. D. 1925.

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CONDENSED AUSTIN NEWS

The Fire Insurance Commission granted rate reductions to the following: Eastland 15 per cent, Celina 15, Canton 9 and Hutto 15.

Miss Annie Gabriel of Brownsville has accepted the position of advisory nurse for the Bureau of Child Hygiene, Texas State Board of Health, and will assume her duties at once.

Gibb Gilchrist, retiring State Highway Engineer, left Austin recently for Dallas, where he will practice his profession. Mr. Gilchrist has long been connected with the State Highway Department in an engineering capacity and is familiar with all highway construction in this State.

The prison investigation conducted by the legislative committee cost \$1,679, according to a report filed by John E. Davis, chairman of the contingent expense committee of the House. Witnesses' fees, telegrams and telephone calls and stenographer's fees covered the expenditures.

The question of selecting a State song for Texas is referred to the people of the State at large as a jury under the recommendations in the report of the joint legislative committee, named to report on the adoption of a State song, which was adopted by both the Senate and House.

With ninety-seven bills on her desk awaiting disposition before April 9, including the all important appropriation bills carrying millions, besides the prison relocation measure, the textbook bill and others of almost equal import, Governor Ferguson has decided not to consider making further appointments until the bills are out of the way.

The State Treasury has transferred \$5,000,000 to the available school fund for instant payment to the schools of Texas under the next to last apportionment made on the current session allowance. This is being sent to the school treasurers by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Next month the final \$1 will go out making the \$14 per child paid in full.

The State Department of Agriculture has started a campaign against spread of Johnson grass in Texas, by asking farmers to send in samples of seed for analysis. The State seed laboratory has found that Johnson grass is appearing in large quantities and greater variety this year than ever before. It has been found in millet and alfalfa, which is said to be very unusual.

That registration of motor vehicles is under full swing in Texas is shown by the weekly report of the State Highway Department. Up to March 21 there had been 630,038 motor vehicles registered, with motor buses numbering 1,598 and commercial vehicles 59,047. Other registrations include 1,294 motorcycles, 1,981 dealers and 6,226 chauffeurs. Transfers to the number of 86,095 have been recorded.

Communicable diseases in Texas reported to the Surgeon General of the United States by the State Health Officer for the week ending March 21 are: Influenza, 496; measles, 9; chicken pox, 55; diphtheria, 37; dysentery, 4; meningitis, 2; mumps, 89; pellagra, 3; pneumonia, 88; rabies, (human) 1; scarlet fever, 16; smallpox, 94; tetanus, 1; typhoid fever, 8; tuberculosis, 19; and whooping cough, 68.

The State ranger force is to be maintained at thirty men including captains, if the Governor signs the ranger appropriation bill passed by the Legislature. Adjutant General Mark McGee said. The Legislature gave the force \$77,250 a year, including a supplemental appropriation. The rangers were decreased from about fifty members to twenty-eight last month, as an economy measure. Before passage of a supplemental appropriation it was thought the force would have to be held as low as ten men at times.

A grand total of \$17,500,000 of State funds is now farmed out or loaned to banks over Texas with another \$500,000 going out at once, which will raise the total to \$18,000,000, it has been announced by W. Gregory Hatcher, State Treasurer. Of the total \$4,200,000 is in 115 banks drawing 4 per cent interest under the regular depository law. These banks are full to capacity and none other have qualified to receive State funds at 4 per cent interest. The remainder is in "reserve depositories" drawing 2 per cent.

With some members of the Board of Control objecting to the posture and the effect of an oil painting of Governor Neff, submitted for placement in the "rotunda of Governors" in the Capitol, it is evident that another picture will be obtained. The Legislature appropriated \$500 to purchase such a picture and the Neff family are to be consulted. The picture shows Gov. Neff seated while the paintings of every other Governor and President of the Republic of Texas presents the bust only.

Texas Items

Charles Herder of Weimar has purchased a portion of the Tait Ranch, near Columbus, consisting of 1000 acres of rich bottom land, and will divide it into small farms, and sell to substantial farmers. Mr. Herder has in the past sold a number of fine farms in that section.

Plans for entertaining members of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World who will be at Brownsville in May on circle tour No. 1 out from the convention in Houston have been made. Between 4500 and 5000 persons from all parts of the world are expected.

Dr. J. C. Granberry of Fort Worth, who recently resigned as professor of sociology and economics at Southwestern University at Georgetown, has been offered a chair at the Texas Technological College at Lubbock by P. W. Horn, it was learned.

Although eight-five towns in Oklahoma and Texas are dependent upon the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad for transportation, the railroad never has paid a dividend or interest upon the investment. Clifford Histed, purchaser of the road, said in a hearing in federal district court several days ago at Kansas City.

A large number of requests are coming into the secretary of state's office for printed volumes of the laws passed by the thirty-ninth legislature. The printed session laws will not be ready for about three months, as the bills must be signed and errors corrected. Stenographers have been kept busy answering these requests.

Bills signed several days ago by Governor Ferguson include one fixing the annual salary of the county school superintendent of Harris County at \$4,800 and the bills creating road laws for Wharton and Jackson counties. Bills creating school districts of Bessmay, Jasper County, and Pine-land, Sabine County, were also approved.

The state will put an asphalt topping on the Galveston section of the Houston highway immediately. All work will be completed and the improved road will be ready for heavy summer traffic on or about June 1. The topping will extend from Galveston to the Harris County line and will be eighteen feet wide generally, wider in some places.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson answered the lifelong plea of two other women, Mrs. Kate Chambers-Sturgis and Mrs. Stella Chambers-McGregor of Galveston by signing the bill which gives to them \$20,000 for the site on which the Texas capitol now stands. The item was contained in the miscellaneous claims bill, carrying an appropriation of \$388,322, which the governor signed.

Smith County's 10-year agricultural campaign was formally launched at Tyler recently, following completion in total of plans for achieving the first year's results of that campaign. The first step was in the form of a circular containing 16 cardinal points in the campaign of the better farming platform which have been endorsed by every progressive farmer and business man familiar with them.

The supreme court a few days ago overruled a motion for rehearing in the Limestone County motor tax case, thereby finally settling this litigation, which involved constitutionality of the road law of the thirty-eight legislature. This is the case in which the court in January upheld validity of the highway law by which control and maintenance of the highways was placed under the state highway department.

Tax payers of Aransas Pass the other day voted 8 to 1 to issue \$100,000 bonds to complete seawall improvements which were started a year ago.

A scientific bulletin on the citrus industry of the Rio Grande Valley has just been issued by the state department of agriculture. Prepared by J. M. Del Curto, plant pathologist, with the assistance of E. W. Halstead and Hal F. Halstead, this bulletin, covering every phase of the citrus industry, will be distributed to all persons who can make use of it, Commissioner George B. Terrell of Austin announced.

A. L. Kendrick, Yorktown, won the Texas State Sweepstakes at the National Seed Corn show at Chicago last week. Mr. Kendrick took first place from among 99 competitors representing 15 counties in the state. The National Seed Corn Show in which Mr. Kendrick won high honors, was the largest corn show the world has ever seen. Close to 30,000 growers had entries in the show, and \$17,000 in prizes was offered for the winning cars in the exhibit.

Liability of Texas road districts in the issuance of road bonds was involved in a decision handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals at New Orleans the other day, in the appeal of Road District No. 4 of Shelby County, Texas, vs. the Home Bank and Trust Company of Illinois, appealed from the eastern district of Texas, in which the high court sustained the decision of the district court in holding the road district liable for the legality and regularity of the bonds delivered.

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Junior Class Has Party

On last Friday evening the Junior Class was entertained at the home of Lewis Giles. Most of the class members were there including two Seniors. (uninvited guests.)

After various games were played ice cream and cake were served to the following: Misses Sallie Brown, Vera Matlock, Emma Toombs, Godie Richie, Jimmie Reece West, Hallie Pike, Gladys Waltrup, Edith Baker, Lola Dennis, Flossie Campbell, Louise Booth and Audie Giles.

Messrs Jimmie Toombs, Wilbur Thomas, Weldon Wells, Delbert Polly, Virgil Adams, Luther Pense, T. J. Beideman, Roy Elliott, and Doc Giles, and two seniors who the writer will not mention. By an invited "Soph".

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Lawn, Texas, were here last week end visiting in the J. R. Pee home, and with friends.

Surprise Birthday Party

On March twentieth a surprise birthday party was had at the Kindergarten school of Mrs. W. A. McSpadden for little Lily Albertson, who was seven years old on that day.

It was about 2:30 in the afternoon when Mrs. W. H. Albertson knocked at the school house door, and surprised the children and their teacher with a visit. She brought a huge birthday cake with seven pretty candles on top, and also she brought delicious punch, cups and plates and napkins. The children marched around the birthday cake and blew out the candles. Then the delicious cake and punch were served. Each child enjoyed the surprise very much and wished many more pleasant and happy birthdays for Lilly.

Miss Maurine Hearn visited with her parents last week end at Roscoe, Texas.

Sub-Senior League Program

Subject: "A Burst of Praise for Zion's King."

Leader: Juanita Beene.
Song. Scripture: Zech. 9:9-11; Luke 19:29-40, by Glody's Mil-likin.

Song by Annie Lou Russell and Juanita Beene.

Topic 1. Psalm 24, by Eva Mae Johnson.

Topic 2. Hymn 150, by Ray Garrett.

Topic 3. Hymn 684, by Mildred Matthews.

Topic 4. Hymn 276, by Lewis Tucker.

Prayer; song; benediction.

Listen, Leaguers, be sure to come to League Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and bring some one with you. Let's make our League the best.

Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Clinton of route two, announce the arrival of a baby boy, born on the 21st of March.

Presbyterian Missionary Society

The Presbyterian Missionary Society will meet on Monday, April 6, at the church at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present as this will be the time for election of officers.

Program.

Song: "Give of your best to the Master," followed by prayer for our Missionaries.

Scripture: Responsive reading of 37th Psalm.

The accepted ones, by Mrs. Compton.

The Jew in our midst, by Mrs. G. F. West.

Killing time, by Mrs. C. H. Jones.

A smile or two. Editorials.

Business session.

Closing prayer by Mrs. A. A. Baker.

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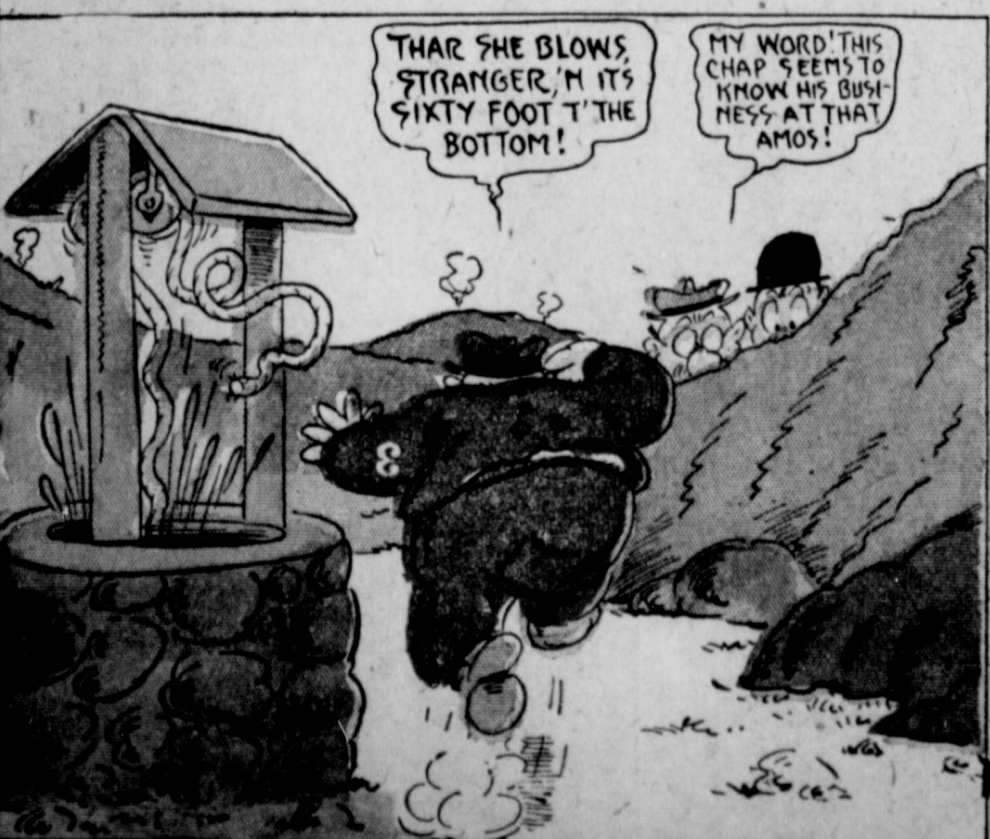
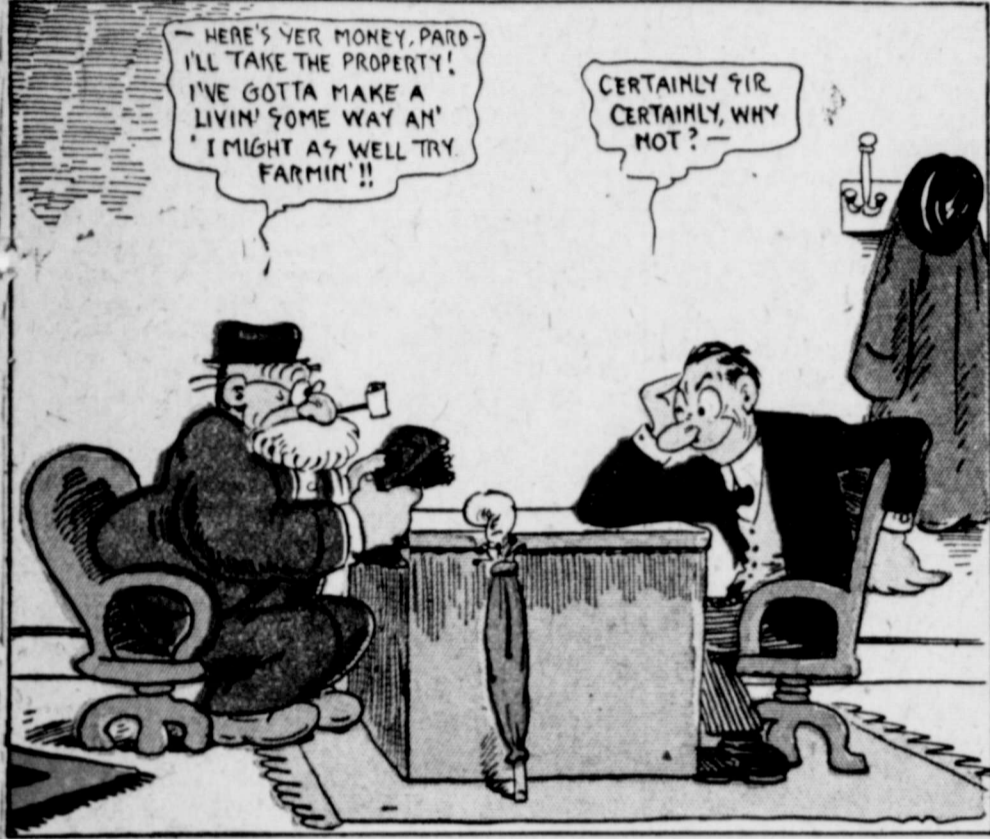
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'LEST WE FORGET' In Memory of Texas Pioneers

By A. T. JACKSON

WASNT the Battle of Alamo fought during the Civil War? This absurd question was asked in all sincerity by a Texan, while visiting the Alamo Chapel. He seemed to be a man of education, but displayed a regrettable ignorance of the history of his State.

During another conversation overheard in the Alamo, a lady inquired of her companion, "Did Fannin and Bowie get killed here?" She chanced to be half right.

A tourist at the San Jacinto battlefield remarked: "After getting whipped here at San Jacinto, it doesn't look like the Mexicans would have been brave enough to attack the Alamo."

Although this man was not a Texan, there was little excuse for his jumbling of facts regarding important events in connection with the Texas Revolution.

The custodian of the Alamo Chapel declares that, of the hundred thousand or more visitors to the Alamo each year, it is surprising how many ask questions which every Texan and resident of the entire Southwest should know from childhood. She adds, "Sometimes I wonder how intelligent people can ask the things they do."

The average person becomes engrossed in the incidents of every-day life, and fails to give proper attention to the history of his country.

Outstanding Historical Events.

Reflecting on the treatment Texas received during the ten years she formed an unwilling part of the Mexican State of Coahuila and Texas, one sees that the causes underlying the Texas Revolution bore a striking similarity to those back of the American Revolution.

Many times has our blood tingled on listening to an eloquent account of how one hundred and eighty-one brave Texans, under command of Col. W. B. Travis, defended the Alamo for ten days against a horde of Mexicans—numbering around three thousand men—under Santa Anna; and how those Texans finally yielded up their lives as a sacrifice upon the altar of liberty. The Alamo has truly been called the "cradle of Texas liberty."

We have been made to shudder on reading the story of how Colonel J. W. Fannin and his men, after an honorable surrender at the battle of Goliad, were kept prisoners six days, then ruthlessly shot down by the Mexican soldiers.

A thrill is received each time we hear recounted how at San Jacinto seven hundred eighty-three men, under General Sam Houston, completely annihilated Santa Anna's army of some sixteen hundred men; and thereby secured the freedom of the Republic of Texas.

It is also highly interesting to recall that Texas has been ruled under six different flags. She has been under the Spanish, French, Mexican, Republic of Texas, United States, and Confederate flags. The fact that Old Glory now holds her rightful place, and waves over Texas as one of the children in the family of States, is indeed gratifying.

In a school textbook of limited space there must necessarily be many interesting facts omitted. The great significance of Texas' victory over Mexican despotism, and what Texans have done, and are doing, to manifest appreciation of the sacrifices of the men who fought to make such victory possible are touched only briefly in our histories.

Honor to the Fallen Brave.

Just what has Texas done to honor her fallen heroes, and memorialize the spots on which they so gallantly struggled?

In 1857 Texas dedicated to the heroes of the Alamo a monument, built of the stones from the battered fortress. The monument, which was located at the State capital, burned with the capitol in 1881. Another beautiful monument, with appropriate inscriptions, has been erected in its stead.

By legislative act, dated April 23, 1883, the State of Texas purchased the Alamo Church for a consideration of twenty thousand dollars. The Alamo Chapel is now the Texas State Museum. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas were given charge of the Chapel with its many relics.

On September 1, 1905, the State bought the Alamo fort for seventy-five thousand dollars—Texas paying sixty-five thousand and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas donating ten thousand dollars.

By acts of Legislature, dated May 6, 1897, May 23, 1899, and March 28, 1907,

the State of Texas acquired the site of the Battle of San Jacinto, comprising three hundred sixty-four acres of land. The total amount appropriated for acquiring, fencing and enclosing the battlefield aggregated the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars. The battlefield is now known as the San Jacinto State Park.

Monuments have been erected in the San Jacinto State Park in honor of the Texans who acquitted themselves so valiantly in defeating Santa Anna's army on April 21, 1836.

There is no monument marking the

neers, express themselves in unusual ways.

There is in the Alamo Chapel a violin carved by hand from a piece of timber taken from the Alamo at the time the old building was undergoing repairs. This instrument was made without the use of tools, other than two ordinary pocket knives. Besides being unique, the violin represents a labor of love.

Recognition of the valuable services rendered by the heroes of early Texas history is reflected in the names of towns, schools, streets and parks in the State. The towns of Bowie, Crockett and Houston, and the Sam Houston State Teachers College at Huntsville—where General Houston spent his last days—are examples.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas—which organization is composed entirely of descendants of the heroes of the Texas Revolution—have done much to keep alive memories of Texas' struggle for independence.

In 1879 the Alamo fort was sold to a man in San Antonio, who held the property until his death, in 1886, when it was sold at public auction. A long struggle was then commenced by the De Zavala Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to secure this property—and thus prevent the commercialization of the sacred spot by the erection thereon of a large modern hotel. Commercialism—which knows no sentiment—fought long and hard to gain control of this choice site in the heart of San Antonio. An option was finally secured on the property by the patriotic women. When the property was purchased, the State of Texas turned it over to the local chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

State Purchases San Jacinto Battlefield.

The San Jacinto Chapter of this organization was instrumental in securing the appropriation by the State Legislature, in the year 1907, of sufficient money to complete the purchase of the San Jacinto battlefield, and adequately care for the grounds.

The bill authorizing the appropriation of funds for that purpose states that "the deplorably neglected condition of the graves of our heroic dead on the San Jacinto battlefield creates an imperative public necessity." Thus did the legislature complete a patriotic task—that should have been consummated years before.

A great portion of the land comprising the San Jacinto State Park is still in a marshy and undeveloped state. There remains much for the State and patriotic citizens to do in the way of improving this memorial park.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas a few years ago had the then remaining survivors of the battle of San Jacinto carried to the San Jacinto State Park, that the old fellows might point out battle lines, places where various commands were located, where General Houston was wounded, where he lay when receiving the surrender of Santa Anna, and other spots of interest. The organization placed temporary markers on the spots so pointed out. From its funds it purchased eighteen slabs of Texas granite, with inscriptions, to permanently designate the spots indicated. Thus the visitor to the San Jacinto State Park is enabled to live over in his mind that memorable battle.

The first celebration of the winning of Texas freedom was held April 21, 1837—one year after the battle of San Jacinto—in the infant town of Houston. There, in an unfinished building, the celebration and ball took place—headed by Sam Houston, then President of the Republic of Texas.

Pay Annual Tribute.

Since that occasion, Texans annually pay tribute to the memory of their heroes. Well should they do so; for they, indeed, have much for which to be grateful.

The "Battle of Flowers"—which annual festival dates back to President Benjamin Harrison's visit to San Antonio in April, 1891—is an impressive celebration of Texas Independence day. The affair is in reality a carnival of flowers; and is an event that draws great crowds each year.

In commemoration of the importance of the battle of San Jacinto, the cadets of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College are to stage April 21, a reproduction of the battle of that historic battlefield. All Texans and others from the great Southwest should see this representation of the battle of San Jacinto.

Those who have visited the Alamo and the San Jacinto State Park can appreciate the feeling of reverential awe that seems to pervade the very atmosphere of these historic spots. He who visits and studies the hallowed premises with an open and receptive mind cannot fail to depart with a certain inspiration or emotional uplift.

The Texan who has been denied the privilege of viewing these landmarks of the State's history has missed much. His inherent State pride is bound to be augmented on beholding the mute testimonials of the fidelity and valor of his forefathers—who made possible government of the people, by the people and for the people over the vast realm of 265,896 square miles comprising the State of Texas. To the visitor from other States or Nations there will be born a feeling of admiration—if such does not already exist—for the indomitable courage there displayed.

Stirring and Romantic Incidents.

In order to secure the maximum benefits from a visit to one of these shrines of liberty, one should first refresh his memory with regard to the events leading up to and taking place during the conflict there staged, and the results following the encounter.

When visiting the Alamo, one should bear in mind that the chapel, the remains of the fortress, and the courtyard represent all that is left of the old stronghold, with its numerous structures erected by the Spanish two centuries ago. He should recall the many stirring and romantic incidents that transpired within the old walls that surrounded this three-acre plot of ground. The Alamo—Spanish for cottonwood—was so named because of its being erected in a grove of cottonwood trees. The building has served as a church, a school, an outpost of civilization—witnessing many Indian raids; the scene of the immortal siege of 1836; a silent and desolate ruin; a storehouse of the United States army, later of the Confederacy, and again used by the United States; subsequently purchased by the State of Texas, remodeled and placed in a state of repair as seen today.

Especially should the visitor conjure up in his mind the incidents connected with the siege of the Alamo—how bravely Travis, Crockett, Bonham, Bowie and the others of the little band "carried on," and how dearly they sold their lives on that fateful day of March 6, 1836. If his heart has not yet quickened its beat, let him meditate on Santa Anna's order to pile and burn the bodies of the dead Texans, and how that order was promptly executed. He should not forget that Texas gave burial, with military honors, to the charred remains of those heroes. Let it also be remembered that the fall of the Alamo was the spark that lighted the candle of liberty in Texas.

Before leaving the Alamo Chapel, he should bow his head and ask divine assistance in following the example of those martyrs, in always daring to stand for the right. If he does this, he will emerge a better citizen.

"Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!"

Those who visit the scene of the battle of San Jacinto and question how a handful of undisciplined and untrained

and the extension of the nation's boundary line to the Pacific.

Consider what it would have meant had Santa Anna defeated Texas, and retained her territory as a part of Mexico. The subsequent history of Texas might have been vastly different. The battle of San Jacinto made possible great material progress. At the time the battle was fought the population of Texas was estimated at thirty thousand; today it is approximately five million. Then there was not a mile of railroad in Texas; now there are some sixteen thousand miles of railway traversing her vast expanse. Equally rapid strides have been made along other lines. Thus it may be said that the battle of San Jacinto—though the numbers engaged were small—is among the decisive battles of the world.

Loftier Planes.

Here again one should be lifted to loftier planes, and resolve to acquit himself in a manner worthy of the pioneers who did battle on this ground. Material advancement and phenomenal growth should not be permitted to crowd out the respect and reverence due the memory of illustrious heroes. So long as the Lone Star State continues to accept as her guiding star the lofty principles that animated her first citizens, she may confidently expect to march forward at a tremendous stride.

One way to keep alive the precious spark of patriotism is for the people to co-operate more wholeheartedly with the educational institutions and patriotic organizations—both in observance of State holidays, and insistence that historic spots now being maintained be further improved and beautified and other notable events be fittingly commemorated.

The centennial celebration of Texas independence, to be observed in 1936, offers an excellent means of cementing the bonds of loyalty and State pride of the sons and daughters of this immense commonwealth. The Texas Centennial and World Exposition is planned to arouse Texans and all others to a fuller realization of the grandeur of the past, the unparalleled accomplishments of the last one hundred years, and the wonderful possibilities of the future.

Such a celebration offers an opportunity to pause for a moment and reflect—that we may not forget. Well may all of us quote the words of Kipling:

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!"

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES IN TEXAS \$56,471,933.

Total expenditures of the United States Government in Texas averaged \$56,471,933.60 per annum during the years 1920-24, inclusive, while receipts to the Federal Government from Texas averaged \$86,307,730.26 in the same period, according to information which has been prepared by Miss Octavia Rogan, State legislative reference librarian. This report, which was prepared for the information of a Legislator, goes thoroughly into the mooted question of relative Federal expenditures and receipts in Texas, and was compiled only after extensive correspondence and research work.

CORRECTING AND REVISING TEXAS CODE.

As soon as corrections and insertions in the revised code of Texas are made 8,000 volumes will be printed, the Legislature having appropriated \$60,000 for that purpose.

The appropriation bill, already signed by the Governor, provides that all errors and "irregularities" are to be corrected.

This wide authority gives the lawyer to be appointed by the Governor power to insert law that was omitted in the original codification and to withdraw that which should have been eliminated. A number of errors have been found in the civil code—something over 100, said Senator Fairchild. Many of them are minor, but he thinks some are material and must be corrected.

It has been 14 years since the Texas Code was revised.

GIRLS' CLOTHING CONTEST.

The sixth annual girls' clothing contest, under the auspices of the State Department of Education and directly supervised by Miss Lillian Peek, will be held in Austin April 23-25.

This contest is open to all public schools in Texas which maintain home economics departments. Schools offering one unit of clothing work are entitled to five entries. Individual honors and certificates are awarded to contestants. Non-individual prizes are offered. The prizes given are silver and linen, which may be used in the home economics departments of the schools having the best exhibits. Each year the State Mothers' Congress donates \$100 toward prizes for this contest.



Monument erected on San Jacinto battlefield in memory of the Texas soldiers who fought and died there.

site where Colonel Fannin and the other victims at Goliad lie beneath the sod. Goliad is justly enshrined in the hearts of loyal Texans. Will Texas longer withhold suitable recognition of such deeds of heroic sacrifice? The town of Goliad pleads in the following words:

"Let the State of Texas now build the 'Colonel Fannin Normal' at Goliad to commemorate the sacrifice that found fruition in the birth of the greatest State in the Union."

Japan Presents a Monument.

Citizens of other nations have shown their admiration of the spirit displayed by the martyrs of the Alamo. In September, 1914, a Japanese professor presented, in the name of Japan, a monument "to the memory of the heroes of the Alamo." This monument stands in a corner of the old Alamo courtyard—near a huge Lone-Star bed of flowers.

A flag—the Scottish Royal Standards—was presented by the Scotch societies of San Antonio to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, to be placed in the Alamo in honor of the men who gave their lives when the Alamo fell.

Several pecan trees, now growing in the Alamo grounds, were given in memory of the fall of the Alamo.

Painters, sculptors, authors and poets have vied with each other in portraying and immortalizing the deeds of valor of the brave men of the Texas Revolution. Four noted paintings are: "Battle of the Alamo," "The Battle of Goliad," "Battle of San Jacinto," and "The Surrender of Santa Anna." The last mentioned painting occupies a prominent place in the State Capitol at Austin.

Sculptors have modeled the likeness of General Sam Houston and other heroes of the Texas Revolution. Authors have been zealous not only in the writing of the history of Texas but likewise in the creation of fiction, based on such historical background. One of America's famous novelists—who resided in Texas for years—has written a book bearing the title, "Remember the Alamo."

Poets have transmitted to posterity, in poems of perfect rhythm and beautiful expression, accounts of the deeds of these Texas heroes.

Citizens Who Manifest Patriotism.

Many patriotic citizens, desirous of doing something to convey their admiration of the valiant deeds of these pio-



Alamo building as it appears two centuries after erection. The walls are four feet thick and of solid masonry. Bodies of the Alamo defenders were burned in front of this building by order of Santa Anna, Mexican general.

Texans could completely put to route a vastly larger Mexican army should call to mind that the Texans were fighting for a principle, and were determined to avenge the murder of their countrymen. Their battle-cry was, "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!"

What have been the results of that battle? It insured the freedom of Texas, and made possible the recognition of the Republic of Texas by other nations. It eventuated in Texas, ten years later, being annexed to the United States; and resulted in the war with Mexico in 1846,

CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

Competent Jurors.



Recently, I regret to say, there have been several killings in Texas, and because of the brutality of the deeds or the prominence of persons involved in the tragedies, the trials of those charged with responsibility for the crimes have attracted the attention of the citizens of every section of the State. Persons who have watched closely these trials agree that there are many things in our court procedure that ought not to be, and that serve to make it very difficult, indeed, to mete punishment to the destroyers of human life according to the magnitude of their crimes.

In truth, it is well known to us all, and to the shame of our country and its laws, that it is well nigh impossible to convict a killer who is able to surround himself with able counsel, no matter how brutal the crime, or how strong the evidence against him may be. But the feature calling forth most unfavorable comment is our manner of selecting juries—or rather the competency and incompetency of jurors according to our statutes and the interpretation thereof. It appears that the law assumes that the man who has heard a crime discussed, or has read a report of same in the papers, and who, having read or heard a verbal report of the tragedy, whether true or untrue, and has expressed an opinion based on the report reaching him, has formed a fixed opinion that cannot be changed by sworn testimony, and is therefore incompetent to sit on the jury. In some instances hearings have been moved to other counties on the grounds that the accused could not have a fair and impartial trial in the county in which he lived because virtually all the men in the county had heard or read something of the tragedy. To say that twelve men cannot be found in a county of several thousand persons who will weigh impartially the testimony adduced and render a verdict in accordance therewith is, to my mind, a slanderous charge and one that should never be brought against the people of any county. The fault, of course, is not with the people or the judges, but with the assumption of the law that unconfirmed reports, printed or verbal, fix in the minds of honest men opinions that cannot be changed by sworn testimony. Intelligent people of our time read and mingle with their neighbors. They hear what is transpiring in the community, but in doing so they do not lose their ability to weigh testimony or power to discharge a sworn duty. The assump-

tion that men form from rumors or printed reports opinions that cannot be changed by sworn testimony belongs to darker ages than this, and in my humble opinion, should not longer cumber our statutes.

The purposes of courts are to elicit information upon which a judgment can be based and lay it before men of unbiased minds who are strong enough mentally to properly weigh the testimony and honest enough to render a verdict in accordance with the facts developed. The man who does not read current events may be as honest as the men who do, but as a rule readers are more intelligent and more capable of sound reasoning than those who will not or cannot read. It seems a paradox that the law should make those who are best informed incompetent to weigh testimony, hear arguments and render verdicts. It is difficult for me to believe that reading of crimes, or even hearing unconfirmed rumors of the tragedies of the day, place men in the category of incompetent jurors, and to say the least, such an assumption frequently places a brake on the wheels of justice.

There will be no political campaign this year, and it is well that there will not. The people remember too well what the politicians promised them last year in the matters of economy and lower taxes, and would give the political spellbinders the horse laugh. But by next year all will have been forgotten, and then the politicians can picture to us the woes of the down-trodden, tax-burdened people and make their promises to lower taxes and better conditions generally and we'll shout and throw up our hats.

The Old Question of Whose Ox Is Gored.

It was the old Blue-back Speller that gave us the classic of the judge and the farmer, woven around the goring of an ox. The judge held that if his ox had been gored by the farmer's bull, the farmer should pay him whatever damage he had sustained in the goring, but if the farmer's ox had been gored by his bull, that was another question. Out in California, not long since, a motorist drove his car on a railroad track and went to sleep. Pretty soon the passenger train came, according to its accustomed schedule, and as the car had been stopped just beyond a curve, the engineer could not see it in time to stop the engine before the car was struck. In the collision considerable damage was done the engine, and the railway company has sued the owner of the auto for the repair cost. Now what do you say, and what would you say if you were on the jury that tries the suit? Every

person who has sustained damages because of the carelessness of those who operated trains has been given a verdict for damages against the railway company sued, and some have been awarded damages where accidents were unavoidable. Should the man whose indifference to the rights of others caused damage to the property of a railway company be made to pay the repair bill, or does it still make a big difference whose ox is gored? My guess is that a verdict will be returned against the railway company, and that the owner will then sue for damages sustained by his auto and win out.

Happily for the human family, it likes best that which it uses through previous choice, or is forced to use through circumstances. I recall that when I was a small boy our family purchased a sewing machine—a small affair which was turned by hand. For a time this machine was a wonder in the community, but a little later on some of the wealthier neighbors purchased machines that were equipped with many more attachments and were operated by treadles. My mother used her machine for many years, and she never did admit that the treadle machines would make as good seams or do as neat work as hers. I had several fights with boys who contended that their treadle machines were better than our hand machine. The boys were honest in their belief, and I was just as honest in my opinion, and after all it is a sorry man or boy who won't fight for what he believes is right. I grew up believing men who chewed manufactured tobacco were people of morbid taste and poorly civilized. I had learned to chew homespun, found it good, and was honest in the belief that no other kind was fit to chew. Years later I was forced from homespun to Greenville, and after a time admitted that it was superior to the simple home-twist of my earlier days. I am now a devotee of pressed natural leaf and find it delightful. The point is, we must not be intolerant toward utensils, luxuries or foods, for whatever fate or chance proclaims that we must use, we like best. I recall just now a friend who used to contend that no brand of intoxicant was fit to drink except Old Fin, a once-noted product of Kentucky. The other day this same friend told me that he believed "white corn" to be the greatest beverage that was ever manufactured. Much observation and a cultivation of the spirit of tolerance have convinced me that the average normal man can learn to eat and grow fond of any vegetable—except the carrot.

Waste Makes Us Poor.

It is waste that is pauperizing the

world and making times hard. There is waste on every side. In every house there is waste room, and in every meal cooked there is waste of food material. Go to church on Sunday and real waste stares you in the face. There are four verses in every song, but no congregation ever sings more than three stanzas. I have made a close calculation and find that by omitting the third verse, which is never sung, from all the song books of the country, the saving would be sufficient to build many miles of paved roads each year or add a month to the terms of the rural schools. And there is great waste in the item of clothing. Shirt tails are longer than are necessary. Four inches could be cut from the caudal appendage of every shirt without giving inconvenience or discomfort to the wearer, and think what the total saving would be. There are fully thirty million wearers of shirts in the United States and the saving would be not less than 25c per wearer every year. Seven and one-half million dollars would gravel many miles of road. The belts on the backs of men's coats serve no purpose whatever, neither do the cuffs on the lower ends of trouser legs. By dispensing with these useless appendages to men's wear a saving could be effected that would go far toward meeting the expenses of government. Go to our courts and there you will find a great waste. A dozen men are tried for selling or possessing liquor, or committing some other felonious act, and are found guilty as charged. Then all the sentences are suspended. What a great saving it would be if the courts would meet one day and suspend the sentences of all who are charged with crime instead of burdening the State with expensive trials and then suspending the sentences. It is waste that is ruining the world. In the space above us enough power is going to waste to turn all of the world's machinery and do all of man's lifting, pushing and pulling. Think of the power wasted in the cyclone that recently swept Illinois and Indiana. This wasted power destroyed millions of dollars' worth of property and hundreds of lives. If men were really smart they would harness this power and make it turn the wheels of their mills.

Our Feeling Toward the Preachers.

A contributor to a well-known publication chides the church members for not treating the ministers as well as they should. It must be admitted that the good men who labor unceasingly for the deepest and most abiding interests of mankind are entitled to all honor and the very best we can do for them, and it is a matter for regret that we sometimes forget our duty and obligation to

them. But in one respect we are very charitable toward our preaching brethren. No church member have we heard complain that the pastor cut his sermon too short. We object to other employes watching the clock, but we always place the clock in full view of the preacher and insist that he never work a minute overtime—for fear that he might injure his health. I do not want my preacher to judge entirely my feeling toward him by what I contribute toward his salary, but would have him keep in mind how willing I am for him to preach a short sermon.

Three Bales of Cotton Per Acre.

A man recently exhibited in my community a new variety of cotton, the seed of which were brought from one of the tropical islands. The claim is made for this cotton that it will produce from three to five bales per acre, and if the stalks exhibited here are true samples, it will easily make good the claims made for it. Open bolls of cotton were as thick on the stalks as blossoms on a redbud or dogwood tree, with twice as much cotton in the bolls as grow in the bolls of ordinary varieties. Some see in this new and wonderful variety of cotton great riches for the Southland, with the lights of prosperity burning brightly in every community throughout the cotton belt. In my humble opinion such a productive cotton would soon usher us into bankruptcy. I am aware of the fact that a cotton producing five bales per acre would be a blessing if people would reduce the acreage until no more cotton would be grown than is now produced, but those who believe the cotton acreage will ever be reduced do not know Southern people. We reason about some things, but on the question of cotton production never.

What a Ride It Would Be.

The figures show there are now more than 800,000 motor vehicles in Texas. The population of the State is slightly more than 4,000,000. The autos have an average capacity of five people. Run these figures through your mind and you will see that we could all easily take an auto ride at the same time. Think what a procession it would be if all of us should jump in and ride around the State. There would be no danger of head-on collisions, since all of us would be going in the same direction, and with all riding, there'd be no pedestrians to bother or get run over. Of course some objector will rise up and say there'd be no forces to operate the filling stations, but I already had it in mind to import men from Arkansas to perform that service. Let's take the ride and put Texas on the map.

FAMOUS CARLSBAD CAVERN *Probably the Largest Cave in the World*

THE tragic death of Floyd Collins, while exploring Sand Cave, Kentucky, one of the many caves in the vicinity of Kentucky's Mammoth Cave, recalls the fact that in New Mexico and in Texas is probably the largest cave in the World—Carlsbad cavern—which surpasses all others, not only in size, but in beauty and variety of its decorations.

The many caverns and ramifications of Carlsbad cavern have been traced for 15 miles, but the length and breadth of the various winding passages of the cave cannot be estimated. This much is known, however, the cave begins in the Guadalupe mountains, 30 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and extends east 120 miles to the Texas-New Mexico border, thence it extends east quite a distance beyond the Texas-New Mexico border and into the State of Texas.

When Dr. Willis T. Lee, geologist and reclamation engineer, connected with the United States Department of Agriculture, was searching for a suitable reservoir on the Pecos river in southeastern New Mexico he was visited by a cowboy, Jim White, who, in a matter-of-fact way, informed him that the "inside" of the Guadalupe mountains were hollow.

Dr. Lee was interested and, with White as a guide, he and a party of surveyors explored over a period of nine months a series of caverns whose dimensions cannot be estimated, since various winding passages have been traced only for 15 miles.

Made National Monument.

Fortunately the government owns nearly all of the Guadalupe country in New Mexico and President Coolidge, in October, 1923, set aside this region as the Carlsbad National monument, withdrawing from public sale 80,000 acres on the mountains lying near the explored area.

For 15 years Jim White had been taking guano from the Carlsbad cavern. A steel cable operating a bucket in a shaft is the only means of descent, save a wooden ladder that has a nasty habit of turning over when the climber is but half way down to the first landing, leaving the climber dangling underneath,

with jagged stalagmites far below.

Literally millions of bats make their home in the cavern, issuing forth at nightfall to scour the desert for food and returning with a rush and a roar of wings at daybreak to re-enter the cavern through a natural opening 100 feet square. All day they hang on the cavern walls in Stygian darkness, digesting their day's gorgings. It seems that since prehistoric times this cave has been the home of countless numbers of these creatures. Tons of fertilizer have been taken from the cave by White and his associates.

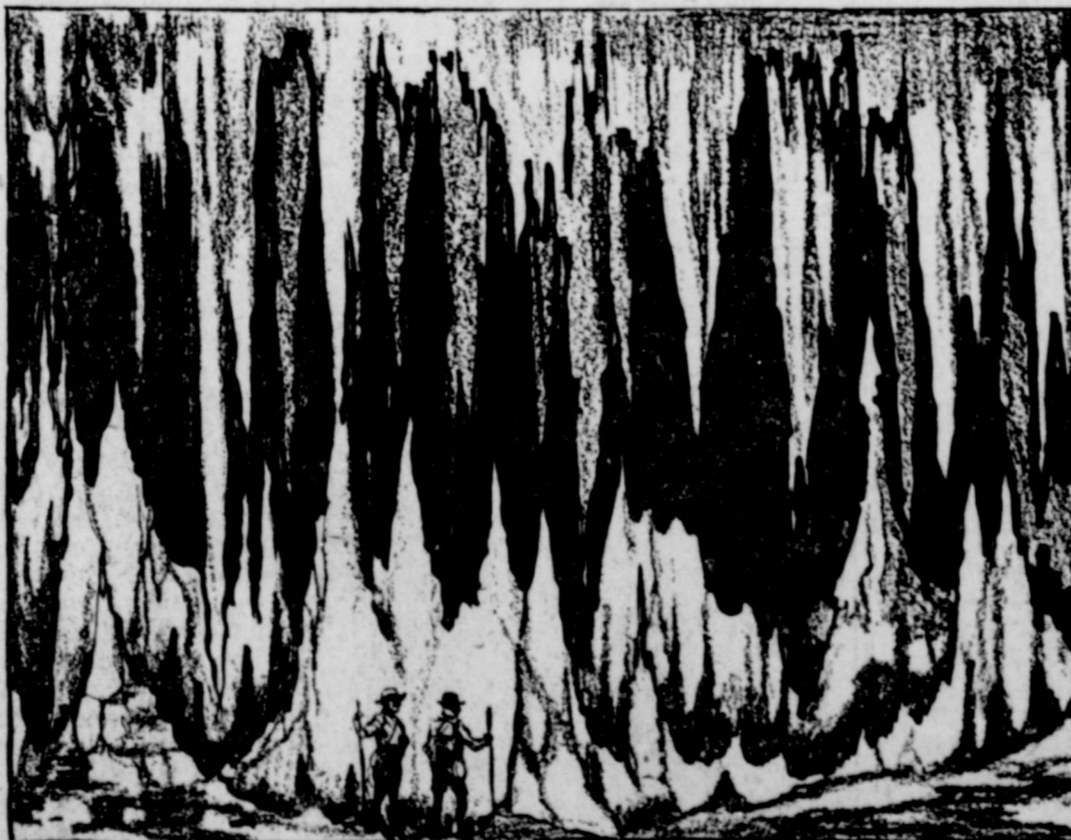
White has spent the past 22 years exploring Carlsbad cave for his own amusement, with only a string to guide him safely back. Even now decayed fragments of that string are found along the perilous passageways.

White found the bones of an adult male buried in an upright position in one of the niches. The skull he gave to a local physician who later lost it. Indian skulls are not uncommon finds in this region, and no great value attaches to finds of this kind, at least among the inhabitants of the district.

The trip down the bucket through White's shaft is a breath-taking experience, although safe. For 160 rods from the foot of the shaft the corridor is irregular. Alcoves open from the corridors into rooms, many of which never have been entered and none of which has been explored thoroughly. The stalactites and stalagmites are impressive throughout, many taking the

form of fluted and ornately decorated pillars.

At approximately 750 feet below the surface, at the mouth of the shaft, three large chambers lead off the main hall. Dr. Lee suggests that the largest be called Shinav's wigwam, in honor of the warrior Shinav, the wolf-god, a glorified Paul Bunyan of Navajo mythology, who in battle used petrified trees for arrows.



"From size of stalagmites it is reasonable to believe that the cavern is at least 90,000 years old."

The "Big Room."

Great masses of onyx rise in monuments and heaps from the general level. The crowning beauty of all is known as the "Big Room." It has tremendous proportions. It is more than a mile in length and probably will average many hundreds of feet in width. The walls recede in places to such great distances that lights fail to illuminate them. The ceilings are all the way from 150 to 250 feet high and are hung with thousands

of limestone pendants which glitter and glisten in the torch rays. One group of stalagmites, rising from the floor, is known as the Totem poles. In this "Big Room" there is a precipice falling sheerly 125 feet. No one knows what lies in that void.

The pathway from the points of interest in the shaft bottom is rough, for the lower part of the cave is filled with angular blocks of rock fallen from the ceiling and walls. It is said that men have made their way downward 300 feet below the present floor at shaft level by working their way in between the giant masses of rock on the cavern floor.

Carlsbad cavern has not yet been studied sufficiently to enable one to accurately estimate its age, but judging from the size of the stalagmites it is reasonable to believe the cavern is at least 90,000 years old. The coral-shaped formations capped with smooth dripstones resemble roughly human skeletons with shining skulls. Magnesium flares reveal the true beauties of these caverns, showing stalactites growing laterally until they coalesce into great sheets or walls which serve as partitions between rooms.

Dripping Lime Forms Icicles.

In many of the rooms mighty rock crystals like icicles hang from the lofty domes and stretch upward in peaked cones from the floor. The dripping water dissolves the limestone as it passes over the rocky floor. As the drops run down the water slowly evaporates and leaves some of the lime. A stone icicle thus is formed which grows continually.

The water falling from the tip to the floor gives up some of its lime and another cone is built up which points toward the ceiling. These stone icicles, hanging from the ceiling, are called stalactites; those rising from the floor bear the name of stalagmites.

This district in New Mexico seems to be honeycombed with caves. A desert pioneer in Albuquerque told me that while prospecting in the Sacramento mountains west of the Guadalupe he had discovered a cavern with dark passages that he hesitated to explore in the darkness and alone. No doubt there are many others who have stumbled on these mysterious holes in the earth and gave them no more than passing notice.

According to Dr. Lee, the rocks of these mountains, the Guadalupe, consist of limestone of the late Paleozoic age, in thick, heavy layers, sloping gently in an easterly direction and passing under the red sandy shale in the valley of the Pecos. This shale contains thick beds of gypsum and salt, which dissolves in the circulating underground water.

For those adventurous spirits who do not hesitate to face death in dark, treacherous places, cave hunting is exciting sport. For timid souls who do not know the "lay of the land," who would be startled at the howl of some wild animal, it is no game to play. It is a land of Gila monsters, tarantulas, rattlesnakes and scorpions. It also is a land of awe-inspiring twilights and quiet, peaceful days. When one spends a season there he can understand the tremendous hold the desert has on the old prospectors.

TWO IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

Two important bills have been signed by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. The bill appropriating \$3,000,000 for the rural schools of Texas, divided into \$1,500,444 for each of the ensuing two scholastic years, is to be apportioned under the direction of the State Department of Education with a maximum of \$1,000 to any school, and under tax and other local requirements.

Senate bill No. 98 reappropriates \$32,000 for pink bollworm control and eradication work in Texas.

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER
THE STATE

CUT GIANT PINE TREE.

One of the largest pine trees to be cut in Angelina county (East Texas) in a number of years scaled 4,986 feet of lumber near Lufkin recently. The tree was cut at a switch called Granville, six miles from Lufkin. Its diameter at the point of cutting was forty-six inches and the diameter at the base was fifty inches. Estimating a half-inch growth per year, the tree was a century old.

STATE FUNDS IN TEXAS BANKS.

It has been announced by W. Gregory Hatcher, State Treasurer, that a grand total of \$18,000,000 of State funds is now farmed out or loaned to banks over Texas. Of the total \$4,200,000 is in 115 banks drawing 4 per cent interest under the regular depository law. These banks have qualified to receive State funds at 4 per cent interest. The remainder is in "reserve depositories" drawing 2 per cent.

TEXAS WOMAN 115 YEARS OLD DEAD.

Mrs. Mary Jane Power, who had lived seventy-two of her 115 years in Tarrant county, was buried in the family cemetery near her home, three miles southeast of Everman, March 12.

Mrs. Powers was born in Illinois and moved in 1820 to what is now Cherokee county (East Texas). She is survived by forty-four grandchildren and fifty great-grandchildren.

DE WITT COUNTY FARMERS ORGANIZE LUNCHEON CLUB.

The De Witt County Farmers' Luncheon Club, of Cuero, the only organization of its kind in the State, is attracting attention from all over Texas and gives promise of being the nucleus of a Statewide organization of farmers who will meet at stated intervals to talk over their common problems, the same as business men of the cities meet in various civic clubs, such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc.

CATTLEMEN RE-ELECT OFFICERS.

The forty-ninth annual convention of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, which was held at San Antonio in March, re-elected H. L. Kokernot president and other officers by acclamation on motion of Colonel Ike Pryor.

New members were added to the association's executive committee as follows: E. D. Henry, San Antonio; M. A. Gresham, Toyah; R. Mason, Houston; A. L. East, Sarita; G. A. Lawrence, Eldorado; Sam C. Arnett, Lubbock, and J. M. Shelton, Romero.

Fort Worth was chosen for the fiftieth annual convention.

BLUEBONNETS FEATURE CAVALRY SERVICE MEDALS.

The Texas bluebonnet will be the distinctive feature of the special bronze service medals awarded by Congress to the First and Second Cavalry brigades, Texas National Guard, it has been announced by the State Adjutant General's department.

The design is an octagonal medal of bronze, one and one-half inches in diameter, suspended from one of its sides, bearing on the obverse the Texas State flower, the bluebonnet, within the legend, "Awarded by Congress for service in Texas cavalry," and on the reverse side the seal of the State of Texas, a star with a wreath of live oak and olive, all within the legend, "Sept. 25, 1918-Nov. 11, 1918."

CONFEDERATE VETERAN, 101 YEARS OLD, DEAD.

Uriah Bell, 101 years old, oldest inmate of the Home for Confederate Veterans, at Austin, died March 22, after a brief illness, due to the infirmities of old age. Until a few months ago Bell was in splendid health and had celebrated his 100th birthday by purchasing an automobile, which he learned to drive. For years he had conducted a cigar and soda water stand at the Home. He was buried in the State Cemetery.

PLAN SAN JACINTO DAY FETE.

Plans are being perfected for a big San Jacinto Day celebration on April 21 at Old Washington, on the Brazos river, near Bryan. The people of Brazos, Grimes and Washington counties will join in the celebration, and the winning of the independence of Texas at San Jacinto battlefield will be properly observed on the hallowed soil where once stood the capitol of the State and where the Declaration of Texas Independence was declared.

THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

When the Thirty-ninth Texas Legislature came to a close March 19th, there had been introduced during the entire session approximately 452 House and 326 Senate bills of a general nature, and 238 House and 144 Senate bills of a local nature. Out of the 1,160 bills introduced, 446 were passed. Whether a special session will be called is to be determined later by the Governor, after a check is made of the legislation put through by the regular session.

TEXAS PIONEERS TO MEET APRIL 20.

Plans for the annual meeting of the State Association of Pioneers of Texas, April 20, were recently perfected. The annual meeting is to be held at the Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, when officers will be elected and committees chosen.

The association, now six years old, was organized to perpetuate Texas traditions and cultivate friendly relations among Texas pioneers and their descendants. Dr. Frank Paschal Sr. is president and Miss Emma Bell is secretary.

PRIZES OFFERED BY TEXAS WOMAN'S PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Prize winners in the Texas Woman's Press Association literary contest will be announced at the State convention to be held at Tyler, May 20, 21 and 22. Mrs. J. M. F. Gill of Burkburnett, president of the association, said the contest will close April 30, and manuscripts to be entered for prizes should be in the hands of the chairman, Miss Lillian Wester, University of Texas, by that date.

Regulations governing the manuscripts state that the name of the author must not be placed upon the entry, but must be sealed in an accompanying envelope, which will be signed on the outside with some nom de plume which will also appear on the manuscript. It has been announced that no entries will be returned unless accompanied by return postage.

The prizes are as follows: Cash prize of \$5 for the best original unpublished poem; cash prize of \$5 for the best unpublished story not to exceed 3,000 words; cash prize of \$5 for the best unpublished feature story; Texas Woman's Press Association medal, perpetual, for the best published article which has appeared since May 1, 1924.

PLANS TO TAKE INSANE FROM JAILS.

Plans for the removal of the insane from the county jails throughout the State, already under way, is announced by R. B. Walthall, member of the State Board of Control, following the enactment of legislation by the Thirty-ninth Legislature which makes the carrying out of these plans possible.

There are probably 700 insane persons now languishing in county jails unable to find accommodation in any of the asylums, and under the plans it will be possible to take care of about 500 or more of these.

STATE NOW TO PAY FOR CAPITAL SITE.

Claim of the surviving heirs of Gen. T. J. Chambers for \$20,000 in payment of the land on which the State Capitol is situated was finally allowed by the Texas Legislature by the adoption in both branches of the report of the free conference committee on the subject.

This claim is about 80 years old and has been before practically every Legislature in the State. Originally the claim was for \$100,000, but this was finally reduced to \$20,000.

The heirs and beneficiaries under this claim are Mrs. Kate Chambers Sturgis and her sister, Mrs. Stella J. MacGregor, both of Galveston. Mrs. Sturgis has been teaching school in Galveston for many years. They are sisters of General Chambers.

TEXAS GETS \$4,415,715 GOOD ROAD FUND.

Texas will be apportioned \$4,415,715 of the \$75,000,000 good road fund voted by the United States Congress shortly before adjournment, making a total the State has received since the policy of Federal aid became effective \$38,136,000.

Texas leads all States in mileage of Federal highway, being 3,122 miles at the close of the last fiscal year, the total cost of which has been \$42,341,998, and of which the Government spent \$16,190,624. During the first six months of the present fiscal year 400 additional miles were completed at a cost of \$6,230,118, and there is under construction awaiting final settlement 1,450 miles, the expenditure for which is \$24,153,852, and projects have been approved totaling 359 miles, the cost of which will be above \$5,000,000. There is to the credit of Texas a fund of \$1,012,094.

JUDGE WILLIAM P. McLEAN DEAD.

William Pinkney McLean, 89 years old, well-known lawyer and a resident of Texas since the days of the Republic, died suddenly of pneumonia March 13, at his home, 316 Henderson street, Fort Worth. He was senior member of the law firm of McLean, Scott & Sayers.

Mr. McLean was for many years a prominent figure in the political life of the State, he having been a member of the convention that framed the present State Constitution in 1875. At the outbreak of the Civil War he resigned from the State Legislature to enter the Confederate Army as a private, emerging as a Major. He was elected to the State Legislature for the second time in 1869, and to the bench of the Fifth Judicial District in 1884.

He was the last survivor of the first Railroad Commission appointed by Gov. Hogg. Judge John H. Reagan and the Hon. L. L. Foster, the other two members, having long since passed away.

WHISKY STILL IN EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

In the heart of the exclusive Dallas Highway residential district, next door to the home of a prominent Fort Worth banker, police and county officers confiscated the most elaborate and complete whisky distilling set ever uncovered within the limits of Tarrant county. The still was of 100-gallon capacity.

TEXAS HAS 25 COTTON MILLS.

"Today there are twenty-five cotton mills operating in Texas, while these enterprises represent a total investment, based on replacement cost, of about \$27,950,000," is the gist of a report based on a survey of the industry recently made by Burt C. Blanton, consulting and industrial engineer, of Dallas.

"The textile industry as a whole in Texas represents an aggregate investment of about \$42,750,000, and there are now 241,158 active spindles in Texas' mills," affirms Mr. Blanton.

"About 55,400 new spindles have been added to the industry in Texas during the period 1923-24, which represents an increase in spindleage of about 33 per cent over the year 1922."

Mr. Blanton predicts even greater development and expansion of the textile industry in Texas during 1925, and likewise expresses the opinion that Texas, as the potential hub, is destined, eventually, to become the textile manufacturing center of the world.

"Such development will be on a large scale in this State during the next decade," Mr. Blanton said, "and by the year 1935 Texas will be dotted with textile industries and there will be many important mill districts."

SCIENTISTS WILL INVESTIGATE ROCKWALL COUNTY'S ROCK WALL.

Investigation of the old rock wall in Rockwall county, by University of Texas scientists will begin soon, according to an announcement by Dr. J. E. Pearce, head of the Department of Anthropology of the University of Texas, who will lead the party, assisted by Dr. LeRoy Patton of the Bureau of Economic Geology. Dr. Pearce also is an archaeologist, which is considered a branch of anthropology. Dr. Patton is an expert in geology.

This is a buried wall and extends partly around the town of Rockwall, Texas. For many years the origin of the wall has been a matter of speculation among scientists, geologists and laymen. Several geologists have contended that the wall is of natural formation, while a well-known scientist recently gave as his opinion, after careful investigation, that he believed the wall was built by a prehistoric race of people. The wall outcrops irregularly, but does not extend above the surface, and its depth varies from a few feet to 15 or 20 feet underground. The little investigation which has been made so far reveals a wall resembling masonry—some of the stone blocks being larger at the base than at the top, and very symmetrical in size. The cement (or mortar) between the stone blocks has the appearance of trowel construction.

If the wall was built by a prehistoric race it is of remote antiquity, scientists estimating its age at not less than 10,000 years.

The investigation is being financed by Col. Frank P. Holland, publisher of Farm and Ranch at Dallas.

FISH AND GAME LAWS REVISED.

Final action was obtained on the new game law amendments and the commercial fish bill when the conference committee reports on both were adopted by the Texas Legislature. The new bill completely rewrites the game statutes of Texas, repealing numerous obsolete and local game statutes. Its principal changes include the shortening of the open season on all game by two weeks and reducing daily and weekly season bag limits. Under the new law the bag limit on bucks is reduced from three to two, and all bucks killed must have a pronged horn. The open season on deer and turkey is made Nov. 16 to Dec. 31, and the bag limit on turkey remains at three gobblers.

Two hunting zones are created for quail, doves, ducks and geese. This is in conformity with Federal law, and the International-Great Northern railroad, Laredo to Longview and the Texas & Pacific, from Longview to Texarkana, is made the boundary line. In the north zone the open season on quail is Nov. 16 to Jan. 1, on doves September and October, on ducks and geese Oct. 16 to Jan. 1. In the south zone quail Dec. 1 to Jan. 16, doves November and December, ducks and geese Nov. 1 to Jan. 31. Bag limits, quail twelve in one day, thirty-six in one week; doves fifteen in one day and forty-five a week, ducks twenty-five a day and fifty a week, geese four in one day and twelve in one week; prairie chicken, open season all over Texas from Sept. 1 to Sept. 10, inclusive, and bag limit five in one day and ten during the open season.

Open season on bear Nov. 16 to Dec. 31, bag limit one during the season.

Open season on squirrels, both zones, months of May, June, July.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER.

Victor's Prince was the grand champion steer of the 1925 Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. The animal was bred and exhibited by the A. & M. College. He was fourteen months old, weighed 1,160 pounds and dressed 63 per cent of his live weight. Swift & Co. bought the steer for the Texas Hotel, paying 35 cents per pound on foot.

STATE TO OPEN FIGHT ON JOHNSON GRASS.

The State Department of Agriculture, at Austin, has started a campaign against the spread of Johnson grass in Texas, by asking farmers to send in samples of seed for analysis. The State seed laboratory has found that Johnson grass is appearing in large quantities and greater variety this year than ever before. It has been found in millet and alfalfa, which is said to be very unusual.

The Story of Bill Anderson, One of Quantrill's Men

By HENRY C. FULLER.

BILL ANDERSON, famous in Civil War days as one of the most daring of Quantrill's band of guerrillas, in Kansas and Missouri, and supposed to have been killed by Federal cavalry in Ray county, Missouri, in 1863, is not dead, but still living and in good health at the age of 86 years, on his Salt Creek farm, seven miles from Brownwood, Texas. He was foremost in Quantrill's fearful onslaught at Centralia and Lawrence, Kansas.

In 1863 a detachment of Federal cavalry, under Major Cox, knowing the locality in which Anderson and his men were camped, stealthily made their way to the vicinity one dark night, and, having ascertained the exact location of the guerrilla camp, drew plans to ambush and kill the entire band. Not a man was to be taken alive.

A long lane, with a fence on either side, stretched between the rendezvous of the Federal cavalry and the camp of Bill Anderson. Tall weeds filled the locks of the fence inside the field. Major Cox concealed all of his men in these tall weeds, scattered along the lane, and at sunrise sent two of his men forward, as if riding through the country, with instructions to turn and ride for their lives back through the lane, in event they were seen and pursued by Quantrill's men. The ruse worked well. The two decoy Federal cavalrmen were seen and instantly pursued by the guerrillas, who fired upon them as they followed.

Into the ambush rode the unsuspecting guerrillas, amid a hail of bullets. But a few moments later all the guerrillas, including their horses, lay dead in the lane, hardly a shot of the concealed Federals going astray.

One of the horses—a large black stallion—known everywhere as the property of Bill Anderson, and always ridden by this daring guerrilla, was among the dead, and sprawled near the dead animal lay its rider, who, according to the report that was turned in, and according to the testimony of people who saw the dead guerrilla, was no other than Bill Anderson. His body was taken to a neighboring town, photographed and viewed by scores of people.

But the dead guerrilla was not Bill Anderson, for he is now living near Brownwood, Texas. It was a case of mistaken identity, and here is Mr. Anderson's version of the incident, as told recently to your correspondent:

When the two decoy Federal riders showed up near the guerrilla camp, at sunrise, and sped away through the lane pursued by the entire guerrilla force, who were mounted and getting ready for a long march, another man was on Anderson's horse by accident, having just ridden him to water. Anderson laughingly told this man to join the race and have some fun. So the man sped away on Bill's horse. Anderson was the only man left in the guerrilla camp, and presently he heard the fusillade of shots, which told him plainly

that his comrades had been decoyed into an ambush. He afterward learned that every one of the guerrillas had



Bill Anderson, 86 years old, member of Quantrill's guerrillas during the Civil War.

been killed and he, himself, counted as among the dead.

Bill Anderson had to do some things during the Civil War that did not entire-

ly meet with his approval. He also had many enemies, who were still seeking his life. Why not let the world believe he was dead, and in some remote part of the country, begin life all over again? So mused Anderson, and with this thought uppermost in his mind, he started South, traveling by night and remaining concealed during the day.

After many weeks of travel, he found himself on the banks of Salt creek, in what is now Brown county, West Texas. There was no county there then—nothing but wild cattle, buffalo, deer, antelope, turkeys, and hostile Indians—not a white man in hundreds of miles. But it was a lovely place. Salt creek wound between green hills, with a valley clothed in rich verdure and here and there were beautiful patches of bluebonnets, the famous flower that later came to be the State flower of Texas. It was a pleasing prospect, and while sitting alone, on a great rock, holding in his hand the lariat of his horse as the animal grazed on luxuriant grass, his eyes fixed on the peaceful scene that spread out before him, Bill Anderson resolved to go no farther. He would settle there, build a home and rub out the past.

With him, to resolve was but to act, and pitching camp, he soon shot an antelope, which he dressed, and that night alone, in the wilds of Texas, he started life over again. The next day he built a rude shanty of stocks and brush, and made his bed of

moss that was gathered from the trees on Salt Creek. Innumerable pecan groves were at hand and the trees were full of fine nuts. For more than a year Bill Anderson lived alone on Salt Creek, and then, one day, a settler rolled in and settled a mile or so up the creek, and as time passed on another settler came, and still another. By and by, a store was built in Pecan Bayou valley, six miles away, and thus the town of Brownwood was started, which is now a thriving city with over 10,000 population.

Uncle Bill married a few years later and raised a family of fine children. His wife died several years ago, and he is now living with his youngest son. Although 85 years old, his eye is still as bright as a new silver dollar and he is a dead shot with pistol, in either hand.

What has been here written are the high lights in the life of Bill Anderson, the guerrilla and Texas pioneer—a rugged, unique and kindly character. He became a member of the Quantrill band of guerrillas as a matter of revenge. In Kansas he had two sisters when the Civil War started. On a trumped-up charge these two sisters were arrested and placed in jail by the Federal officers. A storm came one night, blew the old jail building down and killed both sisters. Anderson then swore eternal revenge against all Federal soldiers, and joined Quantrill, the guerrilla. He killed many men, in guerrilla warfare, but never once fired upon a woman.

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HAIR CUTS EFFEMINATE.

Harold—"Some men are letting their hair grow these days."
Mabel—"Are they?"
Harold—"Yes, they regard a hair-cut as effeminate."

GETTING DOWN TO ESSENTIALS.

A Yale player was teaching some cowboys how to play football. He explained the rules and ended as follows: "Remember, fellows, if you can't kick the ball, kick a man on the other side. Now let's get busy. Where's the ball?" One of the cowboys shouted: "Never mind the ball! Let's start the game!"

STUMPED THE PROFESSOR.

The professor was telling how small the world was, after all. "While in Paris last summer," said he, by way of illustration, "I met a man from my home town. I met him again in Venice, on another occasion in Alexandria, and this year while visiting Yellowstone Park, I encountered him for the fourth time."
"Well, how much money did you owe him?" said a voice from his audience.

TOMMY ON TWINS.

A boy's composition on Twins: "Twins is a baby, only it's double. It usually arrives about 4:37 in the morning, when a fellow is getting in his best licks sleepin'. Twins is accompanied by excitement and a doctor. When twins do anything wrong, their mother can't tell which one to lick, so gives it to 'em both to make sure. We got twins at our house and I'd swap 'em enny day for an airedale or most ennything."

A JOKE ON UNCLE MOSE.

Two hunters, one a ventriloquist, brought in a large turtle and asked Uncle Mose, the cook, to make some turtle soup, which was his specialty. With preparations all ready, Mose turned to the turtle delightedly.
"Now, ol' Turkle, Ah'll soon hab yo' ready to drap in dat pot."
"Whar you all gwine drap me?" began the ventriloquist in a guttural tone, throwing his voice in the direction of the turtle.
"Is gwine to drap yo' right here," exclaimed Mose, as he bolted for the nearest thicket, into which he disappeared, and was seen no more by the two hunters.

PITY THE PREACHER.

A Texas newspaper comments as follows: "The preacher has a great time. If his hair is gray, he is too old. If he is a young man, he hasn't had enough experience. If he has ten children, he has too many; if he has none, he isn't setting a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming; if she doesn't, she isn't interested in her husband's work. If a preacher reads from notes, he is a bore; if he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays at home in his study, he doesn't mix enough with the people; if he is seen around the streets, he ought to be at home getting up a good sermon. If he calls on some poor family, he is playing to the grandstand; if he calls at the home of the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, some one could have told him to do better."

A NEW STORY OF LOT'S WIFE.

Small Dorothy was telling small Roy about some things she had learned at Sunday school. One of the stories was that of Lot's wife.
"Well, do you know," she said. "God told Locket and his wife to get right out of town and not look back, but Locket's wife looked around and then she turned a somersault."

A SLUR ON BUNNIE'S TAIL.

The teacher was explaining the meaning of some new words to her young class.
"An anecdote," said she, "is a short, funny tale. And now I want you to write a sentence containing the word 'anecdote.'"
This was one of the sentences presented for her consideration:
"A rabbit has four legs and one anecdote."

HIS FIRST BIG GAME.

An amateur hunter in the Adirondacks had just taken a shot at a moving object he took to be big game and had sent his guide forward to see what he had brought down.
"What is the name of the species?" asked the amateur hunter as the guide returned.
"Well, sir," replied the guide, soberly. "I've just investigated and he says his name is Smith."

PROP WANTED.

The colored janitor of a church in St. Louis had a violent temper. He was converted, but sometimes his temper would get the best of his good resolutions. On one occasion when he was repenting, he made this prayer after he had asked the Lord to forgive him: "Oh, Lord, dis nigger done knows he's a sinner, and dat he's slippin', but, O, Lord, please save me—save me frum de debil and prop me up on de leanin' side."

QUICK ACTION.

A man was sitting on the beach one afternoon quite near a young widow and her little daughter. The child came over to him and asked:
"Please, sir, are you married?"
The man laughed, and said that he was not. Whereupon the little girl turned around and called to her mother:
"Ma, he ain't married. What else do you want to know about him?"

THE YOUNG HEBREW'S COUNTER-SIGN.

It is reported (unofficially) that a young Hebrew in one of the officers' training camps was on guard duty, and was fully equipped with the counter-sign and other information necessary to his task. In the course of the night he heard a noise close by and demanded: "Who goes there, friendt or foe?"
"Friend," came a voice from the dark.
"Alright, friendt," ordered the young Hebrew, "advance and gif de discount."

SAFETY SLOGANS THAT CAUSE SMILES.

Safety slogans as a rule are solemn, depressing and terrifying, but occasionally a lighter vein is introduced by advocates of caution. Some of these that recently have come to the attention of the Automobile Club of Southern California are clever and "punchy."
A sarcastic railroad man in the East suggests to careless motorists: "Better stop a minute than forever."
Not to be outdone, a locomotive engineer offers this one: "Try running into one of our locomotives. You'll get a thrill or an undertaker's bill."
The manager of the Southern Pacific hotel at Tuckee is credited with this one:
Stop! And let the train go by.
Hardly takes a minute;
Your car starts out again intact,
And better still—you're in it.

AUTO HINTS

A weak spring that allows the frame to strike bumpers should be removed, set up and retamped. Many motorists install an extra leaf, which is not necessary, and which makes the car ride harder.

Too sudden application of brakes and excessive sliding of wheels will play havoc with any automobile tire. Sudden skidding wears a flat place in the tread and causes separation in the tire carcass.

More tires are found ruined by skidding in mountainous and hilly countries than elsewhere, but it is amazing to observe the amount of damage done to tires on the best of streets and in flat country through this type of careless driving.

The life of the casing after excessive skidding is shortened so that the motorist gets far less mileage than he would otherwise obtain.

Tighten the nuts on the cylinder head if water or oil leaks at the cylinder head gasket. This also applies when a whistling noise is heard on a hard pull. If that does not stop the leak, the gasket should be replaced with a new one. With a defective gasket, water may leak inside the cylinder, with the result that either the cylinder head or piston may be broken starting the engine.

A little oil on the carburetor controls will do much to save wear and consequently air leaks. This applies to the shaft of the throttle valves, the rods or plungers for the auxiliary air or gas valves and to the accelerator and hand throttle control assembly.

These parts frequently appear to be lubricated merely because they are covered with gasoline or kerosene from the carburetor, which is just another way of saying they are sadly in need of real lubrication.

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RADIO NEWS

By DAVID J. MORRIS

It has been always the policy of the Magazine Section of this newspaper to give its readers the best obtainable in reading matter, as far as helpful and interesting material is concerned. Due to the ever-increasing interest in radio and the important part it has played, is playing and is likely to play in our lives of the future, we have decided to publish a radio department.

In so doing our intentions are to serve the readers in a manner that will give them late radio news, helpful hints, suggestions, how to construct radios and talks on the merits of different sets and parts. Articles suitable for both the beginner and the seasoned listener and experimenter will be published. The department is for the readers of this newspaper, and any suggestion on their part will always be welcomed by the radio editor.

Some of our readers may desire to construct their own sets, and articles will be published to help them in this respect. Others will desire to buy factory-built sets, and while our policy is not to boost any certain set or type, we hope, by publishing articles on the merits of different parts and types of sets to help the reader to decide for himself what kind suits his needs the most.

Radio advertisements which may appear in our columns from time to time will be only those companies which have proven to us that their parts or sets can do all that they claim for them, to a reasonable extent.

We shall be glad to take under consideration any question that the reader may have doubts about, and for this reason there will be a question and answer department for the help and convenience of the radio reader. This question and answer department is at your disposal any time, free of cost.

We hope our radio department will grow better every month. Summer is coming on, with its static, and while we cannot remove the static for you, suggestions will be run from time to time that will enable the radio listener to get much better results than heretofore. So keep in touch with this department.

Radio Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.

In the yesterdays radio was an experiment; today it is a reality and a pleasure; tomorrow it will be a convenience and a necessity.

In looking back 25 years in the art of radio, we find De-

Forest, Marconi, Armstrong and other radio pioneers working with sets very much different from the ones we now have. Their first experiments which proved successful in transmitting signals a few miles resulted in them being considered crazy, by many well-informed people. But today this does not seem reasonable to us.

The first tube sets used from fifteen to twenty vacuum tubes, where at present one tube will do as well. Three years ago one tube used one ampere of current per hour, now sixteen tubes of the 199 type can be burned on the same current. The invention of the regenerative feature brought about the revolutionizing of radio because it was the means of increasing the strength of the receiving signal. The crystal played an important part in early experiments, and still has its place in radio.

Today we have wonderful improvements. Now it requires only one to three tubes to get signals thousands of miles away. We use radio today for entertainment, gathering news, market reports, lectures and amateur message transmission.

Experiments have been conducted of broadcasting photographs, which some day will mean that pictures taken on the other side of the world will be published in Texas newspapers only a few minutes after the picture was made. By this same means experiments have been conducted that will result in the radio listener eventually being a radio visionary. That is, he can obtain apparatus that will enable him to collect from the air motion picture scenes that are being broadcast and at the same time also get the spoken word. Airplanes, ships and many other mechanical apparatus are likely to be piloted by a man several hundred miles from the mechanical machine. Direct line radio wave transmission, now being worked on, will make such a thing possible. It is also likely that the little tube we now use will be replaced by instruments that require no batteries to operate them. The possibilities are truly great, and while all the above is possible, yet there is certain to be a world-wide radio service, both by personal conversation and in the form of news items. This will call for a world language. Two languages, Ilo and Esperanto, are now being considered, which means that by the use of one of these languages all nationalities can understand each other.

It will be certain to bring about a world harmony and understanding, results of which have already been noted in the United States, as the North, East, South and West are coming to think more broadly and uniformly than ever before.

Tomorrow, however, remains to bring about truer facts. Today we can but wonder and express our ideas of the future. The person getting into the radio game today, and permitted to live for the next several years, will undoubtedly see some wonderful inventions put into practical use.

Questions and Answers.

M. E. T., Dallas—
Question: (1) What is the difference between a 201A and a 199 type radio tube?
(2) What size rheostats are required for the above tubes?

Answer: (1) The 201A type radio tube requires between 5 and 6 volts of A battery, and they draw an amperage of 1/4 per hour. The 199 tube requires only between 2 and 4 volts of A battery and takes 1-16 amperage per hour. The latter type tube is often used on two or three dry cells.

(2) A 30 ohm rheostat is required for the 201A tubes with a 6 volt storage battery. A 100 ohm rheostat is required for a 199 tube with a 6 volt storage battery, or a 20 to 30 ohm rheostat with regular 1/2 volt battery.

S. J. B. Weir—
Question: (1) Can I use my Delco lights to run the radio tubes?

(2) Will trees interfere with radio signals?
(3) How long will a tube give service?

Answer: (1) Yes. Get full details from your Delco dealer.

(2) Trees absorb radio energy after they leaf out. Keep the aerial as far from them as possible.

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Dr. Cook and twelve of his associates in the Petroleum Producers Association were convicted of mail fraud in Federal District Court at Fort Worth Nov. 20, 1923. On the following day, they were sentenced by Judge John N. Killits of Toledo, Ohio, who was specially assigned to the case.

Dr. Cook received by far the most drastic penalty, and also was the target of an excoriating address from the bench.

Cook has been confined in the Tarrant county jail for the past sixteen months pending efforts to secure bond and a new trial.

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LEADING IN PARK DONATIONS. A recent nation-wide State park survey shows that Texas is leading many other States in park acquisition and improvement. A total of 51 tracts of land, containing 30,000 acres, has been donated by Texas citizens for park purposes.

SCIENTISTS STUDY EYELESS FISH. Subterranean fish, without eyes, pumped from a 1,500-foot artesian well, at San Antonio, have attracted the attention of scientists from Cornell University.

For Our Boys and Girls

By AUNT MARY.

DR. ALLEN'S VISIT.
For a minute Mrs. Burn could not speak. The wierd sensation she had just experienced when Jo spoke and the sudden sunlight after the darkness of the storm had stunned her. She stood staring at Dr. Kruger as though she didn't know him.

"Good morning, Mrs. Burn," said Dr. Kruger. "Rather a bad storm we had."

"Oh, Dr. Kruger, excuse my not asking you in at once, but I have had such a strange experience."

Dr. Kruger turned to the man beside him and said: "Mrs. Burn, this is Dr. Allen, an old friend of mine." "I am so happy to meet you, Dr. Allen," Mrs. Burn said, extending her hand. "Will you come in and get dry? You look as though you had seen the worst of the storm."

The two doctors stepped inside and in a short time had exchanged their outer wet garments for some of Jo's clothes until their clothes were dry by the kitchen fire.

After they had rejoined Mrs. Burn in the living room, Dr. Kruger said: "Mrs. Burn, you said when we came in that you had experienced something strange. What was it? Something about Jo?"

Mrs. Burn then told them of Jo speaking to her during the storm, and how she wondered if it had really happened or if it were a dream.

After she had finished speaking, Dr. Kruger said: "Mrs. Burn, Dr. Allen is a surgeon from an Eastern hospital. He was a schoolmate of mine. Yesterday he was passing through town and stopped to pay me a visit. I told him about Jo. He is very much interested and I wish you would permit us to make an examination. Then perhaps we can discuss your experience better."

"Of course, Doctor. I know that you have Jo's interest at heart and I am happy to have Dr. Allen make the examination."

"We shall require some time, Mrs. Burn, and we wish you would see that we have perfect quiet and are not disturbed during the time," Dr. Allen said. The famous and widely known Texas surgeon was a tall, heavily built man, with iron gray hair. His steel blue eyes were kindly yet firm and commanding. He said very little. When he did speak it was with the ring of assurance and confidence of a man accustomed to command.

After Mrs. Burn had shown the doctors to Jo's room, arranged chairs for them and adjusted the curtains to obtain just the amount of light wanted by Dr. Allen, she quietly withdrew from the room and closed the door.

As she went into the kitchen, the back door flew open and in came her youngest boy, Tom. He was a gangly, freckled-face child, with faded blue eyes and light brown hair. He loved the out-of-doors and was forever catching bugs, beetles, butterflies and all sorts of insects, putting them in bottles or mounting them on cardboard. This morning, as he burst excitedly into the kitchen, his shoes were covered with mud and his face was flushed from the exercise of running at top speed.

"Mother, mother, were you afraid? Wasn't it awful? I just trembled and almost cried. Were you worried about us?" he gasped almost in one breath.

"Tom, where have you been? Has anything dreadful happened? Where are the other children?" Mrs. Burn said.

"Oh, they are all right. Nothing has happened, except that awful lightning and thunder. You see, we were working in the field and we did not notice how fast the storm was coming until it had started to rain. When we started towards the house, the rain began to come down in buckets full. Henry was in an adjoining field with his new cloyer car. So he just honked the horn for us to all come over there and get in the car. So we did. After the rain was over Henry started to bring us home, but got stuck in that old mud hole down by the pasture. Lucy was afraid you would be worried, so sent me on home to tell you that they would be here as soon as they got the car out."

"I certainly was worried about you all and wondered where you were," said his mother. "We must be very quiet, son, as Dr. Kruger has brought a friend and they are examining Jo. Suppose you go back to help Henry get the car out and tell the rest to be very quiet when they come home."

Tom went out to do as his mother said. Mrs. Burn picked up a piece of embroidery and sat down to await the doctor's verdict.

As Mrs. Burn sat mechanically sewing stitch after stitch, she watched the time tick away minute by minute. Finally thirty minutes had passed and the silence had been broken only by the occasional clink of instruments used by the doctors, the twitter of birds or the cackling of chickens. Mrs. Burn rose and quietly walked to the front door and looked towards the road to see if the children were yet returning. As she didn't see anything, she returned to her chair in the kitchen and resumed work on her embroidery.

After an hour she heard the soft purr of Henry's new car. She hastily got up and went out of doors to the gate. The young folks were just leaving the car, looking much the worse for their experience at the mud hole. Their hands and clothes were covered with mud, but their faces shone with the glow of healthy and happy youth. Mrs. Burn said, "I am so glad you are home. Henry, I wish you would come in and hear the verdict of the doctors." "I shall be pleased to do so, Mother Burn," Henry answered. So they all followed Mrs. Burn into the kitchen.

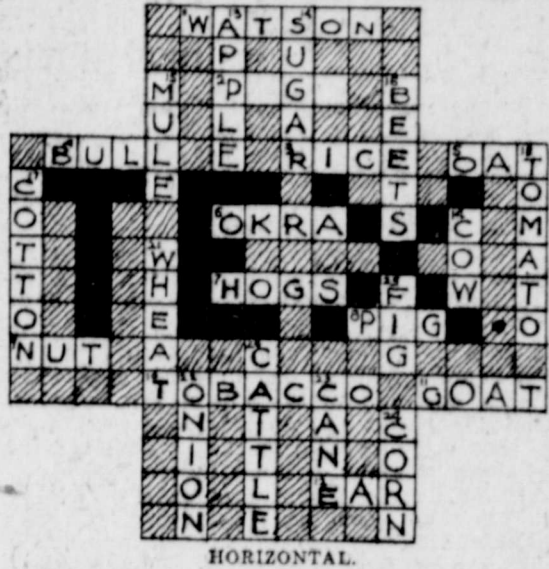
After muddy shoes had been changed for clean ones and they were all in dry clothes, Mrs. Burn told them to find seats in the kitchen. They talked in hushed voices and awaited to hear what the two doctors would have to say. They all noticed the very anxious look in their mother's face and the nervous twitching of her hands. Each sent a prayer to God from his or her heart that the verdict would be favorable.

(Editor's Note—Next month Aunt Mary will tell you the doctor's verdict about Jo.)

INTERESTING PUZZLES. Here is the answer to last month's puzzle: Potatoes, Mustard, Apples, Cabbage, Beans, Meats, Soap, Rice and Salt.

We are going to discontinue these puzzles for a little while, because the page is becoming so crowded with other things. If you have enjoyed the puzzles and would like to have them on this page again, write me a letter and tell me so. Address: Aunt Mary, 1941 Dartmoor Ct., Fort Worth, Texas.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE CONTEST.



- HORIZONTAL.
- Last name of a famous Texan watermelon.
 - Young hogs.
 - Name of University in Houston. Also the name of a crop raised in Southern Texas.
 - A gentleman cow.
 - Singular for a horse's food grown in Texas.
 - Garden plant bearing pods used for soups or pickles grown in Texas.
 - A glutten. Also the name of a four-footed animal that eats corn.
 - What a hog is before he is old enough to be a hog.
 - An edible plant encased in a hard shell.
 - A blast that is used for smoking purposes.
 - An animal that yields mohair.
 - Organ of hearing. Also what corn is measured by.
- VERTICAL.
- A fruit raised in Texas that was given to Adam by Eve.
 - A sweet substance obtained from cane, beets or maple trees.
 - Democratic emblem. An animal raised in Texas.
 - Garden plants from which sugar is obtained.
 - The king of Texas crops.
 - A garden plant that is made into soup and oxtap.
 - Milk-bearing animal found in Texas.
 - The animals that make up the greater part of a ranch collective noun.
 - Chief grain grown in Texas.
 - Edible garden plant grown in Texas that is very hot to the taste.
 - Also plant grown in Texas from which No. 14 vertical is obtained.
 - Plant from which meal is made.
 - A fruit that is a native of Syria, but that is sometimes grown in Texas.

Above is a reproduction of the drawing of the first prize winner in the Cross-Word Puzzle Contest. Next month we will publish the drawings of the second and third prize winners. Following are the names of the prize winners.

First—Ross Patterson, Boyd, Texas.
Second—Frank Meador, San Saba, Texas.

Third—Morris Parker, Seymour, Texas.

I am sure, all of my little readers will say, with me, that the winner of the first prize has drawn a very interesting puzzle. See how many of you can work it out and next month find if you are correct. I am very proud of the boys.

Girls, I am surprised you let the boys walk away with all the honors this time. However, it really was their time to win, wasn't it?

I want to mention here the work sent in by Max Davenport of Cotulla, Texas. His drawing was the neatest, but he failed to stick to the topics assigned for the contest. There were several contestants eliminated on this account.

Watch for the serial of Cross Word Puzzles that will soon start on this page. We are going to give some real wonderful prizes.

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Pa rode a buckin' bronco 'way out West, And won the race; He made a pirate once pull down his vest, And slapped his face.

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Dr. Webster warns ranchmen to be still more careful and to take every precaution against recurrence of the pest. Stamping out the infection has saved the flock owners thousands of dollars, and inspection will be continued as closely in the future as in the past to keep the district clean. Dr. Webster gives much of the credit for the success of the work to the co-operation of the various counties and the ranchmen.

NO MORE WAR.—Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Isaiah 2: 4.

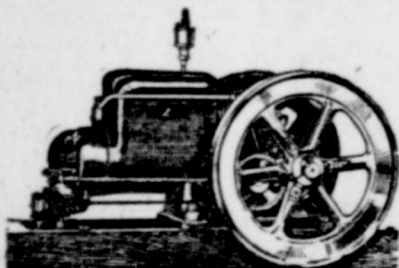
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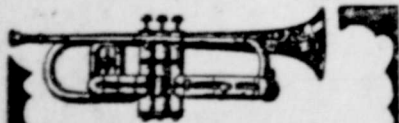
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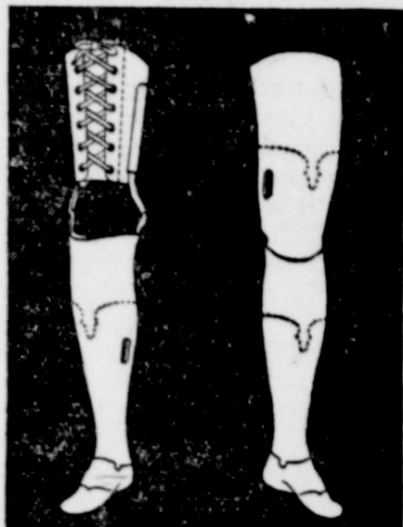


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TEXAS.**

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"Every stray dog should be killed and every other dog should be kept at home," said Dr. Wilhite, "if Texas is to get rid of the rabies. At this time the average percentage of infected dog heads is slightly over 40 per cent. During the months of June, July and August, when the dog catchers are abroad and the dogs are kept off the streets, the percentage of infection is only 17 per cent. That is sufficient proof to show that the stray dogs should go and the others be penned at home."

LIFE AND GOOD DAYS.—He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.—1 Peter 3: 10.

WOMAN'S PAGE

MRS. MARGARET STUTE

HOME PROBLEMS.

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In the springtime, when Mother Nature is adorning herself in a new spring dress, painting the dull brown winter landscape with vivid greens and dotting it with brilliant colors, the heart of the housewife longs to express itself in new creations.

I am going to give you a few suggestions on how to brighten your home and make it refreshing and cool for the coming summer days.

First of all, everything must be clean. This is most important. Take down all the curtains and draperies. Wash the washable ones, thoroughly dust and air the others. Put away the heavy draperies and fine lace ones; the summer sun and dirt will ruin them. Replace them with dotted swiss or other inexpensive washable materials. If they are made with hems on two sides, about four inches deep, and then hemstitched, they are pretty and serviceable. When drawn back with pretty ties they admit more air. A valance or valance and side drapes in creation can be used.

Wash the windows, screens, outside walls, etc.

Beat and clean rugs and carpets. Clean the water spots on waxed floors with a little gasoline and then thoroughly wax and polish the whole floor space.

Rub down all the woodwork with a reliable brightener and cleaner. Be sure and wipe dry after letting stand for thirty or forty minutes. This prevents the collection of dust.

After everything is "spick and span," then we can turn our thoughts to making over old things and buying new ones.

A dainty pillow added here and there about the house will make "a world" of difference in appearance of a room. Taffeta pillows are used in both bedroom and living room. I have in mind a very pretty one used in a bedroom. A yard of material will make two pillows. Cut two inch strips on the bias; sew together. Fray one side of the strips with a dull case knife. Slightly ruffle the other side of the strip. Cover a 14-inch pillow with a harmonizing color and then sew the strip around the pillow, starting at the outer edge of the pillow and work towards the center. Finish the cen-

ter with an ornament or a flower. There are many more beautiful designs that can be worked out.

A new scarf for the living room table, or doilies for the buffet, add a great charm to the room. Decide on a color scheme for each room and work to this end in everything.

Painting over furniture is easy. Your local paint dealer can advise you how to do it and what paint to buy.

Another thing of interest to the housewife at this time of year is the social season. After her house is clean, and innumerable things have been made to enhance its beauty, she wants to give a party. Every woman loves and longs to be a hostess. It is her natural right and heritage. As bridge is the most popular diversion today, I will suggest some hints that might help her in preparing her house for the event.

Cloth card table covers are very unhandy to play on. As most card tables are in need of some covering, I have conveniently and easily solved the problem. The average table is about thirty inches wide. The inside leather cover part is about twenty-nine inches wide. Select a pretty piece of wall paper that when trimmed will be just twenty-nine inches wide. Cut the piece twenty-nine inches long. Smooth a good paste on the reverse side of the paper so that it is completely covered. Then adjust on the table and smooth in place. Be sure there are no wrinkles. After the paste is thoroughly dry shellac over the paper and the whole table. It is best to use two coats of shellac, allowing plenty of time for drying between each coat. There are many pretty designs of wall paper that can be used. One woman that I know simply cut out a large design from the paper and pasted in the center of the table, shellacking the whole top of the table. Another cut small designs and pasted in the four corners.

Dainty and inexpensive prizes can be made from old perfume bottles by simply covering them artistically. Doll lamps can be bought for a dollar a piece and dressed for a very nominal sum. These, too, make pretty prizes.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MOTHERHOOD.

If the little child is taught correct habits, i. e., proper eating, proper exercise and, most important, regular habits in bowel elimination, and if the developing young woman lives a normal, healthful life without excess dissipation, motherhood can be looked forward to with little fear.

I have touched upon the dress of the expectant mother and now I want to tell you about her diet, for, on this point, it is highly necessary that careful rules should be followed; this for several reasons. First, to prevent illness on the part of both mother and child; and, secondly, because it has so much bearing on the future welfare of both. Eating simple, wholesome, well-cooked foods is the secret. Meat should not be eaten more than two or three times a week, with the exception of bacon. Eggs should not be eaten more often than every other day. Sugar should be used in very moderate amounts. Too much sugar in any form, i. e., candy, rich preserves, etc., are liable to be the foundation for kidney trouble. Not more than one teaspoon of sugar in a cup of coffee, etc., should be used. It is wise to eat as much fresh fruit and green vegetables as possible. Well cooked cereals, rice and whole wheat bread should be eaten. Rich cream should be avoided, as it has a tendency to make the mother too fat. However, pure milk in any form is excellent. If these suggestions are followed I am sure they will be of great benefit.

The next important thing is the mental attitude of the mother. It is one of the most important things in the world that she should be happy. All sorrows that are possible to keep from her should be done so, under any and all circumstances. Next, the little one must be welcomed and planned for in order to enjoy the best gifts of God. The entire family must unite to keep sorrow and worry from the mother. It is well if she surrounds herself with beautiful things and things she loves most. Idle gossip of meddlesome people about terrible consequences of birth should be kept from her. It is well to remember a woman is more impressionable at this than at any other time.

(Note.—This series of articles will be continued next month.)

SERVING THE FAMILY MEALS.

It is well known that the appearance of a certain dish is half the battle in making it taste good. Nothing will turn the children and the adults as well from some wholesome dish as when it is served in a careless, sloppy manner. It is every housewife's duty to serve her family with wholesome, nourishing foods. It is also her duty to make them attractive, so they will be received with gusto and eaten with pleasant anticipation. First of all, the dishes must be clean; there is nothing that will take away the appetite so quickly as dirt. Cleanliness is the secret of success in every walk of life, and I know that it is the keynote of a happy and healthy home. After we are sure there is nothing unsightly about the table, let

us go about making it as attractive as our means will permit. Many women are able to afford the cost and also have the time to put fresh cut flowers on the table at each meal. I have found, with my busy household, this is not possible, so I have substituted small growing plants. On my breakfast table I have two blooming geraniums. Their spicy smell is delightful and flowers absorb the poisons in the air. A basket of artificial flowers or blooming bulbs are very good. The flowers give a peaceful, restful air to the meal.

It is important to set the table correctly. Place the plate in front of the person, with knife and spoons to the right. The meat and salad fork to the left. The water glass or the coffee cup at the point of the knife.

TESTED RECIPES.

Honey Salad Dressing.

- 3 tablespoons salad oil.
- 2 tablespoons honey.
- 1 tablespoon lemon-juice.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- Beat together the salad oil, honey, lemon-juice and salt until well blended. Use at once.

Baked Eggs with Pimento Potatoes.

- 2 cups sliced potatoes.
- 1-3 cup milk.
- 2 tablespoons butter.
- 1 teaspoon salt.
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper.
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimento.
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs.
- 4 eggs.
- Mix potatoes, butter, milk, one teaspoon salt and pimento together. Arrange in baking dish.

Make four indentations, into each break an egg. Dust with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs and bake in a hot oven until the eggs are done.

Sweet Potato Soup.

- 2 cups baked sweet potatoes.
- 2 tablespoons melted butter.
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt.
- 1 quart scalded milk.
- 2 tablespoons flour.
- 1/2 cups cooked rice.
- Bake potatoes and mash through ricer, measure two cups, then put through ricer again with rice, stir hot milk slowly into mixture, put in double boiler. Brown flour, add butter, making a smooth texture before adding to the hot milk mixture; do this gradually. Season. Serve hot. Taste before serving and season to taste.

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