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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TIMES

We, as average citizens of Merkel, are apt to sit down when we could be improving the community and preparing better things for our boys and girls. We hide behind the old catchy 'saw' of "let good enough alone" and say our schools are all fine and good so why worry. Let them alone. Our schools are good and our faculty is strong. In fact we have for the coming year the best qualified faculty in the history of the school—every teacher in the high school holding a degree, yet that will in itself only help us to have a good school; it won't make one. Those teachers have to work daily and hourly, and still that won't make it. The patrons will have to live up and take an interest in John's or Mary's education. You owe it to yourself, the teacher, the student and directors of the school to visit and talk matters over with the teachers. I have known people to criticize very harshly the work of some teachers and they were never in one of her recitations. Because the boy or girl said the teacher didn't know her work, the parent would say the same thing. Don't be unfair to yourself and others to that extent. Appoint yourself a committee of one to go and talk things over with the teacher. Be a sport and give every one else the chance you take for yourself.

This is an age of co-ordination or cooperation. The most good can be done by the most people if they have the same ideals and goal. But one balky mule can ruin a six horse team by pulling back, kicking and by general cussedness. We all admire the one who will help do the thing we all want done. The day of miracles is past. We can't get something for nothing. If we want better facilities for preparing our boys and girls to take care of themselves. All we have to do is to see our duty and do it. The opportunity is here. We can't side step the responsibility. The Lord does not hold them blameless who know better but won't do better.

"It is up to you to choose now, which you are to be—a side stepper of responsibility, a failure or a seeker of responsibility, a winner in this great game of life," thus said O. S. Marden, and the concentrated truth is seen plainly.

I have often repeated these lines to my football team, "When the Great Scorer comes to write beside your name, He will not say you won or lost, but how you played the game". These lines are full of thought and I wish you would try to see their depth.

In these articles I've been writing I know my own limitations of speech and words, but I've hoped you would catch a glimpse of the possibilities for the Merkel Trade Territory. Get the vision and help the situation out of the doldrums. The rural communities are the people to derive the most benefit from a consumation of my plan. This, then, is the benefit the local community would receive—a greater possibility to serve, and the knowledge of having made things move for the good of all. Then we can all move ahead as one community.

Every right act, unselfish deed, every struggle towards the beautiful, the good, the true, every act of helpfulness or usefulness, every bit of beautiful service is a step towards God, towards good. Life is always pointing that way and giving us the opportunities, if we slight

BROWN DRY GOODS CO. BUYERS GO TO MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, accompanied by Miss Valerie Dye, left first of the week for the Eastern Markets, where they went to select and purchase the big fall and winter stock of merchandise for their store.

While in Dallas they had the pleasure of attending the big style show held there first of the week. Miss Dye returned home Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Brown remaining in Dallas.

F. Y. GAITHER NOW WITH F. & M. BANK

Mr. F. Y. Gaither, who has been for the past year with the San Angelo National Bank, of San Angelo, Texas, has accepted a position as Assistant Cashier with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, of Merkel, and entered upon his duties as such on Monday of this week.

Mr. Gaither needs no introduction to the people of this territory, he having served various enterprises here since 1913, as follows: W. L. Harkrider 1913-14, Anchor Mercantile Company 1915-16, Farmers State Bank 1917-25, San Angelo National Bank 1926.

The bank makes the announcement that with the addition of this efficient employe, the force is now rounded out and eager for the busy season just ahead to open up. They advise that they will give their customers the very best of service this fall with just as little delay at the windows as possible, as they say "you don't have to wait, we wait on you".

We join the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gaither in welcoming them back to their home town among former friends.

them we become sinners and evil doers.

Let's do things like ourselves. Remember school opens here on Sept. 6, 1926, at 10:30 a.m. for the students and at 8:00 for the teachers.

The book covers for rural communities are ready for distribution. Irvin L. Jackson.

ANOTHER OIL TEST NEAR SEARS WELL

Just before going to press, this paper is informed that the Southern Petroleum Company, a Virginia firm, with headquarters in Texas at Abilene, has this week secured the lease on a block of land in and around the old Sears test well, and entered into a contract for the drilling of another well in that vicinity, putting a guarantee of a certain sum of money to carry out their part of the contract.

This news will certainly be stimulating to those interested in the oil game in this section, since it is a belief that considerable oil and gas was found in the old Sears test well back in 1919 when it was drilled.

We also learn that the test now going down on the Joe Winter farm ten miles northwest, in the Shiloh community, is down to the 2100 foot level with drilling steadily going on. This test is some three or four miles from the old Sears well.

W. E. LOWE GETS CHEVROLET AGENCY

Mr. W. E. Lowe, who for some time has been representing the Witt Chevrolet Company of Abilene in the Merkel territory, has recently been given the agency for Merkel direct from the Chevrolet Company, and will soon have a number of cars on display and for sale.

He will have associated with him as salesman, Mr. Harry L. Bright, who has been with the Witt Chevrolet Company, but who has this week moved with his family to Merkel.

Mr. Lowe is a hustler and a capable business man, and the Chevrolet Company will find in him a very satisfactory man for their representative in this territory.

Mrs. Mae Horton of Wichita Falls visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.

SUCCESS OF FAIR DEPENDS ON EXHIBITS

In order that we may make the Merkel Community Fair an unusual success, every man, woman, boy and girl should exhibit something. Only through the combined efforts of both townsmen and countrymen is a creditable fair developed. Agricultural specimens should be gathered now and prepared in the shade for the exhibit. Maize heads should be selected before the sun colors them and each head should be rolled separately in paper. All other grain sorghums should be likewise prepared. Sweet sorghums, alfalfa, clover, and the different varieties of grasses that are to be exhibited should be gathered in bundles three inches in diameter and suspended in the shade with the heads down. Cotton bolls that are to be shown should be free from all trash and the shuck should be removed. The leaves should be removed from cotton stalks that are to be exhibited. Dried vegetables, like peas and beans, should be placed in air proof containers and camphorene balls should be used to keep the insects out. All foreign elements should be picked from seeds that are to be exhibited. The winners in the sharp contests at the various leading fairs, invariably follow these rules in preparing specimens for shows.

J. R. Masterson, County Agt.

FARMERS STATE HAS NEW ASSISTANTS

Miss Addie Holler, of Big Spring, has recently accepted a position with the Farmers State Bank, taking the place of Mrs. Vernon Simpson, resigned.

We also note that Mr. Joe Ben Ashby, young Merkel High school graduate, has accepted a position with this splendid institution. He is a fine young man and will no doubt make good in his new position.

Mr. J. E. Harris of Killeen, Texas, is here to visit his son, J. E. Harris, Jr.

Miss Gladys Milliken is home from a month's visit in Fort Worth and Dallas.

EPLEN ANNOUNCES SPEAKING DATES

Hon. Thos. K. Eplen, of Abilene, candidate for the office of County Judge in the August 28 run-off, announces the following speaking dates.

Merkel on the streets at three p.m. Tuesday, August 24; at Trent the same day at 4:30 p.m. Blair on Wednesday, August 25 at 3:00 p.m.

FIRST BALE HERE ON MONDAY, 16TH.

The first bale of 1926 cotton was brought to Merkel on last Monday by Mr. M. G. King, who resides on route four, in the Cross Roads community. Its weight was 540 pounds and was ginned by Mr. Jim Toombs, manager for the Planters Gin Company, and was purchased by Mr. Booth Warren, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, for 18 cents per pound. Thus, with the premium given by the business men and citizens for the first bale of \$55.25, makes a grand total received by Mr. King for the bale of \$152.45, not including the seed, which brought the price of the cotton up to about 30 cents per pound.

Premiums for 2nd and 3rd

It was wholly unexpected by the town that Mr. King would slip in with the first bale on last Monday, and immediately upon finding that he was here with it, Messrs. J. T. Dennis and T. G. Bragg, local business men, went out with a subscription list raising premiums for the first second and third bales, and when they had finished they found that they had collected from the business men and citizens the sum of \$110.50, which was divided as follows for the first three bales: First \$55.25, Second \$33.15, Third \$22.10.

Those contributing to this fund are given as follows: We the undersigned business men of Merkel subscribe the amount opposite our name to the Premium Fund for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd bales of 1926 cotton, to be received at this place. The same to be divided as follows: for the 1st bale 50 per cent, for the 2nd bale 30 per cent, and for the 3rd bale 20 per cent, subject to the following conditions:

1. Must be 1926 cotton-new crop.
2. Bale must weigh more than 400 pounds.
3. Must not have drawn premium at any other place.

F. and M. Bank	\$5.00
Farmers State Bank	5.00
Bragg Dry Goods Co.	2.50
J. T. Dennis Dry Goods	2.50
Max Mellinger	2.50
Liberty Hardware Co.	2.50
Merkel Drug Co.	2.50
Busy Bee Confectionary	1.00
Baker and Wheeler	2.50
Petty and Buford, Barbers	1.00
Bob Martin Gro. Co.	2.00
Brown Dry Goods Co.	2.50
I. F. Gilbert	1.00
Schindler Variety Store	1.00
Dr. Crimes	1.00
Claude Perry	1.00
Grimes-Smith Drug Co.	2.50
C. H. Jones	2.50
Will Dunning	1.00
J. D. Porter	1.00
Merkel Garage	2.00
Riddle Garage	1.00
John B. Bell	1.00
Leslie and Middleton	2.00
N. A. Dowell	1.00
Marvin Boney Garage	1.50
C. F. Rasberry	1.00
Cash Tailor Shop	1.00
Ed Ash	.50
McDonald and Collum	2.50
J. T. Darsey	2.00
Woodrum Filling Station	1.00
Merkel Lumber So	2.50
City Furniture Co.	1.00

LEAF WORM IS DAMAGING COTTON

The second crop of the cotton leaf worm has just hatched and has begun to damage the cotton plant. The farmers are urged to begin dusting or spraying immediately before the stalk is injured. In some instances the boll worm has also appeared. To combat the leaf worm only Calcium Arsenate should be dusted from bags on the cotton foliage at the rate of five pounds per acre. This application will not materially effect the boll worm. To combat both the leaf and the boll worm, an application of Calcium Arsenate should be made, either with a dusting or spraying machine. If the dust is applied, from eight to ten pounds of Calcium Arsenate should be used. If the spraying machine is used, two pounds of either arsenate of lead or the same amount of Calcium Arsenate should be mixed with fifty (50) gallons of water. This liquid should be strained in order that the nozzle of the spraying machine will not be stopped with the small particles.

Spraying is practicable, both during the day and night. But because the cotton stalks are not damp during the day, dusting is done, the dry calcium arsenate should be applied from two o'clock until eight o'clock in the morning. No danger may be expected to cotton pickers from these applications.

J. R. Masterson, County Agt.

ROSS FERRIER, Jr., SUFFERS BROKEN LEG IN ACCIDENT

On last Sunday, late in the afternoon, Ross Ferrier, Jr., while riding on his bicycle, was badly bruised and suffered a broken limb, as the result of a collision with the automobile driven by Mrs. S. D. Gamble. The young man was riding his bicycle very fast, according to witnesses, and in coming around a corner near the Highway Filling Station, met the automobile head-on, neither he nor Mrs. Gamble seeing the other in time to avert the accident.

We are informed the young man is getting along nicely at his home and both he and Mrs. Gamble have the sympathy of many friends, for no one regrets the accident more than she.

Miss Marie Armstrong of Ft. Worth was a guest of Mrs. Jack Durham several days this week.

Mr. E. J. Barker and family of Lockney and Mr. Wesley Lyles of Plainview are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker, in the Salt Branch community.

A. R. Booth	1.00
Crown Hardware Co.	2.50
G. M. Sharp	1.00
Campbell Cash Grocery	1.00
J. M. Garrett	2.50
C. L. Tucker	1.00
W. F. Hamblet	1.00
Hamilton and Case	2.50
Quality Bakery	1.50
Taylor Davis	1.00
Carson and Son	2.00
Burton-Lingo Co.	2.50
Corner Garage	2.00
Copeland Restaurant	1.00
Tarbutton the Jeweler	1.00
Everybody's Garage	2.00
West Company	2.50
Merkel Mail	1.00
City Cafe	1.00
Jones Dry Goods	2.50
Barrow Furniture Co.	2.50
Merkel Motor Co.	2.50
Westexas Utilities Co.	2.50
Dr. M. Armstrong	1.00
White House Cafe	2.50
E. L. Turner	1.00
Swafford Coal and Feed Co.	2.50
Dr. C. B. Gardner	1.00

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UNCLE BILL BROWN SCHOOL BOARD COLLECTING BACK TAXES ANSWERS ROLL CALL

Monday evening, August 16, at 7:30 o'clock, Uncle Bill Brown died at his home here in the White Church community, after an illness of several months. His body was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon in the White Church cemetery. The funeral services were held at the church house, conducted by Rev. Johnson of Sylvester, Bro. Stutts and Rev. Landreth of Abilene.

W. H. Brown was born in Washington county, Tennessee, September 27, 1858. When a small boy his parents came to Texas, settling near Fort Worth. With his mother and several of her children he moved to Mulberry canyon, Taylor county, in 1879, where he spent the remainder of his life, with the exception of a few years when he lived in the town of Merkel.

In December 1884 Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Alice Norris, and his faithful courageous helpmate survives him, as do their three children, Mrs. P. R. McClain of Wichita Falls, Mesdames Boyce Pressley and A. D. Wilson of Merkel, route five. Also twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. Joe Brown of Weatherford, Charlie Brown of Merkel, route five, Mrs. Tom Norris of Chickasha, Oklahoma, Mrs. George Tye, Hurley, N. M., and Mrs. Edd Watkins of Trent.

Uncle Bill was an honest gentleman, kind neighbor, forbearing father and an upright Christian. He was converted and joined the Methodist church about forty years ago. The vast audience present at his funeral showed how he was thought of by his fellow men.

No more will the people of Mulberry Canyon receive the kindly greeting of their old pioneer, but there is joy at the reward that we know is his, mixed with the sorrow we feel at his departure.

The entire community offers condolence to his bereaved family.
 Mrs. Dillard Snow.

ROY ADAMS ENTERS FILLIN' STATION BUSINESS

Mr. Roy Adams has recently purchased the old Woodrum Filling Station and is now in charge of same. He will paint the front of the building and call the station the "Flue Front" Filling Station.

Mr. Adams will handle the Magnolia gas and oils, and promises his customers the best in his line. Next week he will make an announcement.

Mrs. W. R. McCarter, who for several weeks has been at the bedside of her mother, who resides in South Texas, returned to her home here this week, and reports having left her aged mother but little improved. Owing to the fact that she herself was not well she was forced to return home for recuperation.

Rev. W. R. McCarter and wife are happy to have with them this week their daughter, Mrs. R. C. Persons, from Los Angeles, California.

As is to be found in most any incorporated town, county and Independent School Districts, the Merkel School Board, after having a report from the Assessor and Collector as to the amount of uncollected taxes on the rolls for this district, decided that same during the past seven or eight years had grown to the extent that it was time to take some action to collect same. Considering the fact that if it is right for one man to pay his taxes it was nothing but just and right that all should pay, hence in June the Secretary was authorized to send out notices to the effect that all who did not pay their past due taxes the same would be turned over to an attorney for collection as the law requires. This notice brought in several hundred dollars, but only a starter, of course; hence the matter was turned over to the county attorney, Hon. Frank E. Smith, for collection, and instructing him to file suit on all who failed to make due settlement. Mr. Smith sent out notices to all delinquents as per instructions from the board and following same several thousand dollars in taxes have come into the Merkel Independent School Treasury. Yet not all have responded, and while there are possibly only a few days, may be one day, before Mr. Smith enters suit for all unpaid taxes, it is hoped that every one who can will go immediately and pay same, which will save considerable cost and trouble to all interested.

Mr. Smith is only doing his duty, and the school board likewise, as the law is plain in the matter.

And neither Mr. Smith nor the members of the school board have any desire to embarrass or work a hardship on any person or firm, but feel that they must follow the law in the matter. Again, if it is right for one to pay it is right for all to pay. Therefore the board means to be fair and just to all alike.

Government can not exist without taxation, just and fair to all. Neither can we have schools without taxation, and the board stands as a unit in their desire to maintain for this community just as good schools as it is possible to have. Surely every man, woman and child must acknowledge that the church and school are the foundation upon which our great country has been built.

It is the intention of the Merkel School Board to clean the slate regarding the delinquent taxes now on the rolls, without favor to any but with fairness to all.

Nazerene Revival at Mulberry

The Nazerene Revival will begin at Mulberry Flat Thursday night, Aug. 19th. Rev. R. E. Gibbs of Munday, Texas, will have charge, assisted by Rev. J. C. Hobbs, pastor of the Cisco church. All denominations will find a hearty welcome and a place to work in this revival. The song services will be conducted by Bro. Barley of the local church, with Miss Aileen Wright of the Bitter Crack church as pianist. A great revival is expected. Come and be blessed.

Senior League Program

Hymn, Lord's Prayer.
 Leader, Mabel Toombs.
 Scripture lesson, (Heb. 11:8-10, 17-22).
 Part 1, Hallie Pike.
 Part 2, Lewis Giles.
 Part 3, Georgia Daniels.
 Part 4, Juanita Beene.
 Part 5, Wrenn Durham.
 Reading, Tommie Durham.
 Hymn, Benediction.

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

Mr. Sam Butman, Sr., and family returned this week from an extended automobile trip to California. He reports a fine time and an enjoyable trip all the way around.

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1 Doz. No. 2 Tomatoes	\$1.00
Spuds, Peck (15 lbs.)	50c
Large Can Del Monte Peaches	25c
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Also William Desmond and Eileen Sedgwick in

"STRINGS OF STEEL"

Chapter No. Two "The First Central"

With Educational Comedy

"CUPID'S VICTORY"

Admission 10c and 25c

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, August 25-26

Universal Presents

NORMAN KERRY

—in—

"UNDER WESTERN SKIES"

With Educational Comedy

"THE COLLEGE YELL"

Also International News No. 53.

Admission 10c and 25c

Missionary Society Program

Monday, August 22nd.
Hymn 348, Methodist Hymnal.
Bible lesson. Subject: "If Jesus Came Today Would Our Program of Service Win His Respect?"

Prayer.
Some facts about Brazil, by Mrs. Touchstone.

Paper: "What is the extent and power of the Roman Catholic Church in Brazil, by Mrs. Hutcheson.

Paper: "What are the Material Resources of Brazil and to what extent are they being used for the Development of the people, by Mrs. Pee. Hymn.

What can Protestantism do to foster Christian Relationship between the U. S. of Brazil and the U. S. of America? by Mrs. Rainbolt. Song. Committee.

Call 61 to place a want ad in the Mail or give us a news item.

Idlewise Club

Misses Ruby and Evelyn Hamm were the charming hostesses to the Idlewise Club Tuesday afternoon. The reception rooms were gayly decorated with colorful bouquets throughout. After interesting games of bridge were enjoyed a delightful and cooling refreshment was served to Misses Lucy Tracy, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Mesdames Earl Baze, Warren Smith, Emmett Grimes, Jack Durham, W. S. J. Brown, and guests, Misses Lorena Dry and Julia Martin.

Mr. Sie Hamm, manager of Hamm Drug Company in this city, returned Wednesday from attending the West Texas Drug-gists Association which met Monday and Tuesday at Cisco.

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires

Ox Team's High Place in American History

Thoughtless people from cities and factory towns laugh at out-of-date ox teams occasionally seen in fields or on the road, but how few know that in other times, ox teams on every farm did valuable work while they grew to large size and then furnished food for the people who now depend on the West and South America for their beef and even Australia for their mutton! The little fellow has been laughed at out of his legitimate job, or considered not in keeping with the modern speed, so he must be hustled off to the shambles to furnish a few mouthfuls of food, bringing a little money to the farmer's purse. If allowed to live and earn his keep, that sturdy little bull calf would in time feed a multitude right at home and save the cost and car fare and refrigeration from the butcher's shop a thousand miles away.

Here is another important "but" that time has hit us over the head with. There is no Yankee boy, born on the farm to fall in love with Buck and Bright, to train them in the way they should go and be assured of a reciprocation of affection by the patient kine; and the hired man of today, irritable and irritating, would make a sorry companion for a pair of animals whose virtues of patience and faithfulness are the admiration of every man with a worth while soul all the world around.

All who can say whether the ox team of a past generation was not New England's greatest schoolmaster, teaching the youth by their example docility, domesticity, faithfulness, patience and endurance, willing to exert their marvelous strength when needed, lessons that sent young men to the four corners of the earth to surmount every obstacle and become leaders of men as they were as boys well-loved leaders of noble animals.—Turner Falls Reporter.

AMERICAN YOUTH CANDIDATE



Miss Helen F. Dodge of Pennsylvania, holder of a Carnegie medal for heroism, has been nominated as a candidate for the American Youth Award established by the directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, which is to be held in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1 in celebration of 150 years of American Independence. Miss Dodge, the daughter of George H. Dodge of 5944 Walton avenue, Philadelphia, jumped into the Toms River at Ocean Gate, N. J., fully dressed, and, while having use of only one arm, saved the life of a drowning girl.

"A Thing of Beauty Is a Joy Forever"



This is one of the beauty spots of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia. The exposition celebrates the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The view shows the towers of one of the main exhibit buildings rearing its head up from among the gorgeous landscape which artists have built around the great structures which house exhibits from forty-three nations of the world. The Exposition...

What! Where! When!

Wagons in 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.

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SEPTEMBER 16-17-18**

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Senior Christian Eedeavor at 7:15 p.m.

All services were well attended last Sunday. Let us make a better record for next Sunday and spend the time set apart in helpful service to God. Are you giving God a square deal? If many of us gave our businesses the same attention we give to the church, our business would go on the rocks. We have six days to look after our business, provide for our families, and every day we are recipients of God's manifold blessings in a temporal way. God asks us, commands us, to observe the Sabbath. Shall we rob God? Let us ask ourselves the question "am I sincerely doing what God would have me do in the matter of service in His kingdom?" Over fifty boys and young men on the streets of Merkel last Sunday morning during the church and Sunday School hour. Does it matter? Don't send the children to church and Sunday school. Come and bring them. Let us show our gratitude to God by a faithful attendance on all the services of His church.

The Sunday evening service will be held on the church lawn. Plenty of comfortable seats, a cordial invitation and a hearty welcome to all. Chas. H. Little.

Cemetery Notice

Tuesday, August 24, every one who can is urged to come and help us finish the work we have begun at the Cemetery. We want to build the east fence next Tuesday, so bring tools suitable for that work. This will be the last working we hope to have this year, so let every one come and help put the cemetery in good shape. Committee.

METHODIST CHURCH

All the regular services throughout the day as usual. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m.

The pastor and membership of the church extend a cordial invitation to every one desirous of attending either or all services at the church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and the Superintendent urges every member to be present and if possible urge some one else to attend. A hearty welcome and a place for every one will be found in the Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King of Merkel, route 5, have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. King and family of Deport, Texas, the two Mr. Kings being brothers.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "God's Pioneers Are Great Home Missionaries."

Leader, O. B. Boden.
Scripture Reading: Heb. 11:8-10, 17-22. Song; prayer.

Dr. Marcus Whitman, Nadine Tippett.

The story of John Stewart, W. A. Whitely.

The Indian Apostle, J. T. Darsy.

L. B. Stateler, Louise Booth.

David Brainard, Lola Mae Riddle.

Frances Ashbury, Lynn McSpadden.

Song; Benediction.

Mr and Mrs. Jay Greenfield left for a week's visit at Colorado, Snyder and Dermott.

A ROYAL ENTERTAINER PERFORMS



Amir Bax, a genuine East Indian conjurer, produces a Liberty Bell from a reporter's hat. He is one of the artists in the India Building at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, which opened in Philadelphia June 1 to December 1 to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

DODGE BROTHERS DE LUXE SEDAN

People select motor cars by different standards.

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**COTTON CROP IS
THREATENED, SAID**

Houston, Aug. 17.—With the
scourge of the leaf worm com-
pared to one of the seven plea-
gues of Egypt and the supply of
poison practically exhausted,
South Texas farmers assert they
are faced with a dire situation in
the war to save the cotton crop.

Reports from widely separated
points indicate that the damage
ranges from 20 per cent to a to-
tal loss, despite the expenditure
of large sums by the farmers for
poison.

In the crisis created by the
poison shortage, the extension
service of A. & M. College is
sending experts into many coun-
ties to instruct the farmers in
the use of another poison.

**LABOR BUREAU MAN
ADDRESSES FARMERS**

Mr. A. M. Robertson, repre-
senting the U. S. Department of
Labor, with headquarters for
the state in Fort Worth, was
here last Saturday and addressed
a small number of farmers on
the best ways and means of se-
curing cotton pickers this fall.

It is regrettable that more
farmers were not present to hear
this sensible and business-like
talk. If they had they would
know better how to secure their
needed labor in the fall.

The plan suggested was that
the local Luncheon Club handle
the orders here from the farm-
ers for pickers, notifying the
Farm Labor Bureau in Fort
Worth, which organization will
send the laborers direct to this
city.

It is expected that the Lunch-
eon Club will make further an-
nouncement concerning same in
the near future.

Mr. Max Mellinger returned
this week from the Eastern mar-
kets, where for several weeks
he has been personally selecting
the big fall and winter stock of
merchandise for his store.

**Birthday Fete was Given
Master L. S. Tipton, Jr.**

L. S. Tipton, Jr., entertained
a number of friends Wednesday
afternoon at the home of his
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.
A. Watts, on Bettis Heights,
celebrating his fifth birthday.
A profusion of lovely flowers
were used in decorating the
rooms, carrying out a color
scheme of pink and white.

The guests showed great abil-
ity in the contests and furnished
much merriment in the various
games throughout the afternoon
and the merriment reached its
height when the guests were in-
vited into the dining room. A
tiny pink basket filled with pink
and white candy served as place
cards and designated the place
for each guest at the table. The
huge birthday cake with five
tiny candles decorated the center
of the table. On either side was
cut glass bud vases containing
pink and white roses on center
pieces of hand embroidered lin-
en, laid on a white linen cloth.
After all were seated the cere-
mony of blowing out the candles
and making wishes was perform-
ed. Ice cream and cake were
served. Paper whistle favors
went to each guest.

L. S., Jr. was assisted in en-
tertaining his friends by his
mother, Mrs. L. S. Tipton, and
Miss Lillian Watts. Those en-
joying the happy occasion with
him were Geneva Huddleston,
Rachael Patterson, Sylvan Mel-
linger, Billie George Gant, Clar-
ence Huddleston of San Diego,
Calif., A. B. Harris and Melba-
lea Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears and
son of Rochester returned this
week from a two weeks visit to
relatives and friends in their old
home in Alabama. Mr. Spears
says the feed crop seems to be
generally good over the territory
he traveled, but that the cotton
is suffering from worms and
bugs. They made the trip in
their car.

Miss Oleta McCleskey of Bron-
te, who was here first of the
week a guest of Miss Nina Mc-
Aninch, of route two, left Wed-
nesday for a visit with friends
in Fort Worth and Dallas.

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careful attention when placed in
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and we'll call for it. J. E. Harris,
the Laundryman. tf

*** CROSS ROADS NEWS ***

The farmers of this commu-
nity are busy heading maize.

There was a Baptist meeting
at Cross Roads the first week in
August, Bro. Calvin Rister and
Bro. Arthur Teaff doing the
preaching.

On last Sunday afternoon Mrs.
G. W. Teaff entertained the In-
termediate and Junior boys and
girls. Iced lemonade, cake and
watermelons were served to the
delight of all.

Mrs. Leona Rushing and little
son, Calvin, are visiting her sis-
ter, Mrs. Lottie Isom, at Caps,
this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason
and sons, Baylor and Joe, visit-
ed his father, Mr. T. J. Amason,
of Sylvester, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore vis-
ited relatives in Bell county re-
cently, but have returned home.
The W. M. S. met in Mrs. M.
G. King's home last Thursday
afternoon with eleven members
and one visitor present. After
the business meeting officers
were elected for another year.

Bro. Norris and wife were the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F.
Joiner last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. York vis-
ited her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Charlie Malone, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West vis-
ited Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMen
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry King are
the proud parents of a baby girl
born July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore vis-
ited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair
last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyett vis-
ited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Teaff
a while last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne
and children visited Mr. and
Mrs. T. J. Amason Sunday after-
noon a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham
visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Merritt, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMen
were visitors in the Cross Roads
community last week.

The W. M. S. will meet with
Mrs. W. F. Joiner August 24.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King vis-
ited Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Isom last
Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Teaff and
children Mr. and Mrs. Walter
Teaff and little daughter from
the Plains, were visitors in the
Cross Roads community last
week.

Mrs. W. D. Haynes of Merkel,
who has been ill, and went to



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values greater than any that have greeted
your eyes before. We are offering many
wonderful bargains, too numerous to
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come in and see.

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See Prices on groceries elsewhere in this paper

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DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

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and improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes
have returned from the White
Mountains of New Mexico. They
report a fine trip.

Mr. M. G. King had a bale of
cotton ginned August 16.

Mr. Rex Holder's niece from
Dallas has been visiting him for
the past month.

Farm Bureau Meeting

The Mail is requested to an-
nounce that there will be a
Farm Bureau meeting at the
Tabernacle at three o'clock on
next Saturday. Every member is
urged to be present. The selec-
tion of some one to manage the
platform this fall will be one of
the principal items of business
to be looked after.

Mr. Lonzo McMullens of Dal-
las, is visiting his sister, Mrs.
M. G. Grimes, at Trent. It was
indeed a happy meeting for they
had not seen each other in seven
years.

Mrs. R. R. Adams and baby re-
turned this week from Temple
where both underwent opera-
tions and have been for several
weeks under the care of special-
ists. We are glad to report to
their many friends that they are
now getting along nicely.

Mrs. C. K. Russell and baby
are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. R.

Having a Good Time in Calif.

The Mail is in receipt of a card
from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Briant
who are sojourning in Califor-
nia, where they are visiting their
sons and daughters and seeing
the sights in that great state.

The card was written from
Ocean Park, California.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

Will Open Jewelry Store Here

Mr. Frank Maner, of Itasca,
Texas, came in this week, and is
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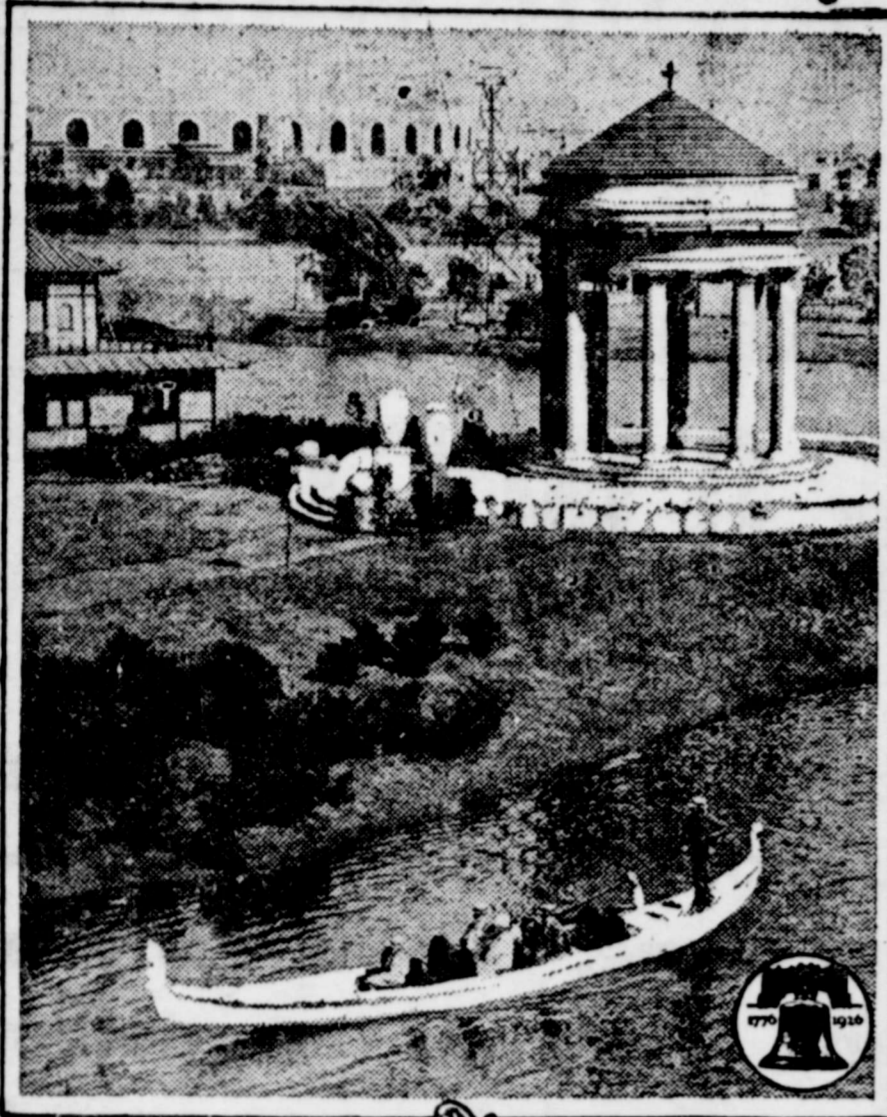
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ON THE SESQUI LAGOONS



Here are Americans, visitors to the Sesqui-Centennial international Exposition in Philadelphia which celebrates the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, riding about the lagoons in an Italian craft, a gondola, from which they view the buildings and displays from many lands. In the distance can be seen the mammoth Sesqui Stadium; to the right is the signal tower of the United States Coast Guard building and exhibit, and to the left is one of the Japanese pagodas which dot the exposition grounds. The Grecian pavilion is one of the permanent structures on the site before the city government decided to build the Sesqui at the front door of the great Philadelphia Navy Yard. The Exposition continues until December 1.

Miss Mary Comegys returned this week from a two months visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth and Haskell.

Misses Lelia and Zelma Taylor of Sherman, Texas, have been visiting in the home of J. L. Tucker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis had as their guest last Monday, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Campbell of Bellvue, Texas.

Miss Lena Stutts of Abilene, who has been visiting Mrs. Hugh Campbell the past ten days, left for Abilene today accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Campbell, who will visit her several days.

MEN, are you permitting your wife to do your washing and ironing? Make her health and life last longer by sending it to the laundry. Remember that Monday morning and phone 133J J. E. Harris, the Laundryman. tf

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY EASTLAND COUNTY BAR 4th

Whereas, Judge George L. Davenport is a candidate for Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals of the Eleventh District:

Whereas, the honest and patriotic voters all over said District who do not personally know the candidate are no doubt seeking information to the end that they may cast their votes for the candidate whose character, ability and experience best fit him for the most acceptable public service, and

Whereas, the members of the bar of Eastland county have had special and peculiar opportunity and occasion to rightly estimate and judge of the character, ability and experience of Judge Davenport:

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Eastland County Bar:

That we most earnestly commend to the consideration of the voters of the District the candidacy of Judge Davenport, at present District Judge and who in the first primary received an overwhelming majority of the votes in Eastland County over his opponents and a substantial plurality in the entire District:

Thap upon the record of a clean and exemplary life among us we vouch for his unimpeachable character and high degree of integrity as a man;

That, as practicing lawyers in the court over which he has presided as District Judge during the past six years, we have come to justly rate him as one of the leading jurists of the state;

That, by reason of the location of the District Court of which he is Judge in the midst of the greatest operations of the oil industry in this state and the unprecedented volume, variety and importance of litigation of which his court has been called upon to exercise jurisdiction, Judge Davenport has had exceptional opportunity to acquire and

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has acquired a rich and varied experience which could have been had in no other way, pre-eminently fitting him for the place to which he aspires.

That, added to the qualifications above mentioned and crown ing same with completeness, is the possession on the part of Judge Davenport of a judicial temperament and poise of the highest order.

The following named members of the bar participated in the adoption of the foregoing resolution:

- O. C. Funderburk, J. L. Alford, J. J. Butts, L. H. McCrea, T. J. Cunningham, Conner & McRae, Eugene Lankford, Frank Judkins, E. A. Hill, L. H. Flewellen, Milton Lawrence, R. R. Holloway, Scott W. Key, Perry Sayles, Clayton L. Orr, L. G. Jackson, S. W. Pratt, G. G. Hazel, B. D. Shropshire, L. R. Pearson, J. D. Barker, L. D. Hillyer, D. K. Scott, John Sayles, F. D. Wright, Oscar Chastain, Scott, Brelsford, McCarty & Brelsford, R. B. Truly, A. E. Firmin, L. E. Richardson, J. Frank Sparks, Gillie Hubbard, W. S. Adamson.

(Political Advertisement-1tp.)

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our most sincere thanks and appreciation to all our neighbors and friends who have in any way aided and assisted us during the late illness and death of our beloved husband and father, Mr. W. H. Brown.

May God care for and extend his richest blessings upon each and every one. Mrs. W. H. Brown, Mrs. Nellie Pressley, Mrs. Bertie McClain, Mrs. Ada Wilson. It

Mrs. G. J. Jones writes to have the address of her paper changed from Lafayette, La., to Ingleton Apartments, Ennis, Texas, where she is now residing with her daughter, Mrs. Maury H. Huffman.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell returned from Chicago where she spent the summer at the Northwestern University, better preparing herself for teaching.

Mr. Alvia and Miss Opal Counts of Stephenville, Mrs. Albert Taylor of Gorman and Misses Pauline and Bonnie Blanche Hill of Roby were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns last week.

Mrs. L. B. Taylor and children of Grapevine were pleasant visitors in the T. T. Davis home on last Tuesday. Mrs. Taylor is an aunt of Mrs. Davis.

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION AT COZY IS SUCCESS

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Miss Jewel Burns returned Tuesday after a few days visit with relatives in Roby.

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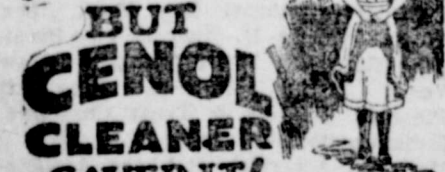
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FOR SALE—Have two nice registered German Police Puppies for sale. See J. W. McNeese at the Wm. O'Briant home. 19t2

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ROOMS—Have two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. See Mrs. C. E. Conner. 13t2p

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FOR RENT—A 3-room apartment. For particulars see Mrs. Duncan Briggs. 1t

FOR RENT—4-room house with lights, near school. See Geo. Clinton, route 5. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED—Family to head maize and pick cotton, house furnished. See W. H. Frazier. tf

WANTED—Man to do farm work. Permanent if you make good. F. R. Demere, route 5, Merkel, Texas. 13t2p

WANTED—A family to pick cotton. Have 5-room house. Expected to pick about a bale a day. 90 acres cotton. See G. W. Moore. 1t

WANTED—Family to head maize and pick cotton, house furnished. See W. H. Frazier. 1p

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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

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

HOW LAND SWINDLERS AND LOAN SHARKS DEFRAUD THEIR PREY

W. R. Morehouse Reveals Further Schemes by Which Poor Widows Are Bereft of Their Savings—Unbelievable Frauds Are Worked on the Uninformed.

By W. R. MOREHOUSE,
Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association.

ARTICLE NO. III

LAND swindles are almost as common as sand on the seashore. Here is one. A widow was left alone in the world with but \$6,000. She was urged to take a free ride into the country to look over a new town site. Just a pleasure ride, she was told. No obligation on her part. She accepted the invitation with no intention of parting with her precious \$6,000, but she fell among high-pressure salesmen and in an unguarded moment she affixed her signature to a contract to purchase a vacant lot for the \$6,000 cash she had in a savings bank.



W. R. Morehouse

Thirty days after she drew out her account for what she supposed was a business lot she received a notice that her monthly instalment of \$6,000 was due, being a \$1,000 payment on each of six \$6,000 lots. Strange as it may seem, not until she received this notice did she read the contract she had signed. Instead of buying one \$6,000 lot and paying for it, as she meant to do, she had signed a contract to buy six \$6,000 business lots and the \$6,000 she drew from the bank had been applied as a first payment of \$1,000 each on the six lots.

Had she gone to her banker she would have saved herself the loss of her inheritance, but doubtless the reason she had not consulted her bank was because she was not aware that bankers render such a service.

this same shylock for assistance and this is how he handled the case. He led the woman to expect that he would lend her the money but kept deferring making the loan from day to day. Finally, on the day she must make her payment or lose her furniture, he



A Widow Fell Among High Pressure Land Salesmen

Sad is the lot of the savings depositor who, after losing his savings through wild-cat speculation, is driven to desperation for funds and finds it necessary to borrow money to meet an emergency such as sickness or unpaid rent. Let me give the facts about two cases of the many with which I have come in contact.

The Loan Shark at Work

The principal characters in the first case are a man, who must borrow \$350 to place his wife in a hospital to save her life, and a loan shark, who demands every ounce of blood, in desperation the borrower applies to this loan shark for the loan of \$350. This is what it costs him—the amount is almost unbelievable but I obtained the exact figures first hand and I can vouch for their correctness—this man was obliged to give his note for \$925 for a loan of \$350! The day he got the note the shark sold it to an innocent holder and it became an obligation binding upon the borrower. Think of paying \$925 for a loan of \$350!

Here is another. This time there is a woman in the case. The woman needed \$165 to meet a payment on her furniture or lose it. She turned to

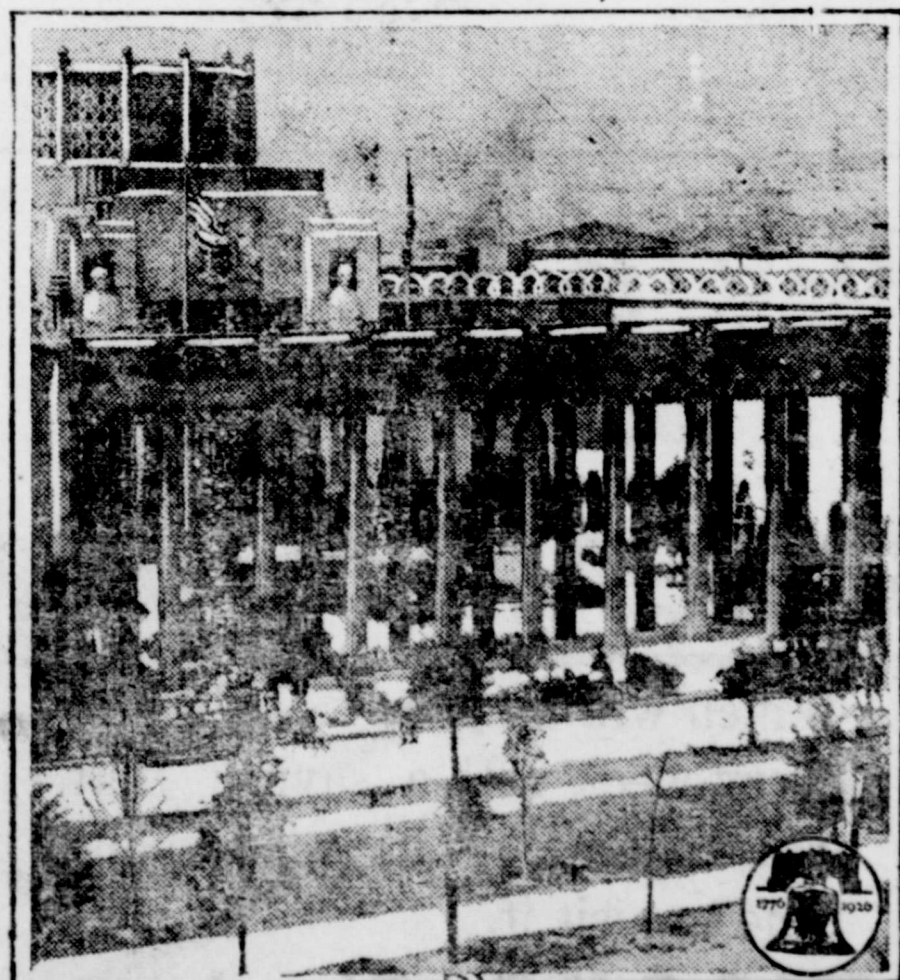
telephoned her to call. It was now too late for her to make any other arrangements for borrowing the funds. The shylock had planned it so that she would be at his mercy and would have to accept his terms. He charged her \$650 for a loan of \$165!

How the Shark Does It

Doubtless your curiosity is aroused as to how this shylock can get away with such a deal. Here are the facts. He charged a large commission for making the loan and also included a wide range in fees such as for drawing up papers and notarial fees. On top of this he required the borrower to buy stock in his company which was worthless. Then he required them to take out through him life insurance to about one hundred times the amount of the loan for which he received a liberal commission. In fact, he resorted to every imaginable scheme in order to bleed them of the last drop of blood they had to give. And the unfortunate thing about it all is that the borrowers in these two cases found it necessary to meet such exorbitant terms because they had already lost their savings through ill-advised investments.

Article IV will give methods by which people can be protected from fraudulent operations.

Pennsylvania's Contribution to the Sesqui



Here is the Keystone State's building at the great Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition at Philadelphia, celebrating 150 years of American Independence. In this huge structure Pennsylvania is displaying her progress from the arrival of Penn to the present day. The building is one of the handiest on the big exposition grounds and has proved a rendezvous for hundreds of thousands of people who have come from near and far to see the magnificent exhibits established by forty-three of the leading nations of the world. The Exposition continues until December 1.

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* **SHILOH HAPPENINGS** *
* By Mrs. C. W. Seago *
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Health in the community is good at this time. The farmers are all busy harvesting their feed crop, of which they all seem to have a bountiful supply.

Mr. J. H. Grayson returned to his home near Friona last week after a week's visit here with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Bonds of Mexico returned to Abilene Sunday after several days visit here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown.

Mrs. Mary Boon and children arrived Sunday night for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Phoebe Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Maynard of Burkburnett are visiting his sister, Mrs. M. L. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill James and Mrs. B. L. James spent Sunday with the writer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter near Meadow, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge and family of near Post City spent the past week here with home folks. To say the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge enjoyed their visit would be too mild. It seems like old times to have them with us and have Mr. Rutledge to lead our singing.

The singing at Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner's Sunday Aug. 8th, was enjoyed by large crowd. It was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge.

Miss Maude Greene has been on the sick list for a week or more. She has had her tonsils removed.

Little Maxine Mosley of Sweet water spent the past week with Lucille Baldree.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldree spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Means of Eskota.

Mr. J. W. Hardie is spending the week at Clyde with his son, Mr. Wesley Hardy.

Bro. O. B. Tatum will preach

at Shiloh the 3rd Sunday in September. Everybody come. Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:30. Everybody is welcome.

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WHY GOVERNMENT PRICE FIXING WON'T WORK

One of the most persistent fallacies in government price-fixing on competitive commodities. There is already government price-fixing in commodities and services where competition plays no part in price determination. These are railway transportation, electricity, gas, telephone and so on. Here government price-fixing is solely to protect the consumer. There are two fatal objections to government price-fixing for agricultural products, which represent the most competitive business in the world. These are, first, that it will not work; second, that it is always done for the consumer as against the producer.

Government price-fixing for agricultural products would work if at the same time the government regulated wages, profits, middlemen's margins, the production of all commodities and the rationing of all consumers. In short, if the population were enlisted in one vast army, directed and rationed, price-fixing would work, but otherwise not. If the price is fixed on the wheat the farmer sells, then he cannot keep on producing wheat if wages or the cost of harvesting machinery rise, or if the cost of other material he buys rises. So the next step would be the fixation of other prices, and yet other prices.

The United States government fixed the price of wheat but once in our history, and then it was to benefit consumers, not producers. The government might, in an emergency, fix some agricultural prices for the purpose of elevating such prices. Such action would inevitably and speedily lead to outcry from city consumers and a consequent reversal of policy. Indeed, the consumers, not the producers, are most likely to demand and secure food price regulation by government authorities. The farmer, therefore, who favors any form of governmental price-fixing is working against his own interests. He is putting his head into a noose.—James E. Boyle, Professor of Rural Economics, Cornell University, in the *Banker-Farmer*.

STRAIGHT TALKS WITH AUNT EMMY

On Fifteen Per Cent Bonds

Mrs. Norris beamed as she greeted Aunt Emmy and exclaimed, "Now I know all my financial worries are over! I wanted to tell you right away—"

"What have you bought this time?" Aunt Emmy demanded suspiciously.

"Well, I haven't paid the money over yet, but I have found the loveliest investment where my money will be perfectly safe and will earn a nice income for me right away," Mrs. Norris said. "I'm going to buy bonds, good safe bonds, that will pay me fifteen per cent interest—"

"Wait a minute, you'll have to go some, Maud Norris, to tell me about 'good safe bonds' that pay fifteen per cent!" Aunt Emmy broke in.

"They are safe,—the man said so and this booklet says so too!"

"Do you know what a bond is?" asked Aunt Emmy.

"No, but it's awfully safe. I'm sure of that," Mrs. Norris said. "Everybody knows that bonds are safe—"

"My dear, some bonds are safe and some are not. When you buy a bond you simply lend your money to the company putting out the bonds. Bond issues are secured generally by the company mortgaging or pledging some of its property. In other words, it offers a certain asset as security that it will return your money to you on the date the bond matures. It agrees to pay you a certain sum each year for the use of your money, usually something between five and eight per cent. No company can afford to pay too much for its money—and as to fifteen per cent bonds—why it would be very unusual for a company to be able to earn enough to enable it to pay fifteen per cent for the privilege of using other people's money,—moreover, if it is good enough to borrow money at all it can borrow it more cheaply than that!"

"Oh dear!" wail'd Mrs. Norris, "then a bond isn't a good safe investment—"

"Don't jump at conclusions so fast!" said Aunt Emmy. "I did not say that a bond is as safe as a church if the company that issues it is financially sound, has a high credit rating and is making money. Before you buy bonds assure yourself that the company behind them is above reproach."

"But the man who told me about these fifteen per cent bonds was so earnest—I felt sure I could believe him."

"Don't turn over any money to him until you have some advice on the bonds from your bank," admonished Aunt Emmy. "Then, if you find out that the bonds are questionable you will escape another bad investment."

—A. B. Ayres.

Mason County, Michigan, bankers are pushing hard to replace scrub stock with pure-bred cattle. The plan as outlined by the county agent is to purchase young pure-bred sires and place them wherever a farmer is found who is willing to co-operate in the proposition. The bankers will advance the purchase price and take a note for one year without interest. The idea is to make it as easy as possible for the farmers to procure thoroughbreds.

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On last Friday evening Miss Mona Margaret Jones was hostess at a very pretty party at her home on Oak street, when she entertained for a newly organized bridge club. Tables with beautiful appointments had been arranged for playing bridge, which provided the entertainment for the evening. A delicious salad course was served by the hostess at the close of the games. Those attending were Misses Boog Sears, Melba West, Johnny Sears, Evelyn Curb, Maurine Tipton, Dorris Durham, Mildred Matthews, Sally Brown and Lola Dennis.

Mr. A. J. Tucker is home from Fort Worth where he spent the summer months.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and children returned last week from their trip to New Mexico, where they had been to visit friends and to look after their ranch in that state. Upon their return Mr. Hunter found a message waiting that a brother in Fort Worth was dead and he immediately left to attend the funeral. He returned first of this week. We join many friends in extending to him deepest sympathy in the loss of his brother.

C. A. Craven and family of Paducah are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble.

DR. GAMBILL TO ATTEND DENTAL CONGRESS

Dr. W. M. Gambill, one of Merkel's progressive and splendid Dentists, left Thursday for Philadelphia, where he will attend the Seventh International Dental Congress, which convenes in that city from August 23 to August 28.

Dr. Gambill, who is the inventor and owner of the "Gambill Denture Grinder," a machine that is becoming widely used by progressive and up-to-date Dentists in their work, which without doubt will prove a great help and time saver to them in their dental work, and which ultimately will be used the world over. He will open a booth in the great assembly of dentists in that city, and exhibit and demonstrate the fine work and quality of the machine, which will no doubt bring about the

sale of many machines for him and his company which he has recently organized here for the purpose of putting the machine on the market the world over.

During Dr. Gambill's absence which will be until about Sept. 1st, Dr. Kennedy of Abilene, a very competent dentist, will be in charge at Dr. Gambill's office.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter and Miss Mae Lassiter, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter and children, and Mrs. C. F. Long, of Abilene, returned from Northeast Texas Tuesday, where they have been visiting friends and relatives. While away they were guests on an outing and big fishing trip into Oklahoma.

Fly-Tox tonight and sleep in comfort—undisturbed by mosquitoes.

STRAIGHT TALKS WITH AUNT EMMY

ON HOUSEHOLD BUDGETS

"Aunt Emmy," asked Helen, "won't you explain what is meant by a household budget? You said something the other day about budgets, but I don't seem clear in my mind about it."

"A budget is simply a plan," said Aunt Emmy. "You plan what you are going to do with your income. You divide your income systematically so that you can meet your needs. You lay aside a part of your income for rent, other parts for food, clothing, heat, light, telephone, recreation, savings and so on."

"How are you going to know how much you should spend for each thing—on rent for instance, Auntie?" asked Helen.

"Experts have studied the question carefully and have worked out budgets to suit every income. Of course, you can alter these typical budgets slightly to suit your particular needs. For example, the average budget that covers incomes of from \$2,000 to \$10,000 a year divides your income into six parts. Ten per cent for savings, twenty per cent for rent, twenty per cent for food, twenty per cent for what is called betterment and includes education, amusement, entertainment, books, music, sports; fifteen per cent for clothes and fifteen per cent for operating expenses."

"No matter how you change the other items you must not change the savings allowance—except to increase it. A great majority of men who reach sixty are dependent on relatives or charity. If they had saved only ten cents out of every dollar, they would not have been in that plight. There is nothing like money in the savings bank to help you through the emergencies that come in everybody's life. If everybody kept one year's income in the savings bank, much misery would be averted. If you always have enough money to see you through one year, you are pretty safe. Beyond that, it is wise to let your money accumulate until you have enough to buy some good securities. Your banker will advise you about the securities that suit your needs."

"But, Aunt Emmy, suppose you wanted to alter your budget?" inquired Helen. "How would you know how to do it? A young married couple might start on a certain budget and then, when they had children to feed and educate, they might want to change it."

"Well, my dear, if they were in doubt about their financial affairs, they could always consult their banker. That is why it is so good to establish friendly relations with a bank when you start out in life. Any banker will be glad to advise young people about making their money go farther."

WHAT THE FEDERAL RESERVE HAS DONE FOR BUSINESS

What the Federal Reserve System has done for business is summed up in these points: It has (1) given business greater confidence in the ability of the banks to care for credit needs; (2) introduced an elastic currency and eliminated money panics; (3) eliminated extreme seasonal fluctuations in rates of interest; (4) brought business safely through the war and post-war crises; (5) saved millions of dollars to business through its effective system for check collection; (6) made the gold reserve more effective as a basis for credit extension in times of extraordinary demand; (7) aided in the financing of foreign and domestic trade by developing a discount market for acceptances; (8) provided a means for handling huge financial operations of the government without interference with business; (9) aided in the re-establishment of the gold standard abroad; (10) given us an experienced banking organization which will assist us in meeting the future exigencies of business at home and abroad with courage and confidence.

BANKERS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

John H. Puelicher, former president of the American Bankers Association, has been named chairman of the board of trustees of the American Bankers Association Educational Foundation for which \$500,000 has been pledged by the bankers to provide for scholarships and research in economics in colleges throughout the country. The other trustees are Leonard P. Ayers, Vice-President Cleveland Trust Company; Stephen I. Miller, Educational Director American Institute of Banking; Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Company, New York; George E. Roberts, Vice-President National City Bank, New York; Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Company, New York; Evans Woollen, President Fletcher Savings & Trust Company, Indianapolis; W. Espey Albright, Deputy Manager American Bankers Association, Secretary.

The banks of Washington, la., believe in giving the pupils of the public schools simple and practical information in regard to banking practices as a matter of education. Talks were made during the year to grade and high school students by representatives of the banks.

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