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Anson Forfeits Game by Order of League

"JUNIUS" FINDS JOY HOSPITALITY WEST

Merkel, Oct. 10.—This end of the Times-Herald that used to hold sway at the beautiful town of China Springs, has folded his tent and gone west.

We are now domiciled at the beautiful palatial home of our old McLennan county friends, Capt. Sam Grayson and his most estimable wife.

Crop conditions here are in strange contrast to the devastated fields of McLennan county. We have a miscellaneous assortment of cotton pickers; every class, creed, color, nationality, social and political affiliation are here, a heterogeneous bunch of non-descripts. All of whom (delectable and beautiful baldheaded scribe included) expect to return east this winter loaded down with the glittering shekels.

Crops here are spotted, embracing the good, bad and indifferent, owing to local drouth and hailstorms. The leaf and boll worm are damaging the crops in many sections; there is an abundance of feed made, and the country, as a whole is in a most prosperous condition, the sad monotonous wail of hard times, bankruptcy and starvation is never heard.

We note a gradual and substantial growth of Merkel since our last visit here six years ago. New homes bilt, old houses enlarged and renovated; to be brief Merkel has doffed the habiliment of the prairie hamlet and donned the raiment of the beautiful city.

The phenomenal growth of Merkel is due, in a great measure, to the persistent efforts of the Merkel Mail, a sprightly and enterprising newspaper, edited by Mr. Thos. Durham, and the merchants of the town show their appreciation of the paper by extending it a generous patronage.

We have only met a few of our old McLennan County friends since coming out here, including Messrs. G. G. Callahan, Judge Lee Williams, Grandma Tiner, Mrs. Charley Seago, George Pryatt and Hugh Grayson, all of whom are prospering, and pleased with their western homes.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. H. J. Parks, a prominent farmer and extensive land owner of Spur, who is a cousin of Mrs. Sam Grayson.

The visit to our children in Dallas, Mrs. Maggie Ferguson, T. K. and J. W. Maury, was superlative pleasant. They killed "The Fatted Calf," (metaphorically) and the stay with them was most pleasant.

We must commend the officials of the "T and P" out of Dallas, to the west for sundry courtesies extended us and an especially indebted to Conductor D. Tobin, for favors extended us. We are having a nice time out here, this western corn juice equals the Nectar of the Gods. JUNIUS.—in Waco Times-Herald, Waco, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook of Dora were in the city last Saturday and while here dropped in to have the Merkel Mail come to them another year. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are among the many substantial and prosperous citizens of the Dora community and we are glad to have them on our list.

Miss Mabel Fronabarger of Fort Worth is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze.

6,346 BALES HAVE BEEN RECIV'D HERE

At 1:30 p.m. Thursday, there had been weighed at the local cotton yard 4,550 bales of cotton, while at the Farm Bureau Cotton platform there had been weighed up to this date 1,566 bales, and the 1060 round bales ginned at the Sam Swann gin, counted as half bales, make a total of 6,646 bales received here to date.

On this date last year (1924) there had been weighed a total of 6,350 bales, while the year before, (1923) there had been received to this date a total of 11,158 bales.

Today the price on the street was 21:50, the highest, while last year cotton was bringing around 22:50, and the year before on this date 29 cents per pound was being paid.

Last year at this time the estimates as to the total yield ran up to as high as 12,000 bales, while in the end a little more than 13,500 bales were shipped from here. Today the estimates run from 10,000 to 14,500. This paper will guess 14,000 bales.

RALLY DAY WITH PRESBYTERIANS

Sunday school will convene promptly at 10 a.m. This will be Rally Day for the entire Sunday School. At the 11 o'clock hour a program entitled "Seed time and Harvest" will be rendered. This is the program put out by our Board of Christian Education. It is a helpful and inspiring message, and we extend a cordial invitation to the public to be present at this hour. We trust that every officer, teacher and pupil of the Sunday School will be in their places and on time. Let us make this truly a great day in the history of our Sunday School. Help us to reach our goal.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p.m. The evening church service will begin promptly at 7:00 o'clock. Twenty minutes song service and special music.

The womans missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Manse. The second chapter of the Foreign Mission Study course will be given.

Rev. Cypert To Preach Here Next Sunday

Eld. W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ in this city next Sunday morning and evening. Eld. Cypert extends to each and all a cordial welcome to hear either or both his sermons. He especially urges the full attendance of the church membership.

Rev. M. R. Pike, of the Anson circuit, was here several days this week, visiting home folks and friends. Rev. Pike is one of the young Methodist ministers of this section, is a Merkel reared young man, and is making good in his chosen work. His many friends will rejoice with him in his success.

Chas. A. Fryar and family of Abilene, were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, Mrs. Fryar's parents.

BUSINESS MEN HELP BADGERS FINANCI'LY

In order to bring to Merkel the game next Monday between Anson and the local team, it required a considerable Cash consideration; hence, the local business men and enthusiastic fans, realizing the importance and value of having the game played in this city, sent a committee out and within a very short time the required amount to defray the expenses of bringing the visitors to our city, including the expense for officials, amounting to around \$250.00 was raised.

In this the business men and fans have shown a very liberal spirit in thus backing up the football boys and Coach Jackson, and the same is appreciated very much by Mr. Jackson and the boys. However, there are yet many reasons why the citizenship of the town and community should further get in behind the boys by extending them a liberal patronage in attendance. First, you should attend the game in order to give the boys your moral support, encouraging them in their efforts to win this most important game. Second, Coach Jackson has personally stood for the payment of the boys' uniforms and other necessary paraphernalia, and a liberal gate receipt is badly needed to help pay the indebtedness due by the local team.

Every one who is in the least interested in the success of the home team should, if possible, make it a point to attend. And every one who attends should be big enough and broad enough to pay the usual and customary price of admission. Surely no man, woman, boy or girl would have the nerve and gall to attend and enjoy a game such as this one promises to be without cheerfully and willingly paying the usual gate fee. In fact, we can't believe there is any one in this community so small.

T. I. Harvell left first of the week for Denton, where he will visit his mother. He will also visit his daughters in Dallas, and be accompanied home by his wife who has been in Dallas on a visit for some time.

SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS IS IN ABILENE TO-DAY

Promising an array of amusement features far beyond anything attempted in the past, The Sells-Floto Circus, second largest show in the world, will visit Abilene on Friday, Oct. 23, giving two performances, afternoon and night. Hundreds of citizens from Merkel will undoubtedly swell the crowds in our neighboring city on that day, in view of the fact that Sells-Floto has for years been recognized as one of America's premier circus organizations.

Three rings, two stages and a hippodrome track will afford space for the more than 100 headline acts, many of which have been especially imported from other lands and are new in America this season.

An added feature is the gigantic spectacle "The Bride and the Beasts," magnificent and barbaric in character and splendor, and in which more than 1,000 take part, not the least being the special corps de ballet of half a thousand young women.

The circus performance is up-to-the second, is clean and moves with a snap that keeps the crowd in good humor for about two hours.

The zoo carried by Sells-Floto has been augmented by many new animals, making it the largest of its kind on the road. In "clown alley" there are half a hundred merrymakers, while of daring aerialists and equestriens there are scores, among them being the famous Flying Wards, two troupes of 18 people, the Hobsons, bareback riders unequalled in their line, a group of liberty horses in which there are 36 performers who do their work without direction, too many trained animal acts to attempt to enumerate, and almost countless other astonishing novelty acts.

Box Supper at Union Ridge

On Friday night, Oct. 30, the Methodist church at Union Ridge will have a box supper at the church for the purpose of raising funds to pay for a piano. Everyone is cordially invited and those who can are kindly asked to bring boxes.

MERKEL-ANSON IN SEMI-FINAL HERE

On Monday, October 26, the local High School football team meets their ancient and bitter rivals, the Anson "Tigers". It is a game we have long wanted to see. The Anson team is highly press agented as championship contenders, while Merkel is "doped" the weaker team. But you can't tell about these "Badgers". They are capable of putting up a very strong fight and they will do that against Anson if they would against any team.

Our schedule is now in the hands of the League office and as long as we win our games our opponents will be chosen by the League officials, as this game was.

The winner of this game meets the winner of the DeLeon Stephenville game on Saturday of the same week. The winner of that game meets the winner of the Stamford-Rotan game for the Championship of District 3 of Class B. Here's hoping it's Merkel all the way through.

The business men of the town are responding gloriously to the occasion, and have made it possible for us to get Anson here. They are meeting the expenses of the day and giving the Athletic Fund the proceeds of the gate toward paying out of debt. It is a commendable move and is greatly appreciated by the Athletic Association. According to the committee who solicited this contribution, the town was almost unanimous for helping financially and for closing up their places of business on that afternoon for 2 hours during the game.

These men are not hiring Anson to come here; they merely are doing what they are to help out the gate receipts. The Athletic Association of the High School is badly in debt and needs some move of this kind to bring them out of debt. The boys are very grateful for this move and have made up their minds to win and we hope they do.

J. A. Summerhill, Supt.
Irving L. Jackson, Principal.

BLANTON PLEDGES FIGHT ON ARMS APPROPRIATIONS

Harkening to the cries for world peace, uttered in Sundry and strange languages the last several days, Representative Blanton, of Texas, made known to the world at large through the medium of the Interparliamentary Union yesterday, that military appropriations are going to have hard sledding in the next Congress, insofar as he is concerned.

"That is my seat right over there," the fiery Texan told the polyglot gathering, pointing to his seat. "The general staffs of all the navies are for bigger navies, and the army staffs are for bigger armies," he declared.

"I want to promise my colleagues in this conference," he said, "that there is going to be a fight in this hall on every bill that is brought into this body by the general staff of the navy of the United States.

"I am going to fight against a big navy and I am going to fight against a big army and I am going to fight against big armaments because that alone will bring about peace in the world."

The foreign delegates craned their necks to get a look at the droughty Texan's seat, some of

DECLARED INELLI- GIBLE BY OFFICIALS

"BADGERS WILL PLAY BALL-
LINGER HERE TODAY
AT 3:30 P. M.

Just as the Mail was about to go to press, Coach Jackson received an official statement from the Interscholastic League Headquarters at Austin to the effect that Anson had been declared ineligible to participate in games for championship because they had played an eligible man, and that the the Monday's game had been forfeited to Merkel.

The "Badgers" will therefore play Ballinger on the local field today at 3:30. Ballinger has already been defeated, but if Merkel loses she will be out of the race for championship honors.

If Merkel wins today she will either play the winner of the Stephenville-DeLeon game or the Rotan-Stamford game or have an open date while the winners of those games play and then play the winner of that game for district championship.

SPECIAL FEATURES METHODIST CHURCH

On next Sunday at the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea, announces that he will preach on "Fidelity and its Reward," at the morning hour, and in the evening his theme will be "The White Stone."

Both of these sermons will be of special interest to the church membership, and while a cordial invitation is extended to the public in general and all who wish to come, the pastor is especially hopeful that the entire church membership will make it a point to be present at each service. The morning sermon is of special interest to the older folks, and they are urged to be on hand. If you have no way of getting to church, arrangements have been made for conveyance for all. Phone No. 70 that you have no way and a car will be sent for you. Do this Saturday or early Sunday morning. If you are a Methodist and know of some older person who would like to come and has not the proper conveyance, take it upon yourself to see that such persons have a way.

Besides the special sermons, there will be some interesting special musical numbers. Mrs. J. Samuel Rider, of Abilene, who sang on last Sunday morning, will be present again and give some special numbers.

Let every Methodist man, woman and child be present and help make this one of the best days the church has enjoyed for many months. It's your church, and it will be just what you make it.

Mrs. H. C. Williams returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in Fort Worth and Marshall, Missouri. She reports a very pleasant and enjoyable visit, but stated that she was happy to get back to Merkel and among her many friends.

them not knowing at the time what he was saying, and the English delegates gave him a profusion of their "hear, hears." —From the Washington Post of Thursday, October 8, 1925.



MRS. J. SAMUEL RIDER, of Abilene, who will sing at the 11:00 o'clock hour at the Methodist Church.

Condensed Statement of
THE FARMERS STATE BANK
Merkel, Texas

Close of Business September 28, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$378,057.59
Overdrafts	2,685.78
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	12,647.82
Stocks	2,335.00
Int. & Assessment. Gty Fund...	20,451.25
CASH, BONDS and EX.	148,347.42
Total	\$582,454.86

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	8,434.84
Rediscounts	40,000.00
DEPOSITS	484,020.02
Total	\$582,454.86

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W. L. Diltz Jr., Cashier Herbert Patterson,
Assistant-Cashier. David Hendricks

**BADGERS DEFEAT
CLYDE 35 TO 0**

The Merkel High School "Badgers" ran roughshod over the lighter Clyde High School team here Friday for a score of 35 to 0 before a good crowd at the High School gridiron.

The "Badgers" were working perfectly from the start and had little difficulty in breaking loose for long gains, using both passing and plunging tactics. Polly, captain and end, scored the first touchdown in the first period when he received a pass from Tittle near the goal line. Tittle, Witcher, Daniels, and Chaney carried the ball over for the other counters in the second and third quarters, after a series of line plays and passes had advanced the ball near the goal line. Tittle, Merkel's tripple treat man, did his stuff by kicking five goals for extra points after the touchdowns, and by his passing running and kicking. Merkel's forward wall was working perfectly and Clyde's line plays seldom made a gain of consequence. In the last quarter Merkel was playing almost all of her second string men, and the ball was advanced to within 3 yards of the goal line when the final whistle blew. The Clyde team was on the defense most of the time. They completed several good passes, one for thirty yards and the receiver almost got away for a touchdown. Clyde was never closer than thirty yards of the goal. Merkel has not been defeated on her home grounds this season.

The Badger line-up was: Polly (Captain) and J. Toombs, ends; Witcher and Tittle, tackles; Vick and L. T. Toombs, guards; J. B. Toombs, center; Rogers, quarter, L. Chaney and V. Chaney, halves Adams, fullback. Others playing were: Daniels, McGehee, Mayfield, Giles, Murray, Darden, Wells, Beidleman and possibly others.

Officials: Camp, Simmons, referee; Harkrider, Abilene, umpire; Moore, Abilene, head line-man.

COMPERE NOTES
By Alma Stout

The farmers in this section are very busy picking cotton. The bad weather has hindered in gathering the crops. Some of the farmers are badly in need of hands to pick their cotton.

A large crowd attended Sunday school Sunday morning. Every one come next Sunday and let's try to have a larger crowd than before.

Mr. Cora Camp spent Saturday night with Mr. Raymond Stout.

A large crowd attended the party at Mr. Blankenship's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ramsey are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mrs. Stout and family spent Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Hobbs and family at Warren.

Mr. Allred and family were in Anson Saturday night.

Mr. Charlie Stout and Miss Annie Schmidt who have been visiting relatives in this community left Saturday night for Coahoma where they will visit a few days before returning home.

Mr. E. E. Tarvin and Cora Camp were in Abilene Saturday.

Rev. Bryant will preach his regular monthly sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and also Sunday night. Every one is cordially invited.

School will start at Comper the 2nd of November. We are expecting a better school this term than ever before as the 10th grade will be taught.

We are glad to have Mr. E. M. Massey of Tye, route one, on our list for the Mail for another year.

**"NOT SO LONG AGO" FINE
COMEDY-ROMANCE OF 1850**

Betty Bronson, the charming star of "Peter Pan" and Ricardo Cortez are featured in the principal roles of the Paramount picture, "Not So Long Ago," which will be shown at the Cozy Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 26-27.

Betty is a romantic miss in crinoline skirts and black curls in this production, directed by Sidney Olcott, who made "Little Old New York." Cortez has the role of an 1850 Beau Brummel.

Laurance Wheat, heading the supporting cast, loves Betty but his affection is not returned so he tells Betty's father about the secret love affair she is having with the son of the rich Ballards. Dad is very bitter. He has no faith in the idle rich because once upon a time he was fleeced of a lot of money. And he certainly needs a lot of it right now. In a few days, the horseless carriage he is working on will be taken away if he can't meet his debts.

Then comes a race that will draw laughs and gasps. Wheat in an old track suit, races the horseless carriage down Fifth Avenue. Betty, having quarreled with Cortez and lost her job, has promised to marry Wheat if he wins the contest.

A great crowd is on hand. First a false start. At the starting signal, the carriage refuses to move. Then—with a splutter and a gasp, it's off. Near the finish, it seems as though it's going to win—when the boiler explodes with a bang.

The money-lender throws his "I O U" away in disgust and Cortez rescues it from the gutter returns it to Betty's father and puts himself "in right" with the girl.

Where Will the Fifth Sunday Singing Be Held?

T. H. Spears, the sage of Blair, called at the Mail office yesterday, and stated that he wanted to know where the next Fifth Sunday singing convention was going to be held? He says he wants it at Blair, and extends a royal welcome. He also stated that there is going to be some good music at Trent Sunday night.

Notice to The Public

Bring in your old beds and have them made as good as new. We make all sizes and kinds of mattresses. Located one block east and one block north of Sam Swann Gin. Griffin & Collins, Proprietors. 1tp

Saturday Cake Special

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Miss Hazel Bell is visiting relatives in Eastland.



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FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK**
Merkel, Texas

Close of business September 28, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$247,836.27
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	25,453.84
Overdrafts	958.66
Bonds and Warrants	25,410.33
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	90.00

CASH, SIGHT EXCHANGE
AND U. S. BONDS 239,524.42

Total \$549,036.02

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	18,045.15
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	474,740.87

Total \$549,036.02

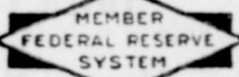
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**JUNIOR EXPRESSION
PUPILS ORGANIZE**

On October 14, the Junior Expression students met for the purpose of organizing and selecting characters for the new play, "The Sing-a-Song Man."

The following officers were elected: President, E. L. Turner; Vice-president, Harold Chaney; Secretary, Nell Durham; Reporter, Eleanor Mae Hamilton.

Je-Boy candy bars were passed to Nell Durham, Modyne Sheppard, Margaret Cannon, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Artilee Simmons, Dallas Sharp, E. L. Turner, Jack Patterson and Harold Chaney.

Margaret Cannon and Eleanor Mae Hamilton will be hostesses to the club the first Wednesday in November. Reporter.

Mr. E. D. Coats, we learn, has moved his office in the West building from one office space to another in the same building, where he has a better location.

Busy Bee Class Meeting

The Busy Bee Class met for their regular monthly business and social meeting at the home of Miss Hallie Pike on Tuesday evening.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and sandwiches were served to Anna Lou Russell, Gladys Miliken, Juanita Beene, Mary Hutcherson, Erma Lee Rea, Intha Bird, Eva Mae Johnson, Mrs. W. D. Hutcherson, Lillian Rider, Opal Patterson, Alma Patterson, Rosa Laney, Emma Toombs, Dorris Pike, Hallie Pike.

Save up your Milk Maid Bread wrappers and when you have ten bring them to the bakery with 50c and we will give you a nice Rubberized Apron. The Quality Bakery. 2312

Mrs. G. J. Jones left last week for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Huffman, at Dallas.



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SENIOR NOTES
By Stell Ledger

Juniors entertain in chapel

The Junior Class entertained Tuesday in chapel with the "Imitation of the Teachers." The cast was: Mr. Summerhill, Maben Rogers; Mr. Jackson, Delbert Polly; Miss Bird, Tommie Durham; Miss Durham, Flora Frances Anderson; Miss Gilbreath, Helen Booth; Miss Sudderth, Inice Brown; the students Junior Class.

The Sophomores will entertain next Tuesday.

Can You Imagine

Eva Mae ignorant? A. J. Tucker riding a bicycle? Erma-lee fat? Grace flirting with Luther? Lester Tittle in knee trousers? Witcher flirting with the girls? Helen not looking at Bob? Andrew falling in love with a brunette? Miss Bird curly headed? The Badgers losing to Anson?

Miss Durham: "What does HNO3 mean?"

Clarence: "Oh, I've got it on the end of my tongue."
Miss Durham: "Spit it out, it's nitric acid."

Lernon: "Do you like fish balls?"

Mary Hutcherson: "I don't think I ever attended one."

When ice cream grows on macaroni trees,

When Sahara's sands are muddy
When cats and dogs wear overshoes,
Then's when Lola likes to study.

Read the list below and see if any of the ten tasks are easy to do.

1. To profit by mistakes.
2. To apologize.
3. To take advice.
4. To think and act.
5. To face a sneer.
6. To admit error.
7. To subdue an unruly temper.

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Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

MERKEL "PEP SQUAD" HAS MANY YELLS

Following is a list of yells used by the High School "Pep Squad" at the football games. These yells will be used in the game Monday with Anson. Clip them out and help root for the home team.

I
We'll hit them with logic
We'll hit them with pep
We'll make for the Badgers a permanent "rep."
We'll loot 'em and toot 'em
And scare them to death
And yell for the Badgers
Till we're all out of breath.

II
Wild and wolly, wild and wolly;
Bust a bronco, beat the bully;
Hootin' tootin' cuttin' shootin'
We're the gant that does the rootin'.
Zip bang—Badgers.

III
Go get a wheel barrow; go get a hack
Go get a kiddi car and take back.

IV
Wis—was—wus
We're not allowed to fuss
But never the less you must confess there's nothing the matter with us.

V
Rickety, rickety, russel
You've got to get out and hustle
For if you beat you've got to cheat
Or else develop your muscle.

VI
Sink or swim; Live or die
Beat 'em Merkel, that's our cry.

VII
Razzle dazzle, never fazzle
Not a thread but wool;
Altogether, altogether, that's the way to pull.
Yea Merkel.

VIII
Hurrah, hurrah, listen to the noise;
We're the friends of the football boys;
M. H. S., that's our cry,
V-I-C-T-O-R-Y.

IX
We have no yell, we have no yell;
But when we yell we yell like—
Rip Van Winkle's little yellow pup
Merkel High School wont give up

X
Well, well, well.
We've got the team that's got the go,
The kind that walks off with the foe,

And makes it hot as the regions below.
Well, well, well.

XI
Beat 'em we will, beat em we must;
Now if we don't beat 'em we'll just bust.

XII
You can't beat old M. H. S.
You can't beat old M. H. S.
Any old team can get up steam,
But they can't beat old M. H. S.

XIII
You haven't got the pep
You haven't got the jazz
You haven't got the team that Merkel has.
Think, thank, thunk;
Drink, drank, drunk;
..... High School
Pink, pank, punk.

XV
Lots of ginger, lots of stress
Eat 'em up old M. H. S.

XVI
Badgers rah, Sis boom bah;
Hi-yo, hi-yo; rah, rah, rah.

XVII
Rickety Bus Garoo
Rickety Bus Garoo.
When they hit that line
They go right straight through.
Who?—Merkel.

XVIII
Who's gona win this game?.....
Who said so? —Everybody.
O, what a liar, Oh, what a liar,
Oh, what a liar, Everybody is.

XIX
We like you, we love you,
We'll stick to you tight,
But oh, you Badgers must Fighth, fight, fight.

XX
Milk and mush, and sunflower seed, that's the stuff on which we feed. We're the hot stuff of creation, We're the Badgers' ag-grivation.

XXI
(Tune Doodle Doo)
Of all the teams that play football is old Merkel Hi, old Merkel Hi. I like the rest but what I like best is old Merkel Hi, old Merkel Hi, When they hit that line there's nothing much to it; You ought to see the way they go right thru it. I like it so wher-ever I go I yell for old Merkel High.

XXII
(Tune: Hot Time in Old Town)
When you see that Merkel bunch go by, with a gladsome light and a twinkle in their eye, You can bet six-bits to a piece of lemon pie There'll be a hot time in Merkel tonight.
Chorus twice
Rah, rah, rah, play ball boys,

For Merkel's got the ball;
Play ball boys, and
.....'s team will fall.
And when they kick that ball
There'll be no ball at all.
There'll be a hot time in Merkel tonight.

XXIII
(Tune: Ta-da, Ja-da)
Gona Wina, wina little game to-day.
Gona Wina, wina little game to-day.
Ain't no use to moan or groan
Ain't no use to sigh or cry;
Cause we gona winna,
Winna little game today.

XXIV
(Tune Everybody works at our house.)
Everybody works on our team,
The team that wins the game,
Everybody works on our team,
To honor Merkel's name.
The captain gives the signal
The ball begins to hum
It's all up with.....
The game is won.

XXV
(Tune: Barney Google)
Merkel High school has an A-1 football team,
Merkel High school has an A-1 football team,
Merkel High School has the rep
Merkel High School has the pep
Merkel High School has an A-1 football team.

XXVI
(Tune: Poly-woly Doodle all day)
Did you ever see old Merkel play
Ip I aye I aye
Ip I aye I aye
Just watch them smash that line today
Come on, come on, come on old Merkel line,
Pile up the score, we'll beat them shore. Oh team you're doing fine

XXVII
A-B-C-D-E-F-G
Anson, Anson, turn and flee,
H-I-J-K-L-M-N
How we'll whip 'em is a sin.
O-P-Q-R-S-T-U
Anson, Anson, shoo, shoo, shoo
V-W-X-Y-Z-Z-Z
Anson, Anson, hee, hee, hee.

XXVIII
B-A-D-G-E-R-S
That's the way you spell it
Here's the way you yell it,
Badgers! Badgers! Badgers!

XXIX
Rifty, rifty, rift raft,
Chifty, chifty, chift chaft,
With a rift raft
With a rift raft,
Let's give 'em the horse laugh.
Ha—Ha—Ha

XXX
Booma locka, booma locka,
Bow wow wow,
Chicka lacka, chicka lacka,
Chow, chow, chow,
Booma lacka chick
Chicka lacka boom,
Merkel High School, give usroom

XXXI
Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum
At 'em, team; At 'em, team.
Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum.
Beat 'em team, Beat 'em team.
Up and at 'em; up and at 'em.
Beat 'em, team; Yea.

**DOES YOUR BACK ACHE?
Bad Backs Bring Suffering to Many Merkel Folks**

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MULBERRY ITEMS

Ours is a very busy commu- nity at present. Every one is try- ing to get their crop out before bad winter weather.

Health is very good, excepting some few have bad colds. Several of the younger people attended the tent show at Mer- kel last week.

Mrs. Regeon had as her Sun- day afternoon guest, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Regeon, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh and Mrs. C. E. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelsoe were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walsh Sunday. They all drove to Abilene in the afternoon.

D. H. Thomas of Merkel called on his mother, Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Sunday evening.

Mr. Arthur Helton and Jewel Thomas attended services at Merkel Sunday night.

Plenty Corn, Corn Chops and Shorts at G. M. Sharp's. 16t2

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Helen Compton.
Topic: "How they help us and how we can help them."

Scripture reading: Deut. 10:- 12-22; Luke 7:1-5.

Insist on Americanism, Venice Bell. Song.

What they bring, Norma Shan- non.

What we give, Selma Lee Rus- sell. Song.

A talk, "The Unfinished Busi- ness of the Presbyterian church in America, Mildred Smith. Song: Mispah.

Miss Dota Garoutte returned Monday from the Dallas Fair and on return stopped over in Fort Worth to visit friends. She reports a most enjoyable time.

Mrs J. S. Burkhead from East- land visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell, last week.

Harvesting Time Is in Full Blast

The problem before us now is taking care of what is made--taking care of the family during the rainy days, as well. Get the cotton in bale, getting the maize in the barn and the fodder in the stack behooves every farmer.

We are expecting a shortage of twine again this year. We are booking twine now that we are expecting this week. If you need any we will be glad to book you for the amount you need.

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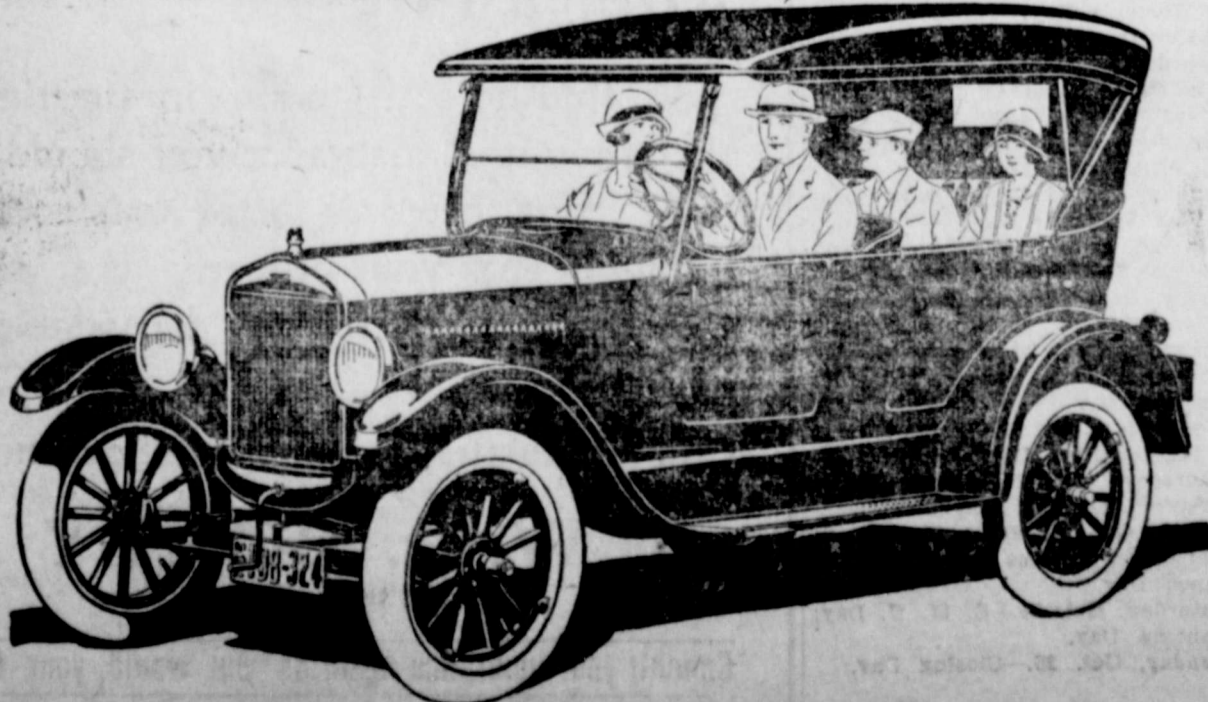
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Blessed are the sons of soil
builders for they shall inherit
fertile, productive earth.

You have an idea. I have an
idea. We swap. Now, you have 2
ideas and so do I. Both are rich-
er. What you gave, you have.
What you got I did not lose. This
is cooperation.—Missouri Pacific
Bulletin.

Man is like a tack, useful if
he has a head and is pointed in
the right direction, but even
though he is driven, he can go
only as far as his head will let
him.—Missouri Pacific Review.

As agriculture becomes older
in any section of the country it
becomes more necessary to fol-
low a good rotation and to prac-
tice diversified farming. Rota-
tion of crops will aid in increas-
ing yields, and controlling in-
sects, diseases and weeds.

More than 14,000 retail mer-
chants in the United States failed
last year. Some of them failed
because of inexperience or in-
competence. Some because they
were lazy. Some because there
was no real need for them in
their communities. But most of
them, it is safe to say, were
simply forced out of business
because the odds against them
were too great. The grocer, the
hardware man, the druggist, the
clothing merchant, the retail
merchant in general has one of
the toughest jobs a man could

cut out for himself. He invests
his money in it. He spends long
hours at it. He worries about it
—and oftentimes what does he
get out of it? In return for his
risk and his work, Harvard Uni-
versity has found, the average
retail grocer is rewarded by a
net profit of 1.8 per cent of sales.
Other merchants got along on
correspondingly slender margins
of profit. These are things we
should think about in our every-
day dealings with our merchants
in Merkel. These merchants are
the purchasing agents for the
community. They are doing a
vital and a difficult job for us
and their reward is none too
large. They don't ask to be sub-
sidized. All they want is an even
break. And this means, simply,
give them the support one citi-
zen of this town should give an-
other. Trade at Home—pay your
bills as promptly. And, for good
measure, don't be afraid to give
your friend, the merchant, a pat
on the back when he has earned
a pat.

Once upon a time a bright
paraphraser wrote: "A man's
mail will reach him when noth-
ing else can." Somehow the say-
ing lived and flourished for a
while and then died. It died be-
cause it was not wholly true.
Admitting, however, that it is
true that a man's mail will reach
him when nothing else can the
"rub" comes when we analyze
the meaning of "reach him." It
is true that most men open their
mail. For a good many years the
mail-order houses have existed
on the strength of that fact.
But advertising must do more
than "reach" a person. It must
reach his needs, his sense of fair-
ness, his desire and interest, and
the conveniences of his pocket-
book.

For every mail-order adver-
tisement that actually reaches
the spot, that is, makes a sale,
the newspaper can with eminent
fairness claim a much greater
result. The newspaper actually
"reaches" its readers and the

buying public. It is handed from
busy father to busy mother. The
young men and young women
see it. The children peruse its
entertainment features. The
newspaper is given credence be-
cause it is strictly a home pro-
duct. It is, or should be, reliable.
It is a part of the community
where it is established. It is "one
of the family." If a man will
"walk a mile for a camel" or a
match, he will so far as inclin-
ation goes, walk five for his fa-
vorite newspaper.

What, then, has the news-
paper to oppose? Really nothing.
Who, then are the newspaper's
competitors? Strictly speaking,
nobody. The newspaper's field is
wide, with the conclusion of its
possibilities unreached. No form
of advertising ever has, and none
ever will, measure up in value to
that of the home newspaper. So
we might well conclude by in-
venting this one: a man's mail
will reach his wastebasket when
nothing else will.—Altus Times-
Democrat.

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*** SALT BRANCH ITEMS ***
*** By Miss Wynona Patton ***
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Misses Ruth and Pauline Pin-
ckley of A.C.C., Abilene, were
visiting home folks and friends
this week-end.

Miss Sarah Phillips and Miss
Twila Lomax of Big Spring
were visitors in this community
last week-end.

There were several at the sing-
ing Sunday afternoon.

Mr. E. H. Thompson and fam-
ily were the guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Higgins, Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Harris of Warren
community was at Salt Branch
Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman
were visitors at Salt Branch
Sunday afternoon.

Misses Nora and Eva Thomp-
son were visitors at Salt Branch
Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Howard Garner was visit-
ing in the Salt Branch Commu-
nity Sunday.

**DAILY TIME-CARD FOR
STATE FAIR AT DALLAS**

Schedule for Various Attractions Is
Announced for Thirty-Ninth
Annual Fair.

Announcement of the time at
which various attractions at the State
Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25,
will be offered, has been made in
the following form by the State Fair
management:

New Auditorium—every night, 8
o'clock, with matinees at 2:30 p. m.,
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and
Sundays, "The Student Prince," mag-
nificent Shubert Broadway musical
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more than 100.

Clarence Eddy, dean of American
organists, in daily organ recitals, 11
to 12 noon, on the magnificent new
\$50,000 auditorium organ—dedication
recital 2 p. m., Saturday, Oct. 10.

Grandstand—Saturday, Oct. 10, to
Saturday, Oct. 17: Five running
races daily, with three big stake
events, beginning at 2 p. m. Twenty
sensational circus and hippodrome
acts offered between the races.

Every evening, beginning at 7:30
o'clock, the magnificent fireworks
spectacle, "Rome Under Nero," pre-
ceded by the circus and hippodrome
acts.

Sunday, Oct. 18, to Sunday, Oct. 25,
inclusive: State Fair "Old West
Rodeo," beginning at 2 p. m.; famous
stars of the arena—cowboys and
cowgirls—in sports of the range and
rancho.

Athletic stadium, football schedule:
Saturday, Oct. 10, A. & M. vs. Se-
wanee.

Tuesday, Oct. 13, Baylor vs. T. C.
U.

Friday, Oct. 16, North Dallas High
vs. Highland Park High.

Saturday, Oct. 17, University of
Texas vs. Auburn (afternoon); All-
College contest by electric light at
night.

Tuesday, Oct. 19, Wylie vs. Coyle,
Okla. (negro collegiate teams in
conference contest).

Friday, Oct. 23, R. O. T. C. com-
petitive drills.

Saturday, Oct. 24, S. M. U. vs. Ok-
lahoma University.

Live Stock Arena—Oct. 20-21, An-
nual State Fair Horse Show, with
two polo games in race track in-
field.

Poultry Building—Oct. 10-19, An-
nual State Fair Poultry Show, hun-
dreds of registered fowls on exhibi-
tion and in competition.

Oct. 23, 24, 25, State Fair Kennel
Show, under direction of Texas Ken-
nel Club—"five point" competition
with dogs of highest degree and
most varied breeds on display and
in competition.

Exhibits—Texas State Manu-
facturers' Association "Action Dis-
plays" and State Fair Automobile
Show in Automobile and Manu-
facturers' Building; Magnificent Agri-
cultural Show in Agricultural Build-
ing, with competition between more
than fifty counties in county dis-
plays; "Spanish Village," main ex-
hibit hall; Fine Arts show and ex-
position of women's handiwork in
Art Building; Implement Displays
on Implement Row; varied exhibits
on Grandstand drive—all open daily,
8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

**MANY SPECIAL DAYS AT
STATE FAIR THIS YEAR**

At the State Fair of Texas, Dallas,
Oct. 10-25, there will be, apparently,
a special day for almost every known
interest, and the expectation is that
each will show a large gathering.
The list of such special days, as an-
nounced by the Fair Association,
shows the following:

Saturday, Oct. 10.—A. & M. Day;
Sewanee Day; Auditorium Day.

Sunday, Oct. 11.—International
Day.

Monday, Oct. 12.—Press Day;
Georgia Day; Texas Manufacturers'
and Wholesale Merchants' Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 13.—Harrison Coun-
ty Day; Elks Day; Baylor and T. C.
U. Day; Dallas and Dallas County
Day.

Wednesday, Oct. 14.—Farm Bu-
reau Day; Swine Breeders' Day;
Mozart Club Day.

Thursday, Oct. 15.—Poultrymen's
Day; Texas Jersey Cattle Club Day;
Collin County Pure Bred Live Stock
Day.

Friday, Oct. 16.—Franklin County
Day; Texas Welfare Association
Day; Texas League of American
Pen Women's Day; Children's Day;
Kidd-Key Day.

Saturday, Oct. 17.—Traveling
Men's Day; Texas Commercial Ex-
ecutives' Day; "SI-Y" Club Day;
University of Texas and Auburn
Day; All-College Day.

Sunday, Oct. 18.—Tyler Day; Span-
ish War Veterans Day.

Monday, Oct. 19.—G. A. R. and
Woman's Relief Corps Day; Texas
Glinners Day; Texas Congress of
Mothers Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 20.—Gregg County
Day; Confederate Day; Holstein
Breeders' Day.

Wednesday, Oct. 21.—Texas League
of Municipalities Day.

Thursday, Oct. 22.—Parker Coun-
ty Day; Clarendon Day.

Friday, Oct. 23.—R. O. T. C. Day;
Indiana Day; Lions Day; Life In-
surance Day.

Saturday, Oct. 24.—S. M. U. Day;
Oklahoma Day.

Sunday, Oct. 25.—Closing Day.



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tendent Bill Haynes in charge.
Let's each of us get in our place
and help make our Sunday school
one of the best to be found any-
where.

Preaching by the pastor at 11
a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning sub-
ject: "The Might of the Widow's
Mite." Evening subject, "The
Faith of Gideon."

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6 p. m.
with Bro. Summerhill in charge
as director. And remember there
is a place in one of the Unions
for every member and friend of
the church. Come to the train-
ing service and stay for the
evening preaching service.

Training class and workers
meeting Monday 7 p. m.

Ladies all-day meeting Tues-
day to sell for Buckner Orphans
Home. All women whether mem-
bers of the church or not are in-
vited to come and help provide
clothing and covers for the chil-
ren who have no mother to pro-
vide for them. You perhaps have
good serviceable garments that
your own child has out grown,
that you could give to the Home.
If so bring to the church Tues-
day or phone Mrs. Twyman Col-
lins and some one will call for the

garments. Remember they need
everything that babies, children,
or young men and women wear.
Bring needles, thread and goods
to be made into garments.

Come to any or all the services
at the church and help us have
a better church. It may be eas-
ier to stay away and criticize the
church, but it is much nobler to
come help make better churches.
If you love the Lord there is a
place in one of the churches in
Merkel that needs you. Get in
and help bring Merkel to the
Lord. Ira L. Parrack, pastor

Mr. M. J. Shaw, of route four,
dropped into the Mail office one
day this week to renew his sub-
scription to this paper and while
here reported that he has out
10 bales of cotton and expects
to gather about six more, mak-
ing sixteen off about fifty acres.
He also reported plenty of feed to
run him another year. Both
cotton and feed much better than
expected at the beginning of the
season.

Miss Clementine Powell, of
Leonard, Texas, is the guest of
her sister, Mrs. Sam Swann, this
week.

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THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL STATE FAIR OF TEXAS OPENS ON OCTOBER 10

Many New Features Scheduled—
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Be Dedicated.

Saturday, Oct. 10, is the date for the opening of the thirty-ninth annual State Fair of Texas, which, according to all indications, promises to be the most pretentious and complete sixteen-day exposition of Texas' development and growth—its capabilities and possibilities—that has been given during the nearly half a century of the State Fair's existence.

Among the principal features of this year's State Fair will be:

A seven days' race meeting, with five races daily, including three stake events; all races beginning at 2 p. m. and with twenty sensational circus and hippodrome acts given before the grandstand between the race events. The race-meet dates are Oct. 10 to 17.

Old West Rodeo.

An "Old West" rodeo, to be given every afternoon, Oct. 18 to 25, inclusive, with first-magnitude rodeo stars in large number participating for the rich prizes and premiums to be offered.

Dedication and initial use of the new \$500,000 Fair Park Auditorium, in which is to be presented "The Student Prince," a Broadway "Spectacular Operetta" success with the original company of more than 100. This will be offered each night, with matinees on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Also in the new auditorium, Clarence Eddy, dean of American organists, is to give daily organ recitals between 11 and 12 o'clock a. m. The dedication recital will be at 2 p. m. on Saturday, Oct. 10.

Every evening, before the grandstand there will be presented "Rome Under Nero," a stupendous fireworks spectacle, with the circus and hippodrome numbers as an extra added attraction.

Big College Night.

The All-College Circus and a night football contest will be offered in the athletic stadium on the night of Saturday, Oct. 17, and six football games of major class are scheduled for as many afternoons during the Fair.

The annual State Fair Poultry show will be held Oct. 10 to Oct. 19 inclusive, with the Texas Kennel Club Dog Show to follow in the poultry building, Oct. 23, 24 and 25.

Special Exhibit Train.

Two polo games are to feature the annual Horse Show, Oct. 20-21, inclusive, and a highly interesting and attractive feature for the live stock section of the grounds will be the famous "Blacklanders" train of special Gulf Coast country agricultural exhibits. To stand on a spur track, built into the grounds, the train will be on exhibition throughout the Fair. Its location will be close to the poultry building.

Fifty or more counties will have splendid agricultural exhibits in the Big Agricultural Hall; there will be a great display of the products of Texas manufacturers, members of the State association, and the annual State Fair Automobile Show in the Automobile and Manufacturers' Building; complete and comprehensive demonstrations of the latest improved implements and agricultural machinery on Implement Row; a magnificent display of varied exhibits in the "Spanish Village"; a unique and interesting art display, with the varied work of Texas women in the Fine Arts building, and many other exhibits, demonstrations and displays throughout the 156-acre Fair Park, constituting the great State Fair grounds.

The new municipal radio station "WRR" will be in operation from its new location within the Fair Grounds throughout the 1925 exposition, and from another location three famous radio entertainers will be seen daily as they broadcast their programs.

Many improvements will be noted throughout the grounds, including largely increased parking facilities for automobiles.

SPECIAL TRAINS FOR STATE FAIR CROWDS.

Several special trains are to carry people to the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, from different sections of the State. There will be a special from Mt. Pleasant, Oct. 16; one from Marshall, Oct. 13; another from Tyler, Oct. 18 and from Longview on Oct. 20. It is announced, with others in prospect. All railroads have granted special low rates on account of the State Fair.

"S-Y's" at State Fair.

The "S-Y's" are members of the "Silent Y" Club of the Dallas Y. M. C. A.—all deaf mutes. They have a special day at the State Fair, Dallas, on Oct. 17, and have invited relatives and friends from all over the State to meet with them.

Tyler Band at State Fair.

The Tyler Municipal Band, accompanying a big delegation from that East Texas city, is to give an open air concert at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, on the morning of Sunday, Oct. 18, which is Tyler Day at the Fair.

JUNIOR NOTES

The Junior Class presented a program in chapel Tuesday morning which was entitled "The Mock Faculty." Maben Rogers, who impersonated Mr. Summerhill, made a hit with the audience by continually making the students pick up the paper on the floor, which is a hobby of Mr. Summerhill. The other teachers were well impersonated and the entire program was enjoyed. We are expecting something equally as good from the Sophomores, who are to have charge of the chapel exercises next Tuesday morning.

Why Teachers go Crazy.

"An insect is a bug."
"May I borrow a pencil?"
"Benjamin Franklin was the first president of the United States."
"I don't know."
"Do we have a lesson today?"

—M.H.S.—
Margaret: "I just saw a horse with a wooden leg."
Intha: "Where?"
Margaret: "On the merry-go-round."

—M.H.S.—

Foster and George were late to school and were called to account for it. "What made you late, Foster?" asked Miss Durham.

"I was dreaming I was going to California and I thought the school bell was the whistle of the steamboat I was going on."
"And what made you late, George?"
"Well, I was just waiting to see Foster off."

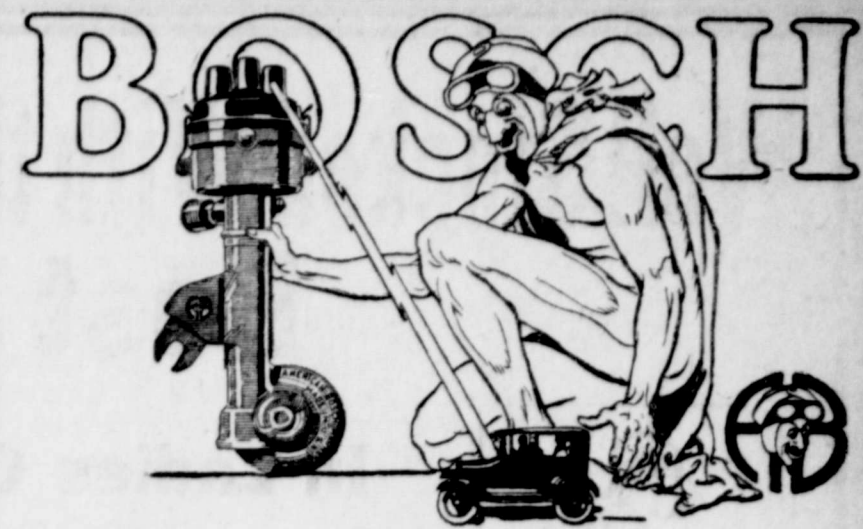
—M.H.S.—

Flora Frances in Biology class "Miss Durham, where is the elephant found?"
Miss Durham: "The elephant is so large it is rarely ever lost."

—M.H.S.—
Delbert: "Miss Durham, may I make an announcement?"
Miss Durham: "Certainly."

Delbert: "Has anyone in the Junior room lost a roll of bills with an elastic band around them?"
Everyone in the class: "I have!"
Delbert: "Well, I found the elastic band. Call at Mr. Summerhill's office and get it."

Miss Lola Dennis accompanied the Simmons "rooters" on the Special Train to Fort Worth to the Simmons-T.C.U. game last Tuesday week. Miss Dennis is enrolled in the Expression Department of Simmons University.



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We were glad indeed to see our good friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. J. O. Hamilton about town again yesterday, for the first time in several months, he having been in ill health. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is now feeling much better and improving generally.

Simmons students who were home for the week-end were: Misses Gladys Mayfield, Johnny Sears, Maurine Tipton, Althea Boden, Alice Summerhill, and Messrs. Ray Garrett and Fred Giles.

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Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

- Sunday, Oct. 25, 1925.
Prayer; Business.
Leader, William Sheppard.
1. Strange Question asked by a Chinaman, Leader.
 2. Anxious to learn more, Louise Booth.
 3. The teacher explains the way to Heaven, Lola Mae Riddle.
 4. Dr. Graves Sticks to Canton, Harold King.
 5. Training the Chinese preachers, Maurine Davis.
 6. Translating the scriptures, Audie Lou Giles.
 7. Dr. Graves Wins Sin Shang, Mary E. Ashby.
 8. The Graves theological Seminary, Edna Wilson.
 9. The Seminary today, Maybelle Ligon.

P. T. A. HAS REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY

The Parent-Teachers Association met in regular session on October 14, with the president, Mrs. A. R. Booth in charge of a pleasing program, which was: Devotional led by Rev. Little. Solo, Miss Christine Collins. Reading, Miss Lucy Tracy. A short business session was then held after which the meeting adjourned. The regular meeting day for P.T.A. is the second Wednesday of each month.

Homer L. Easterwood, banker of Taft, Texas, was here a day or so last week, mixing with friends and relatives. He reports short crops in his section on account of the drought.



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WARREN NEWS

By Rose Ellington

The farmers would like to see some pretty weather to gather their crops in.

Health of this community is not very good at this writing.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs Sunday were Mrs. Stout and family, Mrs. Ellington and family, Mrs. Peterson, Grandma and Ella Hobbs and Hall Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman and daughters, Willie Newman and Mrs. Owen Cannon, visited Mr. and Mrs. Patterson of Merkel Monday.

Mr and Mrs. Homer Foster spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family were in Abilene Saturday on business.

Mrs. N. E. Harm and Rose Ellington returned home Saturday after spending the last two weeks on the plains visiting Mrs. Horn and son and daughter and Rev. W. K. Horn of O'Donnell, and Mrs. D. S. Scott of Gransland.

Several of the Warren people attended the tent show at Merkel the past week.

Mrs. Ellington and daughter, Lorene, and Mrs. Peterson visited their sister, Mrs. R. H. Williams of Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Arthur McCoy and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Hollis McCoy's mother, Mrs. Decker, of the Stith community.

Grandma Hobbs, Miss Ella Hobbs and Hall Hobbs spent a time Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

Mr. Martin Barker of Salt Branch spent the day with Messrs. Luther and Joe Higgins Sunday.

Mr. Homer Patterson spent Monday with his brother, Mr. Emmette Patterson.

Mr. Jasper Hobbs has accepted a position with the Guitar Gin at Merkel during the ginning season.

Misses Mary Proctor, Ona Fay Rose and Louise Rose of Abilene were visiting friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Brit Mayfield of Abilene was here visiting home folks and friends Sunday.

Mr. Castle Ellis spent the past week-end in Dallas and Denton.

Miss Gladys Yoakum of Cooper spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Madge Yoakum.

Misses Mona Margaret Jones and Hazel Lee Rainbolt, students of McMurry, were visiting their parents this week-end.

Fresh car of Flour and Meal at G. M. Sharp's. 162t

Mrs. Nell Groene left Tuesday night for Bastrop to join her husband, George Groene, who has a position with the Texas Light & Power Co.

Do not forget Xmas is near—Buy your Xmas Jewelry now on monthly payments. Hamm Drug Company. 1t

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

UNION RIDGE ITEMS

Cotton picking is not progressing so well. There has been so much bad weather and it continues to be bad.

Mr. D. I. Shelton is on the sick list this week. The doctor fears he has typhoid fever.

Miss Minnie Dubree visited Miss Lois Barnett Sunday.

The following visited in the N. W. Blackwell home Sunday: Mr. Loving and family, Mr. Hubert Harris and family, Mr. Edward Blackwell and wife, Miss Miss Ruby Skidmore visited Miss Thelma McAninch Sunday.

Miss Nina McAninch visited Miss Mabel McRee Sunday.

Miss Lola Shelton and Miss Mary Newberry visited Marys' relatives in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Lonard Morrison and family visited relatives at View on last Sunday.

Hrs. H. C. Barnett spent Saturday in Merkel with Mrs. Harry Barnett.

Mr. G. R. Gazzaway and family moved to Happy, Texas, last week.

There was a singing at the church last Sunday although the attendance was small. Had some very good singing.

On Friday, October 30th, there will be a box supper at this place, the proceeds of which will go to help pay for the piano. Every one come and bring a box and also a pocket full of change and help Union Ridge put it over.

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. tf

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The Wise Guy and The Clown

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See that Bird wrote this whole Ad for me himself. He knocked me but he boosted "Bull" Durham. He fell right into my hands. Its only by the wisdom of our smart people that us CLOWNS and Fools are allowed to ride in Limousines. They say "The Lord protects the foolish," so, I am nesting right under his wing. So thanks Mr. Smart Man, write us another Ad. It will only cost you two cents

Will Rogers

P.S.—There will be another piece here two weeks from now. Look for it.

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FOR SALE—Good, fat, white-face heifer. Pearl Raines. 1t

FOR SALE—Good buggy and harness, worth the money. See Lige Harris, Merkel, Rt. 2. 23t2p

FOR SALE—Good 6-room house and three lots. Cheap. Small cash payment, balance like rent. J. C. Mason. 1tp

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FOR SALE—My residence, five-rooms, electric lights, east front, 1 1/2 blocks from post office, 2 1/2 lots, across street from Swann Gin, price \$1250. S. K. Eckerd. 1t

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WANTED

BOARDERS WANTED—Would like to have two for board. Prefer man and wife or school girls and teachers. Earl Whisenand. Phone 176. 16t2

WANTED—Man to do farm and ranch work by the month. Sam Butman, Sr. 9t3

WANTED—Morning sweet milk customers. Milk delivered to your door. Mrs. R. L. Proctor. tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—101 acres of old land. Good well of water, good barn, 3-room house and some

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FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom. Mrs. Will Smith. 1tp

LOST AND FOUND

LOST, Strayed or Stolen—One iron grey, 2-year old horse mule with short rope around neck, and one light bay 8-year old horse mule about 15 1/2 hands high. Reward for information leading to recovery. E. L. Wills, 2 mi. north of town. 1tp

STRAYED—From Hamlin about Sept. 28, one dark bay, horse mule, about fifteen hands, seven years old. Reward of (\$10) ten dollars will be paid to any one who will take up this mule and notify Curtis Morten, Hamlin, Texas. 23t2

STRAYED or stolen—Light colored Jersey Heifer, eight months old, large to age, pin horns, light in flank, fine shape, no mark or brand. Will appreciate any information. Phone W. A. Harrison, or A. R. Grimes. 1tp

FOUND—Some new cotton scales. Owner can get same by paying for this notice and calling at the office of E. D. Coats. 1tp

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EDITOR'S BLESSINGS

Blessed are the merchants who advertise because they believe in it and in their business; for their prosperity shall increase many fold. Blessed are the country correspondents who send in their items every week, for fame of their friendly neighbors shall go abroad in the land. Blessed is the woman who sends in a written account of a party or wedding; for she shall see the details of the function and the names of her guests correctly reported. Blessed are those who do not expect the editor to know everything but who call up and tell him whenever an interesting event occurs to them; for they shall have a newsy paper in their town. Blessed are they who get their copy in early, for they shall occupy a warm place in the editor's heart. Blessed are they who cooperate with the editor in his efforts in behalf of the community, for their town shall be known far and wide as a good place in which to live.—Vilas County News, Eagle River, Wis.

NOTICE

Arkansaw Blacks, Winesaps, and Ben Davis Apples just unloaded at the new Daniels Building. For cooking and eating purposes we have them at \$1.50 per bushel. A. B. BURKETT. 1tp

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SHILOH HAPPENINGS

By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Everybody is busy again after a few days of bad weather. Had splendid attendance at Sunday school Sunday morning, 58 present and \$192 collection.

Mr. Milton Watts happened to a serious accident Saturday night. While breaking a coconut a piece of the hull hit him in the eye putting it out. He was almost blind in the other eye from being struck with brush a few days ago, just being able to tell daylight from dark.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge.

Ye Scribe and Miss Grace Washburn enjoyed a birthday dinner Sunday at the home of the writer. Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Riley and sons, Hershel and Elmer, Misses Lottie and Grace Washburn, Sylvester, and Fredia Kelso, Edrie Tiner, Mollie Hardie, Florence James, Velma Rutledge and Dorris Brown, Messrs. Everett Williams, J. C. Washburn, Virgil Riley, Johnnie Kelso and Marshal Naron. Mrs. J. W. Tiner and children and Mrs. S.L. Grayson called in the afternoon.

Mrs. B. L. James and son Robert, and Miss Bessie James were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill James Sunday.

Bro. Armstrong is reported to be improving. We hope he will soon be up again.

Mr. McMullen who has been down with typhoid, is improving nicely.

Some few from here attended singing at Noodle Sunday eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell visited Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown Sunday.

There will be preaching Saturday October 24 at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Also Sunday school Sunday afternoon at 3. Preaching at 4 p.m. Everybody invited. Sunday school has been changed to the afternoon on 4th Sunday.

Salt Branch B.Y.P.U. Program

For Sunday, Oct. 25, 1925.

Subject: "Missions in Catholic Europe."

Leader, Miss Celia Henry. Introduction by Leader. Part 1, Mrs. Gertrude McClain. Part 2, Miss Ruth Pinckley. Part 3, Mr. Luther Higgins. Part 4, Miss Marie Pinckley. Part 5, Miss Normae Patton.

Front seats free, all members be present.

Save up your Milk Maid Bread wrappers and when you have ten bring them to the bakery with 50c and we will give you a nice Rubberized Apron. The Quality Bakery. 23t2



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State Fair "Crop" Superintendent



J. A. MOORE

J. A. Moore of Grand Prairie, Tex., is superintendent of the agricultural department at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, and expects the most comprehensive agricultural display ever seen in Texas. A practical farmer himself, and for many years in the farm demonstration service, Mr. Moore is peculiarly fitted for the position he holds. Fully seventy-five county exhibits are expected at the 1925 State Fair.

NEW AUDITORIUM TO BE DEDICATED AT 1925 STATE FAIR

Magnificent \$500,000 Building Added to Permanent Structures—Big Broadway Show the Attraction

At the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25 this year, the magnificent new \$500,000 Fair Park auditorium is to be dedicated and added to the many handsome permanent structures within the great Fair park.

Each year some big improvement of this character has been added to State Fair equipment within the last decade, but the new auditorium is perhaps the most pretentious of all the structures of the State Fair plant.

For its dedication there will be first, an organ recital on the \$50,000 instrument installed within the auditorium. This will be given by Clarence Eddy, acknowledged as one of the world's famous organ performers. His recital will be given in the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 10, opening day of the 1925 State Fair.

Each night throughout the State Fair, with several matinees per week, "Sky High," a great musical comedy production direct from Broadway, will be offered. "Sky High" is a big Shubert production, and the Shuberts are produced in New York, as the greatest producers of the age. As one New York critic has said, their name connected with an offering is a guarantee of its goodness.

The State Fair management has contracted for "Sky High" in its entirety, just as it has been offered in New York at the Winter Garden since last February, and as it is still running. It will cost \$100,000 to bring it to Texas by special train, including Willie Howard, the famous comedian-star, and the entire company of 108, with all the scenery, the big orchestra, etc.

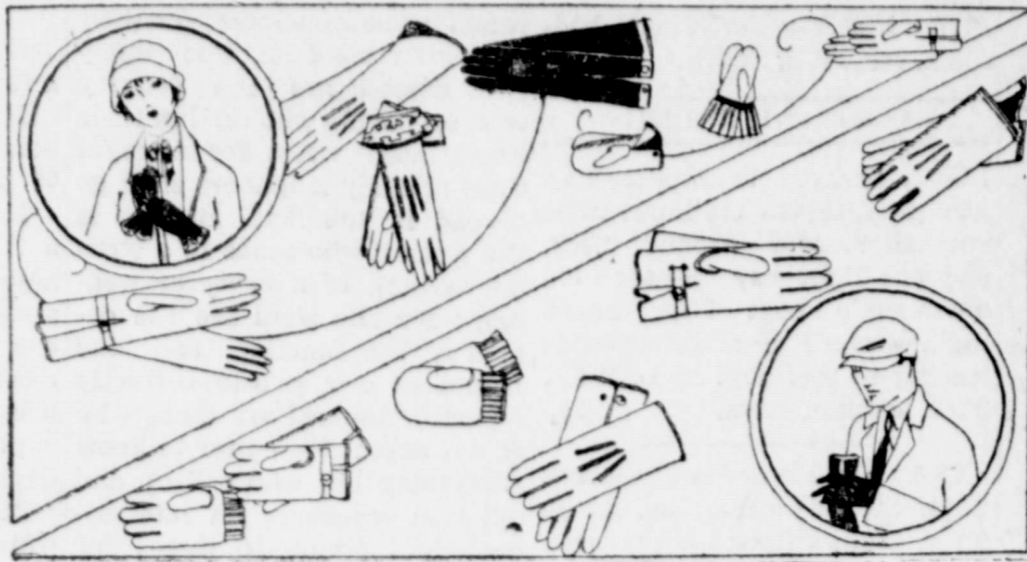
The auditorium is a building more than 200 feet each way in outside dimensions, and will seat 5,000 people. It is provided with an up-to-date heating and ventilating system and is fire-proof. It will prove one of the big sights at the 1925 State Fair, outside of the entertainment offered in it.

DAIRY ANIMAL BREEDERS TO MEET AT STATE FAIR

Meetings of both Jersey and Holstein breeders have been scheduled for the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25 this year. Positive dates for the sessions have not as yet been announced, but all members of both the Texas Jersey Cattle Club and of the Holstein Breeders' Association, have been notified that the gatherings will take place, and a big attendance is expected at each session. The Texas Jersey Cattle Club is offering a special premium at this year's State Fair, on county herds. Each herd must be made up of eight animals, owned by at least five different owners, and be representative of the county from which it is entered. Secretary D. T. Simons of the club, expects at least twenty such entries.

TO PASS UPON MERITS OF STATE FAIR FOWLS

Keen interest is already manifest in the poultry show to be held at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, according to Walter Burton of Arlington, superintendent of the poultry department. Judges of the State Fair poultry show will be Newton Cosh, Vineland, N. J.; D. E. (Ted) Hale, Chicago, and E. C. Branch, Lee's Summit, Mo.



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WARREN NOTES

By Vera Jones
Health of the community is good at present.
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse of Hebron Sunday afternoon.
Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Sumpter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Brit Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. Connley, Misses Ruth and Lenamae Chancey, Artie McCormick Messrs R. V. Jones, Oddis Thompson and Thurman McCoy.
Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited his parents of Salt Branch Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones visited their son, Mr. Noel Jones of Funston, Sunday.
Mr. Joe Peterson visited Mr. Robert Sumpter Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones visited their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones, of Syl-

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Junior League Program

Topic, Touring in Europe. Leader, Mildred Richardson. Song, prayer, song. Luke 17:12-16, Zeldobelle Miller. Luke 22:20-21, Glenna Rea. Luke 19:32-36, Mattie Lou Largent. Luke 23:1-3, Dahlia Watkins. Reading, Eleanor Mae Hamilton. Schools for street children, Irene Rister. A message from a little brother in Poland, Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Training boys and girls, Opal Huskey. Drill on missionary budget, Nadine Tippett. Use Hamm's Hand Lotion and cure up those chapped hands and face. Guaranteed. Hamm Drug Company. 1t
Wait for the Rexall 1c Sale soon. Hamm Drug Co. 1t

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "Getting a World vision." Leader, John D. Coats. Song service. Scripture: Romans 15:15-21, by Thelma Jones. Prayer and song. Reading, Hazel Leslie. How Broad is your horizon, Nadine Tippett. Means of enlarging our horizon, T. J. Rea, Jr. Explanation of scripture lesson, Len McSpadden. Song; Business; Benediction. Mrs. Dave E. Tedford and daughter, Miss Lillian, and Harvey Murdock, arrived Monday morning from Mission, Texas, on a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Simpson. Mrs. Tedford formerly lived at Trent.

A Question of Color

By NELLIE R. EBERHART

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THE spacious high room with its rug-hung balcony across one end blinded him--gave him an unpleasant impression of barbaric splendor. It was painted terra cotta and ivory, decorated in gold and relieved with black. Through the large meshed curtains of the arched windows he blinked at an intolerable gold sun irradiating dazzling sand and darkly vivid blue-green sea. If forgetfulness had blotted out the remembrance of the ferry and the suburban train, he might have imagined himself set down in an Indian palace in a tropical desert. A dull black piano and a golden harp, however, proclaimed the place a studio.

"She hasn't changed," he groaned to himself. "Indeed, she must be worse than ever."
Martin Andruson frowned as she approached; the sight of her angered him. He narrowed his lids as if the strong hues hurt his eyes. The girl held out her hand, smiling impishly: "I recognize the old expression, Martin. Since you are still displeased at the same things, why are you here?"

"Unfortunately, I still love you, Jeryl." His frown gave way to a wistful longing. "Can it be that this--" his contemptuous gesture circled the beautiful room--"keeps you from me?"

"She smiled. "Let's sit down," she invited, leading the way to a corner comfortable with a divan and easy chairs. "We may as well come to a final understanding."

"Final, Jeryl?" His stubborn blue eyes met her dark troubled ones.

"Final, Martin. What we decide today goes. I'm in love with you now, but I intend to marry while young. If not you--the question in my mind is--are you worth giving this up for?"

Andruson colored.

"Am I worth more than red walls and a professional career?"

"Don't put it that way, please." Jeryl's tone was sharp. "I am an artist, a singer; I was born and trained to it. As for these colors, they symbolize a need of my nature."

He looked distastefully around. "I don't admire this room, Jeryl, yet it would not annoy me in the least if it did not threaten to separate us. But my mother--"

Jeryl interrupted: "There are other beautiful colors. Martin, softer, more restful. I do not demand these particular ones. But this summer I needed them." She looked at him a little sadly. "I wanted to be shocked into life. As for your mother--"

"We must live with her and she will never leave the old home."

"I did not object."

"You antagonized her."

"I merely refused to allow her to choose my clothes and personal surroundings. The day of submissive brides is over."

"Dearest," he leaned over and took her hand. His eyes pleaded. "I don't care what you do. But mother--and the town--"

"Your mother must compromise."

"Jeryl, this is utter foolishness."

Jeryl snatched her hand away. "Is it? Then what about my mother and her ideas? What is a vegetarian, you know. Will you give up meat to please her?"

He laughed aloud.

"Of course, you are joking."

She gave him a whimsical look. "So my mother and I are jokes because we stand for beauty and pure food? What are you and your mother?" He flushed but understood.

She jumped up. "We won't be crude enough to quarrel over a difference of opinion. We'll have a cup of tea and you'll go back to Holcomb and I'll stay here."

Martin's face whitened. He caught her hand despairingly.

"What is the compromise you spoke of?" he asked.

"Merely a suite in your mother's house to furnish as I like and entertain my friends in. I shall give and ask tolerance. I'll be a good daughter to her, Martin. And I'll cook your meals, if necessary; give up public appearances. But I shall keep up my music for my soul's satisfaction."

She laughed at his puzzled frown.

"Really, Martin, this is a serious matter with me. I believe American homes lack beauty and I would be false to myself and to America if I bought my love with ugliness. Look out at the sea and sky, Martin. The Creator uses color lavishly, yet you consider my love of it a mere fad."

She looked up at him adoringly. "You are handsome, too, Martin. I loved you first for your viking eyes and hair. And you like my color schemes--though you don't know it."

He drew her to him, hungrily, happily. Evidently, he did not consider he had yet lost his cause. He objected:

"But mother--"

"I go only on my own terms, Martin. That must be settled now."

"But Holcomb--"

"Oh, leave the town to me, Martin. I've lived in small towns before. Holcomb's bored to death and just waiting for me to come and amuse it."

The man's face cleared; he took her decisively into his arms.

"I'll risk it," he declared, solemnly. Jeryl laughed helplessly.

"I am the one who is taking the risk," she murmured against his coat.