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MR. MOODY AND HIS PARAMOUNT ISSUE

Concerning Mr. Moody's opening speech at Taylor last Saturday, the Dallas News has the following to say:

Mr. Moody's opening speech is a long one. It is perhaps the longest ever delivered by a candidate for Governor in Texas. But it derives that doubtful fault from the virtue of comprehensiveness, and not from the vice of verbosity. Evidently Mr. Moody set out to present a complete survey of those affairs of the State that are in need of legislative and administrative treatment and to inform the people of Texas of the treatment which in every case he would try to have them subjected to, if elected Governor. In both purposes he succeeded. The News can think of no matter of major concern which is omitted from consideration in Mr. Moody's speech. Nor can it conceive it possible to present opinions with respect to matters of that number and complexity with more definiteness, under the limitations which restricted him, than Mr. Moody has done. That he has exhausted any of the subjects he has discussed he would by no means pretend, we may be sure. But that he has at least defined his own position with regard to every one of those subjects sufficiently for the enlightenment of the ordinary voter is not to be denied. And while he has done this with definiteness, he has done it with an absence of dogmatism that is an earnest of sincerity. The affairs of the prison system, those of our school system, the affairs of the Highway Department, the affairs of our judicial system, these and many other matters which make up the sum of our problems of State Government are discussed in a manner which will be educational to most of those who read Mr. Moody's speech.

But it is not out of any of these things that Mr. Moody makes the issue which he wishes to have regarded as the distinguishing character of his candidacy. He dedicates his candidacy to the repudiation and condemnation of what he, in common with many others, denominates Fergusonism. What Fergusonism is, in his contemplation, he sets forth with an explicitness that should satisfy the most exacting. It is made up of that profligate expenditure of public revenues revealed by the investigations and lawsuits Mr. Moody has instituted. He recites the salient facts with a simplicity and temperateness that makes the recital deadly. To him it presents a public scandal which called for public rebuke and condemnation. He had expected that some one else would take up that cause by giving to his candidacy for Governor a cast which would call together all who feel that the supreme requirement of the public welfare is a triumphant exhibition of moral resentment. No such candidacy, Mr. Moody says, made its appearance, and that he represents, is the reason and occasion of his own.

Mr. A. Morton, one of the efficient and very courteous employes at the Texas & Pacific station in this city, returned first of the week from the hospital at Marshall, where he had been for treatment and a minor operation. We are glad to report to his many friends that he is now improving nicely and will soon regain his former good health.

SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATION BE MAY 19TH.

The program for the Seventh Grade Graduation will be given at the First Methodist Church, Wednesday evening, May 19, at 8:15 o'clock. The program will be as follows:

Invocation, Rev. Parrack.
Song, Welcome Song.
Salutation, J. T. Darsey, Jr.
Address, Prof. S. S. Boutwell.
Song, Our Own School.
Valedictory, Frances Erickson.
Presentation of Certificates, J. A. Summerhill.
Song, "Here's Love and Success to you."
Benediction, Rev. Little.

SENIOR PLAY NEXT THURS. THE COZY

On next Thursday evening, May 20, at 8:15, the Seniors of Merkel High School will present "Lady Mindemere's Fan," a 4-act drama, at the Cozy Theatre.

The boys and girls as well as the directors of this play have been working faithfully and we feel safe in saying that it will be one of the best ever presented by a senior class.

The play itself is not an ordinary farce comedy, but a real drama, which presents a problem, solves the problem and teaches a lesson—the lesson that "There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us" that "It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. There is the same world for all of us, and good and evil, sin and innocence, go through it hand in hand. To shut one's eyes to half of life that one may live securely is as though one blinded one's self that one might walk with more safety in a land of pit and precipice."

Mr. A. A. McCrary of Spur, is here for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Scott, and son, Edward. He has been in poor health for some time, but seems to be considerably improved at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst left Thursday for Tulia and Plainview to spend a few days.

SIMMONS QUARTET AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday morning instead of the regular worship we will have the Simmons Quartette in a "Song Sermon Service".

This Quartette has put on this service at many of the largest gatherings in the territory surrounding Abilene and will render the same program at Abilene in the First Baptist Church at the evening hour.

With their splendid blending voices they bring in song the message of the morning. It is hoped that every member of the church will take advantage of this opportunity to hear these sweet singers in our own church. The public generally is invited to come to this service. We especially urge those who are not attending any other church service to come. The Lord speaks through these men a message in song that has comforted many a heart.

We will have no evening preaching service on account of special school sermon at the Methodist Church. Other services of the day as usual. Sunday School 10 a.m. and B.Y.P.U.'s at 7 p.m.

Come find a warm welcome in any of our services.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

PATTERSON BROS. SELL MARKET

We are informed that Mr. Jasper McCoy has this week purchased the Meat Market for the past several years conducted by Patterson brothers, and has taken charge of the business.

Patterson Brothers have not only been successful in the management and conduct of this business, but have rendered very pleasing and appreciated service in this particular line, and their many friends regret their separation from the same.

Mr. McCoy is no stranger to the people of Merkel and surrounding country, having resided here for many years, and will no doubt continue to offer the public as good as the best in the market line.

SUPT. RESIGNS; JACKSON ELECTED

Mr. J. A. Summerhill, present Superintendent of Merkel Public Schools, who had been re-elected for the 1926-27 term, tendered his resignation on Tuesday of this week for the next term, to take effect on July 1, 1926. At a meeting of the board Tuesday evening his resignation was accepted and Mr. Irvin L. Jackson, principal for the past two years in our schools, was elected to the position vacated by Mr. Summerhill.

Mr. Jackson, as stated above, has been Principal and coach of athletics here for the past three years, and is well acquainted with the school and its conditions, which, with his qualifications and well-known ability as a thorough school man, make him well fitted to head the school another year. During the summer he will receive his University degree, and with his extensive experience and literary qualifications he will no doubt be well prepared to make the next term one of outstanding success in the history of the city school.

He promises the town and community his very best efforts. Let's do our best as citizens and patrons to help him and his faculty carry on our school in a way that all will have reason to be proud of it.

SCHINDLER WILL OPEN STORE HERE

From Messrs. Hamilton and Case we learn that Mr. J. W. Schindler, formerly in the Rack-et Store business here, now conducting such business in Winters, has leased the building in which the Hamilton & Case grocery company is now housed, and will about June 1 open a new racket store in that building. Messrs. Hamilton & Case will move their grocery store to the new building they are building next door to the West Texas Utilities Company and located on Slim street.

PROGRAMS WILL CLOSE SCHOOL AT WARREN

The Warren school will render a very interesting program on Wednesday evening, May 19, beginning at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be present. There will be no admission charges.

"The Ugliest of Seven" by Miss M. G. Townsend is the play which will be rendered by the Intermediates. It is a very interesting 3-act drama, and will be well rendered.

The Primary room will also render a short program consisting of a humorous clown drill, a short play and a number of readings, songs and piano solos.

BIG OIL CO. TO DRILL WELL NEAR MERKEL

The Phillips Petroleum Company, one of the biggest Oil Companies doing business in Texas, and a company that is perhaps today putting down more wild cat oil tests in Texas than any other, has this week placed all the material and supplies necessary to erect a derrick and begin drilling an oil test about ten miles northwest of Merkel on the Joe Winter farm, which is located on Survey 19, block 19, in the southwest corner of Jones county.

We understand there has already been placed on the ground practically all the material including a steel derrick, and that work of erecting the derrick is to start at once, and drilling on the well begun as soon as the derrick is up.

The Phillips company, we are told, has under lease at this time some five or six thousand acres surrounding the test, and have contracted to put the well down 3,500 feet if necessary to find oil or gas in paying quantities.

The new well is located about three miles west of the old Sears test which was drilled in 1918 and 1919, and which created considerable interest when a good showing of oil and gas was found at about 1900 feet. Owing to this fact with the further fact that the new test is to be drilled by one of the large companies, it may be expected that a close watch on the test by oil men over the country as the same is drilled.

MISS DESHAZO SIMPSON PRESENTED IN RECITAL

The Merkel High School Expression Department presents Miss Deshazo Simpson in Recital, assisted by Miss Aileen Childress, piano student, Monday evening, May 17, 1926, at the School Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.

Programme
1. A Longing For Texas, Judd Lewis. b. The Home Town, by Edgar A. Guest.
2. Signs is signs, Royal Dixon.
3. Un Der Maennacht, Kranzlin.
4. a. When I Dit Drown, S. P. Mills. b. Eatin' for Premiums, C. W. Riley. c. Early Trials.
5. Aragonaise, J. Massenet.
6. Ashes of Roses, one-act play C. McKay.
7. L'Envoi, Kipling.
Ushers: Frances Collins, Irene Perry, Gladys Watts, Ruby Jo Higgins.

There will be no admission charge for this program.

We are informed that Mrs. John Toombs, who has been quite ill for some time, was on Wednesday carried to Abilene where it is expected she will undergo an operation.

REV. ROGERS TO PREACH BACCALAUREATE SERMON

On next Sunday evening, May 16, at the Methodist church, the following program will be given, at which time the Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by Rev. Fred S. Rogers, of Lamesa, Texas, formerly pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Merkel.

1. Processional, Miss Madge Yoakum.
2. Invocation, Rev. McCarter.
3. Hymn, Choir.
4. Scripture, Rev. Parrack.
5. Hymn, Choir.
6. Duet, Mrs. Diltz and Miss Collins.
7. Sermon, Rev. Fred S. Rogers, of Lamesa.
8. Hymn, Choir.
9. Announcements, Mr. I. L. Jackson.
10. Benediction, Rev. Little.

Commencement Exercises

The Commencement Exercises and awarding of diplomas will take place Friday evening, May 21, at 8:15 o'clock, at the Methodist Church.

1. Processional, Miss Yoakum.
2. Invocation, Rev. Parrack.
3. "Springtime," chorus, Senior Class.
4. Special.
5. Address, Mr. L. I. Campbell.
6. "Farewell to the Old and Welcome to the new, Seniors.
7. Diplomas, Supt. Summerhill.
8. Awarding of honors, Supt. Summerhill.
9. Benediction, Rev. Little.

MUSIC AND EXPRESSION DEPTS. IN RECITAL

The Music and Expression Departments of Merke High school present "The Feast of the Little Lanterns," a Chinese operetta, on Tuesday evening, May 18, 1926, at the Cozy Theatre, at eight-fifteen o'clock.

Characters.
Princess Chan, a Chinese heiress, Venice Bell.

Mai Ku, a Japanese Juggler Maid, Helen Booth.

Wee Ling, Maid to the Princess, Tommie Durham.

Ow Long, Governess to the Princess, Iris Garrett.

Members of the Household:
First chorus: Mildred Smith, Juanita Beene, Edith Baker, Gladys Milliken, Pauline Chmn, Marie Brown, Anna Lou Russell, Elizabeth Harkrider, Deshazo Simpson, Mildred Hamm, Berdelle Adcock, Flora Frances Anderson.

Second Chorus: Entha Bird, Eva Mae Johnson, Gladys Watts, Monetta Adcock, Opal Patterson, Irene Perry, Ruby Jo Higgins, Ruby Faye Folladay.

An admission charge of 25c and 35 cents will be made.

Here from Houston to Visit His Parents

Mr. B. D. Black, of Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black, of this city, is here this week for a visit with them, the latter being in very poor health at this time.

From 1911 to 1914 Mr. Black was connected with the Merkel Schools and has many good friends here who will be glad to meet and welcome him back for a few days visit.

"Why Not This Alliance?"



Statement of the Condition of the
FARMERS STATE BANK

At the close of business April 12, 1926

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$892,296.91
Overdrafts	819.45
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	11,702.50
Stocks and Bonds	1,000.00
Assessment Gty. Fund	7,000.00
Int. Depositors Gty. Fund	8,422.66
Cash and Bills of Exchange	\$156,667.65
Total	\$995,839.17

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Net	29,615.78
Deposits	516,223.39
Total	\$595,839.17

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Mrs. R. W. Stephenson and Miss Myrtle Barnett of Fort Worth, after a visit here with Mrs. J. R. Barnett, have returned to their homes.

Is your subscription about to expire to the Mail. Look at the label on this paper and see.

Mr. J. A. Welch, residing a few miles southwest, was here today and reported the finest season and best crop conditions he has seen in this section for many years. He says that he will finish planting his entire crop by the middle of next week, if the weather remains favorable.

COZY FRIDAY and SATURDAY
May 14th and 15th

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The Music and Expression Departments of the
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THURSDAY, MAY 20

M. H. S. Senior Class Play

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**MRS. MCSPADEN'S
PUPILS IN RECITAL**

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden presents her pupils in recital Friday evening, May 14, 1926, at the Methodist church at eight o'clock. The program has been well prepared by the little folks, and will be as follows:

Welcome address, Marvin Boney and Doris Jackson.

Reading, "The Swing," P. A. Diltz.

Playing Grown up, Margaret and Louise Butman.

Reading, "Robin Red Breast" by Elma Mae Gamble.

Song, "He Lives on High."

Almost a Runaway, Lawrence Thornton and Doris Jackson.

Reading, "The Quarrel," by Sarah Sheppard.

Violin Solo, Lynn McSpadden.

Play: "Grown Up Folks." The cast will be: Fairy, who works the charm, Sarah Sheppard.

Margaret, the hostess, Mollie Frank Touchstone. Dorothy, afterward the nurse, Elma Mae Gamble. Mary, afterward the school teacher, Armie Love Toombs. Daisy, afterward the music teacher, Mamie Bowen.

Bob, afterward the bachelor, Marvin Boney. Tom, afterward the doctor, Dale Simpson. Ned, afterward the engineer, Murray Toombs. Harry, afterward the president, Preston Chaney.

Reading, "Little Boy Blue," Margaret Miller.

The Lion and the Mouse, Albert Perry and Bubber Sears.

Johnny's conclusion, Don Brown and A. C. Sears.

Reading, "If I Knew," Albert Perry.

Violin Solo, D. O. Huddleston.

Play, "The Sleeping Beauty." The Cast: Sleeping Beauty, Mamie Bowen. Prince Charming, Marvin Boney. Mother Goose, Armie Love Toombs. Mother Hubbard, Mollie Frank Touchstone. Red Riding Hood, Margaret Butman. Mrs. Hood (her grandmother), Louise Butman.

Cinderella, Geneva Huddleston. Her Godmother, Elma Mae Gamble. Jack and Jill, Lawrence Thornton and Doris Jackson.

Aladdin, Murry Toombs. Child Roland, A. C. Sears. Bird Ellen (his sister), Rosemary Lassiter. Simple Simon, Billie Woodrum.

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WHO SAID

"It was truly said, by a man of great observation, that there are as many miseries beyond riches as there are this side of them."

THERE is a wealth of wisdom in this quaint bit of philosophy by that veteran fisherman, Izaak Walton. It was the contention of this man, whose philosophizings are perhaps as well known as his fame as a fisherman, that the sport of angling was particularly conducive to meditation, and he has left many thoughts in writing that prove his claim.

Izaak Walton, who is popularly called, "The Father of Angling," was born in Stafford, England, August 9, 1593, and died in Winchester, England, December 15, 1683. The greatest pleasure of this man was to take his fishing equipment and a lunch and spend the day beside one of the quiet fishing streams of his native land. Here he—to quote his own words—"meditated," and it is safe to say that if his literary work was not done then, it was at least planned during these fishing excursions.

The literary work on which Izaak Walton's reputation depends, was published by him in the year 1653. It was called "The Compleat Angler" or "The Contemplative Man's Companion." The book had an almost instant sale, and since that time the demand for it has been so great that numerous editions have been made necessary.

Despite the title, Walton's book gives but little actual information on the subject of fishing. It is mainly devoted to the meditations and philosophizings of this remarkable man while engaged in the pursuit of angling. So widely has Walton's book been read and so widespread have become his comments and homilies, that he has earned for himself the title of "the father of angling," and is regarded as the great and shining example of a fisherman, who fished not as a business but as a true sportsman.—Wayne D. McMurray. (© by George Matthew Adams.)

Mother's Cook Book

Let us use our treasures when they will give us and those we love pleasure, and when using them will really count.

TRY THESE

TO MAKE the common foods uncommon is the aim of most housemothers. The ordinary baked apple may be quite an unusual dish when served in various decorative ways.

Cinnamon Apples.

Select good greenings, wash and core. Fill the centers with the red cinnamon candies. Bake until the apples are well cooked, basting often with the syrup from the pan. Serve with cream and sugar.

Flemish Carrots.

The tender, canned summer carrots are fine for this dish. If fresh carrots are used, cook them until tender in very little water. For a pint of carrots cut into long narrow strips, add one tablespoonful of butter, four tablespoonfuls of chopped onion and half a teaspoonful of sugar. Cover and let cook very slowly until slightly brown; then add one cupful of beef stock and simmer until the onion is tender; add finely minced parsley just before serving.

Raised Potato Cakes.

Mix one pint of mashed potatoes with a pint of flour, sifted with a half teaspoonful of salt. Add milk enough to make a batter like griddle cakes, then add two tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Blend one-half yeast cake in two tablespoonfuls of water and one-fourth teaspoonful of soda; beat this into a batter. Let rise until light and full of bubbles, then bake in greased muffin rings. Serve with chicken gravy and fricasseed chicken.

Nellie Maxwell
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**THE YOUNG LADY
ACROSS THE WAY**



The young lady across the way says her mother is going to run for president of the League of Women Voters against the present incumbent.
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Statement of the condition of
THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

At the close of business Apr. 12, 1926

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$204,204.01
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	14,678.97
Overdrafts	1,103.74
Bonds and Warrants (School)	20,939.76
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Other Resources	624.23
Commercial Paper	82,500.00
U. S. Bonds	116,750.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	121,231.78
Total	\$571,794.99

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,872.02
Circulation	6,250.00
Deposits	488,672.97
Total	\$571,794.99

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CHURCHES

Methodist Church Notes

It was a great day with the Methodists in Merkel last Sunday, the attendance at the Sunday school reaching the mark of 517, and a larger crowd was present for the preaching service. The Business Men's class boasted the largest attendance in a single class, with 51 in the class. This being mothers' day may have helped to bring out the extra large attendance, but now since the warmer weather has begun there is no reason why the attendance should fall much below this. Let every Methodist do his or her part to help keep the attendance up near this point.

All the regular services next Sunday, Sunday school at 9:45, preaching at eleven and eight o'clock by the pastor.

M. E. Business Men's Class

On last Sunday we had 51 in attendance. Let's make it that way every Sunday. Next Sunday we have something special for all who attend. We want you who desire to attend the Methodist Sunday School to be present at 9:45 promptly. Let every member of the Business Men's Class bring an additional member with him.

Mr. S. B. Sheppard of Fort Worth, was here this week, a guest of his brother, Mr. W. A. Sheppard, and other friends and relatives.

Senior League Program

Leader, Rosie Laney. Hymn: "He Keeps Me Singing," page 158. Scripture lesson, leader. (Pro-

verbs 4:1-13.)

Special, Little Miss Mollie Frank Touchstone. Prayer, the Lord's Prayer. Talks: 1. The Value of a Goal, by T. J. Beidleman. 2. The setting of the Goal, by Clara Lee Hulsey. 3. The Striving for the Goal, by Cyrus Pee. 4. The Strength to attain the Goal, Hallie Pike. Piano solo, Inice Brown. Hymn, "His Way With thee" Benediction.

Will Preach at Trent

Elder W. G. Cypert requests this paper to announce that he will preach on next Sunday morning the the eleven o'clock hour at Trent, and extends a cordial welcome to one and all.

The Grimes-Smith Drug Company has this week been busy making some interior improvements on their building in the way of a new concrete floor in the building.

Idlewise Club

A party of unusually lovely appointments was that of Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Emmette Grimes entertained the members of the Idlewise Club and a few other friends at the attractive home of Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes on Oak street. Larkspurs and verbenias in varying shades were massed in lovely bowls throughout the entertaining suite, where takles were attractively arranged for bridge, which gave interest for the afternoon.

A delicious refreshment of brick cream and angel food was served to Misses Maurine Hearn, Kathleen Sudderth, Lucy Tracy, Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Mary Cleo Booth and Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Tom Largent, Charlie Jones, George White, R. I. Grimes, Bill Brown, Roy Largent, Jack Durham, Earl Baze, and Warren Smith.

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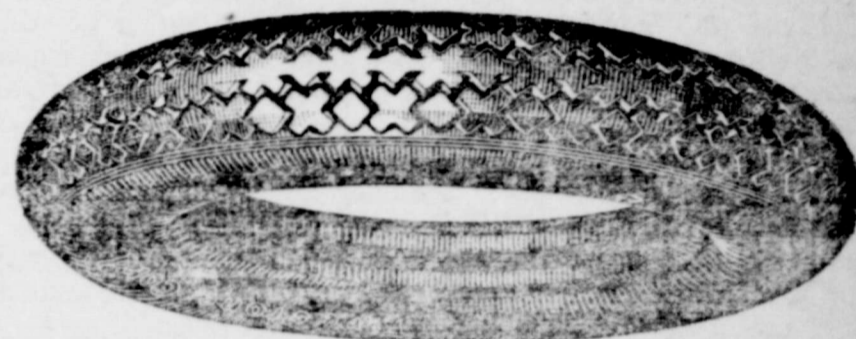
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Romans' Love of Racing

"One of the lessons of history," writes Oliver Scribe in T. P.'s and Cassell's Weekly, "is that the spirit of man never changes. The passion for racing is as old as the Roman circus. The rivalry of the four factions, distinguished by their racing colors, used to lead to early race-gang scenes. 'All Rome today,' writes Juvenal, 'is in the circus. A roar strikes upon my ear which tells me that Green has won; for had it lost, Rome would be as sad and dismayed as when the consuls were vanquished in the dust of Cannae.' The notorious Emperor Caligula, who was himself a shamelessly unscrupulous enthusiast for the Greens, was kept awake at night by people taking their seats in the circus for the following day's performance."

Some Definitions

Asked by a correspondent to define "plot," "climax," "drama," "inciting force," "protagonist" and "antagonist," the Washington Star says: The word "plot" has been defined as "a struggle and its result." It is the framework around which the story is built. The word "drama" means "the deed." "Climax" is derived from a word which means "a ladder." The climax of a drama--that is, the major climax--is the point of highest interest. An "inciting force" is, for example, some trait of character, or some event which moves the action of the drama toward a crisis or the climax. The terms "protagonist" and "antagonist" are applied, respectively, to the actor who played the chief part of the drama, and his opponent.

Totem Idea Common

The word totem is derived from the Chippewa Ojibemen. Among primitive people everywhere each family had its supposed primitive guardian spirit, and it was thought of as being a bird, animal or inanimate object and sometimes was depicted as the spirit of an animal that looks like one of prehistoric times. The symbols on the totem pole are read downward. Generally at the top is imposed the family crest. This totem idea was common among nearly all American Indians, and, strangely, the same idea is found among the early Egyptians. Each Egyptian canton had its totem.--Masonic News

Concerning Speech Energy

The speech energy of the human voice amounts to very little in the way of power. It is only 125 ergs a second, an almost infinitesimally small amount of power, says the Washington Star. Consonant letters require the least amount of energy. The pitch or frequency of vibrations is must higher for consonant sounds than for vowels, however. An erg is the work done when a body moves one centimeter in the direction in which it is urged by a force of one dyne, and a dyne is a force which when acting on a mass of one gram for one second will change its velocity by one centimeter per second.

The Winner

Mother (to man who has asked hand of her daughter)--In the first place, do you like children? Suitor--I adore them, madam! Mother--Ah, that's lucky. Blanche has three by her first husband.--Paris Bire.

Firm in His Convictions

The late Frederic Harrison, the eminent Victorian philosopher and man of letters, remained steadfast in his rationalism until his death, as is evidenced by the following story told by his son, Mr. Austin Harrison: "When my brother was wounded in the early part of the war and lay dying in a hospital in France, my father, though he was then eighty-four, insisted upon going to his bedside, and sat with him to the last. I met him at the station on his return. His calm was astonishing: 'I would not let the chaplain come in and pray,' he said. 'I told him that if he thought his prayers could help the dead, he could pray outside,' and the steel in his eyes shone."

College Degrees

The degree, an academic rank or title, originated in the medieval universities. Scholastic distinctions of an analogous nature seem to have existed in ancient times. In the latter part of the classical Greek period education was well organized into inferior and superior courses and there evidently existed some recognized proof that such courses had been completed. The degree as a university distinction originated at Bologna and Paris during the Twelfth century and the titles "master" and "doctor" signified at first nothing more than a license to teach.

Many Color Standards

In making certain colored fabrics like rugs, tapestries and similar materials, it is necessary to have a large number of color standards and in the rug industry some mills have as high as 5,000 standards from which they work. The men in charge of the colors and dyes are artists as well as craftsmen, and they have to have almost infinite patience in working with the aniline dyes used in getting the color values for each job. A few grains of dyes in a thousand gallons of water materially changes the color of a thousand pounds of yarn.



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"I am opposed to despotic or tyrannical government, and I believe that all office holders make the Constitution the touchstone

of their official acts and that they should neither claim nor attempt to exercise any greater authority than is now conferred upon them under the Constitution and the statutes of this State. Full recognition should be given to the authority of the three co-ordinate branches of the government, and the principle of their independence should be recognized and respected.

"I believe in the doctrine and principle of local self-government, and I am opposed to the centralization of power either in Washington or Austin, as contrary to the principles of democracy and as calculated to destroy representative government and create waste and extravagance."—Dan Moody, in his opening speech at Taylor Saturday night.—Star Telegram.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington returned last of last week from an extended visit with relatives at Midland, Texas.

Mr. Jay Greenfield and his mother, Mrs. W. F. Hamblet, visited a sister and daughter at Colorado last week, who has been very ill for some time.

COW FOR SALE

For Sale—One milk cow about 12 years old. My reason for selling this cow is I am in bad health, and don't feel that I am doing myself justice to continue the hasidous task of giving said cow the courtesies really due her. Her color is plush rasberry, she is of undoubted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form, she will be a boon. She is very much attached to her present home with a stay chain, but she will be sold to any man who will agree to treat her right. She is one fourth Shorthorn and three fourths Hiena. I will also throw in a double barrel shot gun which woes with her. She has no tail to switch you in the face or the milk, and frequently she goes off and spends a week or two visiting around on social occasions, and when she returns, her milk has already clabered and is ready for the churn, provided you can extract same, and live over the ordeal. She has never had a calf, just like her mother ahead of her, it seems to run in the family. Her name is Rose. I had rather sell her to a non-resident, the further away the better. J. C. Mason. P.S. Will try to give you my experiences in churning soon.

WARREN NEWS
By Rose Ellington

The farmers are all just about through planting for this year. Health of this community is very good at present.

Several from around Warren attended the Mothers' Day program at Compere Sunday.

Miss Alzine Sumpter spent the day with Cordie Ellington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Decker of Stith Sunday.

Several around Warren attended the party at Mr. Tarvin's Friday night. All reported a fine time.

Mr. John Hobbs and family, and Mrs. Cannon and family visited Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family Sunday.

Misses Lottie Gressett, Bertie Dickson spent Saturday night with Misses Willie, Rose and Cordie Ellington.

Miss Vera Jones spent Sunday night with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick.

Messrs. Jack Hays and John Jones visited Mr. Luther and Joe Higgins Sunday.

Mrs. Ellington and daughters, Willie and Rose, and Mrs. Howard Tarvin visited Mrs. Ellen Williams of Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy Thursday night.

Lorene Ellington spent Saturday night with Violet Jones.

NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP

No. 1375. In-Re Guardianship of Ila May Hughes et. al Minors. In the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, in Vacation.

Notice is hereby given that I, John S. Hughes, guardian of the estate of Ila May Hughes et. al, minors, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Taylor County, Texas, authorizing me as the Guardian of the estate of said wards to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the court may order and direct, of the following real estate belonging to said wards, to wit: "109.6 acres of land out of the S. W. Part of Sec. No. 1, in Block No. 18, T. & P. Ry. Co. Survey, in Taylor County, Texas"; said application will be heard by the County Judge at the Court House in the City of Abilene, Texas on the 21st day of May, A.D. 1926.

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WARREN NOTES
By Vera Jones

The farmers are all planting their crops, and they would like to see some pretty weather.

The health of the community is good at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kelso Sunday.

Misses Burtie Dickenson and Lottie Gressett spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Rose and Cordie Ellington.

Miss Lorene Ellington spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Violet Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Evers Sunday morning.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobbs visited Mrs. T. B. Hobbs Sunday.

Messrs. Himan Jones, Odis Thompson and Wilmer Christwell visited Mr. Robert Sumpter Sunday.

Misses Ruth and Lena Maye Chancey spent Sunday evening with Miss Willie Maye Light.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hudson of Stith Sunday.

Mr. Claude Ellington visited Mr. Buster McCoy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Criswell and Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett

and family visited Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Beene of Salt Branch Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Criswell visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Criswell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McCoy visited his mother Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman visited Mrs. Barbara McCoy on Monday.

COMPERE ITEMS
By Alma Stout

Health of this community is very good at present.

The farmers are all busy in their crops around here.

A large crowd attended the services at Compere and also the program at the Presbyterian church Sunday night.

Miss Floy McKinney spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Pearl Alfred.

Mr. Tom Keener is visiting his uncle, Mr. G. W. Stout.

Mr. Foster's brother from East Texas has been spending the last few days with him.

A large crowd attended the party at Mr. Tarvin's Friday night. All reported a nice time.

Miss Lorene Stout spent Friday night with Miss Alice Allred Little Lila Adkins spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Zenobia Lucas.

Some from here attended the

school program at Sandburr last Friday night.

Mrs. Alto Howard and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Pearl Allred.

Mrs. Stout spent Monday afternoon with Grandma and L.V. Spurgin.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs had as visitors Sunday Mr. J. H. Hobbs and family, Mrs. Cannon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ellington and family and Hollis and Therman McCoy.

Mr. Cora Camp was a visitor in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Winters and children, Juanita and George, from Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Allred and family a while Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin spent the week end with their son at Truscott.

Misses Rose and Willie Ellington spent Friday with Miss Ella Hobbs.

Grandma Marshall returned last week from Wichita Falls and is spending a few days with her son, Mr. T. K. Marshall.

Miss Virgie Marshall spent Thursday night with her sister, Mrs. Zenobia Lucas.

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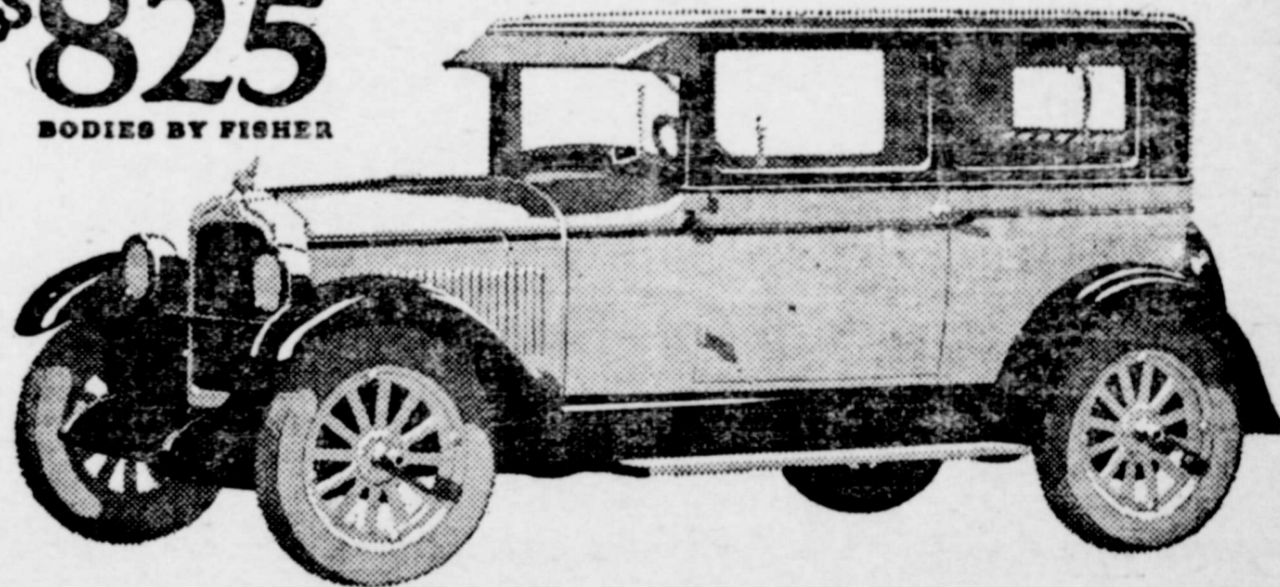
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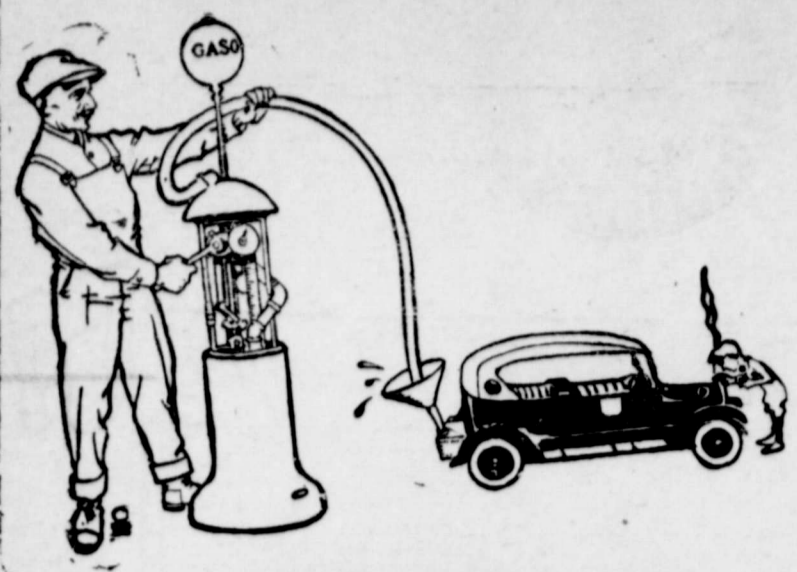
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Of all the man-like apes which have been studied by psychologists, the gorilla probably is the leader intellectually. This is indicated by a series of tests recently completed on a young female gorilla by Dr. Robert M. Yerkes, professor of psychology at Yale university.

Doctor Yerkes recently returned from Jacksonville, Fla., where he spent six weeks testing the animal, which belongs to Benjamin Burbridge. Mr. Burbridge, an experienced hunter, captured the gorilla single handed in the forests of the Belgian Congo. On his last trip to Africa he caught four, but two died in Africa; one, which was taken to Belgium, has since died, and the other is Congo, the one that was studied by Doctor Yerkes. Probably it is the only example of its species, the mountain gorilla, that has ever been brought to the United States.

The chimpanzee, the most familiar anthropoid ape, has been the subject of many psychological inquiries. The Yale institute of psychology has several chimpanzees in its "primate laboratory," on which tests are being conducted, but, on account of the scarcity of specimens, the gorilla has never before been studied experimentally.

"One's first impression is that the chimpanzee is the more intelligent," said Doctor Yerkes, "but that is probably due to the temperamental differences of the two animals. The chimpanzee is the more emotional and impulsive; the gorilla is the more deliberate, and worked calmly and with better judgment, and I should expect that the gorilla would go further in the long run. I was able to work with Congo for hours at a time, and she stuck to her tasks. A chimpanzee by comparison tires quickly."

The animal weighs about sixty-five pounds, Doctor Yerkes stated, and is perhaps five years old. Although their average span of life is not certainly known, they probably attain the age of thirty or forty years. Congo displays great strength, for "when she tugged at me I felt as if something would break," he said. When tested with a spring balance, she pulled 100 pounds, which, considering relative weight, would be equivalent to a pull of four hundred pounds by a man. Despite this, however, the animal is quite gentle. In Doctor Yerkes' opinion, for, he said, "she doesn't realize her strength."

The methods used with the gorilla were similar to those employed on the other anthropoids. One consisted in arranging the animal's food so that it was necessary to pull on a rope to obtain it, and then, after this had been learned without aid, the rope was hooked at one end, and it was necessary for the monkey to unhook it before it could retrieve the reward. Several hundred feet of motion pictures were made of the ape while she was solving the problems, and these, in conjunction with many thousand feet which Mr. Burbridge made of the gorillas in their native haunts in Africa, will throw considerable light on gorilla psychology.

To Clean Rifle Barrel

To remove lead from rifle barrels, if ordinary cleaning with a wooden plug and powdered pumice or finest emery are of no avail, wash the barrel well with caustic soda, then plug breech, and pour in quicksilver to cover the leaded portion. Shake well, let it stand for three or four hours, giving a good shake every half hour, then pour out the mercury, and you will find that the lead will come away on your cleaning rag. Acetic acid would do as well as the quicksilver or mercury, but is not so safe for expensive rifles, since there may be metals in the composition of the barrels that might perhaps suffer from being eaten into by the acid.

Calf Tackled Big Job

A blind ambition to eat its way through a straw stack on the farm of John Bollinger at Bowdle, S. D., nearly cost a calf its life. The calf had been missing 32 days when Bollinger heard its plaintive bawling. After finding where the calf had entered, he dug from the opposite side and finally came upon the calf, still at work on the biggest job of eating it had ever tackled. It had no water during the 32 days and when led from the stack could hardly stagger to the barn, where a warm meal was given it.

Welcome Relief

Professor Matthews was commenting on the increasing popularity of trashy and sentimental magazines. "It is the natural result of our high-pressure mode of living," he said, and added:

"I think little Johnny summed up the situation exactly when I found him reading fairy stories one day and asked him if he liked them. 'I'll say I do,' replied Johnny. 'There's so much that you have to believe that it's nice to read something that you don't have to.'"

Recipe for Success

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Is a saying with which all are familiar. The large majority of successful men assumed reasonable risk when they began their careers. Success results from a proper combination of brains, common sense and courage.—Grit.

WHEN I WAS TWENTY-ONE

BY JOSEPH KAYE

At 21—Clara Doria, Famous Old-Time Prima Donna, Got the Thrill of a Debut at the San Carlo.

"IT WAS at about this period that my teacher, Ferroni, appeared one morning at our appointment in a state of great excitement. 'Something unexpected has happened,' he cried, 'something very important for you. The San Carlo people want you. Think what it means to sing at the San Carlo—the opera house which ranks highest in all Italy—and at this early stage of your career!'"

"The San Carlo committee called on me next day and laid their project before me. I shall never forget my feeling of elation when I first appeared at that splendid opera house. The acoustical properties surpassed anything I had previously experienced. When I sang into that vast auditorium, instead of feeling that I must exert myself to fill it, my voice seemed to flow out itself with an ease that was a joy to me, returning to me so clear and resonant—seeming to redouble in power. I was in seventh heaven! All the circumstance of my engagement made me feel happy. My ambition was roused almost to the height of my artistic inspiration.—Clara Kathleen Rogers."

TODAY—Clara Kathleen Rogers is an old lady of nearly eighty. She was one of the most famous prima donnas of her time and when she retired from active operatic work she settled in Boston and began to teach. She achieved great success as a teacher, too, and wrote several standard text works on singing, and composed much music. Professionally she was known as "Clara Doria," a name which will arouse many memories in old-timers. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

University Seals

The Hebrew words on Columbia's seal are "Ori-El"—"God is my light," an allusion to Psalms 27:1. The words on the seal of Yale are the names, Urin and Thummim, of certain objects mentioned in the Old Testament as being used as mediums for the revelation of the will of God, or as being placed in the breastplate of the high priest on certain occasions. They appear to have been originally forms of lots used for obtaining oracular answers. In the university's seal, therefore, they symbolize wisdom and divine guidance.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears left last week for a visit with their son at Coleman. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Patterson, of Lubbock.

Mr. J. C. Mason returned Wednesday from Dallas, where he had been to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, he being a director.

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Mrs. John Cox, of Cisco, visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris returned first of the week from an extended visit with relatives at Caddo and Eliasville, Texas.

Mr. B. C. Gaither is to leave soon for an extended visit with old friends and relatives in the state of Tennessee, among the scenes of his boyhood. We join his many friends in wishing for him a very pleasant visit. However, we look for him back home in time to vote for his favorite for whom he is always openly spoken.

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Each man sees just so much of the truth as he is able to comprehend. Let us suppose this to be one-tenth of the truth. Having seen this small part of the truth, he is eager to share his vision with his fellows.

At once two great difficulties appear in the way. The man hasn't the knack of reducing his vision to words that are sufficiently eloquent to tell the whole of his story. And his listeners haven't the ability to absorb all of the little he offers them.

The result is that the first man's one-tenth truth is reduced to something less than one-half of 1 per cent of the whole by the time it is established in the minds of those who hear him.

The limitations of speaker and listener are so obvious and so universally acknowledged that men have found it necessary to deal in untruth in order to reveal what is true.

You will hear it said that a simple statement of fact is more impressive than any exaggeration. This is not true, except among scientists and persons of unusual intelligence. The average mind is impressed only by superlatives.

One ordinary person will say to another: "It was the funniest thing I ever saw. I nearly died laughing." This isn't the truth, but it serves. The hearer understands that the show was funny. But the ordinary person could not have revealed the truth to his hearer by saying: "It was an amusing show."

Those who get a living by proselytizing or by denouncing seldom confine themselves to the simple truth. If they did they never would win a convert or persuade anybody to doubt. They multiply the truth by six simply because they know that the mind of the reader or listener, having little capacity, will divide it by six.—Baltimore Sun.

Ship Famed in History

The Bon Homme Richard was a famous warship, originally a merchantman called the Duras and rechristened by Paul Jones in honor of Benjamin Franklin. She mounted forty-two guns, and while cruising in the English channel (September, 1779) encountered the British frigate Serapis, carrying fifty guns. A battle ensued, lasting nearly three hours, and terminating in the surrender of the English vessel. During the entire engagement, the ships were in close proximity, and toward the end of the conflict, in actual contact. Jones was afterward received in France with great honor, the king presenting him with a sword and the cross of the Order of Military Merit. The American congress gave him a vote of thanks, and caused a gold medal to be struck and presented to him.

The Lunatic at Large

There are on record even worse examples of bad manners in the traveler than those represented by the craze for souvenirs, which has led to action against four American women for injuring the famous temple at Boro Budor. Some years ago a tourist sought to achieve distinction by stopping a religious procession in an Italian city in order to light his cigar at one of the holy candles. Even more audacious was the feat of another traveler, who, being shown a lamp in an eastern church which he was told had never been allowed to go out for many centuries, exclaimed, "I guess it will now, then," and promptly extinguished it.—Manchester Guardian.

Canary Bird's Ears

Although quite sensitive, the canary bird's ears, located just back of and a little below the eyes, appear to be only a small opening into the head. The ear is not hard to find, when it is known where to look for it. It has always been a scientific mystery that birds have such acute hearing when they have such small assistance from nature in the way of ears to "scoop up" sounds.

W. H. DERSTINE SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE

Fire of unknown origin at about one o'clock Wednesday night, destroyed the big, fine barn belonging to Mr. W. H. Derstine, who resides about 3 miles west of town, together with his almost new Chevrolet automobile, 200 bushels of oats, several tons of Maize heads, lots of bundle feed, seven sets of harness and other items of value, all of which comes very heavy on this splendid farmer and most excellent citizen.

In conversation with a representative of this paper Thursday morning, Mr. Derstine stated that at eleven o'clock Wednesday night he had occasion to be up and out in the yard and there was no thought of fire about the place, and the family was only awakened from the light of the flames when the barn was seemingly a fire all over. Insurance to the amount of \$400.00 was all that was carried on all the contents destroyed.

We join the entire community in extending regrets and sympathy to Mr. Derstine and family as the result of their heavy loss.

BLAIR P. O. TO BE DISCONTINUED

Postmaster Taylor F. Davis informs the Mail that he has this week received word from the Post Office Department at Washington to the effect that on May 31, 1926, the Post Office at Blair, Texas, will be discontinued, and that all mail for that office will hereafter be received through the Merkel Post Office.

For the benefit of the rural population of the Merkel country we would say that Postmaster Davis is already at work on plans which seem certain to be carried out, whereby extensions and changes in routes leading from this office will prove to the convenience and benefit of the country at large very much.

As stated before, a live, wide-awake postmaster in any town is indeed a valuable asset to the town and community, and that is what Mr. Davis has already proven himself to be.

DR. WATKINS and ASSOCIATES, Dentists, Abilene:

I am perfectly satisfied with your work, and my health is much better. I assure you that I can recommend your work and I don't think that it is recommended highly enough.

I remain your satisfied customer, Mrs. G. B. Richardson, 982 Elm Street, Abilene, Texas.

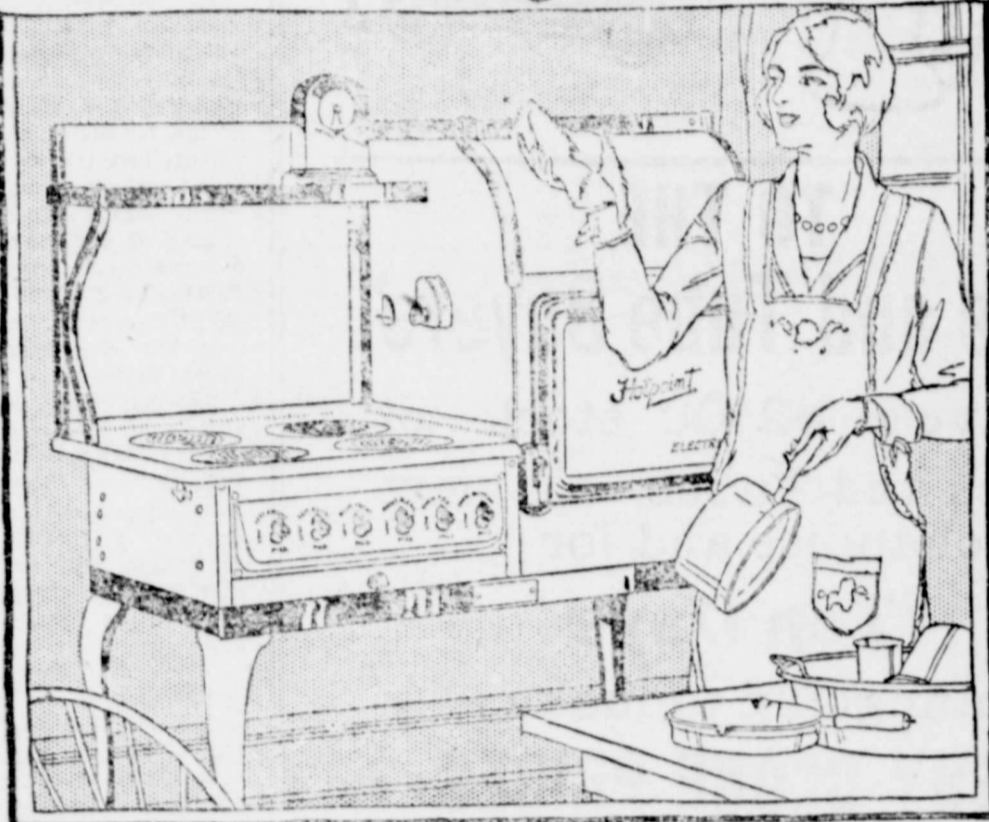
We have the original of the above on file in our office.

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Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Christine Russell.

Topic: "How to use the Bible."

Scripture reading: Acts 8:20-25; Ps. 1:1-6. Talk by leader.

Song. Topics for talks:

"The Bible as a life guide," by Doris Russell.

"Bible Promises," Missie Dye.

"Best Bible Passages to memorize," Dean Murray.

Clippings. Questions.

A Bible debate: "Resolved that the best way to read the Bible is by selected books. (The contestant will favor the topical method or the method of reading the Bible in course straight through, or some other plan.)"

Offering. Announcements.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Mr. John Sears, raiser and breeder of fine registered Hereford cattle, reports grass fine and cattle sleek and fat. In fact, he says he never saw better ranch conditions.

Mr. D. H. Vaughan has recently accepted a position with the Merkel Motor Company in the sales department, where he will be glad to have his friends call to see him.

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.

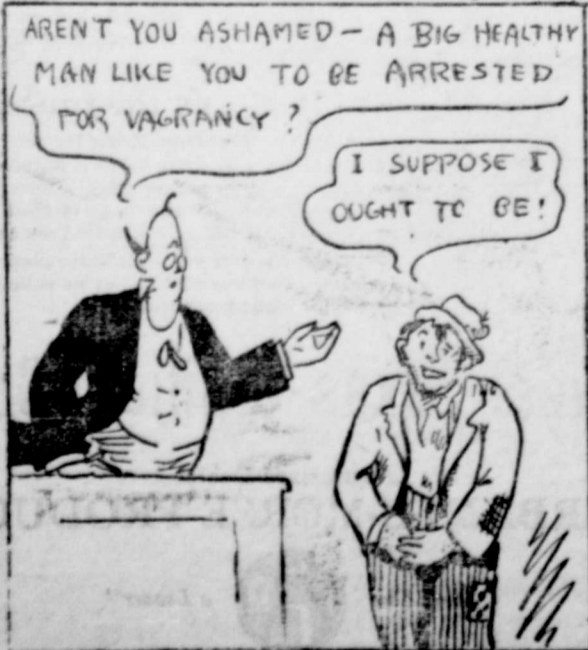
Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Mr. J. S. Swann, local banker and pioneer cattle man of this section, in speaking of conditions at the present, stated that he never saw the range in better condition nor cattle coming through the winter in finer shape. He says there has been an abundance of good rains all the spring and he has not had to feed any at all during the winter months.

Miss Imogene Waide of Balinger and Miss Lucille Russell of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Mrs. Robert McBean and daughter and Mr. Roy Brown of Cisco visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, last Sunday.

The Judge - One Dream Came True Anyway - by MB.



CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—My home place, East front lot, 5 rooms and bath. Sewer connection and complete plumbing. This place is well improved and convenient to town school and church. John R. West. tf

FOR SALE—One '22 Dodge touring car in good condition. Also have some good used Fords priced right. Mack Cox, Merkel, Texas. 7t4

FOR SALE—Some good work mules. Cash or approved notes. See Dr. Armstrong. 1t

KASCH COTTON SEED—Have some good second year Kasch seed for sale at 75c per bushel. Sam Swann. 1t

Folks, just come on down to Big Campbell's Grocery Store and get a sack of that fine Amarillis Flour, none better, and you'll never regret it. 1t

FORD car for sale, in good condition, cheap. See A. R. Manscill. I'm working at F. M. Smith's Barber Shop, 1 door east of Everybody's Garage, in the same building with Tarbutton's Economy Jewelry Shop and Shoe Store. 1tp

SMOOTH—Make that old Ford motor run smooth by letting us work it over at the FORD REPAIR SHOP, South Front and Orange Streets. Try us once and be convinced. All work guaranteed. 1tp

FOR SALE—Kasch cotton seed at \$1.00 per bushel, also some good, bright Maize heads. See A. B. Cranston, Merkel, route No. One. 1tp

FOR SALE—My home in Merkel for \$3,500, or will rent cheap. T. A. Beidleman, phone 264. 1tp

FOR SALE—I still have several good bargains in farm lands in the Merkel territory. I also have 320 acres of good land on the Plains that I can trade for a good home in Merkel, south side, preferred. Some good homes in town worth the money. E. D. COATS. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—The first of June, three brick buildings at Blair, suitable for garage, dry goods and groceries. Also 4-room residence for rent. A. W. Hunter, Merkel, route 5. tf

To Our Customers and Friends

We have sold our market to Jasper McCoy and take this method of thanking our friends for their liberal patronage in the past, and wish for each of you a prosperous year. Mr. McCoy is a man who is well-known here and we feel that he is an experienced man and will appreciate your business and render good service. 1t

FARM & RANCH LOANS

At 6, 6½ and 7 per cent interest payable once a year. Terms 5, 10, 20 or 33 years, the best contract ever offered the borrower. NO RED TAPE. See me if you want a loan. V. E. MUIR, Abilene, Texas. 1Jan27

Notice to Parents

I have the Martin place leased and all parties are notified to quit hunting and swimming in the tanks. S. G. Russell. 1t

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires

AN ABBREVIATED STORY

Mr. Peeve Sees Through It

"AFTER all," said Ambush Peeve, "who had been reading Snuffler, Maechenbater and other philosophers on the subject of war—"after all, war is a biological necessity. Despite the temporary hardships and inconveniences that it entails, war is the great leveler, and the great purifier. War is a tremendous force that, in the last analysis, is an absolute necessity. With no wars to cleanse and invigorate, mankind would gradually sink to the level of the brutes and would become extinct through fatty degeneration of the brain and morals. Yes, it is best to look the matter dispassionately in the face—war is beneficial, salutary, in fine, as I said, a biological necessity."

"Ambush, your dinner will get cold if you go on talking," his wife admonished. "Besides, I am anxious to see what you think of my first real war dinner—everything strictly according to the food administrator. The biscuits are one-tenth flour and nine-tenths potato meal. The butter is made of peanuts and turpentine, and instead of trying the steak in butter, as usual, I fried it in cottonseed oil, and when you taste your coffee, which you'll notice is all prepared for you, you'll see that I put in molasses instead of sugar, and a mixture of chalk and water instead of milk. Go ahead and try everything, Ambush."

Ambush Peeve tried a biscuit. Then he tried the steak and the coffee. "After all," he said, as he sniffed the butter—"after all, war seems so unnecessary."

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The Hotel Stenographer



"SHE says she is happily married."

The Hotel Stenographer put the accent on the second word.

"But you do not believe her?" asked the House Detective, hooking the thumb over his shoulder toward the departing girl.

"Kelly," replied the Hotel Stenographer. "It is impossible for any unmarried person to get the low down on matrimony. Like death, it is something you have the experience to find out about. I sometimes think it is about as dangerous, too."

"People who are really happily married are so crazy about each other and live in such a blissful daze they are afraid to tell anybody just how foolishly happy they are for fear people will not believe them. They have reached such a state of emotional insanity that they are afraid to talk for fear people will either laugh at them or call the wagon which piles twist the crazy house and the world at large."

"The ones who have put their money on the wrong horse keep their lips buttoned because they do not like to admit that they walked into a trap seeing nothing but the bit of cheese until after the parson sprung the trigger and caught them for life. We do not like to admit we have been stung. It hurts our abiding faith in our good judgment."

"Matrimony is a court in which there are no disinterested witnesses. You have to buy your pig with nothing more than a peek into the mouth of the bag, you swap your jackknife of liberty sight unseen for another which may have most of the blades dull or broken. About the only chance any young couple has is where her father is a minister and his a lawyer, so the one father-in-law can undo what the other did, in case home does not come up to the expectations of the new owners."

"He must have turned yours down hard," grinned Kelly.

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Ink Blots for Mind Tests

Ink blots will tell more about your personality in ten minutes than hours of analysis, according to a professor of Northwestern university.

You can test yourself with a sheet of paper and splashes of red, green or black ink. Ask yourself what you see in them. If they appear merely as blots you are of the conventional type. If however, you see in them fantastic and original pictures, then you belong to a creative type above the average.

For some time, says the Popular Science Monthly, psychologists have been using ink blots in this way to study personality, with some excellent results.

Enthusiastic Over Gas

"What use of wealth so luxurious and delightful as to light your house with gas," wrote Sydney Smith in 1821. "What folly to have a diamond necklace of a Correggio, and not to light your house with gas! The splendor and glory of Lambton hall makes all other houses mean. How pitiful to submit to a farthing candle existence, when science puts such intense gratification within your reach! Dear lady, spend all your fortune in a gas apparatus. Better to eat dry bread by the splendor of gas, than to dine on wild beef with wax candles."

COUNCIL OF ABILENE DISTRICT C. E. MEETS

The spring meeting of the Council of the Abilene District of Christian Endeavor was held Sunday, May 9, at the Central Presbyterian Church of Abilene. Dinner was served all he visiting council members and the Abilene council members in the dining room of the church immediately following the morning church services. After the dinner was over, the young people adjourned to the lecture room of the church, where the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Huie Tucker, who is the president of th district.

Reports were made by the vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and by the intermediate, junior, life work recruit; missionary, press, quiet hour, superintendents. These reports showed that Abilene district has made much progress during the past year and that the district is one of the leading ones n the entire state.

It was decided to observe May 23 as Abilene district Christian Endeavor Day, at which time the district council members will present the plans of the district at various towns, and suggestions will be made for the purchasing of a car for the district president.

Mrs. Frank V. Deering of Abilene, treasurer, announced that there is at the present time over one hundred dollars in the treasury. This is the largest amount that has been in the district treasury for many months. Prospects for having a very large delegation at the State Convention in San Antonio in June of this year are very good.

Ben Hallock, better known as district publicity supt., made a very encouraging report. Abilene now holds second place in the state contest with 1560 inches to her credit. Beaumont holds first place with 1744 inches and Paris third place with 1457 inches to her credit. Extensive advertising is being carried out with hopes that we will climb to first place by June 11, the date that the contest closes.

Miss Addilee Lancaster of Abilene was elected director of pageants for the district, and Mrs. H. T. Kirby of Sweetwater was appointed service supt. These officers are to take up their duties at once. Mr. Huie H. Tucker was elected as official delegate to the State Christian Endeavor Convention in San Antonio.

A Thousand or So in the Bank
By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

A CLOUD will float across the moon
A filmy nothing that will pass;
I have seen shadows at high noon
Linger a moment on the grass.
And so do thoughts both dark and dour
Trouble humanity an hour.

Yet no one doubts the moon is there,
Or doubts the sun shines overhead;
The shadow of a passing care
Should find us full as comforted—
Yea, when a shadow dims the skies
We need not linger where it lies.

From dark to daylight is not far,
A man may step from shade to sun;
And, when the moon is hid, a star
One still may find to comfort one.
From thought unhappy we may turn
To happy, if we will but learn.

Thoughts are our servants or our kings,
Tyrants or subjects, as we will.
Only the fool to something clings,
Some load unneeded, on life's hill,
When man may leave old thoughts behind
And in new thoughts new joyance find.

I hope you are the master, not
The slave of thought. I hope that you,
When comes a cloud, no matter what,
Step out of darkness back to blue,
Have strength of mind and strength of heart
To bid each gloomy thought depart.

I think God dreamed a mighty man
To sit in splendor on a throne
And dare his destiny to plan—
Made each man master of his own.
Yea, you your goal will miss or find
As you are master of your mind.

Cling not to shadows! As your feet
At morning brush away the dew,
Turn from the sad thoughts to the sweet,
Turn from the old dreams to the new!—
When o'er the grass the shadows run,
Step out of shadow into sun!

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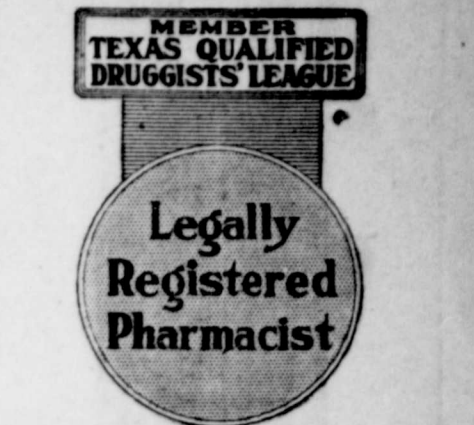
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A Word to the Borrower

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The BULL'S EYE

Editor and General Manager WILL ROGERS



Another "Bull" Durham advertisement by Will Rogers, Zig-zag Follies and screen star, and leading American humorist. More coming. Watch for them.

The BULL'S EYE is a publication that goes to print. When does it go to print? It goes to print when ever there is something to print. A lot of papers, in fact to be exact, all of them, have a certain time to be issued, regardless of the news. If nothing has happened that day or that week they have to come out just the same. They want you to pay for them whether they are any good to you or not. Why should a paper be printed if there is nothing new to print?

Sing Sing don't electrocute a man at a certain hour every day. They wait until they get a good man and then electrocute him They don't have a set time or custom, and that is the way the BULL'S EYE is operated. We don't go to press at ten o'clock tonight just because we went to press at ten last night. No, sir! We wait until we have something that is worth while to our myriads of readers. We get them accustomed to the fact that when they see the BULL'S EYE, they say to themselves, "The BULL has seen something worth while," and that is why the Paper is out today. Because it has news for you.

We saw a man smoking a sack of "BULL" DURHAM and he was getting so much satisfaction out of it that we feel it our duty to tell those that never used "BULL" DURHAM just how they too can get satisfaction.

Will Rogers
P.S. Remember, you won't see us again until we have something worth while.
P. P. S. There is going to be another piece in this paper soon. Look for it.

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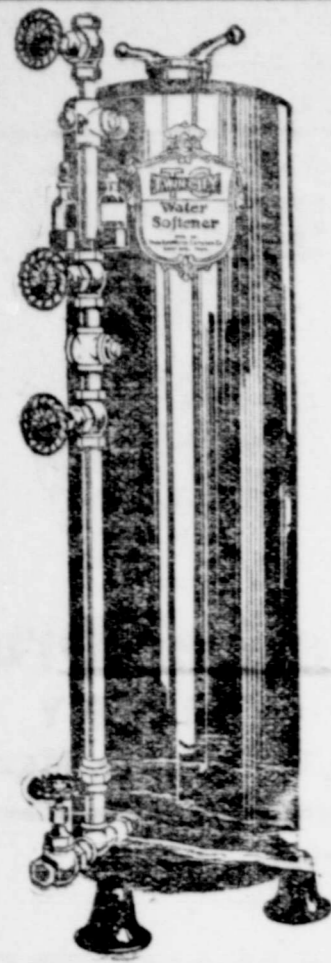
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L. C. SUBLET
Merkel, Texas

Miss Mary Cleo Booth spent the past week-end with her friend, Miss Lois Horton, at Baird, Texas.

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires

**D. S. PRICE DIES
IN FRIONA, TEXAS**

Friona, Texas, May 10.—The death of D. S. Price occurred Sunday, May 9, 1926, at four p.m. at the family residence 2 miles south of Friona, having contracted pneumonia on May 2. With all the works of the doctor, family and neighbors, God saw best for him to go. He was born August 25, 1881, in Clark county, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He was a dear, loving, kind husband, father, friend and neighbor.

Funeral services were held in the home at 2:30 p.m. by Rev. I. E. Walker, pastor of the Methodist church of Friona, Texas. He was laid to rest in the Friona cemetery May 10. He is survived by a wife, one daughter and six sons, Mrs. Pinkie Price, Helen, Ransom, Jim, Emmette, D. S., Jr., Robert and Billie Joe, and two sisters, and three brothers, as well as a host of friends that have learned to love him. May God be with the bereaved to meet him in Heaven to have no more sorrows.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Higgins returned Wednesday from a trip to Dallas, Corsicana and other east Texas points, where they had been in the interest of the Higgins Cotton Chopper and Weeder, which the former invented and is now manufacturing here in his home town. He reports splendid success, having sold many machines in that part of the country. He also reports being near Dallas last Sunday when the big hail and destructive storm swept over that city, his automobile now bearing some of the marks received from the big hail stones, and he was only in the edge of the storm. He says the destruction in Dallas was more than can be imagined.

Mr. Cleo Calloway of Burk Burnett was here Monday visiting friends and relatives.

**Find Animal Pests
Not Unworthy Foes**

Mountain lions, bobcats, grizzlies, wolves, coyotes and other killers slaughtered between twenty and thirty million dollars' worth of live stock last year on the western ranges. That is why the government maintains a band of men, pioneers at heart, who concentrate every effort, night and day, on their extermination. These men belong to the predatory animal division of the biological survey, and the stories they tell in monosyllables sound like old medieval tales of werewolves and ghost-tigers. Do animals think? Listen to their experiences with some of these four-legged desperadoes.

Stanley P. Young is the boss trailer of the hunters on Colorado's stock ranges, with the professional title of junior biologist.

"You asked if animals think," said Young in an interview. "Let me tell you how we have to go out after wolves."

"A wolf has a regular run. It is a circle often about fifty miles in circumference. He makes the rounds regularly. We study a killer wolf's habits sometimes for months. Then we make a trap set for him on this run at some key point. Can't poison a wolf. He's too wise."

"In setting traps for wolves we make two kinds of sets. Wolves have scent posts just like domestic dogs. We find the ground all scratched up around these. Sometimes we set traps at such points. To stir up the local wolf, get him all excited so he'll lose his head a bit, we often bring in the scent of some foreign wolf we have trapped. That makes the local wolf mad to find an invader in his bailiwick. He starts rarin' around and gets into a trap."

"Some of them are so cunning they will not get into a trap at a scent post. They just sense there is something wrong and dodge the trap. Then we make what is called a blind set."

"In making a blind set, the hunter waits until it is about time for the wolf to come by a point on his circle trail. These men get this figured out almost to the hour, because they may have been studying that particular wolf for weeks. Then they select a place where the trail is narrow. They dig a pit and put the set trap in it. They handle the traps with gloves and keep all the dirt they dig on what is called a setting cloth. Everything in the way of foot-gear, setting cloth, trap and gloves has had the scent of man taken from it."—Everybody's Magazine.

Would Save the Hawk

In some of the states there is a bounty on hawks. It is ill-judged legislation, not to call it by a harsher name. Nearly all of the American hawks are beneficial. There are only two members of the great hawk family which are almost always criminally inclined and which are likely to be found in any numbers in the United States. These two birds of bad habits are the sharp-shinned and the Cooper hawks. The goshawk also is a bad actor, but he is not abundant enough in the United States at any season to cause much alarm. All the other hawks should be allowed to live. They do good work every day.—Chicago Evening Post.

Boot and Shoe Beliefs

How many of us, no matter how we pretend to scorn such superstitions, would ask for trouble by placing a pair of boots or shoes upon a table, and how few would risk misfortune by cleaning a new pair of shoes before wearing them? In Scotland the belief still exists that to drop a pair of shoes before they have been worn is a sure portent of bad luck. Immunity can be bought, however, by burning the shoes or by burying them.

To place new boots or shoes on a shelf higher than one's head is another harbinger of misfortune, according to a superstition which has prevailed in many parts of England for centuries.

Criminal's Washing Book

In tracing criminals, police have, in addition to finger prints and handkerchiefs, what is called the "washing book." This comprises a register of all the laundry marks used in a particular district. Should at any time a mark crop up which does not appear in the police register it is photographed and sent round all the laundries until some one identifies it. Once the laundry which has last laundered the garment in question has been discovered, it is an easy matter to discover the name and address of the person for whom the work had been done and so follow up the clue.

Country's National Parks

There are 19 national parks in the United States, with a total area of 11,372 square miles, including Hot Springs, Ark.; Yellowstone, Sequoia, Glacier, Grand Canyon and others. There are seven national military, etc., parks under the jurisdiction of the secretary of war, including Chickamauga and Chattanooga, Gettysburg, Shiloh, Lincoln's birthplace and others. Also a large number of so-called national monuments, including Devil's Tower (Wyoming), Montezuma Castle (Arizona), Petrified Forest (Arizona), Chaco Canyon (New Mexico) and others.

No One Escapes

"The poor are pinched by poverty," said the thoughtful one.
"Yes," snapped the hard-boiled one, "and the rich by traffic cops and dry agents."

The Community
WELCOMES
The Graduate

GRADUATES make citizens that the community is proud of. Their contacts in school, the requirements that had to be met to graduate, gives them something that's immeasurable in money.

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Juniors Enjoy Picnic

On last Friday afternoon the Junior Class of the Merkel High School enjoyed a picnic. Those going on this picnic left the school building about 4 o'clock, chaperoned by Miss Durham, and drove to Mulberry creek, where they enjoyed a few hours in "just picnicing". Lunch was the main feature of the afternoon. There was plenty of this and every one enjoyed this part of the picnic. Kodaking was also a part of the afternoon's program.

Fish and Sophomore Picnic

The Freshman and Sophomore classes of the High School, chaperoned by Misses Booth and Gilbert, enjoyed a picnic out at Couch's tank on last Monday afternoon. Different forms of outdoor amusements were enjoyed by those attending. A delightful picnic lunch was spread in the late afternoon.

League Picnic

The Methodist Senior League enjoyed a very delightful picnic on last Friday evening. Those attending met at the church at about seven and drove from there to Mulberry where a lovely picnic ground was found. The first thing after arrival was a business meeting of the League, during which Miss Rosie Lane was elected President. Other officers were also elected and some committees appointed. During the picnic hour, games and other forms of amusement were enjoyed and last of all was the delicious picnic spread. This was a

very enjoyable affair and those attending, chaperoned by Mes-

dames Golliday and Len Sublett, were: Misses Rosa Laney, Doris Pike, Hallie Pike, Anna Lou Russell, Elizabeth Harkrider, Ruby Faye Golliday, Cora Lee Hulse, Georgia Daniels, Mr. W. L. Johnson, Lewis Giles, Weldon Wells, T. J. Beidleman and Bob Mayfield.

Miss Johnny Sears spent the last week-end at San Angelo visiting friends and relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Canon and daughter, little Miss Margaret, expect to leave this week for their farm near Lockney, where they will spend some time in looking after the planting of the crop and the making of improvements on the farm.

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