

PROPOSES MERKEL BUILD SANITARIUM

To the Merkel Mail and the citizenship of Merkel and community.

We have been taught by experience and observation that we are the architects of our own fortunes, and our town and community is just what we make it, financially, socially, morally and otherwise. Therefore, it behooves the people of Merkel to look well to their own laurels. We might jesticulate and philosophize, etc., until Judgment day about what would be good for our town and community, but if we don't put our shoulders to the wheel, so to speak, we will never advance in any direction, but backward, as the world is advancing in every way, it behooves us to keep up with the procession or take down our sign. A few years ago we people in the rural districts received our mail once a week. Now we receive it daily, we bought our supplies once a year; now we buy them daily. We got sick and remained at home for our family and friends to minister unto us, then there were Sanitariums established in Battle Creek, Michigan, and New York where we were taken for treatment, and later, cities like Dallas, Fort Worth and Abilene, which were all very necessary, established sanitariums. And they are proving a blessing to humanity, and I know of other towns not more than half the size of Merkel that have established sanitariums, and they have proved to be very convenient and profitable.

The citizenship of Merkel and community are contributing on an average of \$2,000.00 per month to the support of these Sanitariums, besides the inconvenience of going and coming to see our loved ones while they are in the sanitarium.

Now I want to suggest to Merkel and community, and especially the Luncheon Club who are supposed to take the lead in such matters, that we think this matter over, and at our next meeting let's take this matter up and build a Sanitarium in Merkel. It could be done very conveniently and would not only be a great convenience for the sick and afflicted, but would be a great asset to our town and community. And when I say let's build one, I mean let's organize and go to work. I, for one, am willing to go my part in such an institution, and have talked to several of the citizens of the town and community, and it seems to receive a responsive cord. We all would feel proud of Merkel if we had a nice sanitarium in our town, and from a financial point I don't know of a better investment for the stockholders. My experience is that they are not only profitable from a financial standpoint, but absolutely necessary.

Would like to hear from some one else on this matter.
(Signed) A CITIZEN.

JAS. H. WEST WRITES TO MAIL FROM EL PASO

The editor of the Mail is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a card from our good friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. Jas. H. West, who with his family is sojourning in El Paso, where they have been for the past month or more in the interest of Mr. West's health. And from the tenor of his remarks we judge that he is improving nicely. He sends regards to his many friends and states that he expects to return to his home here the last of the month.

COTTON LOSSES \$150,000,000 YEARLY IN SOUTH, ASSERT

Mineral Wells, May 5.—The great white staple at the basis of Southern wealth is the most wastefully handled product of any package entering the channels of trade in any country of the world, Harvie Jordan, managing director of the Southern Cotton Association, told the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at its seventh annual convention here last Tuesday week.

The plantation bale of today is as out of date as the horse power of a half a century ago, he said, explaining the wastage in handling from the time the cotton leaves the grower until it reaches the warehouse of the spinner.

Though cotton is America's "gold mine," American cotton growers, through antiquated methods, are losing \$150,000,000 a year, Jordan said.

"The plantation bale of today, he said, "is the same type of package as that turned out from the old-fashioned horse power gins of half a century ago. It typifies the days of the tallow candle and stage coach. The bale is only partially covered, thrown about in trash and dirt, and is delivered to the spinners in a disgracefully uneconomic condition."

Maximum Charge Made.

"There is a fixed charge of 5 and a half per cent of the gross weight of the Texas bale deducted for bagging and ties. No cotton grower ever sold a pound of bagging and ties and never will under existing conditions. The various fixed charges against cotton tare by mill centers in this country and Europe result in placing the maximum penalty of deduction for tare against the grower."

"There never has been granted a carload rate on cotton bales transported by the railroads. The same tariff rate per hundred pounds applies to the haulage of one bale or a thousand. The only concession granted by the railroads to shippers is the cost of recompression to induce a greater tonnage of cotton bales loaded into cars at large compress points. At the ports, the bales are again recompressed to secure higher density to meet the requirements at shipside which entails additional cost."

Wants Higher Density.

The solution for this advocated by Jordan is a higher density gin compression.

"There is but one solution of the problem," he said. "It lies in the adoption of high density gin compression by which the gin bales will carry a density of 43 pounds to the cubic foot in place of the 12 pounds now applying. The total cost of installing 15,000 high density gin presses would be many millions of dollars less than the losses from one cotton crop under existing conditions."

"Our freight rates on cotton are from 100 to 200 per cent higher than carload rates on meat, corn, flour and other staples where the rates are based on tonnage loaded in the car. The charges for freight, insurance, storage, tare and losses in waste are higher against American cotton than any other staple farm commodity produced in any country in the world."

\$50,000,000 Texas Loss.

Of the amount lost by present methods of handling, Texas suffers \$50,000,000 a year, Jordan said.

The speaker told of the work of his organization in fighting the boll weevil. Finding the averages of these insects covered 97 percent of the cotton area of the country, his association started farm demonstration plots thru-out the South. The work was started in 1923 with 933 demonstration farms of eight acres

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THREE MEN AND WOMAN ARRESTED

At about four o'clock on last Friday morning, Deputy Sheriff W. H. Laney and Night Watchman John Woodard arrested a man and his wife, who gave their names as Clyde Sherman, along with Johnnie Jourdan and L. T. Harvey, all of whom are said to be wanted at Anson for burglary of some stores there recently.

The officers were notified that the party was enroute by auto through Merkel, and as they came into town attempted to stop them, but without success. However, they followed them and made the arrest about a mile west of town.

We understand the officers found them in possession of considerable goods, supposed to be a part of the loot taken from the Anson stores.

The entire party was turned over to the Anson officers.

RAIN AND HAIL DO MUCH DAMAGE HERE

About ten o'clock last Saturday night this community was visited by one of the heaviest hails and down pours of rain that has fallen here in many years.

While the fall in Merkel was quite heavy, it was much heavier in all the country from here to Stith. It is said that from six to eight inches of rain fell in that section, with a hail lasting forty minutes.

Many farmers were heavy losers in the way of fences, and in some instances much poultry was dround. At the Higgins Hatchery, we are told, some three hundred chickens were dround, and much damage was done to his fine hatchery. Mr. G. L. Baker, in whose home the water rose to about eight inches, was also loser of many chickens. And along the new pipe road recently finished by citizens of Jones county, much damage was done, some bridges being washed completely away.

GOOD RECIPE KILLING GRASSHOPPERS

Recipe—25 lbs. of bran, one pound of paris green or white arsenic, 2 quarts of low grade cane molasses (avoid corn syrup), one ounce of Amyl Acetate.

Mix the Arsenic thoroughly with the bran, pour the molasses and amyl acetate in the water making about two gallons of the mixture and then pour in the bran and arsenic. Mix so that by taking a handful of the mixture and pressing it in the hand it will show drops between the fingers. If it runs down the back of the hand the mixture is too moist. Sow this amount of the mixture on five acres of land.

The time to begin fighting is right now. Be sure to get the pure white arsenic or paris green. And be sure to get the Amyl Acetate instead of a bronzing liquid.

Use this according to directions over your field and you will not be bothered with grasshoppers.

Mix at night and sow in the morning about the time the dew is going off.

See our Specials this week—SURE. Brown Dry Goode Co. It

SHRINERS TO VISIT MERKEL, MAY 29TH

On May 29th at 4:00 p.m. the Fort Worth Moslah Shrine Temple Band, Drum Corps, and Chanters with their officials and members enroute to Los Angeles will stop here twenty minutes for the pleasure of the Shriners, Masons and their friends, "THE GENERAL PUBLIC."

All Shriners in this community please meet train with your "FEZ" and bring your friends, especially Masons, but every one is invited, but the general public should watch "Alah" and the "Chanters" if you bring children. If you have never heard a real Band or Drum Corps, you will miss a treat if you do not hear this one, and the "Chanters" will surely CHARM you and Alah will do the rest if you don't look out.

Every man, woman and child in Merkel who is able to get out should meet this train which we hope they will do. A fine program of twenty minutes has been arranged and it's new, something new every minute.

Remember the date, May 29, at four o'clock p.m.

Shriners wear your Fez. W. O. Boney, Aide to Potentate Moslah Temple Mystic Shrine.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION BENEFIT SHOW

On next Monday and Tuesday nights, May 18 and 19, the proceeds of the show at the Cozy Theatre will go to the Merkel Cemetery Association. This is an exceptionally good show, it is said, and as an added attraction the Merkel Orchestra will furnish the music for those nights. Every one is urged to come out and enjoy a good show and at the same time help a good cause.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER TO BE WED

According to the Dallas News of a recent date, Miss Evelyn Dewey, daughter of Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Barry Miller, is soon to be married to a prominent New York gentleman.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Patrick Lynch, Bishop of the Catholic church, will pronounce the wedding ceremony.

Miss Miller, according to the account, is very prominent in both church and society circles, being actively identified with the Catholic church.

Rev. T. J. Rea, splendid pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, in company with a number of delegates from this church, left Wednesday for Cross Plains, where they will attend the Abilene District Conference. The delegates are: L. R. Thompson, local lay leader; L. W. Cox, Sunday School Superintendent; J. L. Harris, Recording Steward; Thos. Durham, District Steward; W. H. Frazier, Mrs. L. W. Cox, Mrs. Geo. Brown, Dr. M. Armstrong, and Adrian Rea. On account of the fact that the question of Unification of the two branches of Methodism is expected to be voted on it is expected that quite a number of others from here will make the trip. The meeting will be in session Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Rev. B. F. Dickson of Alvarado, Texas, was a guest in the home of his cousin, Mr. T. R. Lassiter, last week-end.

DR. BUTTE NAMED PORTO RICO ATTORNEY GEN.

Washington, May 12.—Appointment of George C. Butte, Dean of the law school of the University of Texas, as attorney General of Porto Rico, was announced today at the White House.

The appointment becomes effective Thursday. Mr. Butte, who has been at the University of Texas since 1922, served during the war as head of the foreign intelligence department of the general staff. He succeeds Herbert P. Coats, of New York who has resigned.

Dr. Butte, a recognized authority on constitutional and international law, and republican candidate for governor of Texas against Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson last year and polled 300,000 votes for his party. He has been here 10 days, having been summoned by President Coolidge. He has degrees from Texas University and several European colleges.

TRADE TRIPPERS TO HORN SCHOOL HOUSE

Tonight, promptly at seven o'clock, the business and professional men, with their families, and the Merkel Orchestra, will drive out to the Horn school House where they will render a very interesting and entertaining program.

These trips are for the purpose of bringing the business people and the farmers in closer touch with each other that they may know each other better, and thereby be in a better position to help each other in the business and social matters that may come before either.

The people of the Horn community, we are told, have extended a most hearty welcome to our citizenship to visit them, and surely every business and professional man will want to make this trip, which is bound to prove beneficial to him as the days come and go.

Let every one who can be ready and all start from town promptly at seven o'clock.

The following splendid program will be rendered:

SCHOOL PLAY AT COMPERE NEXT FRIDAY

With the closing of the school at Compere the pupils will give a play on next Friday night, May 22nd. The play is under the direction of Miss Proctor and Mrs. Hurst, teachers of the school at Compere, who have done splendid work this year, according to patrons of the school. Every one is invited to attend the play.

MERKEL A CLEAN TOWN

Had you noticed, folks, just how clean this town is of the usual old rubbish that is to be found in many towns the size of Merkel? Well, you may not have, but it is almost an every day thing for this writer to hear some traveling man or stranger remark, "My, you certainly have a clean little city."

And this is indeed a fact, and this paper wants to commend our splendid City Marshal, Mr. W. N. Hall, for the fine work he has done and is doing along this line. Especially do the business men and citizens down town appreciate this fine work you are doing, Marshal, and may you be enabled to keep it up by and through the cooperation of the new City Administration.

Tom Brown and wife are here for a visit with Mr. Brown's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown.

MANY FARMERS ATTEND MEETING HERE

Under the auspices of the Merkel Luncheon Club, there was held in this city Tuesday night a splendid meeting attended by some two hundred farmers of the surrounding country.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. L. R. Thompson, President of the Luncheon Club, who stated the object of same, and then introduced as the first speaker of the evening Mr. J. R. Masterson, our very able and untiring County Agent, who made a very interesting talk on scientific farming, stock and poultry raising. Following his address sandwiches, coffee and cold drinks were passed to all.

After this intermission for lunch and good fellowship, Mr. Reppardt, entomologist of A. & M. College, was introduced and for thirty minutes addressed those present on the question of the grasshoppers and other insects that have for the last few years been so prevalent in the destruction of crops in this section. He also gave some good advice as to the best method of destroying these pests.

The meeting was a fine get-together of the business men and farmers and it is hoped that we may have more of these meetings in the future.

DR. W. V. CRANFORD IS NEW CITY HEALTH OFFICER

At a recent meeting of the City Council, Dr. W. V. Cranford was elected City Health Officer. Dr. Cranford is amply qualified and capable of a most excellent administration in this capacity, and the Mail commends the officials upon his appointment.

Mrs. V. P. Tippet and daughter, Joy, of San Angelo, were here this week-end, visiting Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

The Blue Bird says



A man was arrested in Idaho for selling whisky to the Indians. That man ought to know that selling whisky to Indians is illegal in this country.

One thing the bootleggers never have to worry about—a buyer's strike.

Study in American universities is not endangered so much by baseball as by high bail.

Uncle Sam's "melting pot" is not entirely a success. Scrambling the eggs doesn't help much, if there is a bad one among the lot.

As soon as a farmer can afford to do so, he moves to the city. And as soon as he can afford it, he gets himself a country place.

Blessed are the penmen. They will never have to worry about unemployment.

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* THE POET'S CORNER *

The following poem was composed by Mr. A. B. Thornton.

HEAVEN

There is a gate that stands ajar,
Somewhere along life's way.
It may be near, it may be far,
We can not tell today.

If right we think, if right we live
That gate will open wide
Eternal bliss, Eternal joy,
Will there be found inside.

Then think aright, my brother
Do all the good you can,
Do like our blessed Saviour,
And help your fellow man.

Misses Ruby Lee Service and Evelyn Smith of Simmons College were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Chadwick a girl on Thursday, May 7, weight 10 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Lawn visited relatives last week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren announce the birth of a son on last Sunday, May 10th.

Byers Petty of Sweetwater visited home folks and friends here last Sunday.

HUTCHESON-PETREE WEDDING

A wedding that was solemnized with beautiful simplicity at the home of the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McGehee on last Thursday evening at nine-fifteen o'clock, was the marriage of Miss Lerah Petree to Mr. Jerome Hutcheson. Rev. T. J. Rea, Methodist pastor, read the beautiful ring ceremony that bound these two prominent young people in holy wedlock. Only the immediate relatives of the two were in attendance for the ceremony, and were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and daughter, Miss Mary, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McGehee and two children; Mr. Grady Petree of View, Texas, brother of the bride, and Miss Hallie Petree of View, cousin of the bride.

Mrs. Hutcheson is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Petree of View, Texas. She has made many friends since she first came here two years ago. During her stay here she has been employed at the Quality Bakery Shop.

Mr. Hutcheson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, is a very earnest and ambitious young business man, being for several years associated with his father in the hardware business. He has lived in Merkel all of his life and has a very large circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson are domiciled in a little home on Oak street where all furnishings were in readiness for occupancy immediately after the marriage ceremony.

PERSONALS

Miss Alma Patterson of McMurry College spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hargrove of Abilene, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt on last Sunday.

We regret to learn that Mrs. C. L. Eoff has been dangerously ill this week, but according to latest reports is thought to be improving slightly.

Jesse Fergusson left yesterday for Hot Springs, Arkansas for treatment. He will probably be there two months.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Long of Abilene were guests of Mrs. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter, on Tuesday.

Oscar Buford purchased last week from W. G. Patterson his home in the south part of town, located just south of the Ferrier home.

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CONDENSED AUSTIN NEWS

A bust painting of former Governor Pat M. Neff, now a resident of Waco, to be hung in the rotunda of the State Capitol, has been approved by the State Board of Control and only awaits the approval of Mr. Neff before it receives its place of honor.

Reports on conditions of the 950 State banks in Texas at the close of business April 6, have been called by Banking Commissioner Charles O. Austin. A similar call has been made by the Comptroller of the United States for all National banks at the same date.

The annual meeting of the Texas Industrial Traffic League will be held at Galveston on July 3, it was decided here at a meeting of the board of directors of that organization. It embraces the traffic men of the commercial organizations of the various Texas towns.

C. V. Terrell, member of the Texas Railroad Commission, and H. E. Bell, chief of the oil and gas division of the Railroad Commission, are inspecting the new Lytton Springs oil field, twenty-one miles southeast of here. This field now has seven producing wells and seventeen derricks, a computation shows.

J. A. Smith, father of Railroad Commissioner Lon A. Smith, observed his eighty-fifth birthday recently at the home of his son. The elder Smith served throughout the Civil War as a member of Company B, Third Texas Cavalry, in which he enlisted at Houston. He was born in Monoro, Ga., April 7, 1849.

Burette Deal, sent to the penitentiary from Eastland County for one year for manufacturing liquor, has been given his freedom under a conditional pardon by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson because his wife and four small children, the oldest 8 years old and the youngest less than a month old, are in destitute circumstances.

Water and sewer improvements calling for an expenditure of \$35,000 will be made in the near future by the city of Lamest, according to plans submitted to the State Board of Health for approval. This includes the laying of 3 1/2 miles of sewer lines, 46 miles of water mains and the construction of a 50,000-gallon reinforced concrete covered reservoir.

Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson refused to grant the requisition of the Governor of Iowa for return to Des Moines of a former army officer, now a resident of Beaumont, to answer a charge of child desertion filed by his divorced wife. The Governor does not regard the man as a fugitive from justice and found after investigation that no offense had been committed.

The 35,459 teachers in the public schools of Texas during the 1923-24 session drew salaries aggregating \$30,336,737, according to a compilation made by the State Department of Education. The average salary was \$850. Women teachers totaled 28,061, with salaries aggregating \$21,668,169, with average salary of \$772, compared with 7,398 men teachers with total salaries of \$8,668,567, averaging \$1,172.

Listening to the appeal of the Cuban Consul at Washington for executive clemency for M. Silva, a native of Cuba, sent to the Texas penitentiary for twenty-two years for theft and burglary committed in Harris County, Texas, Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson Monday granted Silva a full pardon. Silva has served and has to his credit eight years of his sentence.

All sportsmen in Texas have been asked by State Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner Turner E. Hubby to assist him in enforcing the laws. It is the duty of sportsmen to help game wardens and not stand idly by leaving those officials an almost superhuman task to perform, Hubby said, and it is his opinion that all good sportsmen should promptly report all violations of the game and fish laws that come to their notice.

Even the Japanese are motoring over the country, like many Americans, obtaining signatures of public officials. Two subjects of Nippon were in Austin recently in a motor car which has traveled many thousands of miles. They were the first Japanese to call on Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson. Both Japanese discussed the radically different sentiment in their own country and in the United States as to women in politics.

The largest inheritance tax ever paid in Texas will be contributed by the estate of Mrs. H. M. King, multimillionaire, who resided on the famous Santa Gertrudis Ranch near Kingsville, and owning a ranch of 1,200,000 acres, besides thousands of head of cattle, bank stock and other valuable assets. As yet no estimate has been made of the aggregate value of the property. Land and cattle may go to \$20,000,000. This alone makes it by far the largest estate ever left in Texas.

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WILLS-BURCKET WEDDING

Monday morning at 10 o'clock at Abilene, the wedding of Mr. Leonard Wills and Miss Alice Burcket of Cross Plains, was solemnized, with Rev. R. E. L. Stutts conducting the ceremony. The bride is a teacher at Rule, and has many admirers.

Mr. Wills is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wills of this place, and is well known here.

LOST— 31x4.40 Dunlop Cord Tire and Tube on rim, straight-side. Lost on streets of Merkel or on highway west to Grayson Tourist camp on Wednesday afternoon. Reward for return to Jack Durham at Mail Office or phone 61.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Subject for morning service: "The church and the Present Age." Subject for evening service: "The God-planned Life." Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p.m. Special Music will be rendered at all services. Twenty minute song service at the evening hour. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to worship with us. Chas. H. Little, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor is away this week attending the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tennessee. Rev. Sam Malone, Editor of the West Texas Baptist, will preach next Sunday morning. Rev. John W. Newsome, Missionary of the Sweetwater Association, will preach at the evening hour. Both these men will bring messages that you will be pleased to hear. Our new pews have come and will be installed soon. Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7 p.m.

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NOODLE NEWS

Rain and more rain. Saturday night Noodle had a RAIN. Quite an electrical storm also, several telephone boxes were put out of commission.

Our farmers are getting to rest now, but from the way the weeds are growing the resting period will soon be over.

The Mothers' Day program rendered at the Methodist church Sunday evening was enjoyed immensely.

Prof. Clyde Deavers was in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. C. T. Derrick and children were shopping in Merkel Saturday afternoon.

S. C. Vick and sons, Hine and Carlton, were in Noodle Monday morning.

E. O. Criswell and G. C. Cunningham were in Trent Saturday.

U. B. Wheeler spent Monday in Noodle.

W. B. Howard was in Abilene and Merkel Saturday.

Russel Herring was in Hamlin one night last week.

Miss Campbell visited home folks in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. and Mrs. Deavers were in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. V. E. Spurgin and children were in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Deavers called on Mrs. W. B. Howard Friday afternoon.

R. C. Goode was in Noodle on Monday.

Some of the Shiloh boys were in our little town Monday morning.

Misses Mary Kate Campbell and Ruby Reagan spent Monday night in Merkel.

A Mr. Duncan who lived on Sweetwater creek passed away Friday of last week and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery Saturday afternoon. The bereaved have our sympathy.

Little Miss Opal Vick is on the sick list this week. We hope she will speedily recover.

Misses Lennie and Dula Harrison of the Horn Community were in Noodle Saturday.

Dell Eoff has a pretty bad knee since Friday. He got hurt playing ball and has been going on crutches since.

Martin and Fred Roundtree were in Noodle Monday.

Uncle Zeke Harrison says the weeds are surely growing where he lives.

Miss Lottie Oliver has returned from a weeks' stay in Abilene. Felix Howard spent Monday in Noodle.

Otto Bicknell of Merkel was in Noodle Tuesday morning.

We do not know if the ladies of our community call on one another. If they do we just fail to hear of it.

Death has again come to our community and took from among us Mrs. Lillie Douglass, wife of E. C. Douglass. Deceased departed this life at 4:25 Monday morning. Age 32 years. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved. There are many things we do not understand, but we would say to the sorrowing ones: He who gives life never makes a mistake and "He doeth all things well." Mrs. Douglass leaves a husband and five children, father and mother, who live in Oklahoma, two sisters and 4 brothers who reside at different places. Funeral services were conducted at the grave after which the body was tenderly laid to rest to await the resurrection morn. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. "Bobs."

FOR SALE—Good milk cow. J. T. Dennis. 1t

Mrs. A. B. Patterson is improving his home on Oak street by having curbing and walks put down.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox are here this week from Abilene putting on an electrical demonstration. While here they are guests at the Dr. Armstrong home.

Miss Mae Beidleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Beidleman, was operated on at Abilene last week.

COMPERE ITEMS
By Miss Alma Stout

It looks as if the farmers are getting enough rain here, as it rains two and three times a week. Some have all of their feed planted but have not planted any cotton yet.

There was no Sunday School at either church Sunday on account of the rains.

Mr. Allred and family and Mr. Harvey Allred and wife were visitors in Abilene Saturday evening.

School will be out the 22nd of May.

Mr. Raymond Stout spent Saturday night with Mr. E. C. Tarvin.

Miss Mary Proctor was a visitor in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Ellen Hanson spent Sunday night with Miss Maude Cook.

Mr. Clarence C. Day was a visitor in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy.

Mr. Oscar Johnson while playing ball the other day fell and injured his leg, but is able to be about now.

Mr. E. C. Tarvin spent Sunday morning with Mr. Raymond Stout.

Miss Lillian Rains is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. T. V. Spurgin.

Misses Gertrude Cook, Mary Ellen and Elizabeth Hanson called on Misses Alma and Lorene Stout Saturday evening.

Remember the all-day services at the Presbyterian church the 24th of May.

Mr. E. C. Tarvin and Mr. Raymond Stout were visitors at Mr. Allred's Sunday evening.

There was a good singing at the Baptist church Sunday night. Mr. Clyde Foster from Noodle spent Saturday night with his uncle, Mr. Clarence Foster.

The school program will be on Thursday night, the 21st. Every one come and bring some one with you.

We have many customers tell us it surely pays to trade at a "Cash Store." Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

WARREN NEWS
By Miss Rose Ellington

The rain received in this community Saturday night has revived the weeds and the farmers will be very busy soon.

Miss Willie Newman spent the week-end with Vela and Vera Jones.

Mrs. Strickland of Temple was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. F. Criswell the past few days.

Mrs. H. Gressett spent Sunday with Mrs. A. F. Criswell.

Miss Stella Kelso spent the week-end with Miss Helen McCormick.

One of our former teachers, Miss Juanita Shouse of Trent, who has been teaching in South Texas, is the visitor of her sister, Mrs. C. T. McCormick. She was a welcome visitor at our school Wednesday.

Miss Lottie Gressett visited Miss Vera Jones Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Miss Artie McCormick spent Sunday night with Miss Ruth Chancey.

Willie Ellington returned home Saturday from Abilene where she has been visiting her sister and aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kelso spent Saturday night and Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Miss Vela Jones spent last week end with Miss Gladys Noels of Merkel.

Mr. Howard Garner of the Kale community visited old friends Sunday in Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter and family were visitors at Rotan the past week.

Rose Ellington spent Sunday in the Hobbs home.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Floyd of Merkel, Texas.

Vivian McCoy spent Thursday night with Cordie Ellington.

Miss Lottie McCoy is the guest of her brother, Mr. Floyd McCoy of Merkel this week.

Medford Jones returned home Saturday from Mexico.

Odus Foster spent Friday night with Hall Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Owen.

Misses Jack and Lester Patterson of Merkel spent last week end with Buster McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Owen and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

Quite a few of our young people enjoyed the tent show in Merkel last week.

Miss Helen McCormick is entertaining the young folks with a party Friday night, May 15, in honor of her aunt, Miss Juanita Shouse, of Trent. Everybody is cordially invited.

Misses Gladys Noels and Vera Jones, Messrs. Medford Jones and Truman Joynes visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Higgins Saturday night.

GOLAN NEWS

Every one is very busy at the present preparing their lands.

Mrs. J. W. Hill and Val Byrom and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill Sunday.

Mr. A. S. Lawlis and family were the guests of Mr. West and family Sunday.

Bettye Byrom and Vera Lawlis from McMurry College have been visiting at home. Jewel and Johnnie Chesney of McMurry spent the week end with Bettye and Vera.

Merel and Hallie Green spent the week end at Eastland.

Miss Hattie Seago is visiting

friends and relatives here. Elsie Hill and Minnie West were the guests of Mary Northcutt Sunday.

Cleta Ely spent the week-end with Gertrude Byrom.

Linnie Garner and Vera Jones were the guests of Myrtle Thomas Sunday.

Wesley Northcutt, Leonard Woods, Palmer Lawlis and Johnnie Hill were the guests of Geo. Byrom Sunday night.

Lena Jones and Mary Lou Brown spent Sunday afternoon with Sarah Lawlis.

Every one enjoyed hearing Bro. Binkley preach Sunday morning.

A large crowd attended the singing at Mr. West's Sunday night.

The Golan pupils are getting up a play for the last of school, May 14. Every one is invited to come and bring your friends.

The name of the play is "The Road to the City."

There will be preaching Saturday night at Golan. Rose.

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

Graduation



When you've finished your school days Don't forget— "Appearance Pays." —CASH KID

GRADUATE into the school of the well dressed—the cost is trifling.

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Enamel for Kitchen and Bathroom

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Take home a can of Linduro and fix up your kitchen and bathroom furniture. It will be easy and you will be more than pleased with the result. We've got everything you will need to do the job.

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I wish the boss would heal that collar gall with

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of being a subscriber to this paper is that you and your family become attached to it. The paper becomes a member of the family and its coming each week will be as welcome as the arrival of anyone that's dear. It will keep you informed on the doings of the community and the bargains of the merchants regularly advertised will enable you to save many times the cost of the subscription.

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Suggested Gifts for Girls—

A beautiful line of Handkerchiefs, Silk Hose, Japanese Parasols, Purses, and many other things that will make appropriate gifts.

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A nice Shirt, Silk Sox or Neck Ties are always appreciated.

We are well prepared to take care of your Wants for this Occasion

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TEN YEARS IN THE
"HOME TOWN" NEWSPAPER

In 1915 there were 2,445,666
automobiles in this country.
It seemed a tremendous num-
ber.

Some people were already talk-
ing about "the saturation point"
being not far ahead.

But if there were some men
who couldn't see the woods for
the trees, there were others
whose faith never faltered.

It took a lot of vision for them
to see that the true market for
the automobile had hardly been
touched.

It took a lot of courage for
them to bank on the ultimate
success of the automobile in that
market.

They had both.

Back in 1915 the United States
Rubber Company said "The
real future of the automobile is
not in the big cities but away
from them."

It is not in short runs on city
streets, but in mile after mile on
country roads."

So back in 1915 the United
States Rubber Company began
to prepare for this movement—
and to help it.

In 1915—ten years ago—the
first U. S. Tire advertising began
to appear in the "home town"
papers.

Few people saw these papers
in their true dimension.

Few realized the influence
they had on what the people
thought and did and wore and

bought. Because few people real-
ized the place they filled in the
minds and lives of their readers.
The United States Rubber
Company saw.

As clearly as it saw that the
development of the automobile
would be in the smaller commu-
nities, it saw that the people in
these communities would have to
have tires to measure up to the
service and tire merchants to
sell them.

And it saw that in the "home
town" newspapers it had, ready to
hand the medium to help it
put tire merchandising where it
would have to be in the new era
of the automobile.

So ten years ago people began
to read the first U. S. Tire ad-
vertising in their "home town"
paper—over the name of their
"home town" dealer.

They have been reading it ever
since.

They have seen these home
dealers develop their little "side
line of tires" into real business
—always with the support of "U.
S." advertising in these local
papers.

Co-incident with the tenth an-
niversary of "home town" adver-
tising by the United States Rub-
ber Company, this company an-
nounces another long step for-
ward in the perfection of auto-
mobile tires—the greatest since

the introduction of the cord it-
self—in its perfected Latex
treated—Web Cord Royal Bal-
loon Tire with the flat low pres-
sure tread.

Today there are 16,000,000
automobiles in this country.

Eighty percent of them are
owned by men and women on
the farms and in the smaller
communities.

Where there was one U.S. tire
dealers in these small towns then
there are hundreds today—real
merchants.

What was only a vision in
1915 has come true in 1925.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira
Burns, a son, at their home in
this city on the 8th. All parties
concerned doing nicely.

"HEBRON GOSSIP"
By Mayflower

There will not be much news
this week on account of the rain
we have been having last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dye and family
motored to Mt. Pleasant Sunday
to visit relatives.

Mr. A. J. Pannell and wife
called on Mr. Walter Dye and
wife Sunday afternoon.
Mr. Robert Davis spent Satur-
day night with Mr. James Har-
ris last week.

Miss Evelyn Pannell enter-
tained the young folks with a
party Saturday night.

Mr. James Harris was the
guest of Mr. Howard Garner on
Friday night.

The B. Y. P. U. was unable to
meet Sunday night on account
of the muddy roads.

Miss Mary Dawns was hurt
Monday at school when as she
was watching the base ball game
the ball hit her on the back of
the neck and rendered her un-
conscious for a time. Fortunate-
ly the blow was not so serious
as was first thought, so that
Miss Dawns is doing very nicely
at this writing, and we hope
may continue to do so.

Mr. Riley Hodges, who was
hurt when the car he was driv-
ing overturned with him Satur-
day afternoon, is we are glad to
report doing nicely now, and we
hope will soon be up and about
again soon. His brother and his
nephew who were with him at
the time, escaped without serious
injury.

School will be out Wednesday
and the children are all hoping
they made a passing grade.

Well, we are hoping the grass-
hoppers will not get a chance at
our crops this year, and there
does not seem to be so many at
this time at least.

According to Mr. B. M. Black
who is able to give the correct
amount of rain fall this year, an
amount of six inches has fallen
up to this time.

Texas News

The issue of \$50,000 in bonds for con-
structing another brick school build-
ing at Willsboro is a question to be
voted upon there April 29.

There were 25,967 bales of cotton
ginned in Burleson County from the
crop of 1924, as compared with 33,
314 bales from the crop of 1923.

The struggles of the pioneer Texans
and the battle of San Jacinto will be
commemorated by the Ex-Volunteer
Firemen's Association of Austin on
April 21.

A \$100,000 contract to rebuild en-
tirely the machinery for the Peavy-
Moore Lumber Company sawmill at
Deweyville, recently destroyed by fire,
has been awarded.

The last report of the number of
bales of cotton ginned in Karnes Coun-
ty during the past season is 48,603 as
compared with 29,076 during the same
time the previous year.

E. R. Goss, representative of the
United States department of labor,
opened headquarters in San Antonio
to serve as a clearing house for farm
labor for Southwest Texas.

The bridge building program of the
state highway department for 1925 will
call for an expenditure of more than
\$1,000,000 of state allotment aid funds,
according to George Wickline, state
bridge engineer.

Six Texas towns and cities have
been granted a 15 per cent credit on
their fire insurance rates, based on
low fire losses for three years. They
are: Munday, Eddy, Uvalde, Grape-
vine, Port Lavaca, Godley.

St. Petersburg, Fla., is going to be a
strong contender for the honor of en-
tertaining the Associated Advertising
Clubs of the World in 1926, and is pre-
paring to send a delegation of 250 to
the Houston convention, May 9-14.

The interstate commerce commission
at Washington placed a tentative val-
uation of \$311,410 on the property
owned by the Brownwood North and
South Railroad of Texas, and a valua-
tion of \$215,110 on the property used
but not owned by the road.

Admitted stock fire insurance com-
panies suffered losses of \$17,225,197 in
Texas last year, reports to the fire
insurance commission show. The net
liabilities assumed totaled \$2,011,583,
789 and the net premiums paid were
\$24,645,907. The loss ratio in this class
of business was .698.

Four issues of city of Hartsburg
bonds aggregating \$125,000 were ap-
proved recently by the attorney gen-
eral's department, all bearing 6 per
cent and maturing serially. The var-
ious issues are: Gas light, \$25,000;
street improvement, \$50,000; sewerage,
\$15,000, and waterworks, \$35,000.

The county commissioners court re-
jected the petition asking for the es-
tablishment of Levee Improvement Dis-
trict No. 1 on the western side of the
Guadalupe River, opposite Victoria.
The creation of the district was op-
posed by many landowners, principally
those residing on the eastern side of
the river, and also by the city of Vic-
toria.

With 200 and more farmers partici-
pating in each of four farmer-business
men conferences held over Smith
County during the past week under the
auspices of the Smith County Agricul-
tural Council, interest in the newly
adopted agricultural program is grow-
ing by leaps and bounds, and farmers
throughout the county are plodging
support. Meetings recently were held
at Lindale, Winona, Bullard and Trou-
p.

Burleson County has experienced the
greatest drought since 1857 so say the
oldest inhabitants. They have had
cloudy, dark weather for the past week
or two, but no rain. The creeks are
dry except in a very few places. An oc-
casional spring or seep seeps up a lit-
tle water, but the stock soon tramp it
until it is a mixture of mud unfit for
animals to drink. A great portion of
land has been plowed, but it is so dry
that only a few damp places will sprout
cotton seed. However, there is yet
time for cotton planting.

Decision was taken at a special meet-
ing of the city commission at Galveston
the other day to submit a bond
issue of \$1,250,000 at the coming city
election in May, and the city attorney
was instructed to draw up an ordi-
nance in due form. Action was also
taken on an ordinance granting the
Galveston Electric Company authority
to make certain changes in trackage
and routing which include the exten-
sion of the Fort Crockett line and re-
routing of the twenty-seventh-thir-
tieth and the H. Winnie-L. lines.

As a means of taking care of health
conditions, Liberty has established a
sanitary district, thereby forestall-
ing conditions that have prevailed in
other towns where there has been a
rapid increase in the population due
to oil activities. It was announced by
the state department of health. This
was made possible through the com-
bined efforts of county and city of-
ficials, with the co-operation of the
state board of health. Particular at-
tention will be given to measures to
prevent communicable diseases.

SHILOH HAPPENINGS
By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Every one is rejoicing over the
fine rains and the farmers are
all busy.

Had a good attendance Sun-
day morning for preaching, al-
though the roads were full of
water. Also had a good crowd
out in the afternoon for singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill James, Mr.
and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge spent
Sunday with Mrs. B. L. James
and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley, Mr. and
Mrs. Gordon Howell visited Mr.
and Mrs. Bur Brown Sunday.

Mrs. Tiner and Mrs. Bert
Jones were Merkel visitors Tues-
day evening.

Bro. Grover Tiner, Mr. and
Mrs. Hardie Rutledge and Mr.
and Mrs. E. H. Grayson visited
Mr. and Mrs. Bert James Sun-
day afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge
spent Saturday night with Mr.
and Mrs. Walter Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkett, Mr. and
Mrs. Pete Rutledge took dinner
Sunday with the writer and
family.

Mrs. B. L. James spent Tues-
day with Mrs. Hardie Rutledge.

The death angel entered our
community on last Monday
morning and took from the home
of Mr. Ernest Douglass the lov-
ing wife and mother. She leaves
a husband and five children. We
extend deepest sympathy to the
bereaved ones.

Mr. Marshal Naron is visiting
friends and relatives here. Mr.
Naron is expecting to locate in
Merkel.

The entertainment to be had
at Shiloh on the 22nd of May by
W. W. Woods of Abilene is to
be free and the box supper fol-
lows. Don't forget the date, Fri-
day night, May 22. Come and
bring some one with you, and
help us all you can.

Mrs. J. W. Tiner is on the sick
list this week.

Ye scribe and children spent
Monday with Mrs. Henry Cason
of Merkel.

Don't forget the box supper
May 22nd.

Preaching next Saturday
night and Sunday by Bro. Polk,
the County Missionary.

Mr. Maude Watson and Noble
Wommack were Abilene visitors
Monday.

Come and hear W. W. Woods
Friday night, May 22, and stay
for the box supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of
Noodle visited the latter's par-
ents Tuesday evening. Mr. and
Mrs. J. D. Wommack.

Shiloh organized a singing
class last Sunday evening, and
will meet every second Sunday
evening. Everybody invited to
come and help us.

Miss Bessie James returned
last week from east Texas where
she had been visiting her sister,
Mrs. Fred Beal.

Sunday School next Sunday
morning at 10:30.

See our Specials this week—
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BILIOUS SPELLS

Kentucky Man Finds Relief
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"I suffered with severe bilious
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Nevins, of Lawrenceburg, Ky.
"I would have dizziness and
couldn't work."

"I would take pills until I was
worn-out with them. I didn't seem
to get relief. After taking the pills
my bowels would act a couple of
times, then I would be very
constipated."

"A neighbor told me of Black-
Draught and I began its use. I
never have found so much relief as
it gave me. I would not be with-
out it for anything."
"It seemed to cleanse my whole
system and made me feel like new.
I would take a few doses—get rid
of the bile and have my usual clear
head, feel full of pep' and could do
twice the work."

Made from pure, medicinal roots
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toms as the above, when due to a
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BLACK-DRAUGHT
LIVER MEDICINEWARREN NOTES
By Miss Vera Jones

The farmers of this commu-
nity are getting anxious to start
to planting.

The Warren school is being
detained because of the bridges
being washed away.

We are very sorry to know
that Mr. and Mrs. Baker of our
community had to move out Sat-
urday night on account of the
big rains.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumpter and
family went to Rotan Saturday
night and returned home Sun-
day afternoon.

Mr. Medford Jones returned
home Saturday night from Mex-
ico and reported a fine trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens spent
Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ar-
thur McCoy.

Miss Willie Ellington return-
ed home from Abilene Saturday
afternoon.

Miss Ruth Chancey was the
guest of Miss Artie McCormick
Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones
spent Sunday afternoon with his
brother, Mr. E. H. Jones.

Misses Lottie Gressett, Lillie
and Liddie Jones, Messrs Addie
and R. V. Jones were the guests
of Miss Vera Jones Sunday after-
noon.

Mr. Odais Foster and Misses
Helen McCormick and Stella Kel-
see were with Miss Vera Jones
for a while Sunday afternoon.

Miss Willie Newman was the
guest of Miss Vera Jones Satur-
day night and Sunday.

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

Mrs. J. P. Sublett has been
quite ill for the past several
days.

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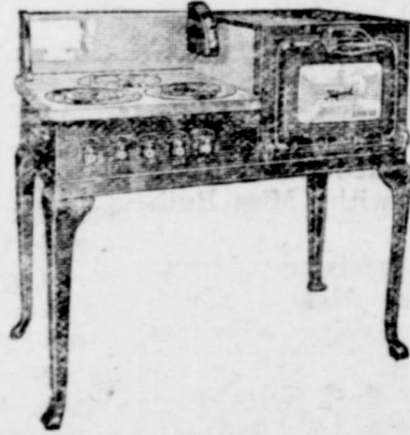
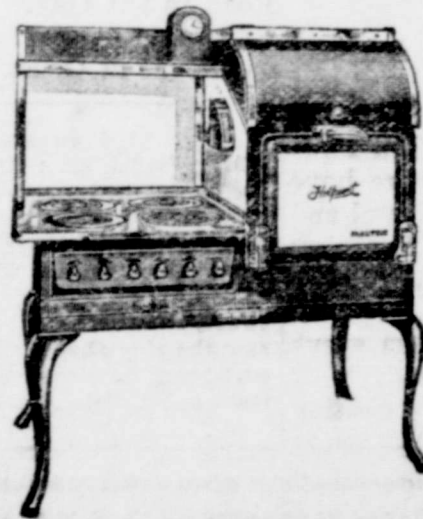
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antee. It will not stain your clothing
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are sure to be spent in the kitchen, with those aw-
ful oily and smokey fumes to be inhaled daily.



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strations above will make cooking a pleasure. No
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LADIES ENGLISH BROADCLOTH DRESSES very best of patterns and styles, your choice.....\$2.98

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TUESDAY'S SPECIAL!

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Don't fail! Come early! You owe yourself this bargain!

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THE NEW YORK STORE

South Side

Abilene, Texas

Texas News

The 100,000 gallon concrete water reservoir which has been under construction the last three weeks at Stanton has been completed.

A determined fight to prevent a threatened invasion of grasshoppers in Dallas county has been started.

The county dipping vat located about four miles from Bluffton, Llano County was recently dynamited.

Plans are under way for establishing a fig preserving plant in Edna in time to handle this year's crop.

Towers for the new radiocasting station in Brownsville have arrived, and will be placed at once.

The strawberry crop as a whole was almost a failure around Alvin this year, not more than a third of the crop being made, on account of dry weather.

Two issues of city of Killeen bonds, one for \$36,000 sewer and the other for \$16,000 waterworks, have been approved by the attorney general's department, bearing 6 per cent interest and maturing serially.

Formal transfer of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway properties to the Southern Pacific system under the terms of sale approved recently by the interstate commerce commission, will take place on May 1.

Citizens of a dozen towns, extending from Waco toward Beaumont, met at Groesbeck recently and planned a whirlwind drive to have a through state highway from Waco to Beaumont designated at once along a direct line.

A fight to exterminate grasshoppers, which caused unestimated damage in Hunt county last year, has been started by county officials. A large number of the pests have been already destroyed, especially in the southern part of the county.

The commissioners court has called an election to be held May 30 in Rosenberg and Tavenor districts to vote on bonds to build hard surfaced roads on highways Nos. 3, 12 and 38. The Rosenberg issue calls for \$225,000, the Beasley district for \$150,000, and the Tavenor section for \$60,000.

One hundred Mexican quail have been received at Longview, for the purpose of restocking land in that section with birds. The birds were liberated on the Bivins Estate farm at Tally. Ten thousand acres of land where the birds were placed will be protected against all hunting for two years.

Airplane raids on troops of the 2d division as they march from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, to Fredericksburg and return in May, will be made by pilots of the 3d attack group, Kelly Field, according to plans that are being considered. It is 80 miles from San Antonio to Fredericksburg.

The average salary for all teachers in the public schools was but \$888.62, a compilation of the state board of education just made. The average for men teachers was \$1,172.22, while the average for women teachers was \$772.41. The average for white teachers, men and women, was \$902.19, while the average for negro teachers was \$523.77.

Water and sewer improvements calling for an expenditure of \$35,000 will be made in the near future by the city of Lamesa, according to plans submitted to the board of health for approval. This includes laying three and one-half miles of sewer lines, four and one-half miles of water mains and the construction of a 50,000 gallon reinforced concrete covered reservoir.

Removal of some of the present buildings at Ellington Field, Houston, to the new Texas National Guard camp at Palacios was decided upon at a conference of Major W. A. Danielson, quartermaster corps, Fort Sam Houston, with Major General John A. Hulien of Houston. It was announced this week. The work of tearing down and rebuilding the frame buildings at the new camp will not get under way for several weeks, it is said.

The per capita cost of the 12,541 State wards in the 17 State eleemosynary institutions during March was \$21.28, a report of the State board of control shows. This is less than the per capita cost for the seven months of the fiscal year which shows \$23.10. The highest per capita cost was the Girls' Training School at Gainesville, which averaged \$77.94 each. The lowest was the Southwestern insane asylum at San Antonio, which averaged \$15.22. The total expense for the several institutions was \$231,912.46.

FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUMS REDUCED

Austin, Tex.—Savings in fire insurance premiums aggregating \$1,123,384 will be effected for 1925 in grant-in-aid 221 Texas towns good fire record credit, according to J. J. Timmons, state fire marshal. These figures are based on total premiums of \$8,030,197.22 paid last year, he said, which, because of increasing volume of premiums, indicate even a greater saving than the figure named.

Better Homes in 1925

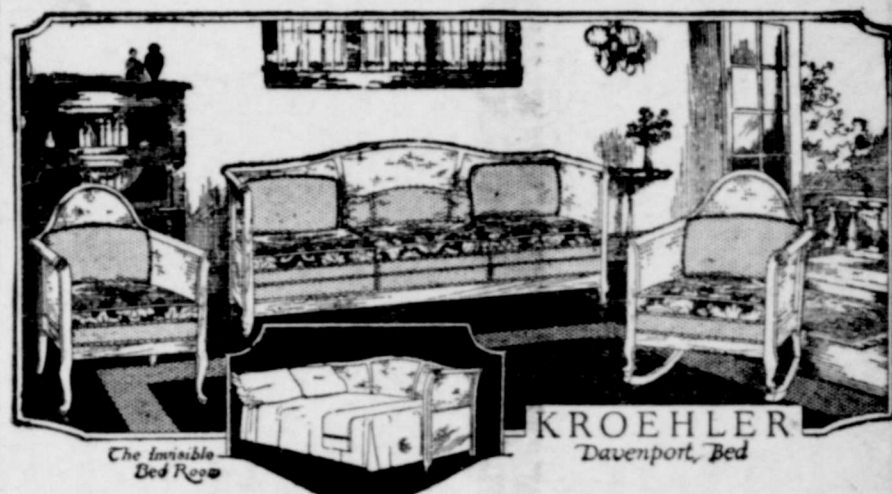
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The Weekly Prayermeeting

The weekly prayermeeting will meet with Mrs. G. M. Elliott at 3:30 o'clock. Song and prayer. Leader, Mrs. Will Smith. Seventh chapter of Matthew by Leader. Questions asked in the old Bible by Mrs. Fannie King. The 4th, 5th and 6th chapters of Judges. Closing with the Lord's prayer.

Ethel, the little fourteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hamilton, who has been so seriously ill for the past three weeks was taken to Dallas for treatment last Sunday. Mrs. Hamilton accompanied her.

Trent Missionary Notes

The Womans Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, south, met April 27th and were entertained for some time by Mrs. R. B. McRee, who gave her report of the Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society held at Memphis, Texas, April 18-21. Every one enjoyed it very much. Her report was so good, so many splendid things given, that we certainly appreciate Mrs. McRee in giving us such a report. The Missionary Society will meet next Monday. We will have the Voice program at the usual hour 2:00 p.m. All ladies invited to attend.

MRS. ERNEST C. DOUGLAS RECEIVES DEATH CALL

On Monday of this week the death angel entered the home of Ernest C. Douglass, residing a short distance northwest of this city, and claimed the soul of the faithful companion and loving mother, Mrs. Lillian Douglass, age 32 years.

Deceased was born in Johnston county, Oklahoma, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sublett, of Albert, Oklahoma, and besides her parents, there is left to mourn her departure her husband; five children, three boys and two girls; four brothers and two sisters.

Besides the fact that the home loses a kind and loving wife and mother, the community will suffer the loss of a good, Christian woman, Mrs. Douglass having been converted and joined the Baptist church five years ago.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at five o'clock with Rev. T. J. Rea officiating, burial immediately following in Rose Hill Cemetery. This paper joins the entire community in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband and children.

Mr. L. L. Murray is expected to be brought home the latter part of this week from the sanitarium at Abilene, where he was taken several weeks ago for a serious operation for appendicitis. He is reported doing nicely but that it will be some time before he will be able to be out again.

Mayor Cobb and family left last week for an extended visit to Dallas, Corpus Christi and other points in South Texas. They will likely be away for some thirty days or more. During the Mayor's absence, we are informed that Councilman W. W. Campbell is acting as Mayor protem.

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LOST—31x4.40 Dunlop Cord Tire and Tube on rim, straight-side. Lost on streets of Merkel or on highway west to Grayson Tourist camp on Wednesday afternoon. Reward for return to Jack Durham at Mail Office or phone 61. 1t

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Nice to Have Money
 By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD

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 "IF you had five hundred thousand dollars left you, how would you spend it?" Kerry Allen put the question to his friend Don Burgess as the two sat sorting tackle preparatory to a raid on an up-country trout stream.

"Me? Five hundred thousand dollars? Why waste time imagining a combination like that?"
 "Well," persisted Kerry, "I'll tell you what I'd do. I'd buy up the entire town of Westburg—all but that darned Sherman property—and I'd put a fence around that."

Don laughed. "Pat Sherman been giving you the frosty eye again?"
 "Pat? You mean Miss Patricia Van Alstyne Sherman. Funny, we were kids together, and lately I can't get near her with a ten-foot pole. I went to her father to buy that corner lot. Gave me to understand that not an inch of Sherman property was for sale, or ever would be. Hello, what's this?"

In at the slit of the door the postman was slipping a long official-looking envelope, and Kerry hastened to pick it up and run a finger under the flap. A moment later he sank back into his chair, his eyes fairly bulging.

"Ha, ha!" he laughed weakly. "Five hundred thousand dollars! Mine!"
 Kerry's speculation concerning the money and its pat arrival were not so coincidental as you might think. He had read in the paper a day or two ago of the death of his uncle, who was reputed worth exactly that amount. Unfortunately, Kerry, although the only heir, was on such bad terms with his uncle that he had not the slightest idea but that the estate would be distributed among the eccentric old fellow's pet charities.

It came then as a terrific shock to learn that his uncle had died in between the destroying of one will and the drawing up of another, and consequently Kerry inherited the entire fortune.

Kerry's act was to get a list of owners around the Sherman place.
 And when, little by little, he began buying up that property he let himself in for the most adverse criticism on all sides. His friends feared that not only was the making himself appear a fool to be squandering his money for purely personal revenge, but that he was throwing it away where no returns were possible.

His only recreation was an occasional afternoon trout fishing, and it was from such an expedition that he was returning around twilight one day when he noticed at the corner of Sherman's best meadow a large "for sale" sign. He made his way up to the Sherman place.

Patricia's father sat on the veranda. "Saw my sign," he grunted. "Suppose you've come to buy and gloat? Been making a fool of me, grabbing everything around me? Heard you were going to fence me in."

Kerry sank comfortably down on the upper step and crossed his long legs. "Not at all, Mr. Sherman. In fact, I've come on an entirely different errand—to urge you to hold on and not sell at any figure!"

The older man regarded him suspiciously. "Why are you telling me this?" he asked.
 Kerry stood up and faced him squarely. "Because," he said firmly, "I cannot play other than fair with the father of the girl I love, however little she cares for me."

"That's funny," said John Sherman. Then he bent down. "Fact is, Pat loves you," he said. "I'm sure of it, but she fancies it would not be reciprocated, and so takes special pains to conceal the fact. Result is—" he shrugged his shoulder. "You know how girls are!" Suddenly, before Kerry could protest, he lifted his voice. "Oh, Pat, come here! See if you can worm out of this young man just why he won't buy my land!"

Some months later when the Kolyac Perfume corporation built their huge factory and sidings in Westburg, and all the nearby property rose tremendously in value, Kerry's former critics changed their tune and had nothing but admiration, somewhat grudgingly but none the less genuine, for their young townsman's marvelous insight. How had he foreseen a condition which more than trebled his investment?

It would have given them great pleasure to have overheard a little conversation between Kerry and the girl he was shortly to marry one afternoon as, side by side, they fished a rippling trout stream.

"What sort of a hunch did you have, Kerry? You have never told me, you know, and I am very curious. Think of my husband being a man with such a lever mind that he could foresee anything like the coming here of this world-known business!"

"I hate to confess it, to you of all people," sighed Kerry, "but I see that I will get no peace until I do! Fact is, darling, there was not the slightest bit of a hunch about it. On the day that I came back from settling up my uncle's affairs two men sat behind me on the train. Suddenly, one of them leaned forward and asked me if I could point out Westburg. When I replied affirmatively, he turned to the man beside him and I overheard him say, 'That is the town where my brother, the head of the Kolyac factory, is going to build his million-dollar plant!' I merely took a chance that he was telling the truth—and there you are!"

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W. T. DUNCAN CALLED TO HIS REWARD 8TH.

Mr. W. T. Duncan, well known and well-to-do citizen of the Golan community died last Friday at his home in that community and at five o'clock the following day his remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery, with Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, conducting the last sad rites.

Deceased was born in Illinois, February 8, 1871, came to Texas thirty-six years ago, and to this section of the state in 1914.

He leaves to mourn his going one son and four daughters, all of whom were present for the burial. His good wife and life companion, we are told, preceded him in death some 23 years ago.

Like all men, Mr. Duncan no doubt had his faults, but those who knew him best loved him best, and it is said that he was always good and kind to his family, and had good friends among his acquaintances.

This paper joins every one in extending to the bereaved relatives and loved ones deepest sympathy.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank you for your kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our dearly beloved father, W. T. Duncan. May God's blessings rest on you. Chester A. Duncan, Mrs. Jewel Stribling, Mrs. Dixie Byrom, Mrs. Lettie Thompson, Miss Myrtle Duncan. 1t

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Hearn: "Can anyone spell cloth?" No answer.

Miss Hearn: "Kenneth, what material is your coat made of?"

Kenneth: "Pair of dad's old pants."

Mrs. Sublett: "What is an octopus?"

Orion: "An eight sided cat I guess."

Janie: "Teacher, I found a little green snake."

Miss Blair (alarmed): "Let it alone, Janie, it may be just as dangerous as a ripe one."

Jim (who is going to be a doctor): "I've just discovered a new disease."

Frances: "Call it Pfxlzia."

Jim: "Why?"

Frances: "Because it just fits into a cross word puzzle I'm working."

Lane: "I've been trying to think of a word for two weeks."

Lola: "Well there's fortnight, will that do?"

Mrs. Jackson: "Why does a dog hang out his tongue when running?"

Tracy: "To balance its tail I suppose."

Mrs. Sublett: "Can you tell me why a black cow gives white milk that makes yellow butter?"

Mary Ellen: "For the same reason that black berries are red when they are green."

Mattie Lou: (the morning after a night of croup) "I can't stay at home because Miss Ellis will put me in the furnace."

Mrs. Largent: "Put you in the furnace?"

Mattie Lou: "That's what she said. When I stayed out last week she said if I was out again she'd drop me from the register."

Janitor: "Are those mulberries ripe enough to make pies?"

Mr. Burgess: "I should say they are. They made fine pies a week ago."

Frances: "Dorothy, is your watch running?"

Dorothy: "Yes. Why?"

Frances: "You better go catch it before it runs away."

Rev. W. H. Albertson, able and untiring pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, left on Monday for Memphis, Tennessee, where he will attend the Southern Baptist convention, which is in session there his and next week.

Mr. G. J. Jones has been quite ill at his home on Oak street for some time.

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(Continued from page One) each. They were placed in the midst of the boll weevil menace. The average yield on the farms at the end of the first year was 37 per cent higher than on the surrounding farms. In 1924, 1,500 demonstration farms were started and 150,000 growers were reached with instructions on combating the weevil. As a result weevil control methods have increased 350 per cent in two years, he said.

Urges Feed Growing

Jordan urged growing of feed crops along with cotton, pointing out that 63 per cent of Texas farmers fail to produce sufficient feed to meet their needs. He said that while Georgia produced a million bales of cotton in 1924, it required the proceeds of 850,000 bales to pay for the imports of food and dairy products largely consumed in rural districts.

More than 1,000,000 farmers have left the Cotton Belt States since 1920 for industrial centers because the deflation of that year was followed by losses due to the weevil. He advocates a national law permitting colonization for the cotton States by bringing immigration from Great Britain, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. There should be an amendment, he said to the federal immigration laws allowing responsible land settlement companies to contract with the responsible farmers for the sale of Southern farm lands on a long time payment plan.—Star Telegram.

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P. T. A. MEETING

The Parent-Teachers Club met Wednesday afternoon at the school building. Mrs. A.R. Booth presided over the meeting. A splendid program had been arranged, and was given as follows: 1. A number by the Choral Club. 2. Reading by Miss Flora Frances Anderson. 3. Saxophone solo by Charlie Largent. 4. Solo by Mrs. Luther Swafford. 5. Reading by Tommie Durham. 6. A number by the Glee Club. Following the program a business meeting was held.

Christian Endeavor Program

Topic: "How to make the most of Summer." Scripture Reading, Mark 6:31-32 and Romans 13:11-14. Leader, Melba West. Talk by leader. Song. Some Bible hints, Mildred Smith. Piano Solo, Evelyn Curb. Clippings. Duet, Mildred Smith and Venice Bell. Questions. Reading, Flora Frances Anderson. Song Mispah.

Mothers' Day Observed at Blair Church Services

Mothers' Day at Blair was observed with a splendid program given by the Sunday School in the Baptist church. After Sunday School and preaching services in the forenoon, the good people of the community gave further evidence of good old-fashioned hospitality by serving a bountiful dinner on the ground. This being over, a large crowd assembled in the church house to listen to the program. Bro. Logan, our superintendent, first gave us an interesting talk paying worthy tribute to the mothers of our country. A somewhat lengthy program consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues was then rendered. The manner in which the children recited, the sympathetic attention of the audience and the artistic decorations of the house were all very much to be commended. That the program was such a success was largely due to the patient and tireless efforts of some of the lady teachers of our Sunday School.

Salt Branch B.Y.P.U. Program for May the 19th.

Leader, Miss Pauline Pinckley. Introduction by leader. Part 1 by Mrs. Gertrude McClain. Part 2 by Miss Celia Henry. Part 3 by Mrs. Ida Higgins. Part 4 by Mr. Martin Barker. Song by group. Part 5 by Miss Arma Walker. Part 6 by Miss Ruba Patton. Part 7 by Mrs. Wilma Robertson.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Adoption into God's Family. 1. Introduction, by Ora Hughes. 2. Adoption, Maybelle Ligon. 3. The security of the believer, Clyde Mayfield. 4. Poem, a new Leaf, Pauline Chinn. 5. There is no falling, Charlie Largent. 6. Poem, "God's Gifts," Azielee Gilbert.

Junior League Program

Leader, Billie Lloyd Smith. Song. Scripture Genesis 41:1-8, Gene Rister. Gen. 41:14-16, by Christene Rister. Gen. 41:25-30, Jim Chaney. Prayer. Song, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning." Joseph, Lynn McSpadden. Junior Josephs, Mary Grimes. "I would be True," Nadine Tappett. Joseph of Korea, Mrs. Rea. Juniors be on time we will have a "pep service."

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F. Y. Gaither of Lamesa visited here with friends Sunday.

Miss Edna Jones of Simmons College spent last week-end with her father, A. M. Jones.

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The cloudburst Saturday night almost washed the farmers away. Those who had maize and cotton planted will have to plant over. The hail also did some damage to the crops and gardens. The railroad dump that ran through Mr. W. A. Thornton's farm was washed completely in two. The farmers lost several chickens large and small. We learn that this rain is the largest that has fallen in several years in this community.

Play at White Church

"The Path Across the Hill," which was to have been given at White Church last Friday night will be given this coming Friday night, May 15. Every one is cordially invited to attend. No admission charge.

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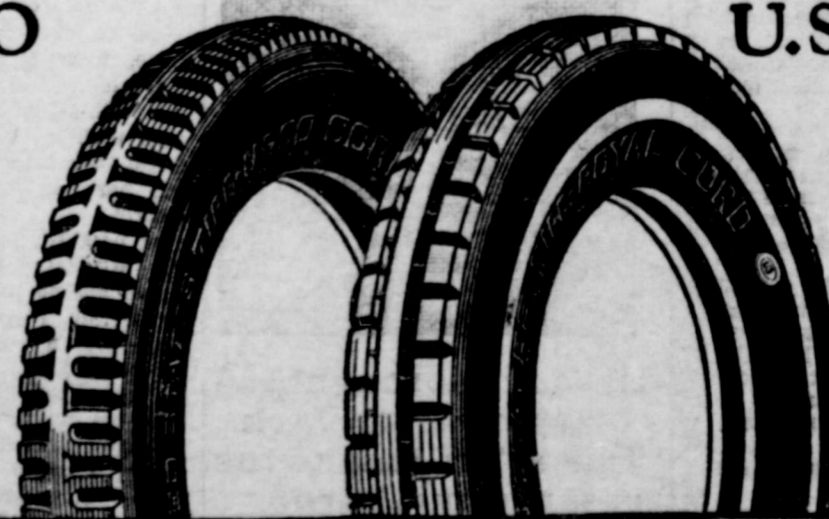
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