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## LOCAL GINS READY FOR THE COTTON

In interviewing the managers of the various gins of the town and community we find that in every instance they are all in readiness for the coming of the fleecy staple.

The Guitart Gin, with Mr. Fred Guitart as Manager, is said to be in fine condition, with all repairs made and in fact the plant was never in better condition for the ginning season than at present. This gin always enjoys its share of the farmers' patronage.

The Hamm Gin, Mr. F. P. Hamm, owner and manager, is also in the very finest condition, not a thing left undone to place the entire plant in first class condition for the fall season. Mr. Hamm has also been one of those in ginning business who has been accorded his share of the ginning business, and is ready for the start of this season.

Mr. Sam Swann states that he has his plant in the very best of condition, has added much new equipment in the way of a round bale system. He will also continue to operate the usual square bale system, giving to his patrons their choice of either the round or square system. Read his advertisement in this paper.

The Planters Gin, Mr. Jim Toombs manager for many years has a brand new plant for the beginning of this season, having just recently equipped an entire new plant on the spot where the old gin burned last spring. This gin also has its many customers who stand by it.

And the South Side Gin, Mr. L. L. Murray Manager, is better equipped than ever, we are told, and is now ready and waiting for the start of the season, and like all the others has received his share of the patronage.

Out at Stith, the Hendricks Gin, Mr. David Hendricks manager, had a wonderful run last season, and Mr. Hendricks states they are better equipped and prepared than ever to care for their customers and friends, and is anxious for the season to open.

At Noodle, McDonald & Stith, with Mr. J. S. Bird as manager, is practically new and is well equipped. This gin also had a very fine run last year, ginning 3,200 bales, and Mr. Bird states that they have everything up in fine condition, and are anxious for the opening of the season.

In this week's issue of the Mail our readers will find the announcement of Mr. Swann regarding what he has to offer the farmers for this season, and next week there will appear announcements from others. Watch for their ads in the Mail.

## RETURN FROM TRIP TO NEW MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff and Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaff and Willie Teaff returned Monday from a trip to Tatum, New Mexico, where they visited Mr. Nim Teaff and Mr. A. D. Jones and family.

Mr. J. W. Teaff called at this office Tuesday and reported a fine trip. He also brought with him and left with us for exhibit, a fine onion weighing more than two pounds, which was grown by Mr. A. D. Jones on his place in New Mexico. It is one of the biggest and finest ones we have ever seen, and Mr. Teaff says that Mr. Jones grew quite a lot of these large onions.

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist Church, South, left first of the week for Lamesa, where he will assist a local pastor there in a two week's revival meeting.

## MR. AND MRS. BROWN GONE TO MARKET

Mr. W. S. J. Brown of the Brown Dry Goods Company, accompanied by his wife, are away on the Eastern Markets where they are making purchases in every line of fall dry goods, clothing, etc., for the above named corporation.

They will return about the last of next week.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE FREE TICKETS

Plans have been completed for making Public School Day at the West Texas Fair this year the biggest in the history. Every public school pupil in Taylor and adjoining counties will be furnished with a ticket free of charge, which will take him or her to the Fair grounds on this day, which is Tuesday, September 22. The program for Public School Day includes two football games, one between Anson and Winters and the other between Abilene and Stamford. All of the exhibit halls, Agriculture, Livestock, Poultry and Manufacturing will be open. The famous Gold Medal Carnival will add zest and color with unlimited amusement on the Midway.

The West Texas Fair officials invite correspondence with school children or school trustees with reference to the distribution of tickets for that day. They are absolutely free to public school pupils. The dates of the Fair are from September 21 to 26, and Public School Day is Tuesday, September 22.

## MANY LOSE LIVES IN SAN ANGELO FIRE

According to Thursday afternoon's Abilene Reporter, the Landon Hotel at San Angelo was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon with probable loss of life estimated at from 25 to 50 lives.

Twenty-three years ago last month, the old Landon hotel was destroyed by fire and Mrs. Jas. C. Landon, the proprietor's wife lost her life along with several guests.

## UNCLE TOM KING SHOWS FINE COTTON AND FEED

Uncle Tom King was showing some stalks of very fine cotton and feed stuff that he stated came off his farm some few miles east of town. Mr. King, one of our pioneer and best citizens, is a man who never was known to be too optimistic and therefore his statements can be counted on to be at least conservative. He says that the man living on his farm never moved to the place until May 12 and the entire crop was planted after that date. The cotton stalk showed 35 big fine bolls and the maize and sorghum was very fine indeed.

## SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEET TODAY

Mr. J. C. Mason, Commander of the local Camp Sons of the Confederate Veterans, asked the Mail to announce a call meeting of that organization, to be held Friday afternoon, August 21. All members are urged to be present as there is some important matters to be discussed and acted upon.

## FROM THE BOYS AT CAMP STANLEY

(By Lewis Giles)

I suppose we can call ourselves the heroes of the west, for we live in the west and catch every horse grooming detail that comes along. The saying is that two weeks in Camp Stanley will either kill you or make a man out of you, but I am sorry to report that it has done neither for our bunch so far. But from the way the boys talk they are nearer dead than they are men. So I guess the old saying will work out for better or worse.

We leave in the morning (Tuesday) for a place called Lewis Valley, for a two days and two nights maneuver, and from what I hear we are going to have a wonderful time taking care of sixteen horses and 35 rookies. The Merkel Battery will furnish the ammunition, communication and instrument details for the maneuvers of this Battalion.

Sgt. Daniel is becoming very wealthy since he arrived at the Camp, for he can't spit off of his own property, he hits his chin every time. This morning the flag was at half mast for Col. Tommie Tompkins killed another bottle of beer. Our top Sargent went to town Saturday evening, and got lost and might have remained lost but our Mascot, Punk Walton, found him and got him back to Camp safely. We were all glad to go to town Saturday, for we had not seen anything but a uniform for the past week, which seemed like a month and it sure was good to see some folks in civilian clothes.

Lt. Jackson has a bruised foot and has to go without his shoe, and every time he comes into the barracks for some reason or another everybody leaves. The battle against heat is still raging, and the boys have at least found a way to conquer it by staying under the shower all the time. The boys have also found a way to cheat the bugler at reveille, that is by staying up all night so when it comes time to get up and he comes down the street playing his killjoyous, un-called-for tune.

Judging from the present plans we will arrive home on the five o'clock train Saturday, Aug. 22, and as Mr. Thompson says, "Speaking for the bunch" I can truthfully say that we will be happy to get back to Merkel.

## AN OLD TIMER MAKES HIS APPEARANCE

A few days ago, while the children of the L. W. Gilmore family, who live southeast of Merkel, were playing in their north yard, they discovered a large rattle snake making his way to their house, putting up cries which brought their mother to the yard at once. On discovering the children were unharmed, she made fight against the reptile with brick bats and a heavy fishing pole, by which she kept the rattler from making his escape while her daughter, Lucille, ran for help. After the snake was killed it was found to measure 4 feet and 8 inches long, 9 inches around the belt, 2 1/2 inches across the head, and had 12 rattlers and part of another, so just how many rattlers he once had is uncertain.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Tom Hale, who first of the week was stricken with appendicitis and was for a few days in a very dangerous condition, is now reported getting along nicely and is really expected to soon fully recover.

## FORMULAS TO KILL PESKY LEAF WORM

For the benefit of any one who may happen to be bothered with the Cotton Leaf Worm, we publish below some formulas which if used rightly will destroy the worm and save your crops.

The following arsenicals for dry-dusting are recommended by the department of Agriculture: No. 1 Calcium Arsenate (use undiluted) . . . . . 5 lbs to the acre. No. 2 dry arsenate of lead 3 lbs. Hydrated lime . . . . . 3. lbs. No. 3 Paris Green . . . . . 1 1/2 lbs. Hydrated lime . . . . . 4 lbs.

Paris green applied in dust form is effective but is apt to burn the foliage and should be used with great caution. London Purple is of the same nature and if used at all, should be used in the same proportion as Paris green. It also has a tendency of burning the plants.

White arsenic is very unsafe to use on account of the danger of burning.

### Liquid Sprays

Where spraying is preferred the following arsenicals should be used:

Lead arsenate . . . . . 2 lbs. Hydrated lime . . . . . 2 lbs. Water . . . . . 50 gal.

or  
Calcium arsenate (undiluted) . . . . . 2 lbs. Water . . . . . 50 gal.

or  
Paris green . . . . . 1 1/2 lbs. Hydrated lime . . . . . 2 lbs. Water . . . . . 50 gal.

Inasmuch as there are from three to seven generations of the leaf worm annually farmers should make every effort to destroy the first brood. If this is done the following generation can much more easily be controlled.

Watch your crop carefully, get your spraying machines and your duster in good working order, have a sufficient amount of poison on hand and be ready to "pour it on 'em" before the worms can make any headway.

## PRESIDING ELDER LYON TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the First Methodist Church, South, who left first of the week for Lamesa, where he will spend two weeks in a meeting, announces that Rev. W. E. Lyon, Presiding Elder of the Abilene District will preach here at both the morning and evening hours this Sunday.

Presiding Elder Lyon is not only one of the finest men ever to hold the Abilene Eldership, but is one of the strongest preachers that has graced that position, and he will no doubt be accorded a great crowd upon his visit here next Sunday.

## RETURNS FROM TRIP TO OLD HOME IN ARKANSAS

Mr. F. J. Smith, pioneer and splendid citizen, returned first of the week from a visit to his old home in Arkansas. From Arlington, he was accompanied on the trip by his son Ed. and family.

Mr. Smith reports a very pleasant trip and visit among relatives, friends and the scenes of former days. He mentioned an abundance of such things as fish, country ham and "yellow legged" chicken, 'nough to make a fellow enjoy himself.

He reports the crops from Texarkana this way as being very poor.

Mr. Delma Compton returned Tuesday from a trip to Fort Worth, Dallas and Denton.

## WRITES MERKEL MAIL FROM CALIFORNIA

The Mail is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a nice letter from our good friend and former citizen, Mr. L. E. Sanders, at Sacramento, California, enclosing \$2 in payment for the Mail for the next year.

Among other things Mr. Sanders stated that they like their home in that state, but want to hear from Merkel and their many good friends, hence the renewal of their subscription. We thank you, Lutie.

## MR. ARRINGTON IS NEXT TOASTMASTER

For Toastmaster at the next Luncheon, Mr. Louie A. Arrington has been named. Mr. Arrington is one of our live, young, progressive business men and may well be counted upon to bring forth not only an entertaining and interesting program upon this occasion, but a program that will be full of "pep" and constructive thought on subjects that have for their purpose and intention the building up and betterment of our city.

Many tickets have already been sold for the next Luncheon which will be at Ed's Cafe on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. If you have not as yet procured a ticket, call on Mr. D. Grimes at the Bragg Dry Goods, who is secretary, and he will be glad to supply you. The fall season is now beginning and every business man should be present at these meetings. And then the Community Fair dates will soon roll around and every one should be present to learn about and help formulate the plans for same.

## LARGENT STEER IS GRAND CHAMPION

Word was received Wednesday at the C. M. Largent & Sons fine ranch just three miles north of Merkel, that one of their herd of 18 was awarded the grand championship, among the many fine entries from all parts of the north, which was won at the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia, Missouri.

It's hard to find finer cattle than those of the Largent show cattle.

## SUGGESTS PLAN TO DESTROY WORMS AND BUGS

Mr. J. B. Hughes, farmer in the Blair community, was in the city yesterday and in speaking of the cotton leaf worm menace, stated that while in the truck farming business for several years he was successful in getting rid of the miller worms and the worms themselves by placing about over the field just a common tub about half full of water with kerosene poured on top and a torch or light placed above the tub. This light causes the bugs to gather about and fall into the tub with the kerosene, which kills them. Thus he says in killing the bugs you prevent the advent of the worms.

Messrs. A. T. Sheppard, L. W. Cox and their families, accompanied by Mr. T. G. Bragg, left Monday for a week's outing and fishing on the San Saba. These men stated before their departure that they were going after the big one. We wait patiently for their (fish) story.

## OFFERING PREMIUMS FIRST THREE BALES

As was stated in our last issue, a committee was appointed at the Luncheon meeting to raise from the business men and citizens of the town a nice premium for the first bale or bales of cotton brought to this city that were raised this year in this trade territory.

The amount to be apportioned out for the first three bales coming to this city to be ginned and sold here, will be \$100.00, the amount of \$50.00 going to the first bale, \$30.00 for the second bale, and \$20.00 for the 3rd bale. Following are the rules governing same:

Mr. J. T. Warren, chairman of the committee, took it upon himself to raise these fine premiums, the largest perhaps ever before offered here, and is to be commended for his success and effort in this matter.

We the undersigned subscribe the amount set opposite our names as premium on the first, second and third bales of cotton brought to Merkel upon the following conditions, to-wit:

1. No man is eligible to claim premiums who is not a regular customer of one or more of the firms contributing to this fund.  
2. Claimant must be prepared to make affidavit that all the seed cotton which went into the making of bale was raised by him and not borrowed from any one and no two or more neighbors can pool their cotton to make a bale.

3. Every pound of seed cotton going into bale must be from the present; that is 1925 crop.

4. Bale must weigh not less than 450 pounds before it will be considered eligible for premiums.

5. No bale will be eligible upon which producer has claimed premium money in any other town or community.

No. one man will be entitled to premium money on more than one bale of cotton. That is, the man winning premium on first bale will not be eligible to compete for premium money on the second or third bale.

7. All bales upon which premium money is paid must be sold on streets of Merkel and delivered to Merkel Yard, or to Bureau Platform.

J. T. Warren, Sam Swann, H. C. West, Committee.

Following are the names of contributors:

Farmers State Bank, F. & M. National Bank, Bragg Dry Goods Co., Barrow Furniture Co., West Company, Burton Lingo Co., The Brown Dry Goods Co., West Texas Utilities Co., Crown Hardware Co., Merkel Lumber Co., Merkel Drug Co., Max Mellinger, Liberty Hardware Co., Hamm Drug Company, Merkel Motor Co., Bob Martin Grocery Co., Grimes-Smith Drug Co., Patterson Bros. Market, Hamilton and Case, Jones Dry Goods, Carson and Son, Quality Bakery, Woodrum Filling Station, A. R. Booth, Watkins & Vaughn, J. D. Porter, McDonald Grocery, Merkel Garage, C. H. Jones, Everybody's Garage, Corner Garage, J. T. Dennis, W. O. Boney, Joe Garland, C. L. Tucker, J. M. Garrett, G. M. Sharp, J. T. Darsey, Petty & Buford Barber Shop, Palaefe Barber Shop, E. L. Turner, City Barber Shop, J. B. Bell, H. C. Gilbert, W. F. Hamblet, Oasis Filling Station, White House Cafe, Fred Latham, W. H. Dunning, Wm. O'Brian, L. J. Renfro, M. D. Angus, The Merkel Mail, T. J. R. Swafford, Rose Tin Shop.

Mr. F. M. Mullen is visiting relatives at Lamesa this week.



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In inviting people to avail themselves of the service of this bank, we make no promises of conferring unusual privileges; but we do stand on our established policy of giving every one who comes to us the same courteous, efficient, service, and every assistance that sound banking practice will allow.

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You will be greatly surprised to know what 95c will buy Saturday at BROWN'S. 1t

Mr. J. S. Swann returned on Thursday from Fort Worth where he had shipped a car of fat calves to market. He reports finding a splendid market and returned feeling fine over his shipment to that city.

### Intermediate League Program

Subject: "How can we improve our conversation." Leader, T. J. Rea, Jr. Scripture references by Leaguers Lord's Prayer in concert. Special song, Hazel Leslie and Dorothy Daniels. Reading, "The World's Bible" by Ruby Fae Golliday. Playing the game of life, Victor Smith.

Closing: "See no Evil, Hear no Evil, Speak no Evil," Mrs. Tucker. Meet promptly at 7:15. 1t

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### DORA ITEMS

Health in this community is good at present.

Mr. Matlock's brother from the plains is here on a visit.

Mr. Glen Bardwell of Sweetwater was the guest of Mr. John Bardwell Friday.

Mr. Gibson has been visiting his son of Amerillo the past week.

The base ball boys of Dora played ball with Blair Saturday

Mr. E. L. Frazier's brother from Callahan County has been visiting him the past week.

Mr. Earnest Gibson motored to Sweetwater Saturday on business.

Mr. E. L. Frazier and brother motored to Nolan Friday.

Mr. Pete Lyrone is visiting his parents of Lubbock.

Mr. Earl Gibson motored to Dora Sunday.

Mr. Earnest Gibson and family were the guests of Mr. John Bardwell Sunday.

Mr. E. L. Frazier motored to Dora Wednesday at noon.

Mr. Glen Eliot and J. B. McCay motored to Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Bardwell has been visiting her brother of Sweetwater.

Miss Wreatha Greer of Sweetwater has been the guest of Miss Mildred Bardwell the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Gibson were the guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bardwell, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Beatrice Perry was the visitor at White Church Sunday.

### SALT BRANCH ITEMS

By Miss Wynona Patton

The crops in this community are beginning to need rain.

Mr. S. O. Patton and family and Misses Noomi and Helen Hatton were visitors at Mt. Pleasant Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins were visitors at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty are visiting in Floydada this week.

The training school which was conducted by Miss Naomi Hatton closed last Friday night with a good success.

Mr. S. O. Patton and family were visitors at Stith Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson and family are attending the revival at Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins were visitors at Stith Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Allen were at Stith Tuesday night.

### Senior League Program

Subject: "Work and Play." A Four Square Meeting. Leader, Mabel Toombs. Song; Special; Scripture (Mark 6:31,32; Luke 2:52.) Song. Introductory talk, by leader. The physical side, Cyrus Pee. The mental side, Ethel Wilson. The Spiritual side, Edna Watts. The social side, Jack Durham. Announcements; Benediction.

### No Fifth Sunday Singing At Shiloh

The Fifth Sunday Singing at Shiloh has been called off on account of the meeting which will be in progress there at that time. All singers and the public will please take notice. 1t

Dave Shelton, who happens to live in that section of this community where there has been but little or no rain for several months, says it's all a mistake about the leaf worms eating his cotton up. He says it's too dry out his way for any such insects to live at all.

Mr. Troy Eiland and sister, Miss Catherine, of Stanton, were here first of the week guests in the home of their Uncle, Mr. Marvin Smith. On their return home they were accompanied by Miss Mildred Smith, who will spend some time visiting in Stanton, Texas.

### MULBERRY ITEMS

By Miss Hazel Thomas.

Crop reports are very good although a good rain would be very beneficial.

Died at the Alexandria Sanitarium on Friday the 14th, Mr. John Childress. Interment was made Saturday afternoon in the Stith Cemetery. The bereaved have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moorman visited relatives at Slaton and Lubbock last week.

Miss Ethel Lee Waldon was the Sunday guest of Miss Lois Reagan.

Miss Sallie Childress who has been very sick with typhoid for several days seems to be some better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moorman, who have been visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. C. E. Thomas have returned to their home at Okolona, Arkansas.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m. Choir practice at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

You will be given a cordial welcome at all services.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case visited friends and relatives in Winters last Sunday, and on Monday they drove over to San Angelo and Carlsbad, returning Tuesday.

Mr. Sterling Sheppard returned last week from an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones, on their ranch near Sierra Blanca.



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### THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. Ira L. Par-rack, who is out of the city this week assisting in a revival meeting, asked the Mail to announce that there will be all the regular services at the Baptist church next Sunday as usual, with the pastor present for both the morning and evening services. A cordial welcome is extended to one and all.

### Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "The Deity of Jesus" Leader, Autry Porter. Introduction by leader. Part 1, Edna Marie Jones. Part 2, Mrs. Bill Haynes. Part 3, Lola Dennis. Part 4, Lucille Guitard, Part 5, Yates Brown. Part 6, Lois Higgins. Part 7, Byers Petty.

Will have a car of Cannel Coal at Blair the last of next week. Also one at Merkel. See me and give me your orders. J. M. GARRETT, Phone 155. 1t

### HEBRON GOSSIP

Health of this community is good at present.

Quite a few of the Hebron people are attending the revival at Union Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris and family were visiting in Fisher county Sunday.

Miss Lillie Davis and Evelyn Pannell returned home Sunday after a week's visit at Golan.

Mr. Gerald Garner has returned home after a visit to the Plains country.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and daughter, Alma, and Miss Bessie Lou Pannell were visiting in Golan Sunday.

The new bridge which was being built over bitter creek is complete. Mayflower.

### BLUE BUGS?

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Merkel, Texas  
Close of Business June 30, 1925

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Loans, Time and Demand	.....	\$265,141.92
Overdrafts	.....	170.16
Bonds and Warrants	.....	23,938.37
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	....	1,950.00
Stock in Fed Int. Bkg. Co.	.....	90.00
Furniture and Fixtures	.....	7,500.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	.....	312.50
<b>CASH, SIGHT EXCHANGE AND U. S. BONDS</b>	.....	<b>253,716.93</b>

Total ..... \$552,819.88

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided profits	...	18,951.98
Circulation Acct.	.....	6,250.00
<b>BORROWED MONEY</b>	.....	<b>NONE</b>
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	.....	<b>477,617.90</b>

Total ..... \$552,819.88

In the above statement we carry no bonds not our own, bought and paid for by this bank. The interest on which we collect and credit to interest earned. Our bonds can be sold this Friday morning at \$3,420 premium besides accrued interest.

In addition to the above our customers have left with us for safe keeping \$54,275.00 which never show in our statement. We keep these bonds registered and insured and our examiners always check them as carefully as they do our cash. For the benefit of our customers we are again publishing our itemized statement which we send to the Comptroller of Currency. Carefully study it and any item you do not understand, we will be glad to explain to you. We are very proud of that statement and we want you to know about it.

**J. T. Warren, Pres.** **L. R. Thompson, Cash.**  
Booth Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass't Cash.

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### Meeting Closed at Blair

Dr. Fry, of Simmons College, Abilene, closed a very successful ten days revival at Blair last Sunday evening.

Mr. E. Yates Brown of this city, one of the ablest and best Choir Directors in this part of the country was in charge of the music during the revival.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

### Revival at Compere

A revival meeting will begin at the new Presbyterian Church at Compere Friday night before the fifth Sunday in this month.

Rev. L. E. Giggs of Merkel will do the preaching. Mr. Gibbs is a Nazarene preacher, but extends to all churches a hearty welcome and solicits your cooperation in this battle against sin.

## Kwik-Way Valve Facing Machine and Kwik-way

Reseating Tools, due to their extreme accuracy, will true up the valves and valve seats in the motor, so that they will be better than when they were new, and will get more mileage from your gasoline. Most shops use grinding compound, which does not true up a warped or worn valve, or a worn valve seat and this means that you are paying out your money for results that you are not getting.

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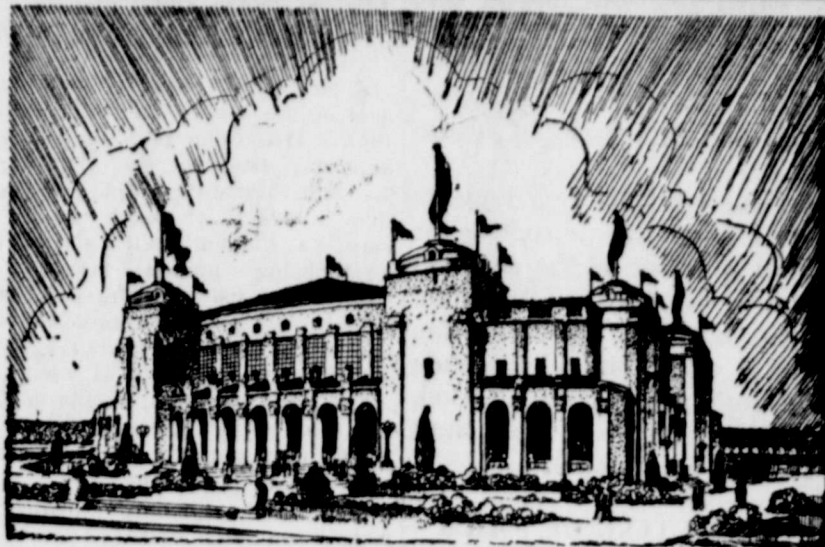
In addition to offering all the courses leading to the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees, she affords an ever-present spiritual atmosphere, perpetuated by a faculty of Christian men and women. She offers physical training of superior quality; and through the work of the department of Fine Arts and the Simmons Artists Course, she trains the students in the appreciation of the classical.

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Abilene, Texas

### NEW STATE FAIR AUDITORIUM



Here's the new Fair Park Auditorium, located within the grounds of the State Fair of Texas at Dallas. It will be dedicated at the 1925 State Fair, Oct. 10-25, with the showing of "Sky High," a Broadway musical comedy success, which will come to the State Fair directly from New York. "Sky High" is a Shubert production, and will be given at Dallas under the personal direction of J. J. Shubert, with Willie Howard, the famous comedian, and the original company of 108. The auditorium will cost \$500,000 when completed, and will be a complete theatre in every respect. Its acoustic properties are guaranteed. It will seat 5,000 people and part of its equipment will be a \$50,000 pipe organ, upon which Clarence Eddy, famous organist will give a dedication recital on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 10, opening day of the 1925 State Fair.

### INCREASE SHOWN IN TEXAS FARMS; STATE FAIR HAD INFLUENCE OFFICIALS SAY

Annual Agricultural Displays Believed Largely Responsible; Plans for 1925 Show, Oct. 10-25 Are More Comprehensive.

Washington advices early in August showed that during the last five years the rural farm population of Texas, as well as the number of farms within the state, have increased remarkably.

Officials of the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, believe that the annual agricultural shows at the State Fair have had their contributing influence, by demonstrating the possibilities of the various sections of the state.

The Washington figures indicate that there were 2,621 more farms in Texas in January, 1925 than in 1920. This increase was shown in twenty-five counties, none of which are included among the so-called "big farming counties" of the state. Nine of the counties were in West Texas; seven in Northwest Texas; four in Southwest; two in Northwest; two in East Texas, and one in North Texas. The counties named were Upton, Culberson, Sutton, Sterling, Martin, Midland, Loving, Howard, and Andrews; Potter, Randall, Hutchinson, Oldham, Roberts, Ochiltree and Moore; Jefferson and Orange; Kinney, Kimball, Uvalde and Real; Franklin and Morris in Northwest Texas and Rains in North Texas proper.

J. A. Moore, superintendent of the agricultural department of the State Fair of Texas, declares that early indication are for a much more comprehensive county agricultural display at the 1925 State Fair, Oct. 10-25, than ever before. One of the newest East Texas counties which will exhibit will be Bowie, which, it is declared, is planning a display that will be a credit to the whole State.

### RADIO STARS TO BROADCAST FROM STATE FAIR GROUNDS

Most everybody who owns a radio receiving set knows "The Solemn Old Judge," and Ford and Glenn, of station WLS, Chicago.

All three of these stars are to broadcast every day from the grounds of the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

George D. Hay is the "Old Judge"—one of the best known and most popular radio announcers in the country. Ford and Glenn are entertainers of the first magnitude, and were heard out of Dallas last Spring. During the 1925 State Fair they will appear daily in the new Sears-Roebuck building, broadcasting the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation programs, from a glassed-in cage studio. They will work on a stage 15x20 feet in dimensions, and elevated 15 inches above the floor, in plain sight of every Fair visitor. This will permit every one who has ever heard the artists to see them "in action" while "listening in" on the program.

### MOTION PICTURE BOOSTS STATE FAIR ATTRACTION

A new motion picture, now being shown in Texas theatres, boosts a State Fair of Texas attraction.

In "Night Life of New York," there are a number of scenes along the great "White Way" of the American metropolis. One of them is of the brilliantly illuminated front of the Winter Garden, famous New York Theater.

An electric sign, with letters six feet high, reads: "Winter Garden—Willie Howard in 'Sky High.'" "Sky High," with Mr. Howard and the original Inter Garden company of 108, will be given in the new State Fair auditorium during the 1925 State Fair, Oct. 10-25, under the personal direction of J. J. Shubert.

### TEXAS MANUFACTURERS PLAN BIG DISPLAY DURING THE 1925 STATE FAIR

Executive Vice President G. M. Knebel Visiting Various Cities in Interest of State-Wide Show in Manufacturers' Building.

Manufacturers of Texas are planning a most comprehensive display of "Made in Texas" goods at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

G. M. Knebel of San Antonio, executive vice president and general manager of the Texas State Manufacturers' Association, with headquarters at San Antonio, has already visited many cities throughout the State in the interest of the demonstration, which will be given in the great Manufacturers' Building at the State Fair.

Among the larger cities are Galveston and Fort Worth, both of which Mr. Knebel has visited.

Mr. Knebel is pointing out that the larger manufacturers of the state will be able to take care of themselves at the State Fair exhibit. He is therefore urging that chambers of commerce aid in the effort to have the smaller manufacturers represented. His suggestion in many instances, has been that the smaller manufacturers get together in a joint exhibit, wherein the individual products of each may be shown.

### OFFER STATE FAIR TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT DISCOUNT.

Customers' Tickets for the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, may be purchased in advance at a discount, according to announcement in The State Fair Foreword. Beginning August 15, the tickets will be on sale for thirty days only. Sold in books of five, ten and twenty-five, for two dollars, four dollars, and ten dollars, respectively, the tickets may be used in payment of admissions at main gates or vehicle gates, the same as a 50 cent coin. While this privilege is primarily extended within Dallas, it is available to patrons of the Fair outside of the city as well. Remittances by check to the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, will be promptly honored, it is stated.

### WOMEN'S WORK TO BE BIG FEATURE AT STATE FAIR.

Women's work is to be a big feature in the art and textile department at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, according to Mrs. Fannie Howard of Dallas, superintendent of the department.

The premium list carries a full detail of the various branches of women's handicraft in which premiums will be offered, including painting, sewing, embroidery, domestic science, preserving, applied design, lace work, knitting and crocheting, etc.

Entry books for this department will be open Monday, Oct. 5, and close Wednesday, Oct. 7. All articles to be entered from outside of Dallas, must be delivered at the Fair Grounds on or before Friday, Oct. 2. Premium lists may be had by applying to W. H. Stratton, secretary, Dallas.

### STATE FAIR SHOW GIRL IS FEATURED AS BEAUTY

One of the big illustrated magazines has featured a State Fair show girl for her beauty.

A photograph of Miss Helen Veronica appears in the August issue of one of the well known publications. Miss Veronica is a member of the big singing and dancing chorus of "Sky High," the Shubert Broadway musical comedy which will come to the new auditorium at the State Fair, for the sixteen day run, Oct. 10-25.

Willie Howard, the famous comedian, heads the company of 108 which will be seen at the State Fair.

# SERVICE THAT IS COMPLETE

The man who owns an automobile is looking for service that is complete and satisfying. It means money and time saved to him. And that's the way we can serve you. Our filling station service is up to the minute. Our service is prompt, courteous and satisfying. Our Garage is well equipped in machinery and workmanship that is equal to the best and surpassed by none.

In Tires, Tubes and accessories we are always well stocked. We handle the well known Michelin and Standard four Tires and Tubes. And we are agents for Humble Gas and Oils. Also we have the famous MOBILOILS.

So, if it's service you are looking for, don't pass us up."

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# COZY THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, August 21-22

William Fox Presents  
BUCK JONES

—in—  
"WINNER TAKE ALL"

—Also—  
Universal Presents

William Desmond and Eileen Sedgwick in  
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With Educational Comedy

BOBBY VERNON in "CORNFED"

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With George O'Brien and Dorothy Mackaill

And Educational Comedy

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1st. We gin both round and square bales, giving you your choice. We have the same service you have always gotten at this gin and in addition to that we have the round bale.

2nd. You do not have to sell your cotton in the seed to gin it in round bales, as we buy the cotton only after it is ginned.

3rd. You do not have to sell the cotton to us. Sell it to anybody that will pay the most money for it.

4th. You do not have to sell the cotton when it is ginned. If you want to hold it let us hold it for you in a dry clean place out of the weather.

We have our gin ready to run and will appreciate your patronage.

# SAM SWANN



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**DRY WEATHER HURT-  
ING CROPS BADLY**

The extreme hot, dry weather  
of the past week has been most  
disasterous to the feed and cot-  
ton crops in this section, and  
without good rains immediately  
both will be cut very short.

Following the rains the last of  
July the crops in this commu-  
nity where the rain fell, took on  
a most promising condition, and  
seemed for a time certain to  
make good yields. But it is now  
badly hurt by the further hot,  
dry weather and parching sun.

**ILLNESS IN FORCE MAKES  
NEWS SCARCE THIS WEEK**

Owing to the fact that the  
lynotype operator, Mr. Jack Dur-  
ham, has been on the sick list  
for a few days, the reading mat-  
ter in this issue of the Mail is  
a little short, and we trust that  
our readers will overlook our  
shortcomings for this week.

**LOOK FOR—**

The bungalow sign—George's  
Kandy Kitchen, on Front street.  
"Eat Hand-Made Candy" and  
protect your health. Try our  
Hamburgers, Cold Drinks and  
Cigars, George W. Thompson,  
proprietor.

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

**THE TEN COMMAND-  
MENTS OF MOTORING**

First: Drive to the right side  
of the road; it's just as good  
as the left.

Second: Slow down when ap-  
proaching a cross road; it is  
nearly as dangerous as rail-  
road crossings.

Third: Look out for children.  
You never can tell what they  
will do, and you are always in  
the wrong if you hit one.

Fourth: Try to help instead of  
hinder the traffic officer; he  
is there for your good and he's  
got a tough job.

Fifth: Be sure your "dimmers"  
really dim; it's no joke driv-  
ing into a blinding glare, as  
you probably know.

Sixth: Read and obey the warn-  
ing signs; they are not put up  
as ornaments.

Seventh: If you feel you've  
got to speed—do it where it  
won't kill anybody but your-  
self.

Eighth: When making minor  
repairs, stop where your car  
may be seen from both direc-  
tions; otherwise you may stop  
longer than you anticipated.

Ninth: Speeding around cor-  
ners is a straight route to the  
hospital.

Don't race past a stopped street  
car. Some day the jury will  
call it manslaughter.

Tenth: Use discretion. The  
fact that you had the right of  
way won't bring anybody  
back to life, least of all your-  
self.

—The Nation's Highway—Okla

Jim Hogg who has been visit-  
ing in the home of his sister,  
Mrs. Houston Robertson and  
friends, returned to Houston  
Sunday Night, to resume his  
duties as brakeman.

Mrs. M. G. Parks and son,  
Ruben, of Stanton, came down  
first of the week for a visit with  
the former's daughters, Mrs. L.  
Abernathy and Mrs. W. E. Du-  
bree and other relatives and  
friends.

**Returns From Oklahoma Visit**

Mr. Ira Huss, the very capable  
and genial manager for West  
Texas Utilities Company in this  
city, accompanied by his wife  
and two sons, returned Wednes-  
day from a months visit with  
friends and relatives in Okla-  
homa.

Mr. Huss reports a very pleas-  
ant visit with the exception of  
the fact that one of the children  
was quite sick most of the time  
they were away. However, he,  
like most every one who spends  
some time away from Merkel,  
stated that they were more than  
glad to get back home.

**CALL MEETING OF FARM  
BUREAU**

A call meeting of the Farm  
Bureau Cotton Association will  
be held in Merkel Saturday the  
22nd at 3 p.m. All members are  
urged to be present. Important  
business to attend to.

D. I. Shelton, President,  
Austin Robertson, Secty.

Misses Louise and Alberta  
Fryar or Abilene are week-end  
guests at the home of their  
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H.  
M. Rainbolt.

Will have a car of Cannel Coal  
at Blair the last of next week.  
Also one at Merkel. See me and  
give me your orders. J. M. GAR-  
RETT, Phone 155. It

Misses Velva and Helen Cox,  
of Franklin, Texas, are here for  
a visit with their grandparents,  
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cox, and  
other relatives.

Mrs. Lucy Bumpass left first  
of the week for a visit with  
friends and relatives in Dallas.

Miss Hettie Logan Clay is a  
guest of Miss Louise Booth this  
week from Abilene.

Mr. Mervin Thurman of Lam-  
mesa visited his cousin, Layne  
Mullen, Saturday and Sunday.

**"WORST BOY," BUT  
NOT WHOLLY BAD**

**Judge Astonished at Re-  
markable Reformation.**

A police court reporter sees a great  
deal of the wrong side of human na-  
ture. He could perhaps become a  
hopeless misanthrope if once in  
a while something did not happen  
that shows how much good there  
may be hidden even in the most  
unpromising human beings. Wil-  
liam T. Ewens in "Thirty Years in  
Bow Street" tells of a case that came  
under his own eye that taught him  
not to condemn anyone as wholly bad.

"He's the worst boy in the district,"  
said the jailer, referring to a red-  
haired urchin in the dock. "He treats  
his mother shamefully."

"Oh, don't say that," pleaded the  
mother tearfully. "He's a dear, good  
boy to me, ain't you, Joe?"

Joe grinned. He was an accom-  
plished young liar, but he drew the  
line at aiding and abetting his mother  
when she told such a palpable un-  
truth as that. The jailer had not  
slandered him when he described the  
way in which he treated his mother.

Fortunately perhaps for her, he was  
the only child she had. She lavished  
all her love on him, worked day and  
night in order that he might live in  
idleness and contented herself with  
scanty fare so that he might have  
good food and plenty of it. Even  
in the depth of winter she wore thin  
clothing in order to provide him with  
good boots and a warm overcoat.  
Every night he went to her for pocket  
money and got it. At least twice a  
week she had to give him enough to  
take him into the gallery of one of  
the cheap theaters, and while he was  
enjoying the play for sixpence or so,  
with perhaps fried fish and potato to  
follow, his poor old mother was prob-  
ably crying herself to sleep. He re-  
warded all her kindness with base in-  
gratitude, and sometimes with per-  
sonal violence.

As years rolled on and the boy  
grew into a red-haired ruffian it was  
useless for his mother to plead for  
mercy on the ground that he was "a  
dear, good boy," and he was sent to  
prison on several occasions. His  
mother always met him at the prison  
gates, and he had what he described  
as "a high old beano" with the money  
she had saved during his retirement.

Then there came a sudden change—the  
most remarkable change the mis-  
sionary then at Bow street had  
ever known or heard of—the poor  
old woman suddenly became blind.  
The son, instead of ill-using her be-  
cause she was no longer able to min-  
ister to his wants, became a re-  
formed character. He gave up his  
evil companions and worked hard in  
order that his mother might have all  
that she required. On Sunday night  
he astonished all who knew him by  
leading the poor creature to church.  
He was virtually the only nurse she  
had during a painful illness, and just  
before she died in his arms, she was  
heard to say: "He's a dear, good boy  
to me, is my boy. I'll pay his fine,  
sir, if you'll let me."

And soon after the funeral Joe  
went to one of the colonies where he  
did well and reared a number of red-  
haired boys who never saw the in-  
side of a police court.

**Dog Was Cap Collector**

It was a great mystery for a time,  
the disappearance of caps belonging  
to children at a Philadelphia public  
school. It threatened to be one that  
only a master mind could solve.  
Then one day the blacksmith across  
the way came to the office of the  
principal with four caps. Asked  
where he got them, he said: "Why,  
ma'am, my dog brought them to me  
—one at a time—this morning." And  
sure enough, as the blacksmith and  
the teacher stood there talking,  
along came the dog. He went into  
the cloak closet and in a jiffy was  
out again—a cap in his mouth. They  
followed him into the blacksmith  
shop, and there, in a corner hidden  
by anvils, was an assorted collection  
of caps.

**Modern Girl's Champion**

Basil King, the Canadian novelist,  
said as he boarded the Mauretania  
for a visit to Spain:

"It is true that I am going blind,  
but I see clearly that the world grows  
better. Some people condemn the  
modern girl with her audacious dress,  
but I see clearly that the modern  
girl is the same prudent and clear-  
minded creature that her mother was,  
plus greater strength and courage.

"Yes, she's prudent and clear-  
minded. A Montreal girl in boots and  
riding breeches said to me one after-  
noon over a cigarette and a cup of  
tea:

"Men are not bargain hunters—  
and the girl who cheapens herself  
soon finds 'it out.'"

**Poor Doggie**

A woman called police headquarters  
on the telephone recently and sobbed  
out a tale that her "dear little doggie"  
had been captured unlesashed, as re-  
quired by the health officials, and was  
linguishing in the pound. She was  
informed the pound would not be  
open until 8:30 a. m. next day. "My  
gracious, she'll die in that awful place  
overnight, and besides she is on a  
diet," pleaded the woman. "That's all  
right; your doggie will be treated all  
right and kept on the diet," the wom-  
an was informed. "And will you  
bathe her before sending her back?"  
she queried. "Yes, before we send her  
back," was the reply.—Detroit News.

**"Mobiloils"**

We now have in stock a  
complete line of the well  
known and famous  
**-Mobiloils-**  
and to those who are users  
of these oils, will say that  
we invite you to come in  
and get what you want.  
There are none better--In-  
fact it's as good as the best,

We will also continue to  
handle that **GOOD GULF**  
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You know what it is.

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144 PHONES 192

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300,000 Women are Satisfied Users of this  
Wonderful Washer—It's a

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Only \$5.00 puts this Electric Washer in your home,  
with a Dixie Portable twin tub free!

**WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff and  
Mrs. T. A. Bearden returned  
yesterday from a visit with rela-  
tives in Throckmorton county.

**KILL SCREW WORMS—**  
instantly, heal wounds quickly and keep  
off flies with Martin's Screw Worm  
Killer. Guaranteed by  
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**STOP THAT ITCHING**  
If you suffer from any form of  
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Children. We will sell you a Jar of  
BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guar-  
antee. It will stain your clothing  
and has a pleasant odor.  
For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS, To  
the Sheriff or Any Constable of  
Taylor County—Greeting.  
You are hereby commanded to  
summon Clarence Allison by  
making publication of this Cita-  
tion once in each week for four  
consecutive weeks previous to  
the return day hereof, in some  
newspaper published in your  
County, if there be a newspaper  
published therein, but if not,  
then in any newspaper published  
in the nearest county where a  
newspaper is published to appear  
at the next regular term of the  
District Court of Taylor County  
Texas, to be holden at the Court  
House thereof, in the city of  
Abilene, on the 1st Monday in  
September, A. D. 1925, the same  
being the 7th day of September  
A. D. 1925, then and there to  
answer a petition filed in said  
Court on the 3rd day of August,  
A. D. 1925, in a suit numbered  
on the docket of said Court No.  
5866, Wherein Mrs. Blanche Al-  
lison is Plaintiff, and Clarence  
Allison is Defendant, said suit  
being a suit for divorce on the  
grounds of cruel treatment, said  
petition alleging the marriage of  
plaintiff and defendant and var-  
ious acts of cruel treatment on  
part of defendant and prays for  
decree of divorce.  
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have  
before said Court, at its afore-  
said next regular term, this writ  
with your return thereon, show-  
ing how you have executed the  
same.  
WITNESS, J. K. Fuller, Clerk of  
the District Court of Taylor  
County.  
Given under my Hand and the  
Seal of said Court, at office in  
Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day  
of August A. D. 1925.  
J. K. FULLER, Clerk,  
District Court, Taylor County,  
By Belle Wellborn, Deputy. 744

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## To The Ladies of Merkel--

who desire to learn the art of being more beautiful will be delighted to know that we will have with us all next week Miss Lillie Mae Smith, (the College Beauty Specialist.)

Miss Smith will give free Scientific Facials featuring--- Dorothy Perkins (The College Line) of Toilet requisites.

Every lady is invited, we will have an improvised private beauty booth in our store.

### MERKEL DRUG CO.

#### COMPERE NOTES By Miss Alma Stout

Health of the community is good at present.

The Comperes folks have all been attending the Baptist meeting at Stith. They are having a glorious meeting held by Rev. Reid.

Mrs. Allred has improved very much and is able to be about now. She attended Sunday school at Zion Chapel Sunday morning.

Miss Alice Allred and Mrs. Pearl Allred spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Alma and Lorene Stout.

Little Burton Foster is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Horten and children spent Sunday with Mrs. H. S. Hanson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teaff of Weinert, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Stout Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Tarvin spent Sunday afternoon with her daughter, Mrs. Alta Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas visited Mrs. Lucas' mother, Mrs. Marshall, Sunday.

Mr. Hall Hobbs spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Raymond Stout.

A few from this place have been attending the Methodist meeting at Truby, Texas. They report a fine meeting.

Miss Grace Lee Cranston who has been going to school in Abilene, is spending a few days with home folks now.

Mrs. Ashby who was sick a few days last week has improved very much at this writing.

Mr. Raymond Stout spent Sunday night and Monday with Mr. Hall Hobbs at Warren.

Mrs. Zenobia Lucas spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. T. K. Marshall.

The Nazarine meeting will start at Zion Chapel about the fifth Sunday in this month and will be held by Rev. Gibbs.

Work is progressing very nicely on the teacherage at Compere and it is expected to be completed before very long.

The farmers are still hoping for rain. The cotton has begun

#### STATIONERY SPECIAL

200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address or monogram printed to order in blue ink for \$2.00. You may have your choice of folder or straight sheet in white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink or light yellow. You can't beat this for a stationery bargain. Makes appropriate gifts. Also have \$1.15 box. THE MERKEL MAIL.

Miss Leona Mullen is visiting relatives this week at Lamesa.

Will have a car of Cannel Coal at Blair the last of next week. Also one at Merkel. See me and give me your orders. J. M. GARRETT, Phone 155.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Come to Boone Bros. Healthatorium, Christoval, Texas, (20 miles south of San Angelo) Famous Christoval mineral baths followed with scientific adjustments and massage treatments. Ideal climate, swimming, boating, fishing. Open the year round. Aug 23

Our buyers have recently returned from the Eastern Markets where they have purchased a complete line of everything in Men's Clothing, Shoes, Ladies' Ready to Wear and Millinery, and we are now receiving same by every express and freight until we have our house full to over-running.

In order to make room and clear out all summer merchandise we are making some extremely low prices on many articles throughout the house for the next ten days' selling.

### Summer Dress Goods

—All mens Hart Schaffner and Marx Suits, consisting of Serges, Worsteds and Flannels; values up to \$55.00 Special for the next ten days selling \$34.95

—One lot of Men's Hart Schaffner and Marx and Kuppenheimer High Grade Suits. Values up to \$50.00. Extra special for only .....\$28.95

—Choice of any Tropical Worsteds two-piece Suit Special at only .....\$22.95

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—One lot of Medium Weight Worsteds and Cassimere Suits. Special for \$17.95

—One special rack of dresses, consisting of Silk and Woolens, in all the new shades in sizes 16 to 44 stouts. . . \$17.50

—One special rack Dresses, consisting of Silks and Woolens, values up to \$17.50 and \$19.75. Special only. . \$10.95

—One lot of Silk and Wool Dresses Specially priced for this sale at. . \$6.95

—All Summer Voiles in solids and printed designs, to close at 1/2 PRICE

—SPECIAL IN STAPLE DEPARTMENT—Good grade of Outing in all colors, both dark and light, only. .15c

—Good Grade 9-4 Bleached Sheeting. Specially priced at per yard, only. .43c

—Good grade 9-4 Brown Sheeting specially priced at per yard, only. . . . .39c

### Ladies Hats

—Special Display of Ladies' Hats Grouped in Three Prices, all the new shades at only—

\$2.95, \$3.95 and \$4.95

## Rose Department Store

ABILENE, TEXAS

Located in old Woolworth Stand

to open in spots but is very light, and very little feed will be made.

Bro. Bryant will hold his regular services at the Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning and night. Every one come.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth returned this week from Simmons University, Abilene, where she was awarded her degree from that splendid institution. Miss Booth will teach in the Merkel Public schools this coming term. After her return home this week she has had as her guest Mr. J. O. Ballew, of Memphis, who has also been a student in Simmons.

Joe Riney returned this week from a trip to Big Spring and Lamesa. He went to Big Spring as a delegate from the local lodge to a meeting of the District Assembly of the Odd Fellows and Rebeccas.

#### Revival at Trent

The Baptist revival at Trent began last week with the pastor, Rev. McGinnis, doing the preaching, and will continue indefinitely.

Mr. E. Yates Brown, of Merkel, is directing the choir, and there is every evidence the meeting is accomplishing much good.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum, who one day this week was painfully injured in a small auto crash, is, we are glad to learn, improving nicely, and will likely soon be all right again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney and daughter, Miss Rosie, returned last week from their vacation trip to points in East Texas. They report a very pleasant trip.

Mr. S. G. Houston of Abilene was here one day this week having been out to look over his fine farm in the Mulberry community, which he reports has fair crops.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

#### BARBER SHOP CHANGE

I have purchased an interest in the Palace Barber Shop, next door to Holloway's Cafe, a new man in the town but 23 years a barber. Will be glad for you to give us a trial. "First class work is our motto." Ladies work a Specialty. F. M. SMITH. 14t2p

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. tf

Messrs. Geo. and Pete White and Bob McDonald with their families returned yesterday from an extended and pleasant outing trip to points along the Pecos, and Devil's River. They also visited the Rio Grande Valley country while away. George says they also had plenty of fish all the time.

Miss Dotie Garrouette and Miss Stella King represented the Rebekah Lodge, Merkel Chapter, at the meeting held at Big Spring last week-end. They report a most excellent time.

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WOOD OR RUBBER

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Illinois Man Tells About His Relief from Indigestion.

"I used to suffer," says Mr. Walter W. Macdonald, of 711 Fairview Ave., Edwardsville, Ill., "with indigestion, a tight feeling in my chest after meals—felt sluggish, lazy and dull and out of sorts. I would be very constipated.

"Some one recommended Black-Draught. I began using it. I found it so very satisfactory I have used it ever since. I wouldn't be without it.

"My work is inside. I do not get as much exercise as I would like, and at times my system gets clogged and I would see the necessity of a good active medicine.

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### Opportunity and Thrift Are Brothers in Blood

One of the benefits of thrift comes from the fact that often the possession of a small amount of money at the right time marks the turning point in the possessor's life.

The world is full of instances of those who have found the way to great success when, through thrift, they were able to take advantage of some special opportunity for self-advancement.

Disraeli said: "The great secret of success in life is to be ready when your opportunity comes."

To those who are drifting along from day to day without getting ahead and apparently making no effort to do so, this advice should come with special force. Money should not be saved merely with the object of being ready for some great opportunity in life, but the fact remains that without saving and getting ahead there will never be opportunity for any progress whatever.

It also is to be borne in mind that opportunities for personal progress often come to those who, because of their thrifty habits, have gained the good will and confidence of some person who is in a position greatly to advance their interests.

Thrift brings its rewards in countless ways aside from the mere piling up of savings. One of these is the development of industry. The thrifty man is well organized; he is of the type that inspires confidence upon the part of the employees and executives who are looking for men to fill important posts.

The man who is thrifty can rest assured he is making no mistake.

It may not be possible for him to look ahead today and see the advantages that will come from today's sacrifices. But the day of reward will arrive.

Thrift and opportunity are always on friendly terms.

#### Boomerang Proof

Robert W. Chambers, the only novelist in the world to pay a five-figure income tax, said at a luncheon in New York:

"Novelists are conceited. Some people declare they are modest but—'Well, any such declaration as that reminds me of two pretty girls who reclined in their bathing suits on the warm sands of Palm beach.

"So you're flirting with young Scrawler Scribbs, the novelist, are you?" said the first pretty girl. "I don't see how you can stand him—such a conceited duffer as he is!"

"Conceited?" said the second pretty girl. "Conceited your grandmother! Scrawler Scribbs is as modest as a woodland violet. Why, I asked him last night who was the greatest living novelist in America, and he blushed, and bit his lip, and murmured confusedly that it for him say."

#### Vanderbilt Had Vision of Aviation, in 1849

Back in 1849, when most adventurous souls were yielding to California bonanza allurements, the original Cornelius Vanderbilt, he was not yet acclaimed as the commodore, wrote this note to a Kingston (N. Y.) editor who had been his Staten island boyhood friend:

"Dear John: Of course, I can't take any long vacation like you write about. You come down to New York for a week. I will take good care of you at my house, if I do have to work shirt-sleeved all day, and we, anyhow can have the evenings together.

"Maybe I will find a way to show you how still some day we can find a way to do what your heart's set on going out to the Pacific. I am working on something that's wonderful—not my own individual notion, but what a man who has been teaching school over at Hoboken has in his mind. Folks over there promised to support his ideas, but then turned and laughed at him.

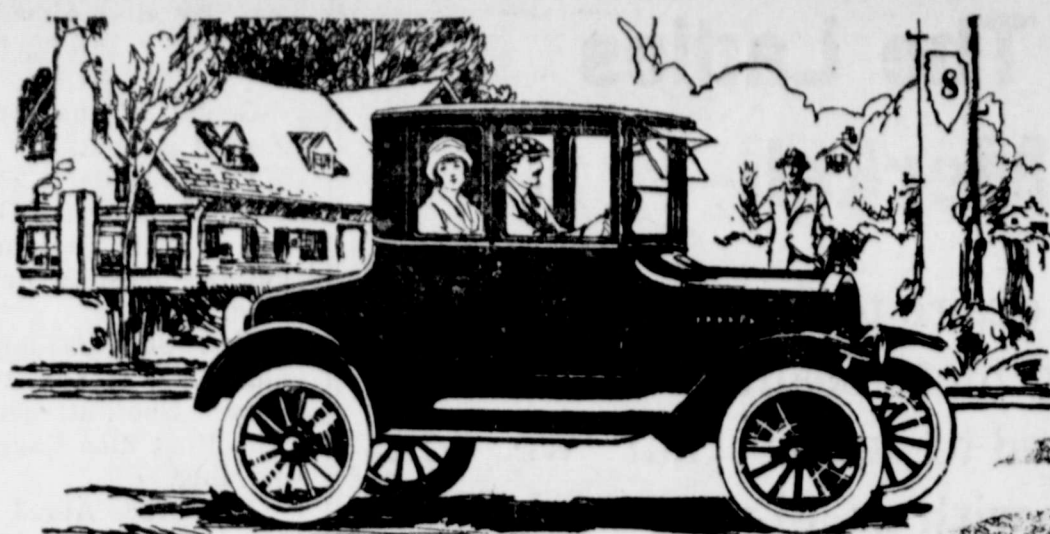
"I would mighty well like to see him and talk with him. I have already backed him some and intend to keep along. He has a plan to make a real flying machine, and I reckon he is a pretty real calculator.

"Well, John, if he does make good you and I can be going to California soon in a prond way, not paddling down and round the Horn, but in our own wagon prancing up in the clouds across the rivers and looking down on the Rockies and reaching our landing right at Sutter's gold diggings, all in a few days, John, instead of taking a whole summertime journey.

"I wouldn't wonder if you will be bewitched, too."—Wall Street Journal

#### His Determination

"I'm going to resign my office and let the darn postmaster's slide!" said the official at the crossroads. "I've got plenty of d—n reason for it, too! One is that the emulsions of the office is too puny for the responsibilities, and another is that the fleas are too plenty. A feller that takes the only daily paper that comes here from the city has started shooting at me b'cuz he wants his darn paper before I'm through reading it. A passel of skunks has took to rendezvooving under the building, and the atmosfearick disturbance is so thick you can cut it with the flat side of a barrel stave. Tuther day an unreasonable cuss who wanted his mail came right in through the side of the office with an ax, just b'cuz I'd gone off fishing. And I sorter hear it whispered that the K. K. K. is figgering on calling on me on generl principles, as it and I've decided that it is time sten down and out."—F



### Enjoy the Best Time of the Year

Now come the most glorious days of all—late August, September and golden October! Days meant to be lived out-of-doors—when the roadsides are ablaze with flowers, and the woodlands a riot of color.

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Ford; nothing at which its willing power will balk. And its control is so simple, so easy that you can venture where you will on unknown dirt roads, with the same confidence with which you set out on the paved highway.

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#### A Delightful Swimming Party

The following young people composed a delightful swimming party to Shannon's Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Amy Sears as chaperone: Misses Lola Dennis, Sue Craven, Boog Sears, Johnnie Sears, Dorris Durham, and Melba West. Messrs. Cleo Calloway, Kenneth Watkins, Volney Hill, Wrenn Durham and Maben Rogers.

A victrola provided splendid music for the occasion, while the young folks enjoyed various games, followed by a watermelon feast.

You will be greatly surprised to know what 95c will buy Saturday at BROWN'S.

#### Tire Thieves at Work Here

Quite a bit of uato tire stealing has been going on in Merkel this week. Two tires were stolen from a car at the Methodist church Wednesday evening while prayermeeting was in session. Two more were taken from a car in a man's garage and another taken from a negro's car.

Officers are at work on the case, and it is possible will soon apprehend the thief. But it is well for all auto owners to watch their cars close themselves.

Mrs. Willie Houston and children of Stanton, are here for a visit in the home of her Uncle, J. L. Harris, and other friends and relatives.

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WHEN you buy across the counter in the stores of this town, you are using good business judgment. Why? There are many reasons, but one of the most important is this:

You can buy what you want at the price you wish to pay! You are not obliged to accept "something just as good," because you are in a position to compare values and make your own selections.

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"I took Cardui for backache and a weakened, run-down condition, and it strengthened and helped me," says Mrs. Mattie Hurt, of Coldwater, Miss.

"Before the birth of my children, when weak and nauseated, I took Cardui. After the birth of my children, when just getting up to do my work, I took a couple of bottles of Cardui and it never failed to strengthen and help me when taking it."

"I seemed to enjoy my food and my back would feel stronger. I don't believe I could have kept going had it not been for Cardui and the strength it gave me."  
"When change of life came on I got down in bed. Life seemed to be just a terrible drag. I did not have strength for anything. My back hurt. My limbs hurt. I was so nervous I couldn't rest."

"I knew what Cardui had done, so sent straight for it, and it did just as it had done before—strengthened and built me up."  
At all drug stores.

**CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

**Old City of Wales**

**Buried Under Sand**

We are accustomed to buried cities of the East, and even in the forests of Africa one is not surprised to hear that ancient ruins have been buried in the jungle. But to find a buried city in Wales seems something of an anomaly.

Yet on the borders of Swansea bay, in the heart of a great sandhill, lies the buried city of Kenfig. There is today a village close by called Ton Kenfig. It is behind the sandhills in which the buried city lies, and from which the broken wall of a ruined tower projects to this day.

In the days of the Conqueror Kenfig was a walled city, a great commercial center, and filled with armed men. But an insidious foe—the blown sand—was always liable to break down its best defences. Year by year, bit by bit, it gained the victory, till by the time Queen Elizabeth began her reign there was little to be seen of the city except a dune and a ruined tower.

For ages tradition had it that the town was submerged by sand in a great storm, as Pompeii was overwhelmed by volcanic dust, but the chronicles of Margam abbey, which have recently been examined, make it plain that the sand encroachments lasted for many years, and that the process of burying this Welsh city was a slow one.—London Times.

**Stupid Errors Made**

**by Great Painters**

Magnificent and incomparable as was the workmanship of the old masters, as found chiefly in the churches and picture galleries of the Continent, when it came down to detail, things both ludicrous and anomalous were apt to appear. A picture is to be seen dealing with the crucifixion in which a confessor holds out a cross to the dying thief. A painting by a Dutch artist, representing the sacrifice of Isaac, is to be seen in which Abraham stands over his son holding a blunderbuss! In the National gallery, too, may be found an old-master painting, in which a saint holds a very modern-looking pair of horn-rimmed spectacles. Painters of extremely advanced views seem to delight in this sort of thing. Not long ago a picture of "The Deluge" was exhibited in London, by a student of the Slade school, in which Noah and his sons wore derby hats.—London Mail.

**The Man Who Counts**

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and short coming; who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.—Theodore Roosevelt.

**Wrong or Right**

There is an old judge of the Supreme court in New York who recently in private conversation was heard to vigorously defend one of his friends who had fallen by the wayside. He was challenged for defending a man who had been proved to be wrong.

"That was only one failure," said the old judge. "Consider the fine things about him—"

"But," objected one of the critics, "I don't see how you can stand up for this fellow even if he is a friend. He certainly was wrong."

"Any man will stand up for you when you are right," replied the old judge. "But it takes a friend to stand up for you when you are wrong."

And there was silence.—Dellmeator.

**Birth of Rocking Chair**

Rocking chairs are commonly referred to as an American institution purely. They had their greatest development, of course, during the Nineteenth century, when they passed through the stage of makeshift rockers cut flat on top with the bottom in the form of an arc, to those which constituted an integral part of the chair, and from these to those monstrosities of furniture called patent rockers. That was the beginning of their decadence, says the Boston Transcript. Rocking chairs are made now, but they are simple in construction, and the elaborate arrangements of springs and bases are known no more.

**Had Learned Something**

A woman called at a studio for a sitting. The photographer made two negatives and promised proofs for the following day.

The next day her husband called for the proofs, but the photographer showed him only one. The husband said: "My understanding was that there were to be two proofs."

"I did make two sittings of your wife," replied the photographer, "but in one she held her lips apart and showed the end of her tongue."

"My goodness," gasped the husband, "let me see that one. I didn't know there was an end to it."

**Both Swift and Sure**

**Was Vigilante Justice**

The Montana Vigilantes, who deluged that territory of such notorious gangs as Henry Plummer's in the '60s, were nothing if not methodical in their self-appointed task. Besides Plummer's band of road agents and murderers, to which a total of 102 deaths alone is credited, the population of the gold fields numbered many fugitives from justice from all parts of the country.

In many places the lawless element was totally superior in force to the honest citizen group, which was driven to the establishment of a Vigilance committee to protect lives and property. Outnumbered as they were, the Vigilantes worked in secret and as mysteriously as possible; their principal tools were the mask and the rope. Some time during the night a white cord always exactly seven by nine inches and bearing the numerals 3-7-77 in black ink, was pinned on the tent or tacked on the door of the desperado who had been sentenced to be banished at a secret meeting of the Vigilance committee.

The men who received such a notice knew whence it came and that it meant, "Pack up and leave within 24 hours or swing on the second night." If he had the least glimmer of sense he also knew the warning was no bluff.

The Vigilantes held no public trials, but if sometimes a mistake was made and the victim appealed for a review of the facts through certain channels, he was certain of a second hearing. In such a case a midnight tribunal was held which reconsidered and sometimes reversed the sentence. More often it reaffirmed the banishment with a second placard, against which there was no appeal. If the warning was disregarded, the lawless one found himself the center of a very interesting and determined crowd on the second night and he did not live to see the next sunrise.

The Vigilantes constituted themselves judges, jury and executioners all in one, and their trials were certainly short. Whenever a highwayman or murderer was caught, the leader of the Vigilante band would say:

"All in favor of hanging this man step to the right of the road; those who are for letting him go step to the left."—J. R. Johnston in Adventure Magazine.

**Positive Identification**

C. S. Collins, superintendent of the Identification bureau of Scotland Yard, who has made nearly 500,000 finger prints of criminals and suspects, retired recently after 30 years' service in the London police department. From the finger prints on file in Mr. Collins' department some 200,000 identifications have been made, according to authorities, without a single mistake. "I would stake my life on the probability that there never will be finger prints alike, even if the world goes on indefinitely," Mr. Collins said recently, in speaking of his work. During the next generation, he asserted, finger prints would be much more generally used everywhere, not only in the identification of criminals, but as a matter of record in births, and numerous other directions.

**Having Their Fling**

It was last year in a strict boarding school, and my roommate and I had always been on our good behavior, writes a correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. We realized we had missed a lot of the fun the other girls had enjoyed, even though they had paid for it by being up before the faculty many times.

One night we decided we'd be daring and slip down, after midnight, to the rarely occupied guest room and sleep in the four-poster bed in there. The corridors were dark and the stairs creaked, but we tiptoed along until we had almost reached the guest room. Just then we heard the watchman coming down the corridor. We popped into the guest room and onto the bed.

A series of screams aroused every one. We had sat upon a visiting missionary from Africa.

**A Surprise**

Amateur theatrical stuff had been indulged in by certain members of the group out for a day's outing. One of these stunts included the placing of black wax on one or two of the front teeth, which left an appearance of toothlessness.

One young man, tiring of the wax, tried to remove it and found he could not. He asked a young woman of the party whether she knew how to get the wax off.

"Sure," she said, boldly. "That's easy." And forthwith she grasped the wax firmly between thumb and forefinger and pulled.

Imagine her amazement a moment later when she held in her hand the full upper set of false teeth belonging to the young man.—Indianapolis News.

**Ominous**

"I've been studying a good deal about resigning my office," declared Constable Sam T. Slackputter, the guardian of the peace and dignity of Petunia. "It's getting too ominous."

"Too-what?" returned Mayor Numbers.  
"Ominous—or dangerous, if you like that better. You know the new shooting gallery that opened up last week? Well, I've seen no less than eight women, all told, practicing shooting there. It may mean subterfuge, and it may not; but—"  
—Kansas City Times.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE—WOOD! WOOD!**  
Lots of Wood, delivered or on ground at my farm. See R. B. Wells. 14t2p

**FOR SALE—All livestock and real estate of the late W. T. Duncan.** For particulars see Chester A. Duncan, Exer., Trent, Route No. two. 14t2p

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**FOR SALE:—1924 model ford** Touring in A1 condition. Oasis Filling Station.

**FOR SALE—Entire crop, teams and farming tools.** See S. O. Patton, 2½ miles northeast of Merkel on route four. 1tp

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**FOR SALE—320 acres of good** plains land within 12 miles of Friona. Price \$16.00 per acre, \$1,920.00 cash, balance in four equal annual payments of \$800 each, due one to four years at six percent interest. See us for cheap farm and ranch lands. M. A. Crum, Friona, Texas. 1tpd

**FOR SALE—\$130.00 Scholarship** in Tyler Commercial College at an attractive discount. We

guarantee it. If you are planning to attend a commercial college we can save you money, and there is none better than Tyler Commercial College. Apply to Jack Durham at Merkel Mail office. tf

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**ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished.** Convenient to school. Mrs. Beidleman. 1tp

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**WANTED**

**WANTED—To list your prop-** erty. It costs you nothing to list it. I am leaving this week for a trip to South and East Texas to be away several weeks scattering literature about this country to prospects, and have employed Mr. G. M. Durham to take all listings during my absence at the Merkel Mail office. Drop in and list your property with him. T. L. GRIMES, Real Estate and Insurance. tf

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Mill and Factory prices on Lumber, Doors, Sash, Moldings, Hardware, Paint, Canvas, and other building materials. Delivered any station. Complete house bills given special attention. Write for prices.

**TEXAS - LOUISIANA BUILDERS SUPPLY CO.**  
Sweetwater, Texas

B. C. Gaither left yesterday for Tuscola, where he will visit his daughter for a few days.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Ollie Cogdill by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the city of Abilene, on the 1st Monday in September A. D. 1925, the same being the 7th day of September A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of August A. D. 1925, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5867, wherein Sam Cogdill is Plaintiff, and Ollie Cogdill is Defendant, and said petition alleging said suit being a suit for divorce on the grounds of three years abandonment, said petition alleging the marriage of plaintiff and defendant and abandonment on part of defendant and prays for decree of divorce.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND**  
J. K. FULLER, Clerk,  
District Court Taylor County.  
By Belle Wellborn, Deputy. 7t4  
and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this the 4th day of August A. D. 1925.



**Trade among Friends**

No matter what some folks say to the contrary, there certainly is a lot of sentiment in business. Friendship, for instance, makes more satisfactory sales than all the cleverness and argument in the world.

You like to trade at a certain store—not because its counters are arranged in a scientific way, but because the folks who serve you are always friendly and helpful.

Just that very thing—FRIENDLY SERVICE—is the power that draws people together into communities like this, where everybody can enjoy the many benefits of neighborly cooperation.

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**"ONLY CHILD" IS UNDER HANDICAP**

**Fated Not to Succeed Well in Life.**

In a discussion of the "Influence of Early Environment on Personality," before the members of the New York Academy of Sciences, section of anthropology and psychology, Prof. William Ogburn of Columbia university presented the results of his research into one specific phase of the general subject, but added that some additional data were not quite ready for presentation.

Taking for granted that a repeated stimulus in the life of the child interests the personality of the child, Professor Ogburn expected to find some objective evidence of this factor in a study of family life. He therefore decided to study "the intelligence quotients" to see if they varied with the position of the child in its particular family; that is, to see in what manner the oldest child, the youngest child and "the only child" would be affected by the investigation.

He said that in this way he could study the emotional stability of the child, its achievement in school, and the teacher's estimate of the child's personality. His first consideration, he said, was to define the position of the child in its family, and in this procedure he used fifty different categories, which included differentiations according to age, taking a period of five years as the dividing line, and also considering differentiations according to sex. But the data in the matter of the sexes had not been completed, he added.

Selecting "Who's Who" as a criterion of

success, Professor Ogburn said that by analyzing the data listed here in reference to the position of the child in the family, he might compare his results with the statement of Doctor Brill and other psychologists who claim that "the only child" does not succeed very well in life, that it tends rather to fail in the struggle for existence.

Three thousand names were selected at random, the professor stated, covering three separate lines of endeavor, namely, 1,000 artists, including painters, actors, musicians, authors; 1,000 scientists of all grades, and 1,000 of a more general classification, including statesmen, business men, journalists and others of "good mixing qualities." In these questionnaires, he said, the position of the individual in his family was requested, and there was no classification for females, since there were only a few listed. From the 1,700 replies received he endeavored to see whether a certain type of child appeared in the lists of "Who's Who," with the following results:

Of these families of "Who's Who" were found 577 individuals who were the oldest males in the family, each of whom had a brother less than five years younger, and all of them living; 342 of them were in "Who's Who," making a proportion of 59 out of 100. There were 358 of these who were the youngest children with a brother five years older; 155 of them were found in the lists of "Who's Who," representing 39 out of 100. Regarding the intermediate children, that is, between the oldest and youngest, 729 were discovered and only 237 of them in "Who's Who." These results, Professor Ogburn concluded, seemed to favor the intelligence of the oldest child, with the youngest next and the intermediate child in last position. He found these data the most significant of the many categories.

**Sting in It**

Edward S. Harkness of New York, congratulated on his recent gift of \$1,000,000 to Yale, laughed and said: "Philanthropists never like to hear any allusions to their philanthropy. These allusions are always well meant but they are somehow apt to resemble the butler's speech more or less."

"A Lady Bountiful, famous for her charities, once declared to her butler that if the townspeople persisted in their design of building a garage right opposite her bedroom windows she would leave the town."

"That's what I told 'em, ma'am," said the butler excitedly. "I told 'em that at the town meetin'. And I asked 'em, ma'am, if they wanted to lose the goose what laid the golden eggs."

**Cannibals Still Exist**

Until the recent murder of the Canadian explorer, Charles Penrose, in New Guinea, by cannibals, the fact that man-eating humans still existed was not generally realized. This tragedy revealed authentic modern records of the cannibalistic tribes in the outreaches of civilization. In New Guinea they live in the extreme interior where the country is thickly forested and the tribes are difficult to locate. No traveler has dared to go too far into this interior although neighboring tribes have given out information on their less sociable neighbors.

**Mimic's Fun Ended**

For some time at Pasadena, Cal., V. K. Fisher enjoyed his ability to imitate a police siren to perfection with his voice. He fooled the traffic policemen as he drove his car down the street at a terrific rate, emitting siren-like screeches. At each corner, the policeman would wave traffic to a stop and would give the youth the right of way. Fisher met his Waterloo when a motorcycle officer heard the siren and followed to see what was happening.



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**A Sunrise Breakfast**

A party of the city's young people headed by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis as chaperones, drove out to Big Elm, some twenty miles south of town on last Sunday morning, where an early morning swim and sunrise breakfast was enjoyed by the following young folks: Besides the chaperones Misses Lola Dennis, Sue Craven, Boog Sears, Johnnie Sears, Gladys Mayfield, Mildred Matthews, Alice Summerhill and Miss Byce Johnson of Snyder, guest of the Misses Sears, and Messrs. Clyde Matthews, Cleo Calloway, Kenneth Watkins, Castle Ellis, Edward McCrary, Hollis Haynes, Volney Hill and Wrenn Durham. After the early swim and delightful breakfast games, kodaking and hiking over the hills was enjoyed for some time, then the party proceeded home via Lake Abilene and Buffalo Gap.

**A Surprise Party**

A surprise party was given on August 13th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Thornton, in honor of Mr. W. I. Thornton and Mrs. S. D. Campbell, whose birthdays were on that day, Mr. Thornton being 32 years of age and Mrs. Campbell 21. The affair was kept a secret from Mr. Thornton, who was enticed away to town in order to make the surprise complete. On his return Mr. Thornton found a host of friends and relatives enjoying the music of a fine string band.

Ten nice cakes were baked and brought by the ladies, together with ten gallons of ice cream which was prepared by the men. The entire afternoon was spent in eating cake and cream, and enjoying friendly conversations together with much fine music of various kinds. Each one of the fifty-two people present seemed to have a very pleasant time.

**Will Honor Return of Pastor Ira L. Parrack**

On August the 27th, in the basement of the First Baptist church of Merkel, the adult Department will give an entertainment in honor of the return of their former pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack and family. The General Superintendent and wife are especially invited to be present. The program committee will have a splendid program. If you are a member of any of the adult classes you are expected to be present. All associate members are invited to come. All be present at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson were down yesterday from Sweet water for a visit among home folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Evls of Whitney were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis recently, Mrs. Evls being a sister of Mr. Davis.

**Miss Frances Collins Entertains**

On last Saturday night Miss Frances Collins entertained the young people with a lawn party at her home. Several games were enjoyed on the lawn. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served by Miss May Collins at the close of the party.

Those present were Hazel Leslie, Dorothy Daniels, Marza Chaney, Fannie Belle Boaz, Intha Bird, Elf Chaney, Mary Ellen Ashby, Bernice Foster, Ava McCandless, Gilbert Boswell, Jack Patterson, Victor Smith, Fred Yandell, Tom Simpson, Layne Mullen, Mervin Thurman of Lamesa, J. E. Boaz, Clyde Mayfield, Owen Tittle, Kenneth Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver of Big Spring were here first of the week guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington.

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**DESPOTIC ACTION CHANGED HISTORY**

**When King Forbade Cromwell to Leave England.**

A fascinating speculation concerning both American and British history is aroused by memories associated with May day. For it was on that date, 287 years ago, that Charles I of England forcibly prevented a certain trio of English Puritans from following those of their fellows who had already migrated to North America. The significance of the incident is seen in the identity of the three men. They were Arminius Hobblerig, John Hampden and Oliver Cromwell.

The Stuart and was a law unto himself, and we cannot venture to interpret the inner motives which caused that misguided king to insist upon keeping those troublemakers of his realm at home, instead of letting them go to the colonies, perhaps to forget their grievances in the strenuous work of building up new communities; or perhaps to get scalped by the Indians. Possibly he thought it safer to have them where he could keep his eye upon them. He could scarcely have feared that they would foment rebellion among the mere handful of colonists when settled on these shores. Anyway, he did it; and tremendous were the consequences; an editorial in the Washington Post comments:

For it requires no stretch of the imagination to suppose that with those men out of England, there would have been no civil war; or, at any rate, none so serious as to upset the throne. We cannot envision Nasby and Marston Moor without the general of the Ironsides. It is certain that the Puritan protest against royal absolutism would have been effective, but it would have been made through less strenuous and inexorable means. There would probably have been no scaffold in Whitehall, and no protectorate, and the Stuart dynasty might have been maintained even down to our own time.

No less interesting is speculation upon the effect upon America of the coming hither of those great Puritan leaders. Cromwell would almost certainly have become a dominant figure in the politics of New England. And a continuance of undisturbed Stuart sovereignty would have meant a different policy toward the colonies than the varying policies pursued by the Commonwealth, the Restoration, and the reign of William and Anne. Whatever had happened we may feel sure that we should not now be commemorating the sesqui-centenary of the beginning of our Revolution. The break might have come earlier, or later, or not at all; but it certainly would not have come just when it did and for the same causes and in the same manner.

On the whole, despite the tragedies which it entailed, that act of Charles I. in keeping Cromwell and his companions in England was probably for the best for both England and America—we might say for all concerned, save for Charles himself. To him, it was the bitterest irony of fate.

**Remarkable Experience**

Experience with lightning is described by a Rand (South African) pioneer in a letter to a Johannesburg paper. He says, "Some years ago I was riding a bicycle in the country and was caught in a thunderstorm; in making a Kaflur hut for shelter I was struck by lightning. The flash caught me in the back of the neck, and made a hole there; it then ran all over my body, took one shoe clean off, and burned my clothes to ribbons. The flesh was peeled off my body, and I was unconscious for a long time. The doctor said I could not live through the night, as my injuries were so severe. The drums of my ears are broken, so I am still very deaf, but after careful nursing and six months in bed I got better, and grew a new skin, which I find quite as comfortable as the old one."

**Glacier May Yield Dead**

Reports from Geneva, Switzerland, are that alpinists are watching the glacier Des Bossons closely this year in the expectation of finding the remains of six men who perished there in September, 1870. One was an American, H. Randall of Chicago, and it is regarded as possible that his body may be among the others which it is hoped will be given up by the "river of ice." Statistics show that the glaciers usually give up their dead within from ten to thirty years, but one case is recorded of a glacier's retaining bodies more than forty years. The hopes of recovering the bodies of the party that met death fifty-five years ago are based upon the recent discovery of an ax belonging to a local guide who met death at that time.

**Popular Ailment**

A ten-year-old boy developed a rash and was sent to the doctor. The doctor said the malady was not serious or infectious and placed no restrictions on diet or exercise, but advised staying out of school, thinking, apparently, that the boy's appearance might occasion false alarm among teachers and pupils.

Much of the "enforced" vacation was spent on a new bicycle. While on an errand to the grocery one afternoon the "victim" met a schoolmate who inquired as to his absence from school. On hearing the facts, he began to look envious and ejaculated: "Gee, how'd you get it? I wish I had it, too."

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