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TWO WELLS ARE EXPECTED IN NEXT WEEK

BANKERS FINISH FINANCE PLANS

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 28.—With the completion of the plans for a Texas Cotton Finance corporation here Wednesday, six states are now organized with a total capital of \$10,000,000, which means, it was stated, that a working fund of \$100,000,000 of credit becomes immediately available through the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks and the United States Farm Loan Board for the retiring of 4,000,000 bales of cotton for a period of 18 months.

Texas leads with the formation of a \$5,000,000 corporation, which forms the basis of \$50,000,000 of credit, or half of the total for the South.

Success is Assured

North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and a combination of Louisiana and Southern Mississippi have formed corporations of \$1,000,000 each.

Meyer issued a statement after the meeting in which he said the action, in his opinion assures the success of the plan whereby the storage of 25 per cent of the 1926 crop, estimated to be the approximate surplus above this year's consumption requirements of American cotton, will be financed for such a time as may be needed to restore normal marketing conditions.

Authorized by Bankers

Formation of the Texas corporation was authorized by a special committee of the Texas Bankers' Association, which held over from Tuesday's state meeting, after it had met with Eugene Meyer, chairman of President Coolidge's cotton commission, who arrived in Dallas early Wednesday from Birmingham. He was accompanied by A. C. Williams, chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board, who assisted him in outlining the plan adopted.

The plan, as presented, makes possible borrowing money at a very low rate of interest from the Intermediate Credit Bank and issuing \$10 worth of credit for each \$1 of actual capital stock subscribed to the corporation.

\$50,000,000 Available

This will make available a \$50,000,000 working fund for the retiring of the cotton for from 18 to 20 months or longer on warehouse receipts security and proper insurance subject to the immediate supervision of the Federal Farm Loan Board.

The committee which will be appointed by President Charles A. Fisk of the Texas Bankers' Association will work out the details as to what sums will be advanced the growers upon delivery of their cotton to the corporation. It will not be less than \$45 to \$50 a bale, it was stated.

It was pointed out that while almost all of the cotton crop of Central and Southern Texas is out of the hands of the farmers, that of West, East and North Texas is not nearly picked, and the retirement movement will appeal to the country bankers who want to see the cotton price stabilized and perhaps to rise when a sufficient number of bales over the South have been retired in a similar manner.

Mrs. Craddock and son, Mr. Elmer Craddock, mother and brother of Mrs. J. E. Richardson, have returned to their home in Burnet, Texas, after an extended visit here.



AARON SAPIRO

TO SPEAK ON COTTON SITUATION

A special and urgent invitation has been extended to all interest of Taylor and adjacent counties to hear Aaron Sapiro when he speaks at Abilene November 1 at two o'clock at the First Baptist Church Auditorium, by J. C. Mason, Director of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, in a statement made here today.

"It is an exceptional opportunity to hear a man of outstanding education, speaking ability, and an intimate knowledge of farmers' problems, such as are now faced by cotton growers over the South. Mr. Sapiro has had outstanding success in his work, and in a magnetic manner presents the program of orderly and cooperative marketing in a clear, concise and interesting manner," Mr. Mason said.

"To best appreciate him and his message is to hear him, and I know that those who miss this opportunity will have regrets. He will discuss conditions we are now facing and offer a sound, constructive program of permanent solution. I feel that Abilene and Taylor County are indeed fortunate in being selected as one of the twelve points in Texas in which Mr. Sapiro will speak during the first week of November, and I sincerely urge everyone who has any interests directly or indirectly in agriculture to hear him when he comes here."

NINETY GROUPS IN MEETING HERE

Ninety B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school organizations of eighteen churches will send delegates to the Sweetwater Baptist Association B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School convention to be held here Sunday. The program will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday school and preaching services before noon. The program for the afternoon includes talks and music by various members of the association.

The Association includes all of Taylor and a part of Nolan county. There are 50 B.Y.P.U. organizations and 40 Sunday school organizations in the district. Following is the program:

- 1:45—Song service, led by Wendell Foreman, Abilene.
- 2:00—"Simultaneous Winter Rural S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Campaign," by G. C. Sewell, Abilene.
- 2:30—"The Group Captain's Responsibility," by Milton Baulch, Sweetwater.
- 2:40—Music by Foreman and Hatton.
- 2:45—How to put on a Sun-

MANY NEW HOMES NOW BEING BUILT

Among the new homes now under construction in our city we learn of the following:

C. P. Church, one among the many farmers of this community that has been made prosperous by the discovery of oil, and who owns a fine farm a short distance north of the Winter No. 1, is having erected in Southwest Merkel a new and modern 5-room bungalow home, to which he and his family expect to soon move. Merkel welcomes them and all other such excellent people.

Mr. O. R. Dye, the genial manager for the Burton-Lingo Company, is having built a handsome new and modern home on his lots in the south part of the city, he having recently sold the home he now occupies to Mr. George Ferrier.

Next we notice a new and modern home being erected by Mr. Herbert Patterson, assistant Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, which is located adjacent to his present home in the south part of the city, and which will likely be for rent or sale.

Besides these we learn that a number of others will soon start new homes, and among them will be Mr. L. R. Thompson, the able and untiring secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, which will be located just north of the Dr. W. M. Gambill home.

We learn that our very accommodating Postmaster, Mr. Taylor F. Davis, is planning the erection of a new home to cost several thousand dollars. He will also remodel a home recently purchased in the southwest part of the city.

This paper is glad indeed to note these new additions and improvements in our city's residential section, and wish to further emphasize the need of more new homes in our city. There is no question but that investments in new homes whether for rent or sale, would prove profitable investments and be of much help in caring for the increase in population now begging for homes.

We also need a big, modern, hotel and a large rooming house immediately.

day School Enlargement Campaign," by Walter Jackson, Abilene.

3:15—"The importance of the Adult B. Y. P. U.," by Will Henry Haney, Abilene.

3:35—"State B.Y.P.U. Convention," by Taylor McCastland, Sweetwater.

GENERAL ELECTION OFFICIALS NAMED

With the completion of the printing of ballots Wednesday, all arrangements have been made for the holding of the general election, Nov. 2. This is an "off" year in politics though several of the states have hot congressional and senatorial fights and where the parties are fairly equally divided, high interest has been aroused in state races.

Polls will open at eight o'clock and close at 7 o'clock. Absentee voters may vote from now until the closing of the poles on election day. The following is a list of near-by polling places and the election judges for those places:

No. 5. Nubia, Jack Latimer, G. E. Blair.

No. 6. Merkel, J. P. Sharp, Henry Frazier, H. L. Propst, H. R. Hicks.

No. 11. Trent, J. C. Hammer, No. 12. Capps-Merkel, Palen Keith, Grady Parmely.

No. 13. View, H. U. Drummond, W. G. Patterson.

No. 20. Tye-Merkel, Mill McCarty, Ross Hinds.

No. 26. Blair, Z. V. Moore, Will Irwin.

T&P PUTTING NEW SIDE TRACKS HERE

Another evidence of belief that the Noodle Creek Oil field near Merkel is to prove of vast scope and importance, may be gleaned from the fact that the Texas & Pacific Railway let the contract first of the week to C. K. Russell, local truck and teaming contractor, for the construction of the necessary grade to put in additional side tracks here. When completed they will extend from near the depot to beyond the section house west, which will give room for unloading fifty cars at one time.

We are informed that there will also be put down at once at least two other long sidings along the right of way, which will be used for unloading cars direct to the many supply houses space for which has already been secured from the railway company.

The fact that the T. & P. is making such extensive enlargements of their yards here and at Trent also is indeed evidence that they have faith of much development in the Noodle Creek Field.

WINTER NO. 1 PRODUCTION HOLDING 700 BBLs. DAILY

C. of C. Meeting
The Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday night at 7:30, and a full attendance of the members of the executive committee is desired. All others who care to attend are invited.

With production from the Phillips Joe Winter No. 1 discovery well holding up around 700 barrels per day, interest is now centered on the bringing in within the next few days of the Midwest Thornton No. 1, the southwest offset, and the Phillips Walling No. 1, south offset, which are drilling at around 2200 feet, with formations and log running almost identical with the discovery well. It is said that the prospects for this well being as good or better producer is now very flattering, and it is expected that the drill will penetrate the sand next week, barring mishaps.

TO DRILL WITHIN 3 MILES OF CITY

Many drilling blocks have been made up within a radius of several miles surrounding this city, wherein the usual 30 to 60 day limit for spudding in the well has been contracted. Messrs. Johnson & Gibson, independent operators, are among the many companies securing several of these blocks in the Merkel territory, and as an indication that they expect to continue to carry to completion their contracts may be adjudged by the fact that early this week their surveyors went over their Haynes, Hamilton and Tipton block, and drove the stake on the S. F. Haynes farm for their first well in this block. The test, it is said, will be located on the Haynes tract in section 38, block 19, T. & P. lands, about the middle of the east half of the section, which if a producer will call for the drilling of possibly three offsets. This rig is expected to go up next week, and will be a little less than three miles due west of Merkel, as the crow flies.

Another wildcat test that has already been blocked and the location made is that by Messrs. Hunter & Grisham, on the D. O. Huddleston tract near the Mt. Pleasant school house, six miles southeast. These gentlemen were in Merkel yesterday completing titles and paying for leases obtained, and Judge Hunter of the firm stated to a representative of this paper that they had about completed titles and expected to soon have matters in readiness to erect the derrick and start drilling. He stated that this well would be drilled regardless of the outcome of others.

WORK STARTS ON ROOMING HOUSE

Mr. W. A. Barker, late of Plainview, is here this week, and is arranging to start at once the erection of a fourteen room rooming house on some lots he recently purchased from J. W. Moore, located in the northwest part of the city.

We understand Mr. and Mrs. Barker will operate the house and will have it open within a few weeks. Mr. W. A. Barker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker of Merkel, route 4.

G. M. SHARP SELLS GROCERY STORE

Mr. G. M. Sharp, for many years one of the leading grocers of the city has this week sold his stock of groceries and good will to Mr. O. F. Weidenbach, of Colorado, and formerly of Putnam, who will take charge immediately.

Mr. Weidenbach states that the firm will be known as the "Quality Market and Grocery," and that he will keep a complete line of meats and groceries.

The Midwest struck salt water Tuesday and set 8-inch casing Tuesday night.

The Phillips Tessie Walling, drilling around 2,000 feet, is expected to be in before another week has passed.

The Hurley Company's Sears, three miles east of the producer is drilling at around 2000 feet, and has thus far developed a similar log to that of the discovery well. This test, if a producer, will extend the field some four miles to the east, and cause one of the most extensive drilling campaigns ever seen in new territory. The outcome is going to be watched with much interest for the next few days.

The Atlantic Oil Company's Howell No. 1 is down about 100 feet. This test is about one mile due south of the producer.

The Phillips company has up a rig for their Winter No. 2, just north of their No. 1.

The Marland's Mason No. 1, offset to the discovery well, had the misfortune of running a crooked hole, and have skidded the rig preparatory to starting a new hole. They also have the rig up for their Mason No. 2. Both wells are to be spudded in within a few days.

The World Oil Company is erecting a derrick on their Boney, Clark, Stanford lease north of the Winter two miles.

Johnson & Gibson are rigging up on the Wheeler tract three miles northwest.

Material is on the ground for a rig on the Rose tract two miles south of the producer, by the Noodle Creek Oil Company.

A rig is up on the Cranston place nine miles northeast of Merkel, and is expected to spud in within a few days.

Drilling blocks have been secured near Mt. Pleasant, six miles southeast of Merkel, two blocks near Blair, six miles south west; one near Butman, fifteen miles south.

HUCONY WELL AT 2,940 FOOT DEPTH

Bad caving of dry shale in the Hucony Gas Company's Arthur Sears oil test well south of Eskota in Nolan county, has caused much delay in drilling since Sunday. A sand pump has been ordered for use in keeping the hole clear.

This well is 2,940 feet deep. Late Tuesday it was thought the well was cleaned out enough for the bit to go deeper.

At 2,900 feet a slight oil showing was found. Following twenty feet of hard limestone the blue shale formation was entered.

The contract depth for this well is 3,000 feet.

Miss Dixie Howard of Abilene was guest of Mrs. Earl Baze last Sunday.

"The New Pay Master"



NOTICE

To Our Friends and Patrons

You will note that the **Farmers State Bank** has this week moved its fixtures, furniture and business to the Corner Building in the Max Mellinger Block, where we will continue to serve you faithfully and to the best of our ability, while our old home building is being remodeled; and which, when completed, will be our future and permanent home, modernly constructed and equipped.

And while we are only temporarily located, we invite our customers, friends and the public to call on us for banking service that is as good as the best.

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MERKEL TEXAS

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	David Hendricks

Has Complete History of Spanish Mantilla

At last I have found the trail, Francis Miltoun exclaims. In exultant mood, in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Some years ago browsing in the archives of Palma in the Island of Majorca I came across a document which professed to give the history of the Spanish mantilla. Lately it turned up again among a mass of notes. The Spanish mantilla was originally a mark of shame for the femininity of loose morals of the day, a day away back before Goya and the Spanish painters took it out of its class and made it an appurtenance of the dress of the ladies of the court.

Originally the mantilla crossed its rather straggly ends of the time down over the breast in the form of a letter A. These bretelles were red. One wonders if Hawthorne ever knew this. There's the plot ready made. One and another of most modern and ancient writers went and took what they wanted where they found it, a procedure which is ethically legitimate up to a certain point.

It should be remembered that the mantilla of today resembles very little that of the fairylike Island of Majorca, where the sun ever shines and the thermometer never falls very low. By a process of development it came to be what it is, but it was always a headress. I put it that way, not being a fashion writer, but I vouch for the rest of the statement as supported by documentary evidence and only recount it here by the possibility of being able to drag in Hawthorne. That happens to be vivid in my mind because in my youth I once lived across the street from the House of Seven Gables. How the circles do cut in on one another, like those of the planetary system!

Herring Is Bread

What is to become of the people who live on the islands of the Zuyder zee in Holland when that sea becomes dry land? Pierre Van Paassen asks, in the Atlanta Constitution. As far back as human memory goes these people have been fishers. The sea is in their blood. "Herring is bread," as they say themselves. From their very youth their whole life is directed toward the sea. "Only idiots and fools stay on dry land," a wrinkled old skipper told us once. The little gamins in their wide trousers can hardly walk when they fashion a ship out of an old wooden shoe, fix it up with rudder and sail and float it on the ditch. When they come from school they first must see the harbor. Is there a trawler running in or a tugboat they shout: "Did you see father?" and "How much of a catch did he have?" Fish and the Calvinist sermons of the pastor are their life and breath. The Dutch government, it is said, will compensate them. Nevertheless all means the end of a picturesque race. And it will be just as hard to make landlubbers out of these children of the sea as it is for Russia to make Jewish merchants into farmers.

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, boat held on the island by the Dutch discoverers, whereas 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 Manhattanink, or the "Island of Jolly Topers." To substantiate this, it is pointed out that many of the early maps called the island Menados, Mandos and Manatoes, all said to mean "a piece 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 Manamans, or People of the Whirlpool."—Detroit News.

Awkward Situation

Fry 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. "Stop

WARREN NEWS

By Vera Jones

The farmers are all hoping to finish gathering their crops soon.

The health of the community is good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. C T McCormick visited her parents of Trent Sunday evening.

Miss Willie Numan spent Sunday with Miss Vela Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited in Merkel Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McClain spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J W Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. E H Jones Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B L Evers visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris Saturday night.

Mr. Albert Criswell visited Mr. H. Gressett Sunday morning.

Miss Azline Sumpter spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Lottie Gressett.

Mr. R V Jones visited Sunday evening with Mr. Oddis Thompson.

Mrs. Willie McCoy spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tarpley spent Sunday with his uncle, Mr. Reb Tarpley.

Mr. Robert Sumpter, T B Hobbs and Thurman McCoy visited in Merkel Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Patterson visited in Warren community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris of Salt Branch community.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Numan of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Higgins Sunday.

Miss Vera Jones spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Helen McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis and wife, of Lampasas, are among the many new folks we are glad to welcome to our city. Mr. Davis is with Cash Tailor Shop, coming from the Progressive Tailors in Lampasas.

Mr. H. L. Propst is in Plainview this week looking after his city property there.

"BOOM DAYS"

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FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

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'SINCE 1904'

"Our service is at YOUR service"

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—"

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.

Students to Pay More

Students of Antioch college, Yellow Springs, Ohio, in a recent financial crisis of the college, voluntarily decided to increase their own tuition \$50 a year. The vote was by secret ballot, and passed by a nine-tenths majority. Antioch students in general earn about two-thirds of their college expenses.

First to Name Stars

John Bayer's "Uranometria," first published in 1603, was the first book to use the modern system of naming stars, "alpha Orionis" the last part being the Latin name of the constellation and the former the Greek letter indicating the relative brightness of the star in the constellation.

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

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.

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Price Cut of \$40 to \$120 EFFECTIVE NOW

While the nation-wide returns are not yet complete, every indication points to the fact that—in the six days following the first announcement of these new prices—sales of the Whippet and Overland Six have increased in tremendous volume. Public recognition of their superlative value has been quickly indicated. If orders are placed at once prompt deliveries can be made.

The Whippet

	WAS	NOW
Sedan	\$735	\$695
Coupe	\$735	\$685

FEATURES 4-wheel brakes—stops in 51 feet from 40 miles an hour—30 miles on a gallon of gasoline—55 miles an hour—5 to 30 miles in 13 seconds—turns in 34-foot circle—easiest car in America to park.

All prices f. o. b. factory. Price and specifications subject to change without notice.

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	WAS	NOW
Standard Sedan	\$935	\$835
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Coupe	\$895	\$825

FEATURES High-torque engine—5 to 40 miles in 21 seconds—low gravity center—longest wheelbase in its price class—handsomest Six of its in America.

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First-Class Work Good Soft Water

Your patronage will be appreciated.

NEWSPAPER BARGAIN DAYS ARE ANNOUNCED

This paper is glad to announce the arrival of fall bargain days on newspapers. The Abilene Morning News, a fine morning paper published right here at home, in our own county site, has announced the very low rate of \$4.70 per year for the daily and Sunday.

We are going to offer our subscribers and friends a combination rate for both the Reporter and Merkel Mail, one year each, at only \$5.50. The Merkel Mail costs you only 80c in this combination.

The regular price for the Abilene Morning News is \$7.00 per year; the regular price of the Merkel Mail is \$1.50 in the local territory and \$2.00 outside, a total of \$8.50 for both. During bargain days we will send both papers for one year for only \$5.50. You save \$3.00 by subscribing now.

If you want to buy or sell oil leases farms or city property, see W.O. Boney or T.L. Grimes

Sell those lots with a classified ad in the Mail.

NOODLE NEWS

Health of the community is good.

Bro. Williams filled his regular appointment Sunday. He will preach his last sermon the fourth Sunday, and then he will go to conference.

Roy Winter has as his guest a fine son. He's a very proud daddy as this is his first boy.

A. L. Nickolson of Plainview spent Saturday night with W. J. Bicknell.

T. C. Jenkins and wife have gone to the Plains for a few days.

Little June Spurgin, the champion cotton picker of Noodle, having picked 30 pounds in one half day at 5 years of age.

Mrs. Gene Spurgin had as her guest Sunday her mother and aunt from Anson.

J. O. Jones, wife and daughter of Hamlin spent Sunday with W. J. Bicknell and family.

Mrs. Waldo Cox visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winter Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Herring was in Merkel Monday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rape were in our community Saturday.

Nator Eoff and wife spent Saturday night with his father, W. M. Eoff.

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.

The Oldest Dogs

Greyhounds are supposed to be the oldest members of the canine race, and one enthusiast has traced back their history for 30,000 years.

They certainly figured in Egyptian frescoes of the early Pharaohs, and were used for coursing by Xenophon, while a fine sculpture in the British museum of two greyhounds at play proves that they were known to the Romans.

These swift and graceful dogs were popular with all sporting sovereigns from Canute to the Stuarts.

Ban on Student Drivers

Beginning next fall, University of New Hampshire students will not be allowed to operate their own motor cars during the time the university is in session. This action was taken after it was found the grades of the car owners are much lower than those of their fellow students. Written permits will be needed before students can operate cars, and it is thought these will be granted only to students commuting.

Knew Better

A young bride-elect was ordering her trousseau in London before going out to New Zealand to be married.

The dressmaker suggested only very warm clothing, and when she demurred, asserting that the climate was beautifully mild, she was immediately informed:

"I assure you, madam, you are mistaken. New Zealand is where the frozen meats come from."

"Straying" Husbands

Strayed husbands in London at the present time number nearly 12,000. "Why husbands leave home and where they go are mysteries," said a district relieving officer. "If they are found, the almost invariable excuse they give is that the wife was 'carrying on.' Some apparently just grow bored with married life, or want a change. One man sent his wife and three children to the seaside for a holiday. When they returned he was gone, bag and baggage, and has not been heard from since."

She Should Have Known

A certain English bishop prides himself on saying the right and tactful word to every person he meets, and by reason of his office he is not accustomed to find his remarks questioned.

"So strange I should run up against you," he said to a woman acquaintance, "because I was chatting only a few minutes ago with your two children."

"But," said the woman, "I have no children."

"Are you sure?" he asked earnestly.

Batik Work Intricate

The Netherlands East Indies produces by the cottage industry method the world-famous batik, or glorified cotton cloth, says Commerce Reports. Cloth used in this industry is imported and distributed in small pieces to the workers, who dye it with an elaborate hand process which produces beautiful and intricate designs. As many as 100 operations are sometimes required before a single piece of cloth is finished. Native batik is now meeting with competition from imported printed cloth.

Removal Justified

Wife—I took the recipe for this cake out of the cookbook.

Hub (sampling the soggy thing)—You did perfectly right. It never should have been put in.—Boston Transcript.

BUILD A HOME!

Build a Home and save the Rent

BUILD A HOME AND GET THE RENT FOR AN INVESTMENT

We are prepared to do your plumbing work. Plumbing fixtures, any kind you want. We have two plumbers that know their business and any job intrusted to us will be put in to pass State inspection.

We have a nice line of Builders Hardware, Water well supplies, Shelf Hardware, Queensware, Rig Builders Supplies, Oil Field Laborers Supplies. Infact our stock was never more complete than at the present time.

Remember to attend our big \$1.00 Sale Saturday. We want you to be here.

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"If It's Hardware We Have It."

A Pleasant Occasion

On last Sunday, the 24th, many friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressly, near White Church, to celebrate the eighty-eighth birthday of Mrs. N. E. Norris, familiarly and lovingly known as "Grandma Norris."

Mrs. Norris is one of the pioneers of Taylor county, having moved to Mulberry Canyon with her husband, Bro. M. M. Norris, in 1879.

Many of the old settlers remember the hearty welcome given to them by Mr. and Mrs. Norris at the annual camp meetings held near their home in the early eighties. There were five generations of her family represented there that day. Mrs. Norris has five children, twenty-eight grandchildren, sixty-two great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, one hundred and one descendants.

A bountiful dinner, prepared and served by her granddaughters, was heartily enjoyed by all and as we watched the light from the eighty-eight tiny candles on the pretty birthday cake, shining so clear and beautiful, we thought of the kind deeds and good influence of this dear Christian woman during the forty-five years we have known her and our hearts echoed these thoughts.

"Life is not simply days and years, Nor songs and smiles; nor sighs and tears. We find that at its best it blends

The good we've done to all our friends.

And we repeated the words of our Lord Jesus to His disciples: "Ye are the light of the world."

Friends and relatives from Bitter Creek, Trent, Merkel and Abilene with those of the Canyon, called during the day with gifts, loving greetings and best wishes that "Grandma Norris" might count her nights by stars, not shadows; count her life with smiles, not tears, and with joy

on this her birthday, count her age by friends, not years.

The afternoon passed pleasantly, enlivened by songs and instrumental music and the conversation of the elderly people, who related incidents of pioneer days.

As the evening shadows lengthened we bade her goodbye with a prayer that peace and joy may be with her all the way.

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Borger's going to be put on the map. O. Marvin Thomas of Winstboro will do the work. He came to Panhandle in September on his first trip, and Borger elected him secretary of their new chamber of commerce to take up duties September 23. The oil town citizens raised him a \$40,000 budget as a starter. And now O. Marvin is going to tell that Borger is up-to-date and progressive; not a tough, two-gun town like the newspapers paint it, and he says he's "thrilled" with the work.

GREATER COOPERATION IS VERY NECESSARY

As pointed out in other issues, if Merkel fails in securing her full share of the prosperity that the discovery of oil will bring it will be on account of the indifference of her people. A few are alive to the opportunities presented but there is too much indifference on the part of the many. One man, however able, cannot put over a big program, but all working together can accomplish whatever is attempted. Our citizens should attend the meetings of the Executive committee and lend their active and moral support to the Chamber of Commerce. Whatever is done by that body in bringing new people and additional capital here will benefit every citizen and each of us should be a booster. We should not depend on one man doing the work in which every one should share. Our citizens have given fairly liberal to the budget but moral support is worth as much as the money. In other words, if you wish your monthly payments to bring big returns get behind our secre-

tary and boost. By boosting we do not mean going after impossibilities or claiming advantages which we do not have, but we insist that all our advantages be properly set forth and that there be no question of our unity of purpose. That there has been but little criticism is greatly to our credit as it requires no ability to criticize. Boost your town and grow with it. Every time you boost you become bigger, not only in your own estimation, but in the opinion of others. Every time you knock you are made conscious of your own littleness and lose somewhat of your respect for self. **BOOST!**

SCHOOLS BENEFITED BY APPROPRIATIONS

The schools of Merkel will be benefitted to the amount of about \$1,500.00 by the supplementary appropriation made this week at Austin. The Governor was persuaded to do this by the people of the state, and Merkel had her share in bringing this about. To these the Superintendent wishes to express his thanks along with that of others who see what it means to small schools.

The rural schools of Merkel trade territory will be materially benefitted by this and we want them to know we pull for everything in Merkel country.

While I'm writing I want to call attention of the rural school trustees to the fact that they may have book covers free for the asking and very welcome. They are at the school house and if your school opens soon come by and get a supply. It will save your district several dollars. These covers were donated by some business men of Merkel.

Come and visit our school. We welcome you. Irvin L. Jackson.

Mrs. Geroge Groene and baby of Bastrop, Texas, are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway, and other relatives and friends.

Where Priests Labored

A bronze tablet now marks the spot where nearly 300 years ago Franciscan priests taught the word of God among warring Indians. It is near New Smyrna, Fla. There the priests taught Indian boys and girls their catechism, baptized them, received their confessions, married them and officiated at the last rites for the dead. An old Spanish document found some time ago revealed a communication from the Franciscans to the king of Spain asking for certain implements. Hoos particularly were sought, "which," the letter read, "are the most essential for the many 'entradas' which have to be made and the erection of houses and temples in the Indian villages."

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Lavish Chinese Weddings

Chinese weddings take 11 days, and in the case of the very wealthy, cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. It is not uncommon for as many as 5,000 invitations to be issued, writes a correspondent of the Duluth (Minn.) News-Tribune. The bridegroom pays for this lavish entertainment. The couple to be married never meet until the ceremonies begin, the match having been arranged by the parents. On each day there is a different ceremony performed and not until the eleventh day is the knot said to have been securely tied.

"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.

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- Sixth grade, Miss Sterling: Ida Mae Derstine 91, Mary Elizabeth Grimes 91 Nell Durham 90
- Fifth grade, Miss Proctor: Fae Vantrese 90, Joyce Wheeler 90, Mildred Richardson 90, Florence Rider 90.
- Fifth grade, Miss Campbell: Margaret Canon 92, Frances Marie Church 92, Nell Hughes 92, Imogene Middleton 91, Opal Husky 91, Nadine Field 91.
- Fourth grade, Miss West: Wilma Gardner 93, David Gamble 93, Neoma Grayson 92, Harold Reese 92, Lillian Floyd 91, Bennie Hendrix 90, Oscar Adcock, Wanda Hunter 90.
- Fourth grade, Miss Dean: Bessyelea Church 93, Julia Proctor 92.
- Third grade, Miss Heizer: Billie Bernice Gambill 95, Deverle Brown 93.
- Third grade, Miss Coats: Ethelda Tucker 93, James Pilcher 92, Burneal Scott 91, Alice Russell 91, Isabel Propst 90, Corene Morrison 90, Dot Swafford 90.
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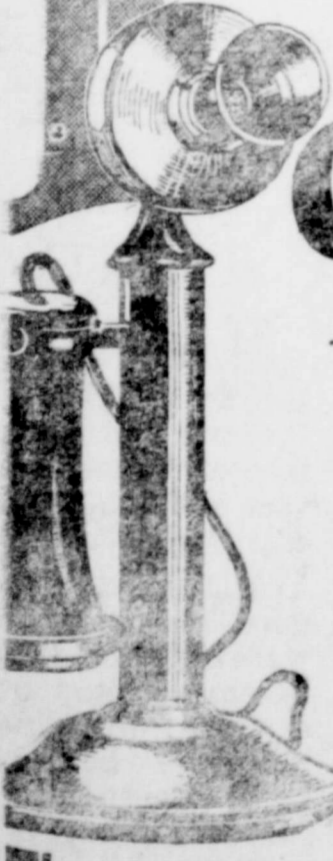
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- Ninth grade: Addie Fae Patterson 90, Norma Shannon 92, Alice Reed 90, Imogene Mangum 91, Bernice Lasater 90, Eunalea Gilmore 94, Helen
- Compton 90, Venice Bell 90, Mary Ellen Ashby 91.
- Tenth grade: Elizabeth Harkrider, Burnis Tucker, Mildred Hamm, Nola Neill, Ima Parrack, Haskell Shorter, Sterling Shepard, Iris Garrett, Fred Yandell.
- Senior Class: Orpah Patterson Tommie Durham, Ailene Childress, Nina Belle Russell, Hazel Coats, Flora Frances Anderson, Mary Kate Lightsey, Inice Brown, Helen Booth, Angie Bradley, Dorothy Higgins.

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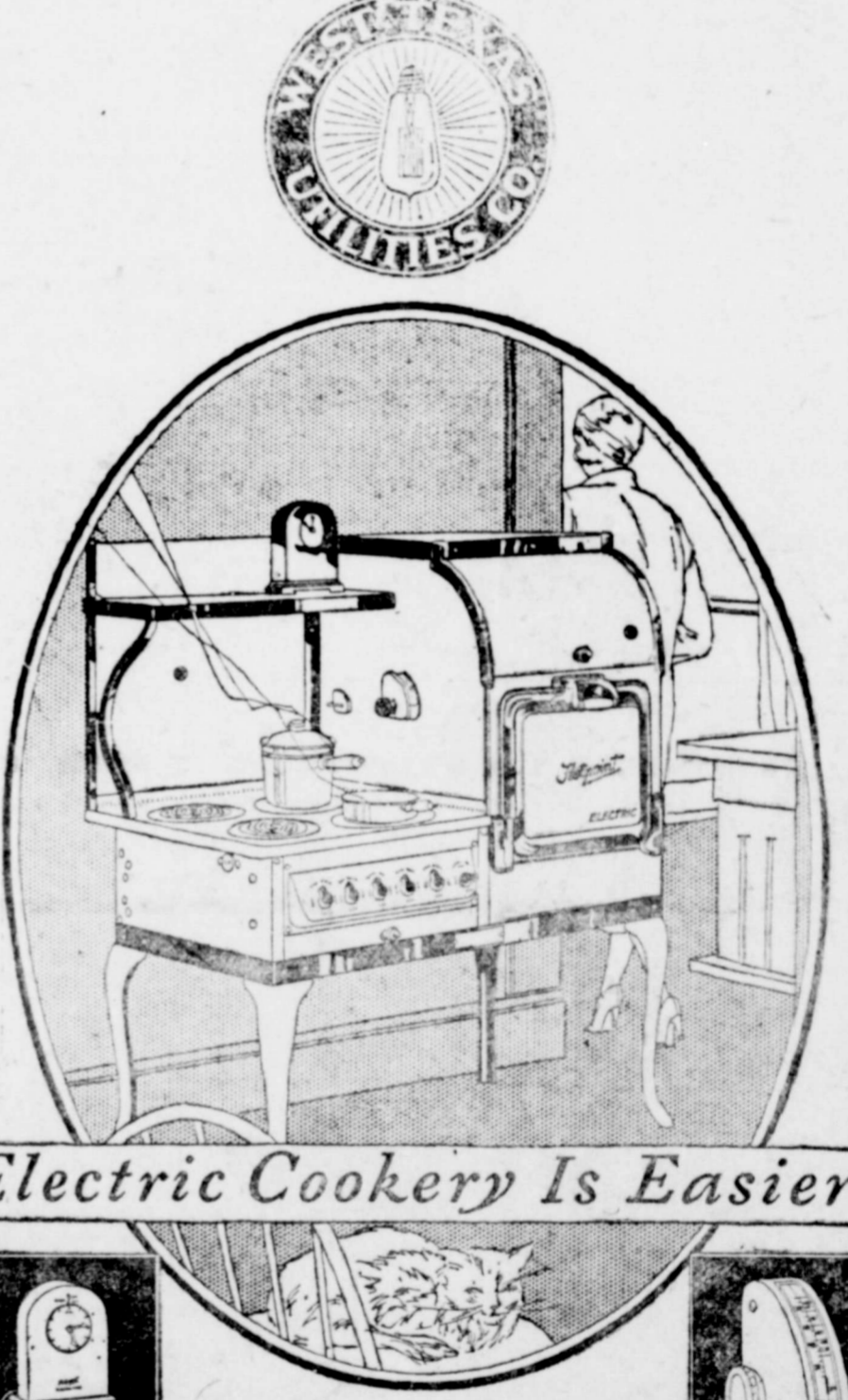


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Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Keny, of Knox City, were over this week for a visit with the former's sisters, the Misses Keny, residing on route three. Mr. Keny is president of the First State Bank of Knox City. In order that he may keep posted on the growth and development of Merkel and her oil field, Mr. Keny will read the Mail for the next twelve months.

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BADGERS MEET BAIRD TEAM HERE TODAY

This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the Merkel High School Badgers will play the Baird high school football team in a game on the local gridiron. It is said that the teams are very evenly matched, and that a hard game is expected. With the exception of a minor injury for Rogers the local eleven is in "fighting" condition.

This being the last game of the season to be played at Merkel, we should go and see the boys end the local game with a victory.

PHYSICIAN TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH DR. GRIMES

Dr. W. T. Sadler, of Palestine, Texas, arrived in Merkel Tuesday of this week to make this his permanent home. He will be associated with Dr. R. I. Grimes here in the practice of medicine and surgery. They have offices in the second floor of the Boney building, on Front street.

Misses Jessie and Essie Mae Rodden, of Fort Worth, who will teach at the Butman school this fall, are visiting with their brother, Mr. O. R. Rodden, local photographer, this week.

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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 only one of many discoveries made in the last 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 27,366 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 \$1,500,000,000 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 treatment. The year 1919-20 was the record year for the export trade, the total value of exports being \$15,650,000. During that year 6,980,636 pairs of rabbits and hares valued at \$2,000,000 and 9,927,240 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 Remick, of Lodi, when she was awakened by a noise early one morning. Mrs. Remick, 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.*

Smith Name Ancient

The great family of Smiths bear a name which is not only commonest, but the oldest in the world. Professor Mahaffy, when deciphering the Petrie papyrus, 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.

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SECRETARY C. OF C. IS KEPT VERY BUSY

The last several days show renewed activity in every line of industry, and Mr. Thompson has been busy securing locations for different supply houses and locating new comers in comfortable homes.

Mr. Griffith of the land and industrial commission of the T. & P. was here Thursday looking over the sites for supply houses and trackage necessary to accommodate them. Mr. Thompson accompanied him to Sweetwater Thursday evening.

Mr. J. H. Dew, formerly a citizen of this community, but for some time residing at Nimrod, Texas, writes to have the address of his paper changed to Fort Worth. He also sends along his renewal for another year.

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Methodist Womans Missionary Society

The womans Missionary Society held their regular meeting at 2:30 on last Monday afternoon. The lesson was from the mission study book. On next Monday afternoon there will be the election of officers for the new year. Every member of the society is urged to be present and have a voice in the selection of the officers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stanley, accompanied by their son, Roy, and his wife, are here this week from McKinney for a visit with their son and brother, Mr. Ira Stanley. Mr. Stanley and family formerly resided at Nubia where they were in the mercantile business. It will also be interesting news to their many friends to learn that Mr. Roy Stanley has recently entered the ministry, and is now pastor of the First Baptist Church at Wylie, Texas.

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Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30 with a special opening service by the intermediates.

Sunday should be a big day with us in all the services as we are to have with us visitors from over the association as the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Convention will meet with us that day. Mr. Walter Jackson is bringing a big delegation from the Abilene First Church and Both Sweetwater churches have signified that they are to be represented by large groups of their workers. And of course the other churches in Abilene as well as some forty rural churches will be represented by enthusiastic workers. Let's greet them with a full attendance Sunday morning and every body back in the church for the afternoon program when out-of-town workers will speak to us about how to build bigger and better Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.'s.

Visitors and new comers are especially invited to come and worship with us.

You Are Invited

To all the B. Y. P. U. members and B. Y. P. U.'s of this Association, you have a hearty welcome to the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. meeting at the First Baptist church, Merkel, Sunday, Oct. 31.

METHODIST CHURCH

Will appreciate full attendance at all the services Sunday at the Methodist church.

The conference year is rapidly coming to a close. There are only two more Sundays. Have much to do yet in finishing the year in good order. Due diligence and faithfulness are necessary to close the work of the year successfully.

Strangers and visitors are extended a special invitation to all our services. W. R. McCarter,

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting of the session Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Choir practice Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Chas. H. Little.

Program for Adult Union

Subject: Robert Morrison. Leader, Mrs. A M Jones. Introduction by leader.

1. Early life of Morrison, Mrs. Jno. Rister.

2. His character revealed in his diary, Mrs. T R Lassiter.

3. Getting Ready for His work, Mrs. H R Hicks.

4. His appointment and departure for China, Mrs. F A Polly.

5. His visit in America, Mr. General Jones.

6. Learning the Chinese language, Mrs. H R Hicks.

7. How the Lord opened China to him, Mr. T R Lassiter.

8. What he did in 25 years, Mrs. F A Polly.

9. He was faithful, Mr. General Jones.

10. Conclusion, by leader.

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Parent-Teachers Program

Following is the program for the Parent Teachers meeting at 8:30 o'clock at the High School building on next Wednesday. The piano pupils of Miss Edna Marie Jones will give the program.

1. Thanksgiving song, by eight girls.
2. "Puffs and Frills," Wilma Gardner.
3. "Over the Rainbow Bridge" by Himalaya Swafford.
4. "Thanksgiving Day," Burreal Scott.
5. "Waltz of Dreams," Thelma Leach.
6. "Land of Nod," by Phala Diltz.
7. "Moonlight," Barcarolle, Holley Perry.
8. "Look for the Silver Lining," Octet.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

1. The Ministry of Healing.
 2. Helps by Clara Pilcher.
 3. The Ministry of Healing, William Sheppard.
 4. 3 Our Missionary Doctors, by Oleta Moore.
 5. Map talks, Alton Davis.
 6. As others see medical missions, Bennie Sheppard.
 7. To make your program better, J. D. Ashby.
- B. Y. P. U. begins at 6:30 p.m. everyone in the Intermediate be on time.

FIRST LYCEUM NUMBER IS SPLENDID PROGRAM

The first number of the Lyceum course, sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association was rendered at the Presbyterian church last Tuesday evening.

This was a splendid program and furnished plenty of laughter and amusement for those present. The principal feature of this number was the unbelievable tricks performed by the Master Magician, McDonald Birch.

The lyceum numbers are always worth while programs, and the people of Merkel should avail themselves of the opportunity to attend these programs.

Program for Presbyterian Missionary Society

1. Devotional, a call to prayer. Song; prayer.
2. What prayer hath wrought, Mrs. G. F. West.
3. Special prayer for Missionaries.
4. A body's friends, Mrs. Little.
5. The sudden seventies, Mrs. Selma Russell.
6. Forty years ago and now, Mrs. Chas. H. Jones.
7. Twenty-five years in the mountains, Mrs. Elliott.
8. A quiz. Closing prayer.

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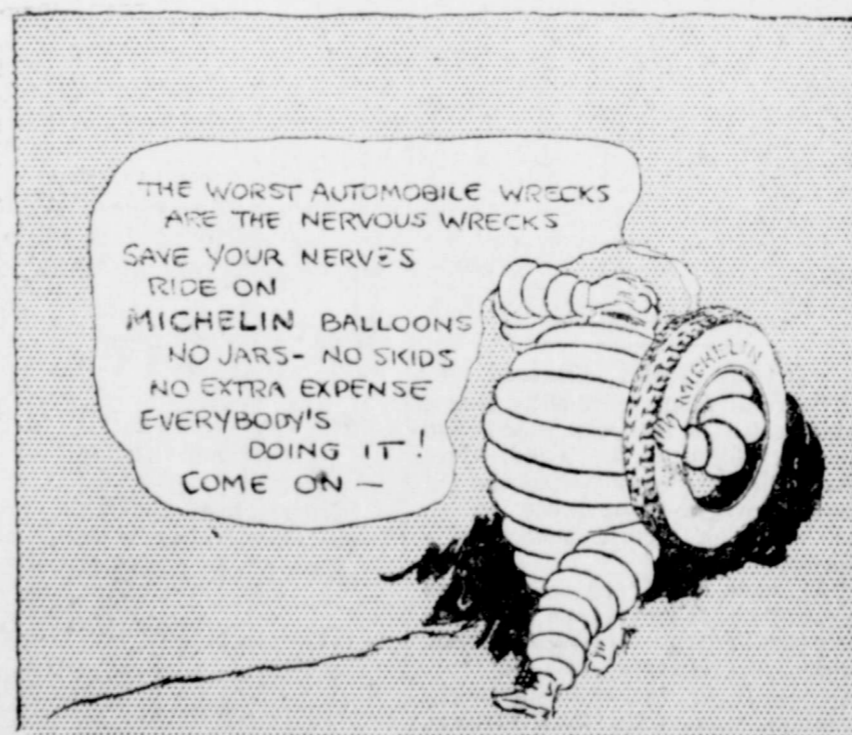
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This paper is glad to acknowledge with thanks many new subscribers this week, among them that of Mr. Ira Thornton, on whose farm the Midwest Production Company is now drilling near the pay sand. Mr. Thornton has already received many thousands of dollars for a part of his royalty.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Canon returned this week from the plains where they had been to look after business matters.

Death Never Frightful, Old Physician Asserts

In all my experience I have seen but one human being who, when death actually came, was rebellious and afraid! I have, it is true, seen men die in delirium tremens. But their terrors had nothing to do with death. They were simply a part of the delirium, the phantasies of a disordered mind. I have seen only one case of a human soul which, to the very last, was bitter and afraid.

No, we need not fear the moment of death, for nature is never more kind to us than then. Very, very often she sees to it that we do not even know. Our minds drop asleep, as it were, and death is then only a physical change.

But even though our minds remain awake and conscious, she gives us peace and contentment. This is not strange, perhaps, when people are weary and worn with long illness. But I have seen it over and over again when conditions were entirely different.

I have seen people die as the result of accidents, perhaps only an hour or two after they had been in the full vigor of life. Yet for them, too, nature performed her kindly service, and they were neither rebellious nor frightened.

This is true even of people who have lived careless and ungodly lives. But to those whose souls are "stayed on God" the moment of death is not merely free from terror, it is often so radiant with peace and joy that the onlooker is moved almost to envy.

I do not see how any physician could know death as I have known it without acknowledging the power of religion. If he worked only in his laboratory, absorbed in material things, possibly he might be a materialist. But if, again and again, he has seen death glorified by faith in a living God, it is inconceivable to me that he can be without that faith himself.—Dr. Thomas Wilson, a Country Physician for More Than Fifty Years, in the American Magazine.

Two in the Moonlight

Winters in Florida aren't so warm—with the warm, mellow moon—the Spanish moss making everything just a trifle hazy.

And few girls were nicer than Sally. Said Sally: "Oh—I think it is wonderful out tonight. Let's not go in and dance, let's sit out here, just you and I and talk."

Came the answer: "You may, if you wish. I want to dance—see you later."

You don't believe it—but it is true. Because, after all, what fun is there for two girls to sit out in the moonlight together?—Boston Beacon.

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COMPERE NEWS

By Alma Stout

Health of this community is very good at present.

Sunday school and preaching were well attended Sunday morning. There was preaching at the Presbyterian church by Rev. Bryant.

Mrs. S A Hobbs and family spent Sunday with Mrs. John Hobbs and family and attended preaching and Sunday school at Merkel.

Rev. Bryant spent Saturday night with Mr. Jim Spurgin and family.

Miss Clea Vessels spent the week-end with relatives in Trent. Miss Alice Allred spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Pearl Allred.

Rev. Bryant took dinner with Mrs Stout and family Sunday.

Several from here attended the shows in Merkel last week.

Every one enjoyed the party at Mr Tarvin's Friday night.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin and little Robert E. Spurgin spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Stout.

The Compere School was supposed to start next Monday, but has been postponed until about the third Monday in November.

Mrs. R. R Spurgin received the sad news of the death of her brother-in-law last Sunday. Mrs. Spurgin left for Stamford to attend the funeral which took place Monday.

Mrs. Tarvin, Mrs. Lorene Allred and Miss Alice Allred spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Stout.

Miss Lavern Bond spent Sunday with Misses Lenora and Ruth Wilburn.

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CHEVROLET MAKES NEW PRODUCTION RECORD

The Chevrolet Motor Company's three-speed cars, shattered two of its marks during September when it established a new monthly record of 81,158 passenger cars and trucks and attained a production total of 593,281 units for the first nine months of 1926, eclipsing the half-million production of the entire 12 months of 1925, Chevrolet's greatest year.

Neither of these figures ever has been approached by any builder of cars with three-speed selective transmissions.

The September production averaged 3,381 units daily for the 24 working days of the month. This also is a new record. The 81,158 total for September followed several recent months of record-breaking pro-

duction. April, May and June with respective productions of 71,157, 74,617 and 77,141, each established successive production records. July production was restricted somewhat to permit the tooling and other changes necessary to effect several further improvements in the Chevrolet models. August production then snapped up to 76,551 units, only 890 fewer cars than were built in June which stood as Chevrolet's high record until out-distanced by September.

Chevrolet's entire 1926 production was 519,060. This is 74,221 units less than the 1926 production to the end of September. The 1925 total was passed during the second week of September.

Chevrolet's remarkable progress may be shown by the fact that the company has produced so far during 1926 a number of units approximately equal to the entire Chevrolet production from 1912 to 1920 inclusive, the first nine years during which Chevrolets were manufactured.

"These records are primarily the result of public confidence," said W. S. Knudsen, president of the Chevrolet Motor Company. "We are all grateful for this confidence and will continue our efforts to merit the high endorsement which the public has conferred upon the Chevrolet car."

Mrs. Virgil Touchstone and little daughter, Mollie Frank, visited in Dallas last week-end. They were accompanied by Miss Mildred Matthews, who also visited at Denton.

TWO SHIPS ELOQUENT REMINDERS OF PAST

Revived Memories of Other Days in Sailors.

Two days from the Azores we were chugging through a sea which scarcely rippled, a sea bereft of any vestige of shipping beyond ourselves. For days in fact, we had seen no other vessel, for although we were on one of the regular shipping lanes it is a significant fact that the highways of the ocean are much less frequented than they were in pre-war days. J. D. Gill, writes in the Boston Transcript.

Now that we have returned to the piping times of peace, if not of plenty, we are apt to forget the war and all its ugly phases, which is perhaps all for the best.

But on this particular day we had a little reminder of the past.

Early in the forenoon word traveled around the ship that a sail was sighted. A sail, mark you, in these days is a very rare sight, for there are few indeed of the type of craft which brought England her glory, her wealth, her supremacy of sea power, and above all her heritage of love for the ocean.

So it was with eager eyes we sought for the name of the lofty-masted, graceful vessel and faint words we have read something which indicated her nationality to be British. But our worst fears were realized as we read the name "Parma" on her bow, and simultaneously with the two ships drawing abreast, her flag was hoisted over the taff rail, to be seen in the age-old custom of the sea.

The red, white and black of Germany.

Across the water, as we answered, came at first the faint notes of a cornet, and soon we caught the strains of "Tipperary."

To the men who lined the rails, there was little occasion to give further reminder of the war, for the majority of us had seen service of some sort, though mostly at sea. And to those who spent weary hours watching for only the sight of a Teuton and many others who had the experience of having their vessel sink under them without even that satisfaction, it brought back a flood of memories.

So passed the Parma of Hamburg, a gallant four-masted, square-rigged vessel, her colors flying proudly at her gaff.

Two months later, almost to the day, we were lurching along in the wake of a heavy southwest gale, off the banks of Newfoundland. Before breakfast a sail was sighted, though a vastly different type of vessel to the Parma of Hamburg. A small three-

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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, the heart to understand great needs 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 1879 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.

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