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NEW BUILDINGS STARTED, OTHERS TO FOLLOW

The contractor for Messrs. Hamilton & Case, grocers, started the work of laying brick for their new building on the property next door west of the West Texas Utilities office. Work began Monday and will be pushed to completion as fast as possible.

The new tile-brick building of Messrs. Leslie & Middleton, on Front street, is now completed, and these gentlemen are receiving new goods for the opening of their grocery business soon.

The beautiful and commodious new-brick home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, located on the site of their old home, is well under construction and will soon be completed and ready for occupancy. It will be one of the nicest homes in the city.

We also learn that arrangements have been completed for the erection of at least two more new business houses. Mr. A. J. Canon has the contract for the erection of one of the finest and most modern stucco garages and filling stations in this part of the country for Mr. George Woodrum, which will be located on the corner opposite the Darsey Furniture Company north, on Kent street, where the Pilcher Blacksmith Shop now stands. Mr. Woodrum states that this building will be the last word in modern filling stations, nicely fitted up with rest rooms for both men and women.

Mr. Max Mellinger, local dry goods merchant, informs us that work will soon begin on the erection of a new brick building, 25x100 feet, on one of his lots next to the new Hamilton & Case Building. Mr. Mellinger made no announcement of who or what concern will occupy his building.

While in the residential section of this city there is also evidence of considerable building activity. Mr. W. S. J. Brown, of the Brown Dry Goods Company, announces the letting of the contract to Mr. Littleton, a contractor of a very pretty, for the erection of a very modern and modern new home on their property next door north of the John Sears home. This new residence, which will be stucco and of English design, will have five rooms and bath, and all modern conveniences.

We also learn that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitart are to soon let the contract for the erection of a very beautiful and modern home in the south part of the city, full particulars of which this paper hopes to give its readers shortly.

ELDER CYPERT GOES TO TEMPLE FOR OPERATION

Elder W. G. Cypert left first of the week for Temple, where he went for an operation. He asks this paper to state that he will not be here to fill his appointments next Sunday.

This paper, with his many friends, deeply regret that Bro. Cypert must undergo the operation, and sincerely hope that it will be successful, and that he will soon regain his good health.

We are very thankful to Mrs. J. M. Garrett for a subscription to the Mail which she sends to her son, Attorney B. A. Garrett, at Waco. Another son, Doyle also resides in Waco, a student in Baylor University.

Miss Thelma Lee Carter of Sweetwater is a guest of Miss Eva Mae Johnson.

NEEDLE IN HAND IS CAUSE OF OPERATION

While at the wash tub one day last week, Mrs. F. W. Teague, of route two, five miles north of Merkel, had the misfortune of running a needle into her hand, the needle breaking into three pieces. Mrs. Teague suffered much pain, and the necessity of going to an Abilene Hospital, where, after an X-Ray, an operation was performed with the result that all but one piece of the needle was extracted. At last reports Mrs. Teague was getting along nicely.

POSTMASTER PLANS TO EXTEND ROUTES

Mr. Taylor F. Davis, Merkel's new Postmaster, is swiftly becoming acquainted with the vast amount of detail work imposed upon a postmaster in a town the size of ours, and by his ability and vision into the future possibilities is already making new and important changes which redound to neatness and accomplishment in the already splendid service rendered.

The young Postmaster is also laying plans for the extension of some of the rural routes leading from the local office. In fact he has already succeeded in securing the extension of rural route No. 4 to the amount of four and fifteen one-hundredths miles, making the route a total length of 39 and 95 one-hundredths miles, which gives twenty-one additional families improved mail service.

The extension of Rural routes beyond 36 miles is a new order by the department, and since there is quite a bit of territory surrounding Merkel that is not now receiving the best and improved free mail delivery, Mr. Davis states that he will be glad to offer his assistance and best efforts to the people of any community desirous of securing better mail facilities.

A live, progressive Postmaster is indeed a valuable and appreciative asset to any town, large or small, and we are glad to note that Mr. Davis is alive to the best interests of his town and the surrounding country.

Preaching at Cross Roads

There will be preaching at both the morning and evening hours at Cross Roads church of Christ, one mile south of Nubia, by Elder Eugene Kraner, of Abilene Christian College. We are also informed by Mr. J. J. Pribbie that the church there made a liberal contribution on last Sunday to an Orphans Home located near Greenville, Texas.

YOUR TOWN

If you want to live in the kind of a town

Like the kind of a town you like You needn't slip your clothes in a grip

And start on a long, long hike. You'll only find what you left behind,

For there's nothing that's really new.

It's a knock on yourself when you knock your town,

It isn't your town—IT'S YOU. Real towns are not made by men

afraid,

Lest somebody else get ahead, When everybody works and nobody shirks,

You can raise a town from the dead,

And if, when you make your personal stake,

Your neighbor can make one too, Your town will be what you want to see.

It isn't your town—IT'S YOU.

CANNING DEMONSTRATION HERE

Mr. R. L. Adcock, the very clever rural free delivery carrier of route one out of this city, informs the Mail that Miss Caroline Chambers, Home Demonstration Agent for Taylor county, will can a calf at his place on next Friday, April 16. He states that she invites the public to witness her work, and urges all who are interested to be present at the demonstration.

She will begin work at nine o'clock and expects the canning process to be in full swing by one o'clock. She further suggests that those who especially care to see this part of the work call at about that hour.

Mrs. Chambers is in the employ of the county, her salary being paid by the taxpayers, so, to get the benefit of work in this line, the people should take advantage of the occasion. Remember the date, Friday, April 16.

METHODIST REVIVAL WAS FINE SUCCESS

The Pre-Easter Revival at the Methodist church which continued for a period of two weeks, was brought to a close with the evening service last Sunday with the result that 14 memberships were added to the church, eight adults and six children.

The pastor, Rev. W. R. McCarter, did the preaching while Mrs. J. Samuel Rider directed the choir and had charge of the young people's work. Although considerable inclement weather hindered to some extent, Rev. McCarter delivered daily two very eloquent and forceful messages which without doubt revived and awakened the religious fervor and Christian fellowship of the entire church, besides bringing to the Christian fold the splendid number of adults and children. Through his sincere and consecrated efforts, together with the splendid and untiring efforts of Mrs. Rider, the choir director, there is no doubt but that much lasting good was accomplished.

Besides the above, eight young people consecrated their lives to the Master's cause during the first week of the meeting. There is much cause for rejoicing among the Methodist people in Merkel, and the church as a whole bids sure of continued growth and progress under the leadership of its able pastor.

We would also mention here that Mrs. J. Samuel Rider, who has been directing the choir and in charge of young people's work has been secured for continued service in this capacity, and with her past acquaintance and experience in this position here, her work is sure to be even more successful.

Mr. Hubert Blair, of Belton, has accepted a position with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel in the bookkeeping department, entering upon his duties last week. He is a brother of Mrs. Emmett Grimes. We welcome him to our city.

Mrs. V. P. Tippett and baby, of San Angelo, returned to their home Tuesday after a few days visit with the former's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown and other relatives.

Mr. Claude Watkins of Wichita Falls is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins.

A. M. JONES DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Early Sunday morning, Mr. A. M. Jones answered the roll call of Heaven and departed from the walks of men. For some ten days he had made a brave fight against the "flu," but in spite of his brave fight and all that the good doctors and loved ones and friends could do he went on before. But he left behind him every assurance that he was ready to go. Among the men who have lived in Merkel, none have left a cleaner record.

In his conversation, and no doubt in his thinking, he was as chaste as a woman. In his business dealings he was as honest as the days are long. He was in every respect a Christian gentleman. He had not lived in Merkel very long and because of his retiring, almost timid disposition he did not have a wide acquaintance here, but all who knew him held him in highest esteem, and those who knew him best loved him most. He was a devoted husband, a loving father a good citizen, a consecrated Christian, and a loyal church member. He will be missed especially by his own family but the memory of him will always be refreshing. To have known such a man is a blessing.

Mr. Jones was born in Athens, Tenn., August 21, 1875. He was converted in childhood and had been a faithful Baptist church member for many years. He was married December 25, 1904, to Miss Annie Moss. Two children were born to brighten their home, Miss Edna Marie and Andrew. Miss Edna Marie is pianist for the local Baptist church and leader of the Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Andrew is a senior in the local high school.

Besides his widow and children, Mr. Jones leaves 3 brothers and two sisters to mourn his going. His brothers are J. M. Jones of Abilene, Mr. A. C. Jones of Cross Plains and Mr. R. J. Jones of Portersville, Calif. His sisters are Mrs. Minnie Coppenger of Cottonwood and Mrs. Arnaud Land of Portersville, Calif.

The funeral service was held in the local Baptist church at two p.m., Monday, April 5. The church was filled with friends and relatives. The floral offerings were beautiful, making a veritable bank of flowers all about the bier. The music was touching and sweet, Mr. Anderson presiding at the piano throughout the service. Two quartettes and a solo were rendered sweetly and feelingly by loving friends. The pastor was assisted in the service by Dr. R. C. Pender of Abilene. Dr. Pender has known the family for many years and spoke tenderly his message of comfort to the sorrowing ones.

After the service the body was laid to rest in the Abilene cemetery where the scar in the earth made by his grave was hidden beneath the bank of flowers brought by loving friends.

Ira L. Parrack, his pastor for these last few months.

Miss Essie Floyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Floyd, who underwent an operation at an Abilene sanitarium last week, is reported as getting along nicely and expected to be able to come home shortly.

We are glad to see Uncle Tom Toombs up and about again after being confined to his bed for several days.

THREE CITY ALDERMEN ELECTED TUESDAY

In the election for City officers for the next two years, held here Tuesday, Messrs. R. O. Anderson, Booth Warren and W. H. Frazier were elected.

All three of these gentlemen are thoroughly qualified to make efficient aldermen. They are progressive, well acquainted with requirements and capable of helping to carry on the city's affairs in a very satisfactory manner. However, they can't well make the progress and success needed without the proper help and cooperation from the citizenship at large. Let's give them that needed cooperation.

We would also mention that Capt. G. W. Johnson is the very clever and Treasurer, whose term does not expire for another year.

MRS. S. F. HAYNES DIES SUDDENLY

Perhaps the greatest shock received by the citizens of this town and community for many years came when the news spread rapidly of the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. S. F. Haynes on last Sunday afternoon at about three o'clock from an attack of acute indigestion. She had apparently been feeling as well as usual, even right up to within a few minutes of her death following the attack.

Deceased, who with her husband and children came to this city many years ago from Williamson county, was one of the best known and truly respected citizens of the entire community, and by her sudden departure not only does the community lose one of its most beloved characters, but the home has lost a loving and devoted mother a husband is deprived of the love and kind affection of a true and ever companionable wife.

Mrs. Haynes was born July 20, 1863, near Garfield, Ky., and on July 23, 1884, was married to Mr. S. F. Haynes. To this union six children were born, five of whom survive her as follows: D. T. Haynes, Cotton Valley, La. Mrs. R. L. Ferguson, Waco; Mrs. R. E. Isom, Tye; Hollis and Buster Haynes of Merkel. Besides the children she is survived by her husband and two sisters: Mrs. J. D. Black, Jarrell, Texas; Mrs. C. W. Hill, Milford, Texas.

Early in life she became identified with the Presbyterian church, and has continuously lived a faithful and devoted life in that faith.

Funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian church Tuesday at eleven o'clock a. m. by her pastor, Rev. Chas. H. Little, assisted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the Methodist Church, attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, with burial in Rose Hill cemetery immediately after.

Miss Willie Toombs has recently accepted a position in the bookkeeping department of the Farmers State Bank.

Mrs. Ruth Steele, of O'Donnell, has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. B. Jenkins, and other relatives and friends for several days the past week.

BIG TRADE TRIP TO HODGES TONIGHT

To night begins the series of trade trips of the season, when the business men of the city make their first trip to Hodges. This trip was planned for last Friday night, but bad weather and other hindrances made it impossible to make same. However, the program committee appointed by the Luncheon Club has been very active in arranging a very interesting entertainment, and promise the people of that progressive and thriving community something really worth while. Since the visit has been well advertised, it is expected that a large attendance of the people of that community as well as from this city will be in attendance.

Hodges is located some twelve miles northeast of here, beyond Stith, and those making the trip will find good roads over which to make the trip.

It is expected that Merkel's splendid orchestra will lead the delegation from Merkel, which is expected to start from town not later than 7 p.m. sharp.

Every one is cordially invited and especially is it expected that every business firm in the city will have as many representatives in attendance as possible.

On the following Friday night the trade trippers plan to visit Comper, another progressive community. Make your plans to attend both occasions.

THREE ELECTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In the election of three members of the Merkel Independent School Board, held here on last Saturday, Dr. R. I. Grimes was re-elected and Messrs. H. L. Propst and Robert Hicks were elected as new members. They are all capable and well qualified.

Mr. B. C. Gaither was the able and affable presiding officer for both the school and city election, and had as his assistants three ladies, Mesdames Fred Latham, Stanley King and V. B. Stulett. This is the first time an election has been held here where the entire force except the presiding officer were ladies, and many compliments were paid the ladies for their dispatch, neatness and accuracy in the conduct of their official duties.

In Business Again

Messrs. Cox & Henderson, merchants at Noodle, who suffered the loss by fire of their store and goods some few days ago, are again back in business. Read their advertisement in this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ferguson of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hill of Milford and D. T. Haynes of Cotton Valley, La., were called home this week by the sudden death of their mother, Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Miss Fannie Pearl Moore, of Groesbeck, Texas, was here last week, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore and other relatives and friends. She was accompanied by Miss Gertrude Adams, a friend, also of Groesbeck.

Mr. B. C. Gaither left Wednesday for a few days visit with his son, F. Y. Gaither and family, at San Angelo.

This Bank is for its Friends

to enjoy; to come to when they like, for banking business, for financial counsel, to meet friends or committees, or just for a period of rest during the day's shopping.

Its modern equipment is for your convenience.

Its abundant facilities meet all banking needs.

Its ample resources and sound policies assure your profit and protection.

Its homey, cordial atmosphere makes every association with the bank one of pleasantness.

YOUR ACCOUNT IS INVITED

FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL

TEXAS

'Where Banking is a Pleasure'

COMPERE NOTES

By Alma Stout

The farmers are all preparing to start planting as soon as the weather will permit.

A large crowd attended singing at Zion Chapel Sunday night.

Every one enjoyed the Easter Egg hunts Sunday.

Miss Floy McKinney spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Pearl Allred.

Mr. Emmitt Howard, E. C. Tarvin, S. N. Allred and Charlie Allred were in Anson on business Monday.

Mrs. McKinney and son Thos. were in Merkel Monday.

Mr. Alva Rister and family motored to Abilene Thursday.

Miss Neva Dell, Kyle and Eugene Spurgin, Jr., spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ashby.

Misses Opal Rister and Obara Outlaw visited Miss Bernice Merritt a while Thursday afternoon.

A large crowd attended the play at the Compere school house Friday night given by the school children. Every one reported a nice time and certainly enjoyed the music rendered by the Merkel orchestra.

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

Those visiting at Mrs. Tarvin's Sunday were Mr. Howard Tarvin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Howard and children, Mrs. Wilburn and children and Mr. Horton and family.

Mrs. Myrtle Foster visited her sister-in-law Mrs. Clarence Foster Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Allred attended singing at Anson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. E. W. Bland and daughter, Stella, and Mrs. Evelyn Hulse and Miss Louise Kemp motored to Merkel Wednesday on business.

Mr. Allred and family visited at Mr. Arthur Cranston's a while Saturday night.

Misses Lorene and Alma Stout spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss Floy McKinney.

Mr. Tarvin motored to Merkel Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster and baby, Burton, spent Sunday with Mr. Earl Foster and family at Noodle.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs, Hail and Ella Hobbs visited at Mrs. Stout Sunday.

There will be singing at the Baptist church next Sunday night. Every one is invited to come and help out with the singing.

BLAIR ITEMS

Well it has been some time since we have been in the columns of the Mail. But we have been blessed with good rains and we are still on the move.

Our little town is progressing nicely and the lumber is being unloaded for the erection of a new gin.

Mr. Dee Meeks of Los Angeles came in Sunday to the bedside of his father, Mr. R. J. Meeks, who is very sick at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Walker and family of Oklahoma are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denton of Tuscola were the guests in the home of the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks.

Mrs. John Belt and little girl accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Campbell made a flying trip to Roby Friday to see the former's sister, Mrs. Brock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Meeks of Hamlin were guests in the home of their cousins, Misses Willie May and Alma Meeks, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hester from Knox City is visiting Mrs. Hester's mother, Mrs. R. L. Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan have a mighty sick baby at this time.

Miss Roberta Hughes, who is teaching at Butman spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayne Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doan en-

WARREN NOTES

By Vera Jones

The health of the community is good at present.

The farmers are all enjoying the pretty weather.

Mr. Oddie and Misses Lillie and Liddie Jones, Willie Newman, and Lorene Ellington visited Misses Vera and Vela Jones.

Miss Artie McCormick visited in Trent Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington visited Mr. Peterson of Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burks of Sylvester and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones Sunday.

Mr. Calway Chancey visited Mr. W. M. Sumpter Sunday.

Miss Shelby Mitchell spent Sunday with Miss Constance Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse Sunday evening.

FOR SALE—Jersey cow, three years old, and heifer calf, good milker. \$50 dollars. F. M. Mullen, route one. 1tp

HEBRON NEWS

The health of this community is very good at this writing.

The farmers are busy planting feed and looking forward for a good crop.

Mrs. Clark gave her Sunday school class, the intermediates, an Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon. Every one enjoyed the hunt very much.

Bro. Tatum and wife took dinner at Mr. Loving's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson took dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Clark's.

Mr. Oliver Carey, and wife and little son, Albert, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. Carey, and family.

Mrs. Lillie Barbee is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis. Her many friends are glad to have her back at Hebron with them.

Misses Jewel and Pearl Skidmore visited Miss Alma Davis and Mrs. Lillie Barbee Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. Clark Sunday.

There was a large crowd out at church Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. The Juniors rendered a fine B.Y.P.U. program Sunday night.

Entertained guests from Colorado City Sunday.

Bro. Logan and wife returned from an extended visit to Haskell, the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. West of Trent spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbours. We have preaching services and Sunday school at the church Sunday morning and evening. Everybody is invited to come.

MOTHER

"I will not forget you on Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' Day Candy. Hamm Drug Co. tf

DIVERSIFY

The difference between SAFE farming and UNSAFE farming is the difference between SUCCESS and FAILURE

- SAFETY -

Should be the first consideration of every banking institution. This bank is opposed to the one crop idea as a matter of safety for itself and the territory that it serves.

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL

TEXAS

SINCE 1904

CROSS ROADS ITEMS

Every one is rejoicing over the good rains, and the farmers are planting feed stuff.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bryant one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore Sunday.

Bro. Sam Morris and wife took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Joiner Sunday. Bro. Morris made a fine Sunday school talk at Cross Roads Sunday afternoon.

KILL BLUE BUGS

AND ALL OTHER INSECTS AND KEEP THEM AWAY BY PAINTING THE INSIDE OF THE HEN HOUSE WITH MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT Feed Bug infested Chickens with MARTIN'S POULTRY TONE Guaranteed by Merkel Drug Co.

After Sunday school there was an Easter egg hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bryant visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fulton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMen visited Mr. and Mrs. Donel Payne Saturday night. Mr. J.W. Hammond was elected trustee last Saturday.

A number of people from Cross Roads attended the program at Tye Sunday night at the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair and children spent last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason attended the workers' conference at Salt Branch last Monday.

Baker & Wheeler will appreciate your patronage in fresh and cured meats of all kinds in season. Call on them for fresh pork, sausage, steak, cured meats, roasts, etc. tf

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

After a Fire==

you'll find no satisfaction in figuring up the amount of insurance you should have had. But there is a lot of satisfaction in knowing that your property as it stands today is fully covered by dependable fire insurance.

Our fire insurance policies are dependable.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

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One match will ignite ordinary wallboard. But a thousand matches can't set Sheetrock afire.

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THE Fireproof WALLBOARD

Stop in and see for yourself why Sheetrock is everlasting

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FEDERAL Defender Cord

We will meet your "Mail Order Horse" prices and give you better quality in tires.

OASIS FILLING STATION





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I have a \$2500 stock of
Tires and Tubes, all new
merchandise and for

Ten Days

am going to make

VERY CLOSE PRICES

If you intend buying any
tires soon, it will pay you
to get our prices on Bal-
loon and high pressure
Tires and Tubes

**Magnolia Filling
Station**

C. H. JONES
MANAGER

Clever Police Work

Credited to Italian

For a moth to be convicted of murder seems incredible, but this actually happened. After giving a dinner party the Princess Caravella of Naples went to lie down in order to refresh herself for a dance, and later was found shot through the heart. Suspicion pointed to her husband, who was known to be of a jealous disposition, and he was arrested. The fact that the pistol was found lying near the dead woman seemed incongruous, but the husband would probably have been convicted but for the shrewdness of a Naples police officer.

He found a huge moth lying on the floor by the bedside. A lighted candle had stood on the bedside table where the pistol lay, and the moth had been singed in the flame. He also found dust from the moth's wings on the trigger of the pistol, which was also proved to work with exceptional ease, whilst the pistol lay in such a position that it covered the woman's heart.

It was argued in court that the moth had burned its wings and had fallen on the table, where, writhing and fluttering, its wings had struck the trigger and the pistol had been fired. On this evidence the prince was acquitted.

Music Shown to Have

Odd Effect on Hair

If all the violinists in the world assembled together in one vast building, and they numbered, say, 100,000, it is probable that there would be but 100 among them with bald heads. But if the same number of brass instrument players were inspected, bald heads would be as common as flies in summer time!

If you doubt this, make a point of observing the heads of the orchestras in the cinemas or theaters you patronize.

Scientists declare that the playing of stringed instruments induces hair growth. A series of experiments on the partly bald has proved that stringed music has power to raise a hairy crop!

Cornet and horn players lose their hair early; theirs is the wrong sort of music from the hirsute point of view. The explanation advanced is that the physical strain of blowing affects the circulation and deprives the roots of the hair of their due supply of blood.

From Pirate to King

The discovery of the Indians who speak Elizabethan English is one of the strangest travelers' stories ever heard in these days. It is not, however, quite unique, for the late Mr. Cecil Sharp found in the Alleghenies numerous communities of English folk whose language, appearance and customs dated from the end of the Seventeenth century, and who had preserved a large number of English folk-songs that are no longer to be heard in the mother country.

Nor were private communities of the kind set up by Benjamin Sharp and his crew altogether unique, for we possess records of the famous English pirate, John Plaintrain, who, having begun his career of crime in the West Indies, founded a state on Madagascar of which he conquered a considerable part.

Horses "Inside Out"

According to a French technical publication devoted to the horse breeding industry, a Chinese visitor was recently taking notes at a prize stock farm in France. When he reached the stable where 20 fine horses were standing in their stalls, the celestial turned to the owner.

"I cannot understand," said he, "why you Europeans always put your animals in their stalls inside out."

"Inside out!" exclaimed the breeder. "Exactly. You stable them with their noses to the wall. They cannot see anything, are easily frightened and are apt to kick. In my country we turn them around so that they can see what is going on and who is approaching them. You westerners always start at the wrong end of things."—From La Bulgaria, Sofia. (Translated for the Kansas City Star.)

Churches in Business

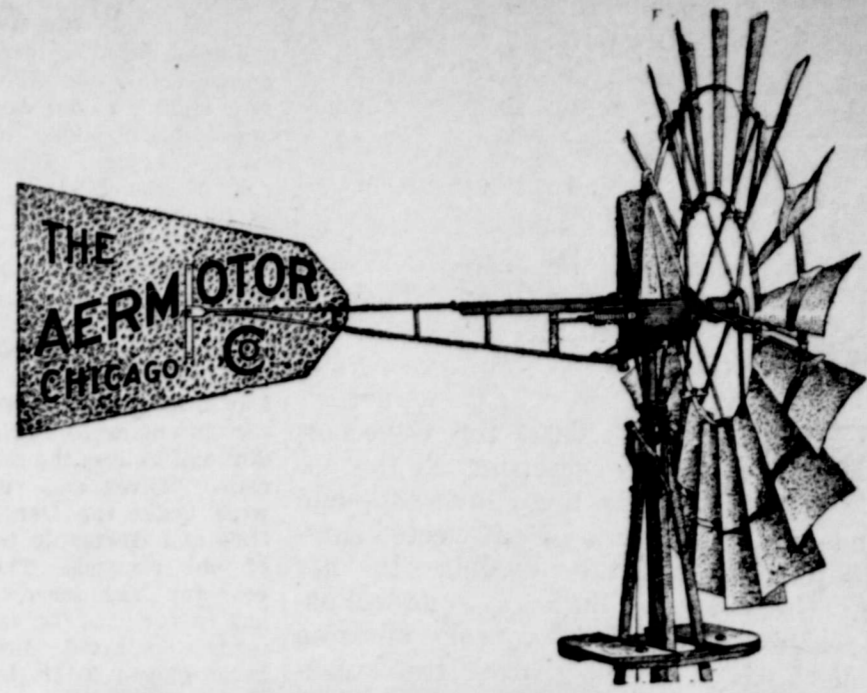
An old Jewish synagogue in Malden lane, London, is now used as a theater for rehearsals, and a Methodist chapel in Southwark, where Wesley preached, is used as a paper warehouse.

The famous Surrey chapel, where Rowland Hill preached, is today the great boxing rendezvous known as the Ring. At Willesden an old chapel has been converted into a draper's establishment, the pulpit being used as the cash desk; another, in the Hampstead road, has been turned into a picture palace.

The Union Jack club, opposite Waterloo station, stands on the site of a Methodist chapel which had lost its worshippers, while St. Andrew's, Tavistock place, was once a fashionable church, but has been in turn a cycle store and a club.—London Answers.

Grenade Duel Fails

In Germany two university students, each seeking the hand of a comely girl in marriage, decided they would have to fight it out in a duel. They chose hand grenades as weapons, paced off the required distance and when the referee dropped the handkerchief they each threw. The grenades went sailing through the air but nothing happened. Two other grenades were offered them and these exploded, but only spattered mud on the duelists. They then decided to allow the girl to choose.



GET YOUR WINDMILL UP

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Plenty of Pipe, Water Hose, Plumbing Supplies and everything for the Spring gardens. Poultry Supplies, Wire etc.

Our stock is complete in most all lines, Give us a chance to serve you.

Liberty Hardware Co.

"IF IT'S HARDWARE, WE HAVE IT"

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our dear friends and neighbors for their comforting words and many deeds of kindness extended to us at the going of our darling wife and mother. Also for the beautiful flowers that expressed love and sympathy. May God's blessings rest upon you. S. F. Haynes and family.

Mrs. B. Jenkins of this city has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail which she sends to her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Hill, at San Antonio, Texas.



My **PERCHERON** Stallions, **COLLEY**, the Registered 4 year old, and **ROYAL** (better known as the "Bryom Horse" together with my Mammoth black Jackare making the season at my barn 4 1/2 miles North of Merkel. Terms \$10.00 when living colt is born or mare is disposed of, or moved.

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Christian Endeavor Program

Topic: "How can we Show our Christian Love?"
Leader, Doris Russell.
Scripture reading: I Cor. 13: 1-13; Matt. 25:40.

Talk by leader. Song.
Some Bible Hints, Eunice Russell.

Christian Endeavor and Christian Love, Mildred Smith.

Love's Reward, Nina Belle Russell.

The increase of love, Helen Compton.

Song; Mispah.

A little Easter egg hunt was given little Miss Joy Meador last Saturday afternoon by her mother, Mrs. V. P. Tippett, at the home of Mrs. E. N. Brown. About a dozen little friends enjoyed the hunt with Miss Joy, after which they were served with ice cream cones.

Messrs. Ira Acuff and brother Eldon, of Weatherford, were here last Sunday for a short visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff.

FOR SALE—2 fresh milk cows. Also plenty of fresh cream and butter. J. Ben Campbell, phone No 246 9t2

JUST RECEIVED—A shipment of 20 fuch buster points. If you want one better hurry. C. P. Stevens. It

Mr. Warren Smith has been absent from his duties several days this week on account of the flu.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends who so faithfully assisted us and were so kind to us during the illness and death of our precious husband, father and brother. We also thank you from the depths of our hearts for the beautiful floral offerings, which meant so much in that sad hour. Our earnest prayer is that our Heavenly Father, who has been with us in this dark hour may be ever with you.

Mrs. A. M. Jones, Edna Marie Jones, Andrew Jones, Mrs. Minnie Coppinger, J. M. Jones, A. C. Jones. It

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Owens, of Wichita Falls, a son on the 5th. Mrs. Owens is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Black, of Jarrel, Texas, were here this week to attend the funeral of the latter's sister, Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

We are glad to have the subscription of Mr. E. R. Foster, of Merkel, route two, for another year.

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market. tf

Volney Hill, of Texas Tech, and Velma Hill of Milford were here to attend the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Mrs. Talley Holloway returned last week from a visit to relatives at Wichita Falls.

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Mr. Delma Compton returned first of the week from a visit to friends at Fort Worth, Dallas and Clarksville.

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THE SAME OLD JIM

From the San Angelo Standard:
The same old Jim. That's just about all you can say for the Ferguson "dud" that has pealed forth with its loud wail in the Ferguson campaign war cry from Austin Saturday.

This pronouncement is merely a mass of words, more entertainingly arranged, perhaps, than can be found in the dictionary, but certainly no more to the point in the present campaign than a few pages picked at random from a Webster unabridged.

Dan Moody may not be as good as Jim Ferguson and may not have had as much experience as Jim. That's one of Dan's good points. Texas has had enough experience with Jim Ferguson to know that she wants to get rid of him forever. And we believe that she will on July 24 this year.

Dan Moody is old enough to answer Jim Ferguson anywhere—anytime and any place and there is no need for this paper or any other to attempt to do it for him.

Jim does not talk about the American Road Company's contract for there was no contract. The written agreement was merely a letter written to these companies telling them their "proposition" had been accepted and to go to work within ten days.

Where before in Texas or anywhere else was a contract for millions of dollars let by merely a letter—without bond or without any other security for the proper protection of the State? And be it remembered that Jim sat in on these highway meetings, to see that economy was practiced—and not even in the capacity of "a humble clerk."

Jim says Dan objected to his being a clerk of the Textbook Commission. We object to it, too. Texas will express its objection at the polls next June. If anyone—Jim Ferguson included—can make the voters of this state believe that Jim Ferguson exercised only the insignificant

position of a "humble clerk" in the deliberations of the Textbook Commission, we'll give him the brown derby for being the greatest explainer of all times.

Dan Moody or anyone else has no objection to a husband advising his wife or a wife her husband. But the people of Texas have had enough of a husband who goes to the statehouse and sits in the Governor's chair and spends all his time there, not advising his wife, the Governor, but there exercising all the authority of the Governor—and the person who was elected staying at home tending to her household duties. No one will object to Mr. Ferguson advising Mrs. Ferguson over the breakfast table about matters of State. But after breakfast, Texas wants Mrs. Ferguson to go to the statehouse and tend to business and Jim to be about all this other business he boasts about and says he knows how to handle so well.

We know nothing about Dan Moody's war record. But if this race is going to be decided upon war records the race will not be between Dan Moody and Jim Ferguson. About 85 per cent of the four million men who represented this country in the war were drafted—and drafted according to law. The draft was adopted so that the Government could get the men as it wanted them. It was a systematic, business-like procedure. Jim Ferguson surely will not question the patriotism of the drafted man.*

But the most ludicrous of Jim's defense is his trotting out the klan. There is no more klan. The klan's contribution to good government in this state is Jim Ferguson himself. Without the klan issue Ma would have been hopelessly defeated. Jim knows who elected him and he trots out the old sheet and pillow case and holds it up in his magician-like fingers and says, "Boo!" But Texas knows the klan as a political organization is gone forever. Texas knows that it has been sheared of its power. Texas knows that without it, Jim would still be back at Temple. Texas is not going to be caught with any such a false issue. Jim, they say you are smooth, but it looks like your bag of tricks has about played out. You're a gone goshin. You're a has-been.**

CEMENT WORK

We now have a good concrete mixer and will be pleased to figure with you on your concrete and cement work. See Clarence Perry and R. M. Surrat. 9t2p

Playing Cards Known

Since Earliest Ages

Doctor Le Cour, delving in Carthaginian ruins, says the ancients had a play similar to our card game. They used small tablets on which were painted figures. There is also mention in one of St. Augustine's works of cards that are used for gambling. Still the playing cards we now use were invented in the Fourteenth century by a French painter named Jacques Gringonneur. It is said that he invented them to amuse the mad King Charles VI of France. The kings were David, Alexander, Caesar and Charles; the queens were Argine, Esther, Judith and Pallas; the four knights, now called knaves and vulgarly "jacks," were Ogier the Dane, Lancelot, La Hire and Hector de Garland, knights of old romance. The Cardmakers' company was incorporated in 1629, and as early as the reign of James I cards were taxed. Probably the first game played in England was called "trump." All the most important historical events have been at one time or another depicted on playing cards, and some of the packs are very rare and valuable.—Pierre Van Paassen, in the Atlanta Constitution.

Blood Analysis Helps

Doctor in Diagnosis

The doctor who used to feel his patient's pulse or gaze into a gaping mouth to determine the cause of illness nowadays takes a drop of blood to analyze. The guilt for much of human suffering has been traced to the germs, tiny but deadly, which force their entrance into the human body, and which can only be detected by such analysis.

"Blood tests provide us with clues to an ever-growing number of ailments," said a doctor to the writer.

"It is being found, for instance, that eye complaints are often due to the absorption of germs which have affected other parts of the body, such as the tonsils. We can often detect them by testing the blood.

"Many cases of illness are due to something taken in from without—usually microscopic germs. More and more of these germs are becoming known to us every day. There is reason to believe that the origins of other diseases which are still unknown may be found in the same cause."

High-Sounding Names

It seems to be the practice for leading towns or cities to adopt titles in self-praise. The old Venetians used to say, "See Venice and die," and Rome has always styled itself the Eternal City. Boston calls itself—the American, not the English town—the Hub of the Universe, whilst London has not shrunk from calling itself the Metropolis of the World. It is a moot point whether Brighton or Scarborough was first in the field with the subtitle "Queen of Watering Places," but it is certain that both use it and believe in its truth. Edinburgh styles itself the Modern Athens, and Glasgow boasts that it is the second city of the empire. Seville says that he who has not seen Seville has seen no marvel. Manchester calls itself Cottonopolis, and Liverpool the Gateway of the West.

Italy Guards Antiques

In Italy one of the most serious crimes is the stealing or unauthorized excavation of antiquities. The government claims as its property all objects of artistic or archeological interest over 100 years old, and permits for their exportation are obtained only rarely and with difficulty. Rights to excavate or even to study while excavations are proceeding are rarely granted to foreign students. The other day some archeological pickpockets who removed some ancient vases and marbles from tombs that were being excavated near Comacchio were convicted in court. The leader was sentenced to seven years in prison—a punishment rare in Italy for any crime less than murder.

Food of Butterflies

Butterflies feed on the nectar of flowers and the sap of trees and plants. The various flowers, etc., vary with those found in a locality. All adult bees feed on saccharine juices, particularly the nectar of flowers. It is the habit of bees to devote their searching to a single sort of flower as long as it serves their purpose, each individual visiting blossom after blossom of that kind, instead of searching flowers indiscriminately. This varies with the locality.

Pugnacious Crayfish

Crayfish are so pugnacious that if two of them are put in the same crate or open pen one will kill the other, or, like the farmer's dog, die barking at the hole. That is why, when the University of Washington shipped a dozen rare specimens from its aquarium in Seattle to the fish pool in New York, the shippers wound up each crayfish in yards of wet cheesecloth. The consignment came through whole and healthy.—Youth's Companion.

Worms in Soil

The best treatment for the worms in the soil, which are not likely to be doing any harm, is watering several times with lime water, as recommended recently. Different kinds of worms are found in soil in which there is decaying vegetable matter, but they are harmless. Castor oil is not likely to do your plants any good, and we should not advise using it.—Montreal Family Herald.

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The King's Daughters met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. T. A. Beidleman. Eighteen members answered to roll call and three visitors were present.

After the business was attended to, a very delightful social hour was spent. The program consisted of select reading, duet, solo, contests and reading. Lots of fun was had trying to solve one contest.

At the close of the hour Mrs. Beidleman, assisted by Miss Mae, served delicious cream and cake. Each one expressed a good time to the hostess, but there is always bitter mixed with the sweet and this was the last time Mrs. Beidleman will entertain the class as they are moving from Merkel soon. We regret very much to have them go and will truly miss them. Especially will this class miss Mrs. Beidleman, as she has been so loyal and faithful to the class and its work. We know she will find work in the new field of endeavor. The best wishes of the class go with her.

NO MORE STAMPS

We, the undersigned Meat Markets, will discontinue giving discount stamps after Friday, April 9th.

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Mesdames C. C. and Alvie Rister of Comper were guests this week of Mrs. Geo. W. Rister of this city.

JUNIOR HONOR ROLL

Seventh month. Miss Baylor Durham teacher.
Tommy Durham 96, Marie Pinckley 95, Moro Thompson 95, Orpah, Patterson 95, Boyd Dobbs 94, Helen Booth 94, Nina Belle Russell 92, Christine Russell 92, Hazel Coats 92, Mary Hughes 90, Aileen Childress 90, Inice Brown 90, Dorothy Higgins 90, Bueron Morrow 90, Delbert Polly 90.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for the many favors and consoling words extended us during the recent illness and death of our beloved father, Mr. J. L. Hunter. Again we thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and may the richest blessings rest upon each and every one is the prayer of E. L. Hunter, J. M. Hunter, H. L. Hunter, S. M. Hunter, F. L. Hunter, J. H. Hunter and Mrs. Laura Balch.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee were over last Sunday for a visit with home folks and friends.

Miss Gladys Mayfield of Simmons College was a week-end visitor with home folks here.

BARBER NOTICE

I have moved back to Merkel again. I have bought one half interest in the Floyd McCoy Barber Shop east of the West Co. store near the Corner Garage and Candy Kitchen. All work first class and ladies work a specialty. F. M. Smith, 23 years a barber. Your patronage appreciated. McCoy and Smith. 1tp

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See our two (2) Specials we are running for one week. Brown Dry Goods Co. 1t

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FOR SALE—S.C. Black Minorca Eggs, \$1.00 per setting at my place 2 miles north of Stith. I. V. Garrett, Merkel, route 4. 12t7p

COTTON SEED—I have a few bushels of Pedigreed Acala cotton seen for sale cheap. Seed may be seen at Garrett's barn. C. L. Tucker. 1t

FOR SALE—100 bushels of first year Cluett cotton seed at \$1.00 per bu. George Byrom, Jr., on Sweetwater creek. 26t4p

Every one knew that some day a better oil stove would be developed. See the new NESCO Range at the City Furniture and be convinced. 1t

FOR SALE—The L. R. Thompson home place in Merkel or will trade for smaller place and give liberal terms on difference. J. T. Warren. 2t2

FOR SALE—Good Kash Cotton Seed at \$1.25 per bu. at bin. See or phone J.W. Taaff. 2t2

FOR SALE—A few sacks of pedigree Lone Star Cotton Seed at \$2.75 per bushel. See Taylor F. Davis. 1t

FOR SALE—Some good Kash Cotton seed at \$1.00 per bushel. Also some good bright maize at \$30.00 per ton. A. B. Cranston, 4 miles north of Stith. 9t2p

FOR SALE—One 50-barrel cy-press tank. See O. R. Dye. 1t

FOR SALE—Some good, sound Maize at \$25.00 per ton. See G. L. Baker, Merkel, route 1. 1t

FOR SALE—Some good work mules and horses. See Dr. M. Armstrong. 1t

FOR SALE—1923 Ford touring car, or would trade. See S. M. Hunter at Everybody's Garage. 1

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- For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR
- JOHN BOND
- For County Clerk: W. E. BEASLEY
- W. P. BOUNDS
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- For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD
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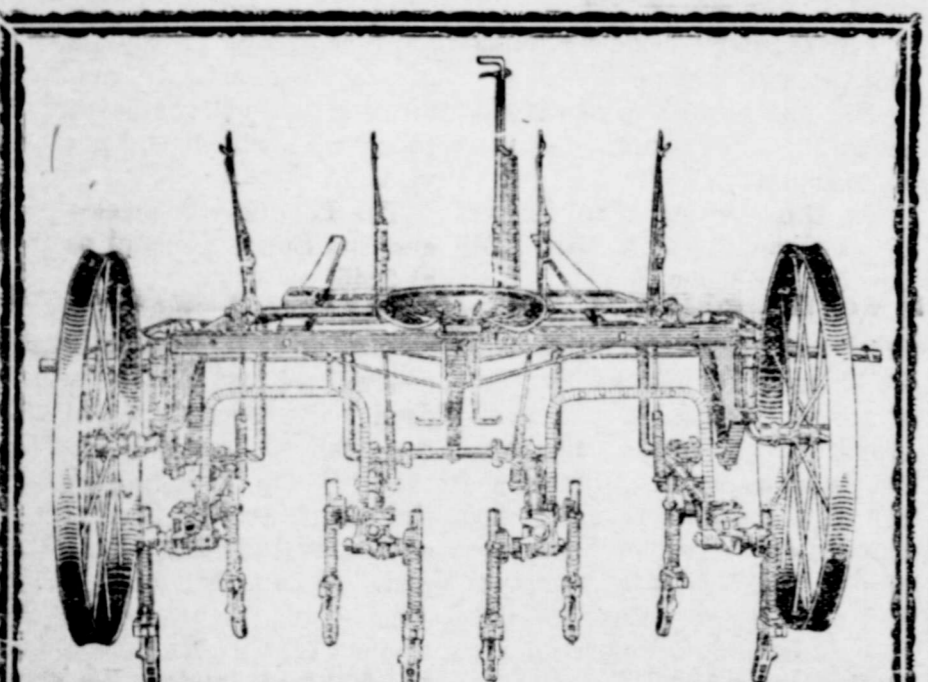
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High 7th grade, Mrs. Jackson teacher: Frances Frederickson 97, J. T. Darsey 95, Nina Vantress 92, Missie Dye 92, Nadine Tippet 90.

High 6th, Miss Sterling teacher: Leo Tucker 92, Alvin Par-rack 91, Elvis Richardson 94, Mary Ligon 93, Mabel Pilcher 92, Vera Richie 90, Ola Smith 91, Louise Booth 93, Lucille Cole 92, Beth Hamm 92, Jess Hig-gins 91, Fannie V. Jones 91, Mattilou Largent 95.

Miss Hearn: Edna Mae Mar-shall 90.

High 5th grade, Miss Ellis teacher: Ross Ferrier 93, Ida Mae Derstine 93, Lela Patterson 93, Isadore Mellinger 92, Alvin Skurlock 92, Mary Elizabeth Grimes 92, Willie Evelyn Boaz 91, Thelma Leach 91, John Lig-on 90, Madeline Murray 90, Dah-lia Watkins 90.

High Fourth grade: Mildred Richardson 91, Zella Belle Miller 95, Fay Van Tresse 95, Joyce Wheeler 95, Florene Rider 95, Gwin Tipton 95, Claude Lindsay 90, Neil Hughes 95, Clara Belle Golightly 95, Gracie Walker 96, Meyer Mellinger 94, Voncile Gilbert 90.

Low 4th grade: Eloise Man-scill 90.
Third grade, Miss Coats teach-er: Frances Adcock 94, David Gamble 93, LaVerne Holden 92, Vivian Lassiter 91, Maxie Ab-bott 90, Oscar Adcock 90, Floyd Clark 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer, teacher: Julia Proctor 97, Mary Nell Summerhill 96, Hazel Reeves 94, Valeria Parks 94, Mary Olive Simpson 91, Jack Stanford 91, Raymond Wilson 91, Dallas Sharp 91, Lloyd Robertson 90, Tiny Smith 90.

Second grade, Miss Pogue teacher: J. C. Jones 92, Jack Lowe 92, George Hicks Bu-ford 90.

Second grade, Miss Herrison teacher: Ethelda Tucker 92, J.

V. Patterson 92, James Pilcher 92, Ben Sublett 91, Modyne Sheppard 91, Holt Vaughn 90.

Low second grade, Mrs. Teaff teacher: Truett Patterson 90.
First grade, Miss Russell teacher: Louise Toombs 92, Hal-bert Rister 91, Virgie Payne 90.

Idlewise Club

The members of the Idlewise Club were hostess to their hus-bands and friends at a very pretty party Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. War-ren Smith on Oak street. Lilacs artistically arranged added beau-ty and fragrance to the enter-taining rooms.

When the guests had arrived, dainty tally cards were passed, by means of which places were found at tables arranged for progressive "42". During the even-ing a musical program and read-ings were enjoyed. A pretty re-freshment plate was served. Those enjoying this pleasant evening were: Messrs. and Mes-dames Roy Largent, Jack Dur-ham, Emmett Grimes, Earl Baze Bill Brown, and Warren Smith; Misses Lucy Tracy, Iva Bragg, Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Mary Cleo Booth and Evelyn Hamm; Mess-ers Yates Brown, Byers Petty, Delma Compton, Guy Darsey and Jack West.

Night in Borneo Has

Charm All Its Own

In all places there are lovely inter-esting things to listen to at night, if you are not sleeping, but the night noises in Borneo are different from those elsewhere. There are deep jungles of closely growing vines and ferns just off any road. The jungle climbs up and down very steep hills. There are great trees and small trees. Many have varieties of orchids and other air plants in them. And there are many monkeys. So there is the drip, drip of the gentle rain, and perhaps the roar of a little stream over full. Then a great chatter with rough shrieks drowning out every other noise for a while. Then as all the gentle noises begin broadcasting again, groan, swelling to a deafening crash. Other smaller groans and crashes follow. A great tree, not too well rooted, has gone down, taking all the tangled other trees along. As things quiet down, you will hear a few tentative bird calls and just as you begin to feel sleepy, the gun in the village is discharged. This means business and every one with work to do jumps out, for the time to get the work done when you live in Borneo is while the night's coolness lingers in the air.

Anyway, She Thought

She Got Fresh Air

"Speakin' of the weather 'minds me Doc Brady was tellin' the boys up to the store the other night 'bout that old couple that lives in that house over to North Danville that Hiram Pritchard owned before he moved up to Center. Doc says the old man won't have no window open at night time and the old woman's all for fresh air, and Doc says their hired gel told him that the other night the old folk were havin' it back and to after they were in bed 'bout the window not bein' open, and Doc says the hired gel said the old woman got so mad she jumped up and broke the glass with her fist, and it seems the next mornin' the hired gel heard the old man laughin' his head off. Doc said the gel was scared at first, she thought the old man was havin' a chokin' fit. "It seems that when the old folks woke up they found the old woman had smashed the mirror instead of the window."—Beatrice Herford in Life.

Appeals to Music Lovers

The royal Welsh Eisteddfod is a gathering of Welsh culture that goes back to the Twelfth century for its birthday, or even earlier. The chief choral prize is open to the world. It is an Olympic of song. If one wants to enjoy quaint costumes and scenic effects reminiscent of a thousand years of a small nation's art and music, then Eisteddfod, with its gowned druids, tall-hat women harpists, banners inscribed with mystic Celtic symbols, with its bards touching the ancient sword of peace or blowing Hir-la's horn, is said to be the festival for any summer visitor to old Wales. --Kansas City Star.

First Use of Scissors

It was formerly believed that scissors were invented in Venice in the Sixteenth century, but records show that implements similar to our modern scissors were in use very much earlier than this period. In the remains of Pompeii shears were found made of iron and steel, as well as bronze. Scissors were also in use in various oriental countries from a very early period. It is stated that "nose man-ufactured in Europe were copied from the Persian. The Oriental scissors were very much ornamented and fre-quently in the form of a bird, the blade forming the beak.

Nuts Classed as Fruits

In botany the fruit of a flowering plant is the matured seed vessel, and its contents together with such neces-sory parts as become finally incor-porated with them. Thus in a botani-cal sense not only apples, grapes, etc., but all berries, nuts, grains, beans, pumpkins, cucumbers, etc., are fruits. Popular usage has become much nar-rower. The grains have been dropped, and the tendency is to drop nuts also, so that a fruit is now generally un-derstood to be the fleshy, juicy prod-uct of some plant which when ripe is edible without cooking and adapted to use as a dessert.

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Devotional service: "Great Leaders trained in Africa."
1. Joseph, Sold into Africa, Saved his people from famine. Geneses, 37th chapter.
2. Moses, Born in Africa, led his people out of bondage. Exo-dus, 2nd chapter.
3. Africa, a refuge for the Christ Child, Matt. 1:2.
Prayer for present day leader-ship.
A trained nurse in Africa, Mrs. W. M. Elliott.
A sketch of Lucy C. Laney, Mrs. Geo. West.
Industrial citizens, Mrs. Henry West.
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We are announcing ahead the fact that Dr. R. A. Scranton, Field man for Texas Baptists, will be with us Sunday morning, April 18, for one service only. On that day we are to make our offering for all our missionary work. Let every member of the church plan now to be in this service and may we all ask the Lord to lead us to do our best for Him in this campaign.
It is hoped that we may have a full attendance at the morning service Sunday not only to hear the message that the pastor will bring but to help attend to some important matters left over from our conference on Wednesday night.
Every one who will come will find a welcome. If you have no church home in Merkel come and find a place to work and wor-ship. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis had as their guests this week, Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. J. E. Badg-ley, of Roscoe, and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Badgley.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. by the pastor. A hearty in- vitation and welcome is extended to all who will attend each ser-vice.
The League will meet at 6:45 and the Sunday school as usual at 9:45.
The Baraca and Philathea classes' campaign for 500 in Sun-day School last Sunday was in- deed very successful, however the goal was not quite reached, there being 486 present. But the campaign has not been given up, and efforts are being made to have 500 next Sunday. This should be very easily done as just 14 were lacking to make the 500 last Sunday. We should have 500 or more in Sunday school every Sunday. Every one who was there last Sunday can surely be present again this Sunday and there are numbers who do not attend at all. Get some friend upon your heart and bring that one next Sunday. If you have not been attending come next Sunday. There is a class for every one, and we feel sure you will enjoy it.

Womans Missionary Society

The regular monthly business meeting of the Missionary So-ciety will be held next Monday afternoon. The president re-quests that all officers be pres-ent with a report of their re-spective work. The annual con-ference convenes next week at Lubbock. Our delegate is Mrs. Butman, and Mrs. Largent is the alternate. We are hoping both of these ladies may find it conven-ient to attend this meeting for the annual meetings are always interesting and full of inspira-tion. After the business meeting there will be a lesson from the study book using the second chapter for a lesson. The meet-ing will be at 2:30.
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