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FAIR OPENING TO BE GAY EVENT

Regarding the coming Community Fair, our very worthy and energetic president, Mr. H. C. West, in a conversation with a representative of this paper gave out the following regarding this community event, which we are sure will be interesting and appreciated by every one:

Mr. West said "the opening of the Merkel Community Fair on September 16, marks another milestone in the era of the progress of Merkel. The things that are deserving and the things that are worth while call for a sacrifice of time, of effort and of money, together with a liberal supply of tolerance, forbearance, forgiveness and co-operation. All of which have been supplied in abundance by the good people of this community to make this the biggest and best of our efforts.

"The business men and others of our town have pledged the largest amount of money that we have ever been able to secure for such purposes, and our committees are working harder than they have ever worked and are still working to make this a grand success.

"Since the people of this section of the country are devoting their time principally to agriculture, the Fair committees are going to feature agriculture this year.

"We believe that the farmers of this section are going to appreciate, more than ever, that this is a united effort on the part of our citizens to lend a hand of encouragement to our agricultural interest. We are hoping that this Fair will, in a small measure at least, help them to realize their ambition for each succeeding year to bring to them better and more profitable products, and that each season may see their industry raised to a higher level and more inviting plane.

"Whether or not this Fair is as it should be, it represents the best that the management knows how to give, limited by their knowledge, experience and ability to put on such a Fair.

"It is not of chief concern whether you have contributed any money, any of the time or any of the effort to put over the Fair. It is yours and it is up to you now to decide whether or not we shall do justice to this great community and uphold our past reputation.

"We are inviting every man and woman, boy and girl in this community to take an active interest in this Fair and to be deeply concerned in its welfare.

"We particularly invite the agricultural interest to begin now to plan your exhibits, that you will display this fall, that your displays may do justice to our country and properly represent the high class, intelligent, energetic class of citizens that you are.

"The eyes of the world cannot help but take notice of the possibilities of our community and we are going to show them a thing or two in September."

Discerning Porter

Here is the best traveling salesman story we have heard in a long time.

Porter—"Where's yo' trunks, suh?"

Salesman—"I use no trunks."

Porter—"But Ah tho't you was one of these traveling salesmen."

Salesman—"I am, but I sell brains, understand? I sell brains!"

Porter—"Excuse me, boss, but youse the first travelin' fella that's been here who ain't carryin' no samples."

LOCAL FIRE BOYS ENJOY BIG MEETING

After disposing of the routine business at the regular monthly meeting on last Monday evening, the local Volunteer Fire Company turned the meeting into a pleasant social hour and heard an interesting address by Mr. C. F. Maulin, representing a Fire Alarm Company of Boston, who had come over from Abilene with Mr. Frank Ferrier, Fire Chief of that city's department.

After a number of interesting and appreciative addresses those present enjoyed refreshments of sandwiches and cold drinks.

ROAD CONTRACT BIDS ARE OPENED

Abilene, Aug. 11.—Bids for grading and drainage structures for permanent improvement of 21 miles of state highway in Taylor County were opened here Wednesday by the Commissioners' Court.

The lowest bids on each of 3 projects included were chosen to be recommended to the State Highway Commission by the county. They were: C. H. Van Eman, Cisco, \$45,593.85 for 11.585 miles of highway No. 1 from Trent eastward; Oran Speer, Alvord, \$63,130.65 for 6.63 miles of Highway No. 1-A, from Abilene northwestward toward Albany; W. L. Culverhouse Moran, \$3,958.47 for a section of No. 1 from Nolan County to Trent.

Rebecca delegates from the local chapter who are attending a two-day meeting of the West Texas Odd Fellow and Rebecca Association at Sweetwater the 12th and 13th, are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higgins, Mrs. Nancy Polly, Mrs. Lillie Barnett and Miss Dotie Garoutte, and possibly others.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned first of the week from their trip to the Eastern Markets, where they had been to personally select the big fall stock of goods for their firm.

J. C. Mason, director of the Texas Farm Bureau, attended a district meeting of that organization at Sweetwater Thursday.

CALL FARMERS IN MEETING SATURDAY

The local Postoffice Department is in receipt of a communication from the Director of the U. S. Department of Labor stating that the labor situation to gather this crop in Texas will be the gravest of any of recent years because of the late crops in South Texas and of the early crops in this part of the country necessitating the use of hands at all places at one time. Formerly the cotton picking started in South Texas and moved northward, but this year the crop will be harvested at practically one time.

The Merkel Luncheon Club has taken advantage of the opportunity afforded without cost by the U. S. Department of Labor and have arranged to have a government representative deliver an address to the Farmers at the Tabernacle on Saturday, August 14, at four p.m.

All farmers are urged to attend as the information to be obtained is free and will be of interest to all who reside in this community.

The Department of Labor is willing and anxious to render the farmers every assistance possible in the way of securing hands to help harvest the feed crops and pick the cotton. This department is in touch with the labor situation in all sections of the country and if the local community so desires the department will be glad to advise all places that have a surplus of labor, as to crop conditions in this community, the prices paid, and otherwise assist in moving as much of this labor to this community as is possible to do.

We believe that the farmers of this country can render themselves a great assistance by co-operating with the Federal Government in this matter. And it is to be hoped that the farmers will all be present at this meeting to see what can be done for their interests.

Stops Nose Bleeding

Mrs. Emily Wiman sends the following "receipt" to stop nose bleeding to the Mail, saying she never saw it fail during her 60 years of using it. The Receipt: Wet the top of the head with camphor while nose is bleeding.

LYNCH READY TO HELP ELECT DAN

Houston, Texas, Aug. 11.—That he might actively enter the run-off campaign "if it is considered at all necessary," was the declaration of Lynch Davidson, third man in the recent gubernatorial poll, late Tuesday night.

"If the Fergusons are not convinced Texas is tired of their rule, let us turn out final evidence of this fact Aug. 28, and obliterate them for all time from the political arena of Texas.

"I have made the statement several times I would like to have those who supported me in the recent primary throw their support to Mr. Moody," declared Mr. Davidson, "and I reiterate this most positively now.

"A sacred duty rests with the people of Texas today," said Mr. Davidson, "to impress on the Fergusons they are to be allowed no longer to muddy the political waters or further mess up the governmental affairs of Texas."

Mr. Davidson indicated he was anxious to refrain from taking any further interest in politics at this time, but stated most emphatically he would spare no effort to bury "Fergusonism" under an avalanche of disapproval when the run-off primary is held.

SPACE FOR EXHIBIT BE OFFERED MON.

Merkel Community Fair officials announce that on next Monday morning at the Merkel Drug Company space for Merchants display booths will be offered for sale. There will be but seven spaces offered this year, and since the number is so limited, the Fair committee wants it understood that same will be sold to those who call for them first. In other words, "first come, first served".

There will be offered also only four spaces for automobile displays, and they will be sold as the above.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

REVIVAL IN PROGRESS AT UNION RIDGE

Rev. C. H. Ledger, of Trent, assisted by Rev. T. W. Brabham of Cross Plains, is holding a revival this week at the Union Ridge Methodist Church.

Rev. Brabham is one of the very able and energetic ministers in the Northwest Texas Conference, and no doubt much good will have been accomplished in that community by his able gospel messages. The meeting at Union Ridge will continue over Sunday.

ROMANTIC RANCH STORY AT COZY

"Rustling for Cupid," the latest Fox Films release, which will be shown at the Cozy Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, is one of Peter B. Kyne's best stories and Fox Films insured success of the production by giving George O'Brien and Anita Stewart the leads. It is a story of a beautiful young Boston school teacher and the son of a cattle baron who is suspected of having amassed a part of his fortune by "rustling."

O'Brien has the role of Brad Blatchford, son of the suspected rustler, and Miss Stewart that of Sybil Hamilton, the teacher.

The story opens with Brad and Sybil just across the aisle in a Pullman, bound for New Mexico. The porter exchanges their grips and starts the romance. It is well on its way by the time the train arrives in Sycamore Creek.

As they leave the train Sybil notes that the Blatchfords are not popular in their own home town. The special enemy of the older Blatchford is Tom Martin, the village banker, head of the Cattlemen's Protective Association and chairman of the school board.

Martin's son Dave falls in love with the teacher about the time she learns the gossip about Blatchford's father, and when she inherits \$10,000 Dave invests it for her in steers. She is riding in the village with Brad Blatchford when he hears one of the cowboys, who was fired at the ranch, circulating the report that Brad's father was a rustler.

After the fight, Sybil and Brad merely speak when they meet on the mountain trails until the Martins discover Brad's father in the act of branding one of their calves. Brad himself sees the theft from a distance, but does not recognize the thief. He starts after him before the Martins get into action, but they overtake him and prevent the son from killing his father.

While Martin is compelling the father to sign a confession, he learns that Brad loves Sybil, and that the boy suspects that she avoids him because of the family's reputation. Martin sees the sterling qualities of young Blatchford and starts "Rustling for Cupid."

The Martin cowboys are ordered to round up Blatchford's calves and give them Sybil's brand. Then, when shipping day arrives, Martin and the sheriff stage a scene which indicates that Sybil is guilty of rustling. She turns to Brad and there is a romantic reconciliation.

Other than the leading roles, the cast includes Russell Simpson, Frank McGlynn, Jr., Herbert Prior, Edith Yorke and Sid Jordan.

And Rich, Too

A small boy was complaining because he had to go to school. "My!" he exclaimed, "I wish we was all born educated."

INSPECTOR FINDS LOCAL OFFICE O. K.

Since our last issue Mr. J. W. Lisman, United States Post Office Inspector, with headquarters in Abilene, spent a couple of days here checking up and going over the records in the Merkel Post Office, and it gives this paper much pleasure to report to the patrons of the local office that his report to the government concerning the present condition of the office and the work of Mr. Taylor F. Davis to be first class. In fact one of the best kept offices within the Inspector's district.

The lot of the small town postmaster is indeed a hard one, for he has to deal with almost every man, woman and child in the whole community, and to please every one is beyond the ability of any human, but there is one thing certain, Taylor F. Davis is going to run the Merkel Post office as near as it is possible according to the laws and regulations designed by the department.

CIRCUS AT ABILENE WILL BE AUGUST 18

Brilliant and highly colored circus posters throughout the city and surrounding countryside proclaim the coming of the Carl Hagenbeck Great Wallace Circus to Abilene for afternoon and night performances on August 18th. Hagenbeck-Wallace is known universally as the "Highest Class Circus".

During the past week advance representatives have been in this community heralding the appearance of the big circus in Abilene for two exhibitions. Additional billposters and lithographers are headed in this direction as Hagenbeck-Wallace bills all towns and villages within a fifty mile radius of their exhibition stand.

Advance men state that the Hagenbeck Wallace Circus this year has more novelties and features than ever before, and the exhibition will mark an epoch in trained animal feats and equestrian acts. A menagerie containing practically a specimen of every living animal today is being carried, while the performance is said to be the last word in gorgeous costumes, pretty ladies, and beautiful horses.

During the winter months special attention was paid to the wild animal portion of the program. A corps of trainers, including Clyde Beatty, the youthful American, and Bob McPherson, noted European subjugator, worked extra hours at the Peru, Indiana, winter quarters instilling new tricks, feats and stunts into the savage jungle beasts.

In the rings and on the stage, as well as the hippodrome track there will be features of international reputation, including the Orrin Davenport Family of equestrians and the Ward-Kimball Troupe of daring aerialists. Noted clowns, such as the Art Borella Trio, the Three Harding Brothers, Joe Coyle, Earl Shipley, Mickey McDonald and others will produce new pantomime stunts assured to bring laughter from all.

In view of traffic congestion there will be no street parade. But for the convenience of the public a city ticket office will be established on Circus Day down town. Reserved and general admission tickets will be sold at exactly the same price as charged at the ticket booths on the grounds.

"Getting Worried"



FURTHERING COMMERCIAL PROGRESS

OUR BUSINESS IS TO ASSIST IN THE SOUND DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR CLIENTS' INTERESTS; THAT MEANS KNOWING "HOW," FINANCIALLY SPEAKING, AS WELL AS POSSESSING THE REQUISITE RESOURCES AND FACILITIES.

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	David Hendricks

FRANKLIN COUNTY WILL SEND YOUNG FARMERS TO 1926 STATE FAIR

Four hundred boys and girls from Franklin county—members of the county agricultural clubs working under the extension department of A. & M. College—attended the State Fair of Texas in 1925 on "Franklin County Day."

There'll be a thousand of them this year.

That's the advice from W. D. Seale, county agricultural agent of Franklin county, who has written Secretary W. H. Stratton of the Fair association, asking whether the thousand youngsters can be accommodated.

Mr. Stratton has replied that they can, and they'll be at the Fair on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16. Those dates follow the close of the regular boys' club encampment on Oct. 14.

Franklin county merchants and business men, appreciating both the educational advantages of the State Fair, and that the farm boys and girls of today are the prosperous agriculturists and producers of tomorrow, inaugurated the State Fair trip last year, as a part of their program of keeping in close touch with the embryo farm owners and operators. It is expected that other counties will emulate the example of Franklin county.

County Agent Seale also advised Secretary Stratton that Franklin county will have a fine county exhibit, which will be entered in the contest for the \$10,000 premiums offered by the Fair for the best ten exhibits as the result of scoring extending over a period of five years.

FREE BAND CONCERTS STATE FAIR FEATURE

Free concerts in the great Auditorium by A. F. Thaviv's "Exposition Band" are to be features at the 1926 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24.

On two afternoons each week, the concert will be given in addition to excerpts from the well known operas. On such days a nominal admission fee is to be charged. The band concerts alone, however, will be absolutely free.

According to the schedule, the free concerts will be given in the morning on days when there are to be matinee performances of "Princess Plavia." On non-matinee days—Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays—the band will be heard in the afternoon. Morning hours will be from 11 to 12:30 o'clock, and afternoons from 2 until 3:30.

Thaviv's organization will come to the State Fair following engagements at the Sesqui-centennial Exposition, Philadelphia, and the famous Steel Pier at Atlantic City, in the personnel of the band and singers who are to offer the grand opera excerpts there are artists and soloists of international reputation.

TEXAS RANKS FIRST IN PRODUCTION OF WOOL

Texas, with a production of 25,804,000 pounds, ranked first among the wool producing states of the nation in figures estimating the 1926 clip, as announced by a Salt Lake City statistician. Utah was second and Montana third, with Utah's increase the greatest, figuring at more than 2,000,000 pounds over the showing of last year. Some conception of Texas' rank as a sheep growing and wool producing state, may be had from the exhibits in the sheep and goat department at the State Fair of Texas. J. M. Jones is superintendent, and A. K. Mackey of College Station, assistant in this department. Judging will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Turning to Water Power

All of the countries of Europe, save England, have, because of the high price of coal, been making rapid progress in harnessing their water powers to produce electricity. For the three years ending in 1923, 3,400,000 horsepower of water-power produced electricity was added to the total capacity of the European hydro-electric generating stations.

Mankind's Advance in Comfort and Health

Just a hundred years ago Thomas O. Wales, a Yankee boot and shoe merchant of Boston, bought from a wandering sailor a number of crudely made shoes fashioned from "India rubber" by South American natives. The sailor had picked them up in Para, Brazil, as curiosities. All he wanted of them was to obtain a few dollars to purchase the creature comforts that sailors loved, rum being perhaps the chief of these.

Mr. Wales, however, saw in them what Doctor Johnson once called "the potentiality of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice." He conceived the idea of shaping rubber shoes over the standard lasts so that they might be worn over shoes to protect them from the weather. His plan was so successful and the rubber shoes had such a ready sale that a country-wide market, which shortly became world-wide, was developed.

It was not until 1858 that Mr. Wales patented the waterproof and cold-proof overshoe made of cloth and rubber together. He called that invention "Wales' Patent Arctic Gaiter," and from this name arose the familiar appellation of "arctics" for overshoes that is heard even to this day from the lips of the elder generation.

We little appreciate how modern many of the comfortable things of life are. For example, the fathers of men now living knew nothing of window screening, and the plague of flies in the house was something of which we today have little conception. About the same time the new invention of "rubber shoes" appeared, and for the first time in the history of the race it was possible to walk the streets and fields dry shod and to return to the house in which the age-long battle with house flies had at last been won. A new era of comfort and health had opened. And this was less than a hundred years ago.—Minneapolis Journal.

Insect Evolution

The earliest insects on earth had six wings—one pair of wings to match each pair of legs, according to the results of the researches of Dr. Herbert Bolton, director of the Bristol (England) museum. Doctor Bolton discovered the remains of these strange creatures, the first living things that ever conquered the air. In fossil material from Coal age beds, he says, bore also a pair of legs, but the foremost wings were short and apparently of less use in flight than the after two pairs, suggesting the subsequent development of the modern type of insects, which all have four wings, though in some groups one or both pairs have become much modified or reduced. Many other insects, which were already reduced to two pairs of wings, also lived in the Coal age. Most notable were giant dragon-flies, some of them with a wingspread of more than a foot, and innumerable cockroaches. In fact, the Coal age may well be called the age of cockroaches, as far as insect life is concerned.

Another Breed of Pups

Charles Fenz, who made a fortune in Boston some years ago through the manipulation of foreign exchange, and then smashed horribly, said in Jacksonville the other day:

"I'm down here in Florida to try and make another fortune. Florida real estate, you know. I want to pay back all my creditors, too."

"I'm like the chap who complained at his club about the heavy losses he had sustained in Wall street. But a broker stepped him on the shoulder and said:

"Cheer up, brother. You mustn't go on like this because you've dropped a plunk or two. Come down to my office some morning and I'll give you a few pointers."

"It isn't pointers I'm after," said the loser; "it's retrievers!"

Use Newspapers

When you find the woodbox empty, go for the pile of newspapers. Take half a dozen sheets and roll them up cornerwise. Fold the roll to the size required, perhaps doubling into thirds, and tie together. Place some crushed paper in bottom of grate and lay four or five of the rolls over this. Scatter coal over it and light from the bottom with a piece of newspaper, just as you would a wood fire. There are housekeepers who always follow this method of kindling the fire. The children enjoy preparing the paper rolls for mother.

BOY SCOUTS GO ON CAMPING TRIP TO RIVER

On last Thursday the Merkel troop of Boy Scouts made their second overnight hike. They met at the Magnolia Filling Station and went to the Clear Fork in cars. Here a swimming contest was held. Afterward supper was cooked, the Buddy System being used, two boys cooking at each fire. After supper a Scout game, Capture the Flag, was played.

The mosquitoes were so plentiful that about 9:00 it was decided to move camp. Accordingly the cars were again loaded and the return was made as far as Noodle. Here camp was made for the rest of the night. A few more games were played and then the scouts retired.

They arose at about five and came home before breakfast. Those present were Scoutmaster Herbert Patterson, Mr. C. H. Jones, Mr. Brooks Patterson, and Scouts Sterling Sheppard, Byron Patterson, William Sheppard, Benny Sheppard, Lynn McSpadden, D. O. Huddleston, Elvis Richardson and John D. Coats.

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U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

An open competitive examination under the rules of the U. S. Civil Service Commission is announced for the position of clerk in the Post Office at Merkel, Texas. Receipt of applications will close September 8, 1926.

Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the Commission's local representative, Secretary, U. S. Civil Service Board, at the Merkel, Texas Post Office, or from the undersigned.

All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and file their applications with the undersigned prior to the hour of closing business on the date above specified.

The date for assembling of competitors will be stated in the admission cards mailed applicants after the close of receipt of applications.

Secretary 10th U. S. Civil Service District, Address, Customhouse, 423 Canal St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. Sie Hamm made a business trip to Rotan this week.

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At All Times

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METHODIST CHURCH

The Visitor

Do you visit your friends? Are you entertaining visitors in your home at this time?

Do you visit places of worship, or do you have a church home?

Do you love a home, and do you have a part in building a home? "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God."

In our Sunday School at the Methodist church we have capable teachers for all classes, and can take care of a student body up to 550 profitably. It will be worthwhile to join a class, attend regularly, cooperate with the teacher and class, that your life may be usefully lived, and given to something of real value.

Worship at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m.

By long established custom and common consent the hours of worship are most convenient, and we invite you to attend the services at the Methodist church Sunday.

W. R. McCarter.

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

Senior League Program

Hymn. Subject: "The Character of God."

The Lord's Prayer.
Leader, Anna Lou Russell.
Scripture lesson: Ex. 34, Deut. 4:24, by leader.

Part 1. Introduction, by Inice Brown.

Part 2. What may be known of God through nature, Cora Lee Hulsey.

Part 3. What may be known of God's character through the Prophets, Doris Durham.

Part 4. The final source of our knowledge of the character of God is Jesus Christ, Rosie Loney.

Solo, Mary Hutcheson.
Benediction.

Intermediate League Program

Topic: "How can we permit waste?"

Leader, Nadine Tippet.
Scripture reading: Luke 15: 11-32; John 6:1-13 by leader.

Tested by the Bible, W. A. Whitley.

I wish I had time, Ethel Hamilton.

Taking a chance, Lola Mae Riddle.

How did he do it? Lynn McSpadden.

Song; Benediction.

The JUDGE

"And Besides
It Might Get
Sinders In The
Hay"

By M. B.



At The COZY

FRIDAY, August 13th and SATURDAY MATINEE

Vitagraph Inc. Presents
PETE MORRISON
 and Lightning in
"RANGE BUZZARDS"
 A Lariat Production

—Also—
 Universal Presents
 A Thrilling Railroad Serial
"STRINGS OF STEEL"

CHAPTER 1 With an All-Star Cast

And Universal Presents—A Century Comedy
"EDUCATING BUSTER"
 With Arthur Trimble, Doreen Turner and Tige

SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 14th.

Adolph Zukor and Jessie L. Lasky Present
RAYMOND GRIFFITH

—in—

"HANDS UP"

With Marion Nixon—A Paramount Picture
 Also Universal Presents a Thrilling Railroad Serial
"STRINGS OF STEEL"

With an All-Star Cast Chapter 1

...And Universal Presents—A Century Comedy

"EDUCATING BUSTER"

With Arthur Trimble, Doreen Turner and Tige

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Aug. 18-19

Wm. Fox Presents Peter B. Kyne's

"RUSTLING FOR CUPID"

With George O'Brien and Anita Stewart

Also—
CHARLES PUFFY

—in—

"MORTGAGED AGAIN"

And International News No. 51.

KEEN INTEREST SHOWN IN COUNTY EXHIBITS FOR 1926 STATE FAIR

With enthusiasm already at high pitch as a result of the various activities toward agricultural effort in Texas, keenest interest is manifest in the \$10,000 cumulative premium over a five-year period, offered by the State Fair of Texas, according to J. A. Moore, superintendent of the State Fair agricultural department.

Mr. Moore is convinced that at least sixty Texas counties will enter the State Fair contest, and declares that every section of the state will be represented. This conviction was expressed after visits in East, West, and North Texas counties, following announcement of the county contest. "County exhibits at the 1926 State Fair," Mr. Moore said, "should prove revelations in every particular. Interest is the keenest I have ever seen it. Those interested in showing the advantages of their several localities, are already diligently at work gathering every variety of grown product to be placed in the various county exhibits. They are carefully considering the requirements of the score cards and selecting their exhibits accordingly, and in the work of preparing exhibits the matter of attractiveness is also entering to a greater degree than ever before. Even to those who do not appreciate agricultural versatility, the exhibits will prove of paramount interest from an artistic standpoint."

Numbers of counties, Mr. Moore says, are planning "county days" at the State Fair, upon which large delegations will come in and by their numbers and enthusiasm, direct attention to the county exhibit in which they are particularly interested.

STATE FAIR MEETING

FOR C. OF C. MEN
 Saturday, Oct. 15, will be Commercial Executives' Day at the 1926 State Fair of Texas.

According to announcement by John Roswell, of the Southwestern Development Department, Dallas Chamber of Commerce, arrangements have been completed, and a large attendance is expected.

The commercial executives are those hustling, enterprising, efficient folk, connected with various chambers of commerce throughout the state, who are constantly striving to bring to the attention of the people outside, the advantages to be found in the several sections of Texas.

Entertainment plans anticipate a luncheon for the visiting secretaries, when the Dallas Chamber of Commerce will be host. Of course a visit to the State Fair is on the program—it wouldn't be complete otherwise.

It is expected that the next meeting place of the Commercial Executives Association will be decided at the State Fair gathering.

FRIO COUNTY TO SHOW PRODUCTS AT STATE FAIR

News from Pearsall and Dilley, in Frio County, is that the Chambers of Commerce in both those hustling towns, are hard at work, in co-operation with business men, property owners and realty people, on plans for an extensive county exhibit at the 1926 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24. Dudley F. Bredthauer is making a thorough canvass of the county in the effort to obtain the choicest products to be displayed in the Frio county exhibit.

SPECIAL FAIR DAY FOR ORDER OF RED MEN

Members of the Order of Red Men are to have a special day at the 1926 State Fair of Texas. S. C. Mansfield, secretary of Oneta Tribe, No. 49, of Dallas, has made request for the designation of Tuesday, Oct. 12 as Red Men's Day, and the calendar has been so marked by Secretary W. H. Stratton of the Fair Association. Tuesday, Oct. 12 is also Dallas Day at the 1926 State Fair.

Poetical Stock-Taking

With the Old Year going out, the prose-poet of the Tifton Gazette found himself in the stock-taking business, as follows:

"Look again, I would implore you, in the mirror before you; note the changes of the past year. Do you differ much, from last year?"

"Are you thirty-five or forty? Are you sprightly and cavorty? Are you forty-five or fifty? Are you feeling gay and nifty?"

"Oh, it's often true, I take it, that our age is what we make it; yet we may need stronger glasses, with each year-mark, as it passes.

"Yes, we're very apt to find us, as the time slips on behind us, with some evidences showing that the days of youth are going.

"And if any (let's be truthful), can succeed in keeping youthful, and can prove, as well as show it, he's an artist and you know it!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Practical Teaching

A French, German or Spanish luncheon is served each week in the model apartment of the domestic science building of the Pasadena (Cal.) Junior college, under the leadership of the teachers, for pupils studying those languages. The idea is carried out in the menu and table decorations, and as far as possible the language of the country is spoken.

What! Where! When!

Wagons, Iron Farm Trucks, Regular and Steel Wheel Trucks. The Stroughton, Yule Special [Bain], Avery [Old Hickory.] We have some attractive prices on some of these wagons, also some 12 ft. narrow gauge beds we are offering worth the money.

We have some of these in stock and invoices on the others which ought to arrive in a few days.

We have samples up and will be glad to show you whether you are interested just now or not.

If you will look them over and compare them with other makes, especially the Mail Order House wagons, and will be square with yourself, you will admit these wagons we have are the cheapest in the long run.

We have one Orsborne Row Binder left out of our car, if you need one let us show it to you. It is sold on its merits. We give you service on repairs

Our stock is fairly complete in all lines.

Liberty Hardware Co.

"If It's Hardware, We Have"

SOME SALE

For ten days the J. T. Dennis store will offer the people of this community some real bargains in dry goods. A dollar saved is a dollar made, so look up our advertisement in this paper and read carefully the many bargains we are offering. Itp

Mr. J. W. Mayfield, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Gladys, and sons, Clyde and Kenneth, left this week for a visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Jones and daughter, Miss Mona Margaret, spent last Sunday in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat are here this week from Wellington for a visit with Mrs. Fugat's mother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McBean of Cisco, are here visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis and son, Castle, returned last week from a pleasant visit with relatives and friends at Gatesville.

Judge Mallory Blair, of Austin, a member of the court of Civil Appeals in that city, was here first of the week a guest of his sister, Mrs. Emmett T. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Owen and children, of Slaton, came down this week for a visit with Mrs. Owen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner. Mr. and Mrs. Owen formerly resided here and their many friends will welcome their visit.

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H. M. Rainbolt, wife and daughter, left this week for an extended trip over the Plains and up into the Panhandle, where they will visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and daughter, Miss Julia, spent last Sunday as guests of Dr. J. H. Warnick and family of Abilene.

Mr. T. C. Jenkins and family of the Noodle community returned last week from a pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Fort Worth.

Mr. Herschel R. Surratt, of Houston, spent last week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Surratt.

Messrs. W. O. Boney and Dr. W. M. Gambill, with their families, returned Wednesday from an extended vacation trip thru South Texas.

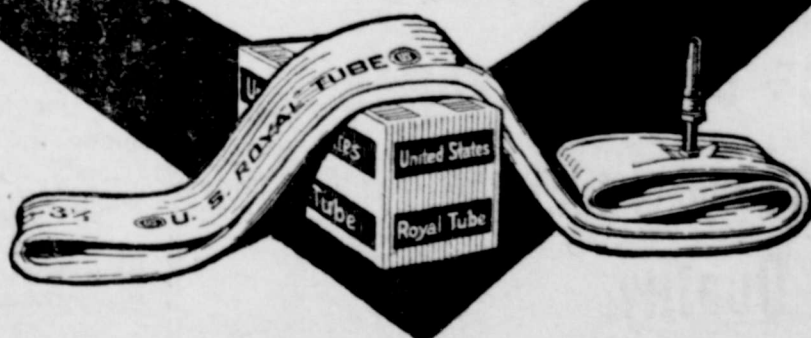
Mrs. R. R. Buford and children returned last week from a visit with relatives in Chicago.

Fresh car of Peace Maker Flour, at Bob Martin Grocery Company. It

Mr. and Mrs. John Warnick of Dallas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin this week.

Mr. Ed McCrary and father returned first of the week from a ten days vacation trip to points in New Mexico.

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fellow in it who has worked long
and hard enough for it to become
unpopular.

IT'S TO LAUGH

The bomb touched off by the
Ferguson forces to discredit At-
torney General Moody and bar
his name from the ballot as a
candidate for Governor has proved
a "dud" and now comes the
report from Austin that Mrs.
Ferguson's own sworn expense
account shows that a county
judge in LaSalle County, who
was renominated in the July 24
primary, contributed to her own
campaign fund. That was the
basis of her charge against Mr.
Moody of violating the election
law and on which she sought to
bar his name. The fact that his
sworn statement showed contribu-
tions of \$250 each from Lee
Satterwhite and R. L. Bobbitt,
both candidates for re-election
as members of the Legislature,
started all the hue and cry from
the Ferguson forces and provid-
ed a pretext, slim though it may
be, for Mrs. Ferguson to re-ent-
er the runoff campaign after hav-
ing been ignominiously defeated

and after having previously de-
clared she would not.

The only difference in the two
situations is that the county
judge of LaSalle County is
credited with having contributed
\$25 to the Ferguson fund, and
that affidavits from Marshall
Hicks of San Antonio, from Lee
Satterwhite of Amarillo, and A.
B. Martin of Plainview show
that Martin and Hicks were the
real contributors and not Satter-
white and Bobbitt. Whether the
LaSalle County Judge really con-
tributed the \$25 or whether the
contribution was erroneously
credited to him, it is now up to
Mrs. Ferguson to explain.

But after all it is good for a
laugh these hot summer days to
find that after such charges against
Mr. Moody and such
strenuous efforts to bar his
name from the ballot that Mrs.
Ferguson's own expense account
shows her guilty of the same
thing she charged against him.
Were the charges against Mr.
Moody true, which has been
proven not to be the case by af-
fidavits of men in position to
know the facts, there would be
no difference between the candi-
dates on this issue.


The same report from Austin
shows that if those in charge of
Moody's campaign were unaware
of the provision of the election
law prohibiting a candidate for
one office contributing to the
campaign fund of a candidate for
another office, there are other
lawyers in Texas and other po-
liticians equally unaware of it.
The report shows that Barry
Miller of Dallas, Lieutenant Gov-
ernor and candidate for re-elec-
tion without opposition, gave
\$500 to the campaign fund of
his friend John Davis, candidate
for the State Senate from Dallas
county. Both Mr. Miller and Mr.
Davis are lawyers of recognized
ability. One has served in the
legislature and been Lieutenant
Governor. The other was chair-
man of the important Finance
Committee of the Senate at the
last Legislature. Neither of these
gentlemen, apparently, was a-

ware of any such provision. And
the fact that there was no effort
on their part to conceal the con-
tribution, but that it was listed
and sworn to, is as much evi-
dence of their ignorance of this
provision of the law as it is con-
clusive proof that there was no
intent at violation.

That precisely is the situation
with regard to Mr. Moody. Even
had the \$250 contributions been
made by Mr. Satterwhite and
Mr. Bobbitt, the fact that they
were listed, credited to them and
sworn to by Mr. Moody should
be clear enough evidence that
there was not the slightest in-
tent to violate the law, but a
scrupulous endeavor to comply
with its provisions. That is why
the latest action of the Fergu-
sons will meet with derision from
Texas voters. That is why they
will have not the slightest sym-
pathy with such charges and the
reason why if court action is
brought it will re-act against the
Fergusons rather than in their
favor.

The voters of Texas have
shown they want Mr. Moody as
their Governor. They expressed
their will in unmistakable terms
in the primary of July 24 by
giving him the largest vote ever
accorded a candidate in a pri-
mary in which more than two
were entered. They don't propose
to sit idly by and see their will
as expressed at the ballot box
set aside by resort to flimsy
charges, court technicalities, in-
junction and mandamus suits.
And especially not when such
things are resorted to on no more
basis than has been shown to ex-
ist in this case and for no other
purpose than to enable the Fer-
gusons to continue in office un-
til the expiration of their term.

But if the Fergusons want an
answer they will get it on Aug-
ust 28 and the answer will be the
biggest vote for Dan Moody that
has ever been given any candi-
date in the history of Texas and
the most stinging rebuke of the
many that have been adminis-
tered to the Fergusons and Fer-
gusonism since the days this is-
sue came to plague Texas.—The
Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



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MT. PLEASANT NOTES
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By Skeeter

The Methodist meeting closed
Sunday night. There was a large
crowd in attendance at each ser-
vice. The Baptist meeting will
start Saturday night, Aug. 14.

Miss Gladys Stutts visited in
the home of Miss Katherine Ho-
gan during the meeting.

Mr. Ford Smith and family
have returned from a short trip
to Denton, Dallas, Austin, San
Antonio, Temple and other Tex-
as points.

Mrs. J. Greenfield of Merkel
visited her parents here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Castleberry
spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs.
Dewey Rogers.

Mr. Artie Lee Pannell was a
visitor in the community Sunday
afternoon.

Misses Frances Blaine, Grace
and Lucille Cody of Abilene
spent the week-end here with
friends. They formerly taught
school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carter of
Blair visited in the home of Mr.
Lee Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Humphreys
visited their daughter Sunday
afternoon.

Mr. Doyle Humphries, Misses
Anna Bess Darden, Kathrine Ho-
gan, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ander-
son attended the singing at
Cross Roads Sunday afternoon.

Miss Frances Blaine stayed
over Sunday with Miss Kathrine
Hogan.

We are glad to hear that
George Dean, who underwent an
operation at the Baptist sani-
tarium is improving.

We were glad to have the peo-
ple from Nubia and Trent at-
tend the meeting.

Misses Bonnie Ray Markum
and Alta Windham of Kale vi-
sited in the home of Mr. Dean,
the latter's uncle, last week.

Mr. Toney Darden and Doyle
Humphreys attended the party
at Noodle Saturday night.

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SALT BRANCH NEWS
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Health of this community is
good at this writing.

Farmers are very busy saving
their feed which is very good
this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childers
spent the week-end with rela-
tives at Comper and attending
the revival meeting.

Mr. Richard Breedlove and
wife and brothers, Lee and Doyle
of Comanche, Texas, have been
visiting relatives in this com-
munity the past few days.

Rev. Brown and family spent
Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tal-
bort.

Miss Audry Bright of Trent
spent Wednesday night with her
sister, Mrs. Allie Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jaynes and
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Breedlove
motored to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Foster
spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs.
Talbert.

Mr. Otis Jaynes and his cou-
sin, Doyle Breedlove, spent Sat-
urday night with Mrs. Annie
Harris of Warren.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris
Entertain**

On last Monday night Mr.
and Mrs. Ellis Harris entertain-
ed the young folks at their home
Ice cream and cake were served
to the following: Misses Lois
Higgins, Norma Foster, Neila
Hudson, Willie Newman, Vela
Jones, Lois Jaynes, Lillie Foster,
Vera Jones, Mrs. Viola Jaynes,
Lorene Alexander of Dublin,
Texas, Messrs. Oddie Jones,
Cowan Hudson, Ottis Jaynes,
Hyma Jones, Vernon Hudson,
R. V. Jones, Tryman Jaynes,
Jesse Hudson and Mr. and Mrs.
Floyd Jaynes.

NOTICE

Rev. B. H. Wooten of Bethana
Pinial College, Oklahoma, will
preach at the Church of the Na-
zarene Sunday, August 15. The
public is cordially invited.

* FROM ROUTE THREE * A "Hen Party"

Health in this part of the
country s very good and people
are beginning to arrange for the
cutting and saving of the splen-
did maize crop.

Mrs. Crow and daughter are
off on a visit with some of their
relatives.

Mrs. Fannie Riney has gone to
Oklahoma for a visit with her
sister.

Mr. C. S. White has returned
from a visit to East Texas, and
reports a nice trip.

Grandma Lilly is still on the
sick list, but hope she will soon
be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were visi-
tors in this part of the country
again, and were wearing a smile
over the fact that they have a
fine crop.

Good luck to the Mail and its
many readers. Jack.

On last Monday evening Mrs.
J. A. Pike and Misses Doris and
Hallie Pike were hostesses to a
"hen party" on the beautiful
lawn of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pee.
Music was an enjoyable fea-
ture of the evening. Special in-
structions were given in the
latest Charleston steps, cake
walk and jiggling, by Miss Fi-
vana Bottenhole of Inkum.

At a late hour iced watermelon
was passed to the following
guests: Misses Mabel and Emma
Sis Toombs, Opal and Pansy
Smith, Clesby Patterson, Pascal
Ballard, Opal Owens, Gladys A-
cuff, Margaret Eckard, Rosie
Laney, Mrs. Lee Acuff and Mrs.
Eldon Acuff.

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SALE BEGINS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th.

Dress Goods

All 50c Voils and Summer

Dress Good to go at **39c**

GINGHAMS--

27 inch Red Seal Gingham, just the thing for kiddies school dresses 15c per yd.

Regular 30c grade, 32 inch Kalburnie Gingham, per yard **19c**

Imperial Chambray Gingham 27½c

Somebody will secure these wonderful bargains in Hosiery. Why not you?

Everybody knows our regular \$2.00 grade of Purtex Hose on sale at **\$1.59**

50c grade childrens sox **39c**

75c grade childrens sox **59c**

SHOES! SHOES!

We specialize in Peter's Solid Leather Diamond Brand Shoes for the whole family. There are no better shoes made at such a low price as we are making the next few days.

One lot 15 per cent off

One lot 25 per cent off

One lot 50 per cent off

Always remember that no sale is complete at Dennis's unless you are completely satisfied. You are invited to the Bargain Banquet with the full privilege of helping yourself to your heart's content not only on prices quoted but on our entire stock.

Cretonnes==

36 inch Cretonnes fancy pattern **19c**
just the thing for comfort per yd

36 inch Challie for **17½c** per yard

Cotton Check for quilting **9c** per yd

Towels==

You cannot realize the amazing values we are offering on towels unless you personally inspect them.

23"x40" Towel **19c** each

18"x30" Towel **15c** each

17"x33" Towel **9c** each

SALE STARTS
SAT. AUG. 14

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DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

COMPERE NEWS

By Alma Stout

The meeting closed Sunday night with a large crowd present. The Baptizing was at Mr. Beasley's tank Sunday afternoon with fourteen candidates for baptism. Rev. Parrack left immediately after the meeting closed for Lamesa where he will hold a meeting.

There was preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning by Rev. Gibbs. The Presbyterian meeting will start Sunday night and will be conducted by Rev. Bryant.

Mr. Jess Stout and family from Denton spent last week with his brother here, Mr. G. W. Stout.

Mr. Tarvin and Mrs. Lou Allred were called to attend the bedside of their father, who is very low. We hope they found him much improved.

Misses Blanche Randolph, Ethel Owens and Jake Goolbsy from Hawley were visitors at Mrs. Stout's a while Sunday. Mrs. Clemmer visited at Mrs.

Ola Spurgin's Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foster and baby returned recently from a visit with Mrs. Foster's parents at Thornton, Texas.

Miss Floy McKinney spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Pearl Allred.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs, Ella and Bob Hobbs, spent Thursday night with relatives in Abilene.

Misses Audie and Maudie Teaff from Weinert, Texas, spent Thursday afternoon with Misses Alma and Lorene Stout.

Mr. Raymond Stout and Barley Band spent the night Thursday with Mr. Hall Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Armstrong and Mr. Rains visited at Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin's Sunday.

A few from here attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. Theron McCoy's Saturday night.

A large crowd from here enjoyed a fishing trip to Lueders about two weeks ago. They were Mr. Allred and family, Mr. Cook and family, Mr. Spurgin and family, Mr. Stout and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Howard and children, Mr. Pace and family, Harvey Allred, wife and ba-

by, Mr. Childers and family, Mrs. Tarvin, E. C. Tarvin, Mr. Clemmer and family and Mr. Perry May and family. All had a nice time picnicing, fishing and swimming, and all expressed a wish to go again soon.

Mr. Guy Goodyear spent a few days last week with Mr. Lawrence Spurgin.

Mr. A. B. Thornton, Mr. Allen and son from Hamlin, visited at Mr. Stout's for a while Tuesday.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs enjoyed a visit from her sister a few days ago.

WARREN NEWS

By Vera Jones

The farmers of this community are beginning to make more barn room to take care of the large maize crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron McCoy entertained the young people with a party Saturday night. A very good time was had by all present.

Miss Lottie Gressett spent Saturday night with Miss Azelen Sumpter.

Mr. E. H. Jones has been on the sick list this week but we are glad to hear that he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones and family were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Miss Willie Newman was the guest of Miss Vela Jones Saturday night.

On Monday evening of this week a group of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris for a few hours of enjoyment. The evening was joyfully spent by all, and ice cream and cake were served to the following: Misses Nella Hudson, Lorene Alexander, Lois Higgins, Willie Newman, Lois Jaynes, Lillie D. and Norma Foster, Vela and Vera Jones, Fay and Viola Jaynes, Messrs. Cowen and Vernon Hudson, Truman and Ottis

Jaynes, Oddie and Hima Jones, Jesse Hudson, R. V. Jones, and Floyd Jaynes.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick visited in Merkel Sunday.

Miss Willie Newman spent Monday night with her brother, Mr. Hollis McCoy.

Misses Helen and Artie McCormick spent Monday afternoon with Vera Jones.

Miss Vivian McCoy spent Saturday night and Sunday with her brother, Mr. Thurman McCoy.

Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited in Merkel Sunday evening.

Mr. Homer Patterson visited Mr. and Mrs. Thurman McCoy Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Reb Tarpley visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tarpley Sunday.

Mrs. B. L. Evers has been visiting her mother and father of Crowell for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse of Merkel visited his sister, Mrs. C. T. McCormick, Saturday night.

Little Miss Burnice Cougar of Lamesa has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones, for some time.

Mr. Robert Sumpter spent Saturday night with his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes, of the Salt Branch community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higgins visited Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robertson of Salt Branch Sunday.

Mr. Arble Decker visited his sister, Mrs. Velma McCoy, Saturday night.

The Merkel Community Fair convening here September 16, 17 and 18 will be the largest and best ever held here, provided every one lends a helping hand.

Mr. Ed Turned and family returned yesterday from their vacation trip to Corpus Christi and other points in South Texas.

Mrs. Hobson Robertson Entertains

On last Friday evening Mrs. Robertson entertained a number of young people at her home with a party from eight to ten.

Piano and victrola music with a number of interesting games played on the lawn furnished the amusement for the evening. At the close of the party refreshments of iced lemonade and cake were served by Mrs. Robertson.

Those enjoying the occasion were: Misses Moss, Annie Reeves, Fannie Maye Reeves, Grace Beene, Lottle Williams, Leona Mullen, Frances McCoy, Mary

McElroy, Wynona Patton, Ruby Patton, Vera Jones, Moro Thompson, Messrs. Bill Hayes, Dock Reeves, John Jones, Jack Hays, Evan Allen, Tom Beene, J. C. Petty, Jarrett Pinckley, Jim Henry, Luther Higgins, Erwin Thompson.

Mrs. Sterling Miller, formerly Miss Anna T. Daniels of this city, but now residing in Panama, accompanied by her daughter, was here this week for a visit with friends and relatives. While here she was a guest in the homes of T. D. Compton and S. D. Gamble.

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For Saturday Aug. 14th. we offer several items in the Grocery line at some very attractive prices:

- Irish Potatoes, peck, [15 lbs.] 50c
- Armour's Aluminum Oats 28c
- 5 lb. pail of Skyline Peanut Butter **\$1.00**
- No. 2½ Del Monte Peaches (sliced or Mclba halves) 25c
- Sun Kist Lemon Lemons, per doz 20c
- 3 lb. can of Wapco Coffee \$1.22
- No. 2 Tomatoes per doz. \$1.00

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Historians Differ on Naming of Manhattan

Philologists have long disagreed as to the origin of the word Manhattan, the name of the island on which stands metropolitan New York. But, according to a recent issue of Little Old New York, many modern authorities are taking seriously the claims which ascribe the name to a great drunken bout held on the island by the Dutch discoverers, whereat they made certain of the natives most ecstatically drunk for the first time in their lives, the Indians being so delighted by their jovial entertainment that they gave the place the name of Mannhattank, or the "Island of Jolly Topers." To substantiate this, it is pointed out that many of the early maps called the island Monados, Mandos and Manatoes, all said to mean "a place of drunkenness."

The Dutch scholar, Van Der Donck, seemingly refuted this idea, however, in his "Description of New Netherlands," in which he pictured the Indians as being an abstemious race whose common drink was water from a living spring or well, and having no name in their languages to express drunkenness.

Schoolcraft, one of the early philologists and historians of the nation, who made a deep study of aboriginal names and geographical terminology of the state of New York, gave a different definition.

"When the Mohegans first discovered the island," he wrote, "and denoted Hell gate, they, true to their habit of naming localities after the most striking geographical feature near it, called the island 'Mon ah tan uk,' meaning a bad running water whirlpool. Themselves they called Manatus, or 'People of the Whirlpool.'" — Detroit News.

Awkward Situation

Try as I would, I could not rid myself of the bore.
He was not to be dismissed by anything I did.
"I must go uptown," I said; but he merely replied:
"Very well, I'll go with you."
I invented several chores, but he stuck like a leech.
Finally I hesitated in front of a private dwelling.
I had never seen it before, and said to the bore:
"I must stop here to see an old friend. Good-by."
I ran up the steps and rang the bell.
The door was opened by a servant.
"Is Mrs. Robinson in?" I inquired.
"Certainly, sir," he replied. "Step this way."

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "The Hero of Burma."

1. Introduction, by Benjamin Sheppard.
2. Judson's Early Life, J. D. Ashby.
3. College days, Kathleen Harmon.
4. The Greatest problem of all, Sarah Sheppard.
5. A missionary to Burma, D. O. Huddleston.
6. Judson in Prison, W. E. Boaz.
7. His Great Work, Himalaya Swafford.

All members are requested to be at the B.Y.P.U. at 7:30. Visitors are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moxley of Snyder were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Robertson and children of Wellington, Texas, were here first of the week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham, Mrs. Robertson being a sister of Mrs. Durham.

Miss Ruby Duncan of Abilene was a week-end visitor with her sister, Mrs. Clyde Foster.



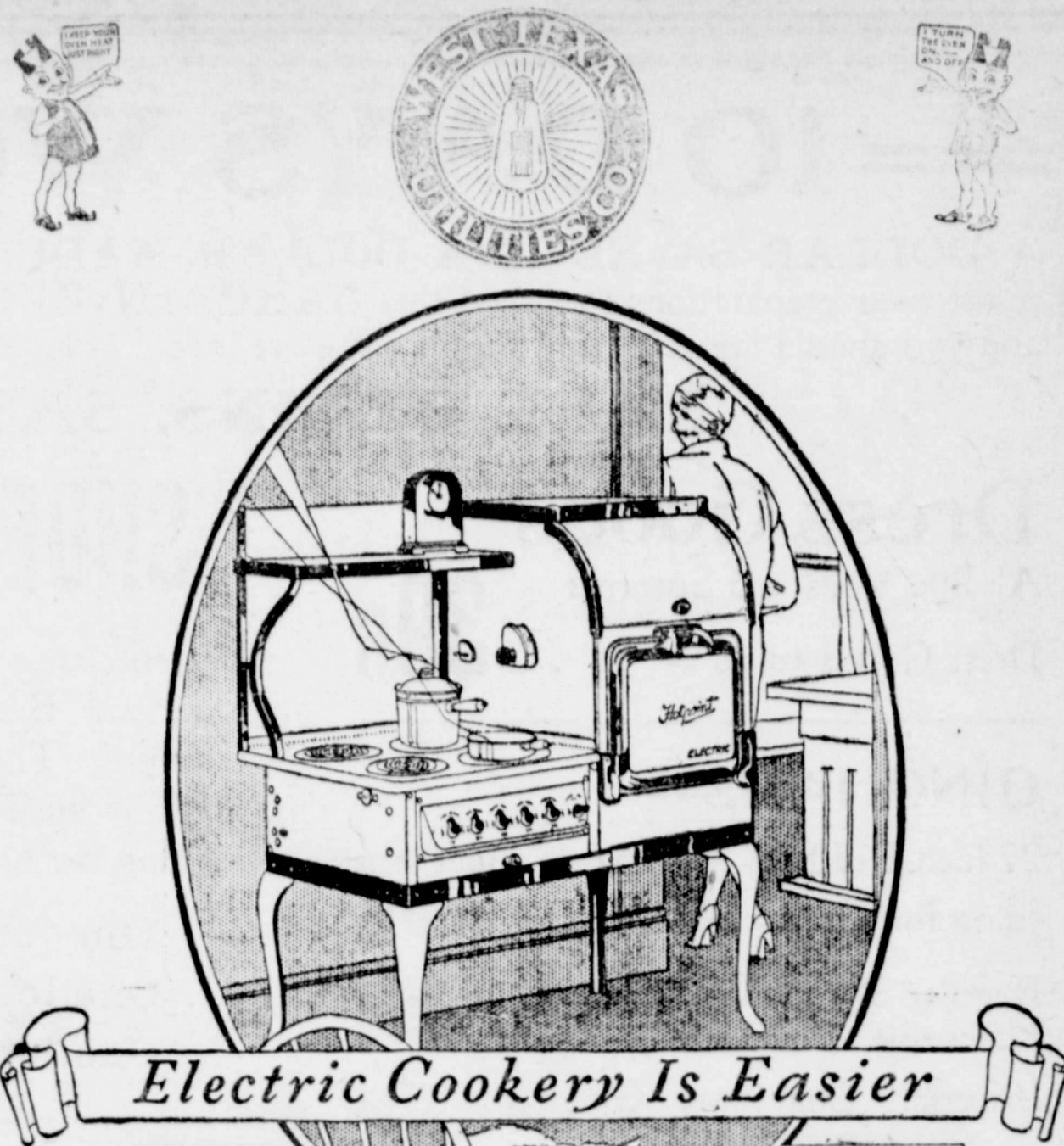
Just around the Corner

EVEN big-city folks must have their "neighborhood stores"! Most of them would no more think of going down town to fight their way through the crowds in search of a roast for dinner than they would of walking to the factory to get a pair of shoes.

City women know that their neighborhood stores can supply them just what they want — and that, in most cases, the service is more alert and friendly.

The same thing is true of this "neighborhood". Our merchants—the men whose ads you read in this paper—are in position to furnish your home with the best and most popular brands of goods. Not only can they save you money, but they gladly relieve you of a lot of worry and loss of time.

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1. Praise Him with the whole heart, Ray Garrett.
2. Music in the long ago, by Lewis Giles.
3. Sing in order to learn to sing, Joe Hartley.
4. Some stories of songs and song writers, Mildred Hamm.
- (1) "When I Survey the Cross," Rubyjo Higgins.
- (2) "I Gave my life for Thee," Stella Wilson.
- (3) "O for a thousand tongues to sing," Yates Brown.
- (4) "Rescue the Perishing," Mary Ellen Ashby.

Every one on program please study the extra material on page 58. All B.Y.P.U. members be at the meeting at 7:30 Sunday evening. Let's make the B. Y.P.U. grow.

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Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.
Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:15 p.m.
Choir practice Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.
The Sunday evening service will be held on the church lawn. We cordially invite you to worship with us. Chas. H. Little.

Call 61 to place a want ad in the Mail or place a name there

Mr. Hubert Blair, one of the valuable employees of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, is spending his vacation with home folks and friends at Belton this week.

Mr. Lane Mullen is visiting relatives at Lamesa this week.

Mr. John Blankenship and family of Portalis, N. M., visited in the home of Mr. F. M. Mullen last week.

Mrs. Willie May Swartz of Breckenridge was a guest of Mrs. Clyde Foster this week.

J. W. Wheeler and family returned last week from an overland trip by automobile to Tennessee and Georgia. Mr. Wheeler states that they enjoyed very much the entire trip. In speaking of the crops he states that in some places they are good and in others they were very poor. Especially was the cotton very large in some parts of the country with but little fruit on it.

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FOR SALE—The little red Dyess dray team. See Mack Walker. 1tpd

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FOR RENT—Attractive three-room unfurnished apartment, close in. Cool, conveniently arranged, water and sink in kitchen, access to modern bathroom. Reasonable rent.—Mrs. Jas. H. West, telephone 145. tf

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Notice is hereby given that the property belonging to the estate of W. S. Smelser, deceased, is no longer in the hands of any Real Estate dealer. Any deal connected with this property will be handled by R. E. McCamant, Executor, Abilene, Texas. 13t2p

Notice to the Public

Some one is telling it around here that we have transferred our children from the Warren School. It is false. We have not done anything of the kind. (Signed) G. E. ELLINGTON, and H. L. TARVIN. 1tp

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Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

The TALE of KIDDIE KATYDID
by Arthur Scott Bailey



BENJAMIN BAT'S PLAN

OF COURSE, Kiddie Katydid was not always to be found in his favorite nook among the trees in Farmer Green's front yard. Quite often he went skipping about from tree to tree or from bush to bush, sometimes flying and sometimes leaping. It really made little difference to him which mode of travel he used. And he never stopped to think how lucky he was to be able to move so spryly with the help of either his legs or his wings.



Benjamin Bat's Dusky Shape in the Round, Yellow Disk.

He took his good fortune as a matter of course.

There was Mr. Frog! He was a famous jumper; but he couldn't fly. And there was Mr. Nighthawk! He was a skillful flier, but he couldn't jump.

Such thoughts, however, never entered Kiddie Katydid's head. He went cheerfully about his business—which was eating, principally—and jumped or flew as the mood seized him. Indeed, if it hadn't been for that queer fellow, Benjamin Bat, probably Kiddie never would have realized just what he could—or couldn't—do.

Since Benjamin was another night-provener like himself, Kiddie Katydid saw him often. It seemed to Kiddie that he could scarcely ever gaze at

the full moon without catching sight of Benjamin Bat's dusky shape flitting jerkily across the great, round, yellow disk.

When Benjamin Bat's dusky shape lay low or high—in his favorite tree-top. At least, he kept very still until the night was nearly gone, to give Benjamin Bat plenty of time to satisfy his hunger. For Kiddie found Benjamin Bat a much more agreeable companion when he had eaten his fill. Early in the evening, soon after he had waked up, Benjamin was positively ferocious. But the more he ate, the pleasanter he grew. And by the time faint streaks of light began to show in the east he could smile and crack a joke as easily as anybody else.

Well, late one night—or early one morning—Kiddie Katydid and Benjamin Bat were enjoying a chat in the tree-tops, when Benjamin put a new idea into Kiddie's head.

"We ought to have some sports right here in Farmer Green's yard," he suggested. "You're such a fine jumper that you could try your skill against Mr. Frog. And you're such a fine flier that you and Freddie Firefly ought to have a race. . . I'd suggest—" he added—"I'd suggest that the sports take place after dark, almost any evening."

But Kiddie Katydid spoke up quickly and said that he wouldn't care to join in the fun until the night was almost gone. He said he was sure he could jump and fly better at that time. And that was quite true, because he knew that if Mr. Bat swallowed him early in the evening he wouldn't be able to take any part in the sports.

"Very well, then!" Benjamin Bat replied. "But it will be the worst possible time for me."

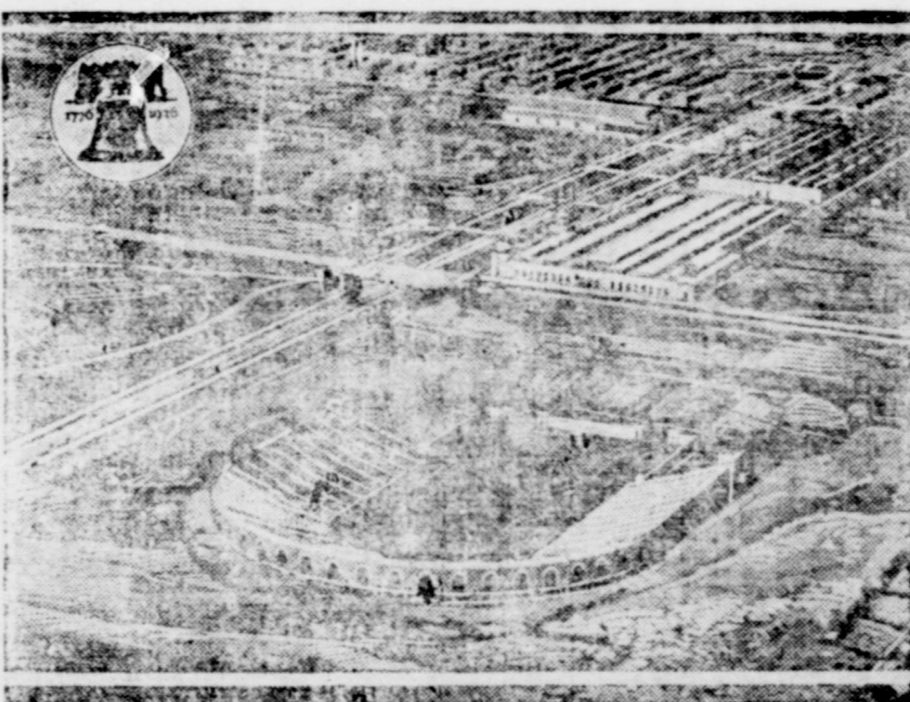
"What do you mean?" Kiddie Katydid inquired. "Do you expect to enter any of the contests?"

"Oh, yes!" said Benjamin. "I'm going to hang by my heels from the limb of a tree. And since I'm never so heavy early in the evening, before I've had a chance to eat much, I'd prefer to have the sports begin after dark."

But Kiddie Katydid said that there was no doubt Benjamin Bat would win in the sport of hanging head downward by his heels. And he told Benjamin not to worry.

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THE SESQUI FROM THE AIR



An idea of the size and scope of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, which will be held in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence, is given in this photograph. In the foreground is the great Municipal Stadium, which seats 100,000 persons. North of the stadium can be seen two of the vast exhibition buildings. The first is the Palace of Agriculture and the second the Palace of Liberal Arts. Opposite the latter building is the big auditorium, which seats 20,000 persons on a single floor. To the left of the stadium can be seen the world famous Indian building, the Taj Mahal.

THE STORMING OF THE GATES



This picture is typical of many such scenes enacted daily at the main gates of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia where the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is being celebrated. The "shot" was made from outside the gates and shows the long sweep of historic Broad street, the main artery of the exposition. To the left can be seen one of the capitol of the Palace of Liberal Arts and Manufactures which covers nearly eight acres of grounds and which houses some of the finest exhibits ever seen. The Exposition will continue until December 1.

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Scripture reading: Luke 15:11-32; John 6:1-13.

Talk by leader. Song.
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"Save the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves."
Christian Russell.

"Our Real Wealth," Helen Compton.

Debate: "Resolved that the Eighteenth Amendment prevented our country's greatest waste"
Song: Mispah.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb is in Dublin visiting her son, Mr. Billie Cobb, and wife. She is expected home last of this week.

A town isn't worth a tinker's wheel if that doesn't have some fellow in it who's worked long and hard enough for it to become unpopular.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Judge:
TOM K. EPLEN
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In This Paper

**LOVE AND ROMANCE
IN INVENTOR'S LIFE**

How Alexander Graham Bell Helped the Deaf.

While to the average citizen the name of Alexander Graham Bell is associated only with the invention of the telephone, to humanitarians the world over he is equally well known as the man who first brought to the deaf in America the privilege of intercourse through speech and speech-reading, and it was of this latter achievement that the inventor was proudest. In fact, when Bell knew that his telephone invention was to bring him wealth, his first remark was, "Now we shall have money enough to teach speech to little deaf children."

In Washington there stands the Volta Bureau which he established with prize money bestowed upon him by the French for his invention of the telephone. Although the bureau was founded primarily to aid deaf children, it has since branched out into the larger field of work for those who have had normal hearing but have lost all or part of it. True to the idea of its founder, it is an institution of service.

It was no accident or purposeless plan of a careless fate which bestowed on Alexander Graham Bell the mind to comprehend, and their remedies. The life story of the man who gave to the whole world the means of quick and sure communication, and to the small world of the deaf, a new hope, is the story of cause and effect, glorified by love and romance, is the testimony of a writer in the Washington Star. His mother was "hard of hearing," his wife, to whom he was devoted, had been left, when a child, without a trace of hearing. He taught her to talk.

In 1870 Bell secured a position in the Boston school for the deaf. At that time those thus afflicted had been consigned to a small world of their own where thoughts were inadequately expressed only by means of signs. They were known as "deaf and dumb" people. Bell refused to believe that they need remain "dumb" and so worked out a system which taught visible speech. Within three years the leading institutions for the deaf in the country were employing the system in their daily work.

"Call Again"

We were building a new home and had hired a man to dig the trench for the water main in our yard. I had been waiting for him to come all morning, when at noon time I heard a rap and went to the door. A well-dressed gentleman was there, and I said, "I have been looking for you all morning," and pointed out the place where my husband wanted the main laid.

"Well," he said, "I didn't come to dig the trench, but was in the neighborhood looking over the water-main situation, as I am superintendent of the plant."

My face reddened, and forgetting myself completely, I said, "Oh, thank you; I hope you will call again soon."
—F. L. R., in Chicago Tribune.

Smith Name Ancient

The great family of Smiths bear a name which is not only common, but the oldest in the world. Professor Mahaffy, when deciphering the Petrie papyri, came upon one bearing the name of Smith, unmistakably written.

"We have never," he says, "found anything like it before, and it is surely worth telling the many distinguished bearers of the name that there was a man known as Smith in the twentieth year of the third Ptolemy, 227 years B. C., and that he was occupied in brewing and selling beer."
—Detroit News.

Perfection in Tribute

In a theater in South Africa a beauty competition was held, each person present being asked to write the name of the lady he or she considered the most beautiful in the town.

A little boy who had been present was telling his mother all about it the following morning. He informed her that he, too, had voted. She was surprised, as the boy was rather shy and reserved. However, she did not express any surprise, but simply asked him for whom he voted.

"I just wrote 'Mother,'" was the reply.

Just Say "No"

"The way to win arguments," says a Cass avenue young man, "is to take the negative side. All one has to do on the negative side is to show that nothing can be proved absolutely. Once that is admitted, the affirmative side must resort to faith, and when it comes to that one belief is just as good as another, except in degree of acceptability. Since my own beliefs are acceptable, at least to me, there is no way to attack them, and so I win the argument."
—Detroit News.

Progressive Rome

The building program for Rome in 1920, supported by the national government, includes the construction of 2,300 small apartments, totaling 8,000 rooms, at a cost of 60,000,000 lire (current rate of the lira is \$0.04), according to Vice-Consul Ralph A. Boernstein, Rome. The lots selected for the sites of the apartment houses lie on the outskirts of the city, but in sections already partly developed, where there are water mains, gas pipes, sewerage, etc.

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Little Miss Toombs Celebrates Seventh Birthday

At the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Toombs, little Miss Armie Love Toombs very royally entertained a number of her young friends honoring her seventh birthday.

The following girls and boys made up the happy party at which various interesting games were enjoyed: Isabelle Propst, Swafford, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Louise Sublett, Sarah Sheppard, Vernell Sublett, Mary Zoe West, Armie Love Toombs and Fern Toombs.

At the close of the entertainment refreshments of cake and ice cream were served to all.

Mr. H. L. Propst, one of the hustling proprietors of the Merkel Garage, returned last week from a business trip to the Plains country.

Gleaners Class Meeting

Mrs. Fred Guitar and Mrs. Latham entertained the Gleaners Class at Mrs. Latham's home on Oak Street last Friday evening.

A short business session was called. Dues were paid and plans to make money for the class were discussed.

Another shipment of extract is to be ordered, so let's all sell our part.

Plans for a picnic at Shannon's honoring our husbands, with a chicken supper Thursday night was planned.

Miss Cora Lee Hulsey favored with a comic reading which was very much enjoyed. Miss Lucille Guitar also gave a delightful reading.

Refreshment plates consisting of combination meat sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, pickles, olives and ice tea were serv-

ed to the following: Mrs. Noel Moore, Misses Mary Karmey, Cora Lee Hulsey, Anna Lou Russell and Lucille Guitar, Messdames Pet Touchstone, Ira Huss, R. R. Buford, R. I. Grimes, Tom Toombs, Jr., W. E. Stanford, Robert Hicks, Duncan Briggs, Chas. Russell, V. B. Sublett, Fred Guitar and Fred Latham.

Little Ralph Eoff had the misfortune of being kicked by a horse Sunday afternoon, leaving him with a very badly bruised upper lip and a gash on the chin.

Mr. W. I. Cogburn, one of the Mail's good friends residing on route three, has our thanks for the renewal of his son's subscription for another year. For many years Mr. Cogburn has not only taken the Mail regularly, but has sent the paper to several other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee Have Family Reunion

On last Friday afternoon the children of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee assembled at the home of the parents for this happy-reunion.

Those enjoying this happy-reunion were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee and children, Donald Barbee of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barclay and baby, Mrs. J. C. Paul and little daughter of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Eoff and children of Trent, Miss Ina Faye Barbee of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kahrs of El Paso, the latter being enroute to their home from their vacation trip to New York City. Also a niece, Mrs. J. H. Fultz, of Abilene, and a sister, Mrs. Gerogia Eastwood of El Paso, were present. Mrs. J. M. Patterson of El Paso, and Mrs. O. K. McCall of Kingsburg, California were two children who could not attend.

KNOW LITTLE ABOUT OLD NEPTUNE'S BED

Scientists Have Arranged to Make Discoveries.

The discovery of a plateau only 150 feet below the surface of the water of the Atlantic ocean was recently announced.

This is the last one of many discoveries, made in the only few years, which show that our knowledge of the ocean bed is remarkably poor. In many books published a quarter of a century ago it was emphatically stated that the ocean floor is flat, sloping gently here and there, but never broken into ranges like the dry land.

Then, in 1901, the cable ship Britannia discovered a mountain range in the South Pacific which was in every way like a range on the dry land. More recently a range of mountains, known as the Edward VII range, was discovered in the North Atlantic, its highest peaks only a hundred fathoms below the surface. In the Atlantic, too, is Mount Laura Ethel, whose summit towers near the surface.

Several small islands are only the peaks of a mountain range which have broken the surface. The Bermudas rise straight up from a depth of two and a half miles, while St. Helena and Ascension Island are also mountain peaks. Off the Kuril Islands the bottom drops sheer to a depth of five miles, while only a mile or two from the coast of Porto Rico the depth is 27,360 feet.

It is curious that although the bottom of the sea has not changed for a million years, man still knows little about it. Many expeditions are now setting out with the object of salvaging some of the \$1,500,000 worth of gold which is hidden in the depths, and these expeditions will, no doubt, make many discoveries concerning undersea scenery.

Diving apparatus invented during the last few months enables man to descend to depths undreamt of ten years ago; but the terrific pressure at great depths is still a great obstacle. Quite as important is the invention of a mercury vapor lamp, which enables films to be taken at great depths. Experiments on a lamp that will illuminate a large area at a great depth are also being made. By means of this the diver will be able to see the hillsides covered with olive-green seaweed, which a passing eddy turns into a wind-swept pine forest, mountains towering to the surface, volcanoes, plains, and many other features which are associated with the grandest land scenery.

Make Money From Pest

The extent to which rabbits and hares are a pest to the farmers and stock raisers of New South Wales, Australia, is shown to some extent by the numbers slaughtered each year, notwithstanding which these little animals do immeasurable damage.

The flesh of these animals forms a common article of diet both in the cities and towns and in the country, especially in the winter, when large numbers of men are engaged in their capture and the record year for their 1919-20 was the record year for the export trade, the total value of exports being \$15,650,000. During that year 6,080,636 pairs of rabbits and hares valued at \$2,900,000 and 9,327,240 pounds of skins valued at \$13,140,000 were exported. It is estimated that the skins and carcasses exported during that year, added to the numbers killed for local consumption, totaled at least 100,000,000.

A Woman's Way

An unusual weapon with which to fight a burglar was used by Mrs. Clara Renick, of Lodi, when she was awakened by a noise early one morning. Mrs. Renick, fully satisfied that there was someone in the house, jumped from her bed and, grabbing a feather pillow, dashed into her kitchen and chased a burglar from the room. She made a swing with the pillow and struck the fleeing burglar over the head as he darted out of the door and down the back stairs. Then, woman like, she removed the pillow case and put it in the weekly wash before returning to her bed. She was so nervous over her encounter that she forgot to telephone for an officer.—Sacramento Bee.

Pigs That Speak French

Some time ago a French girl visited some farmers in Illinois. She heard two boys quarrelling.

When asked the cause of the misunderstanding the older boy said: "Well, you see, mademoiselle, that's about old man Tyson's pigs. I was telling Bud those pigs are French, and he said they are not."

The foreigner, rather puzzled, inquired, "What makes you think Mr. Tyson's pigs are French?"

"Well," answered the boy, "because from morning till evening those pigs grunt out-oo."

Brazil Advertising

Business interests in Brazil, one of the large coffee producing countries, have turned to advertising as a means of coping with the so-called coffee boycott started by some South American coffee drinkers. In the course of a few months they spent a million dollars in counteracting the effect of the boycott.

Mosquitoes Found Refuge

After a thorough cleanup of all mosquito-breeding places in Tanganyika, Africa, European settlers continued to be bitten. An investigation showed that the mosquitoes were

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