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Much Drilling Regardless of Shut-down Talk

For the last few days, especially since the published announcement of considerable cut in the price of crude oil, there has been many wild rumors of a shut-down in the work and development of the Noodle Creek field. It may be that for the present the drilling operations of some anticipated locations will not be started for some time, but there is still much drilling and work well under way in West Texas' new oil field.

As an example of what may be expected and what is really being done preparatory to bigger and more extensive operations one has to only consider the big program and expenditure now being made by the Phillips Company in building the fine camp of their lease in the center of the field. Many modern new homes and a boarding house is being erected and fitted with every modern convenience including electric lights, bath, sewer and gas. We are told that work on that company's \$200,000 gasoline refinery continues.

Among the wells drilling and nearing the pay level, is the Phillips Ira Thornton No. 1, which is now 2,470 feet deep, and expected to drill in at once. Also the Phillips Tessie No. 2, and the Phillips Beasley No. 1, are expected to soon reach the pay level. Among the wildcats nearing the pay level are the Largent, Huddleston and Haynes, all below the 2,000 foot mark.

The rig is almost completed for the Humble test on Mrs. Mattie Jacobs' farm three miles east of town.

Hawley Well Makes Two Heads; Seems Sure for Producer

According to Thursday afternoon's Abilene Daily Reporter, the King well near Hawley, which had a light showing of oil about two months ago, had made two heads Thursday which sent the oil over the derrick, after an attempt to clean the well of several feet of cavings.

According to reports the King well is certain to open an entirely new field in Jones county.

METHODIST CHURCH

A good day at the Methodist church last Sunday. The Sunday school and preaching services were better attended.

Mr. C. D. Eaves, a teacher in Texas Technological College, will be with us Sunday, and at the 11 o'clock hour will make an address to our young people.

"What God expects of the Young Man and Woman of America Today," will be the subject of his address.

Hope all our young people will hear Mr. Eaves on this subject.

Special music by the orchestra and choir at the evening hour at 7:30.

Victory, grand march, J. S. Zamecnik. 2. Hope Eternal, a tone poem, J. S. Zamecnik. 3. Magnolia Blossoms, Novelette. 4. Violin solo, Berceus, from "Jocelyn," B. Godard.

The public is invited to attend all our services. Special welcome for visitors and strangers.

W. R. McCARTER.

Shower and Bridge Party

To extend courtesy to Miss Intha Bird, whose approaching wedding has been announced, Miss Tommie Durham entertained with a shower and bridge party in her home Friday afternoon. A color note of pink and white was used in decorations and bridge table appointments. The honoree was very much surprised when Betty Lou and Robt. Grimes, Jr., entered the room carrying a pink umbrella saying they were expecting a "shower" and immediately raised the umbrella, letting a shower of gifts fall at her feet. A pretty hand-painted recipe book in which the guests had written choice recipes was also presented the honoree. The hostess was assisted by Miss Inice Brown in passing a refreshment of fruited cherry jello and whipped cream with angel food squares in pink decoration to Misses Intha Bird, Fanny Belle Boaz, Elizabeth Harkrider, Lucy Tracy, Velma Sterling, Mary Comegys, Flora Frances Anderson, Martha Bird, Iris Garrett, Mesdames Jack Durham, J. Holland Cox, and Betty Lou Grimes and Robt. Grimes, Jr.

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Tech College Professor To Speak at Methodist Church Next Sunday

Announcement is made that Professor C. D. Eaves, of the History Department of the Texas Technological College, at Lubbock, will speak Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour at the Methodist Church. His subject will be "What God Expects of Young Men and Women of America today."

We understand Mr. Eaves is an able and fluent speaker, hence all who avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him will no doubt be both benefitted and pleased by his address.

While here he will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. R. McCarter.

Every one is given a cordial invitation to hear this distinguished visitor.

ANOTHER OLD TIMER GONE TO HER REST

Shortly after noon on Wednesday, February 23, Mrs. Mary Lou Berry West heard the call to come up higher and join the throng of those that are resting from the labors of life. On Thursday February 24, funeral services were held in the Merkel Baptist Church. It lacked only one day of being four years since her husband had been buried from the same building. During these four years she had waited patiently for the call to come and she welcomed the call when it came. Of course she loved her children and grand children, but she longed for her home over there.

She was born in Jasper, Ga., Dec. 26, 1850. At the age of 14 she professed faith in the Lord and joined the church, and for nearly 67 years she had led a Godly life, leaving behind her every assurance that she was a Christian. In 1869 on September 2, she was married to Mr. J. V. West, with whom she lived in happy wedlock for more than half a century, he having gone to his reward four years ago. They came to Texas the year they were married with quite a group of other venturesome settlers. The only survivors of that company is Mr. Harvey West a brother of the late J. V. West.

There were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. West three children, one son and two daughters. The children all survive and were at the bedside when she was called away. They are Mr. Chas. West of Merkel, Mrs. Beulah Tipton of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Houston Clark of Merkel.

Mrs. West with her family came to this section of Texas in 1890 and had lived in Merkel and held membership in the local Baptist Church for 20 years.

The church building was filled with friends that sought to comfort the bereaved children and other relatives. Many were the expressions heard from those who had known her thru the years, telling of her kind heart and loving deeds. It is true as foretold of such a one "her children rise up to call her blessed". Through the years she had lived her simple Christian life and has now gone to be with her Lord and to join the company of the redeemed. It was true in her case as the Lord promised it would be true of one in whom He delighted in the long ago, "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season." Her life was not cut off in its early stages but was spared until it had come to full fruition. Like the ripe corn at harvest time is gathered into the garner so was she gathered into the great Garner of Heaven fully ripe and having matured fruit an hundred fold.

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T. O. Lackey Wins In Ford Mileage Contest

In the Ford gasoline mileage contest held here last Saturday by the Merkel Motor Company, local authorized Ford dealers, Mr. T. O. Lackey won the prize offered in the closed car class. He drove a Ford Coupe of the late improved model and made 38.6 miles on one gallon of gasoline.

Bob Dennis was second in mileage with a coupe, and made 37.3 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

In the open car class Mr. A. V. Dye, driving a roadster, won first place, making 36.6 miles on one gallon of gas. Mr. M. Densmore took second place in the open car class, driving a touring car, and made 31.5 miles on a gallon.

The general average of the ten cars as reported on by the judges was 31.17 miles per gallon.

In this contest the two winners will be allowed to enter the district Ford contest, which will take place at Abilene today. Messrs. Lackey and Dye, being the winners here, will participate in the Abilene contest, which will be reported next week.

The order in which the contestants finished is as follows:

T. O. Lackey, coupe, 38.6, Bob Dennis, coupe, 37.3, A. V. Dye, roadster, 36.6, Z. Johnson, coupe, 34.9, Mrs. R. M. Diltz, coupe, 33.0, M. Densmore, touring, 31.5, H. L. Fewell, touring, 27.5, C. W. Simpson, roadster, 26.5, Ed Heater, roadster, 25.6, R. E. Windham, 4-door sedan, 20.2. Average of all cars, 31.17.

MERKEL CAGERS PLAY NOLAN COUNTY CHAMPS

At the Army at 7 o'clock Saturday night the Merkel boys and girls basketball teams will play the boys and girls of Champion. The Champion girls won the Nolan county title and the boys made a creditable showing. The game offers much enthusiasm.

The admission will be 25c and 35c. This game was formerly scheduled but was called off at that time on account of bad weather.

BLAIR SCHOOL TO PUT ON PLAY AT WHITE CHURCH

The Mail is requested to announce that the Blair School will put on a play at the White Church School tonight, Friday, March 4. The price of admission will be 25 cents, and the proceeds will be used for helping the schools. Let every one attend and help a good cause.

Midland, already a good county site town, is enjoying great prosperity and extensive growth as the result of the great oil fields in Upton and Crane counties, some thirty or forty miles distant. Midland is the best town near the field. It already had a fine four-story hotel. And now plans are being made for the erection of a new five-story 150 room hotel to care for the overflow and increase in business. Merkel has as good hotels as can be found anywhere in their classes. They are well managed, owned and operated by as good citizens as ever lived. But Merkel needs a larger and more modern hotel building. And the citizens, property owners and business men should not let up until this question has been solved.

Home of W. L. Diltz, Jr. Destroyed by Fire 25th.

The excellent home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr., with most all its contents, was destroyed by fire the building caught in the ceiling or roof from a defective flue, since the entire upper part of the building was a mass of flames when the fire was discovered, and this together with low water pressure the fire department was unable to save the building and contents, notwithstanding the fact that the boys made a very quick run and worked heroically.

We understand the building and household effects were partially covered with insurance.

CITY MARSHAL JOHN A. WOODARD RESIGNS

After many years of almost constant service as a peace officer in the city, City Marshal J. A. Woodard decided that it was time for him to take a rest, and accordingly stepped down and out on last Monday night.

For many years he served honestly and faithfully as night watchman and for the past year or two has held the position as City Marshal. In both positions he made good, and it is with regret that he saw fit to resign his position as such.

At last Monday night's meeting of the City Council, Constable King was appointed to the position. He has had many years experience as a peace officer. However, to give the community the service that is needed and should be expected of an officer, he must have the support and cooperation of the citizenship.

Mr. Sam Swann Building New Five-Room Home

Mr. Sam Swann is building a beautiful new five-room stucco home on his property in the southwest part of the city, which when completed will be among the nicest of the city.

New Jeweler Locates Here

Mr. R. W. Horsely, a first class jeweler, of Marion, North Carolina, arrived in Merkel first of the week and has decided to locate in Merkel permanently, having arranged for the opening of his jewelry business here in the Hamm Drug Company. Mr. Horsely is a brother-in-law of Mr. J. S. Penny formerly in the jewelry business here.

Mesdames Ash and Allen Entertain

The Alathean class met at the home of Mrs. H. P. Allen Friday evening, February 25. After the business session a most pleasant social hour was spent in which there were some interesting contests. A delicious plate of refreshments was passed to the following: Mesdames E. N. Brown, A. M. Giles, M. L. Holden, E. M. McDonald, Frank Hamm, G. D. Richie, T. T. Davis, L. D. Matlock, Geo. Moore, W. L. Johnson, O. B. Boden, J. T. Dennis, Gen. Jones, R. A. Parker. Visitors were Mrs. L. L. Purcell and Mrs. H. W. Barnes.

Miss Iva Bragg left Tuesday for Orange, California for an extended stay with Mrs. George Mount of that place. Enroute she will visit in Abilene, Chillicothe, Amarillo and Los Angeles.

City Council Calls Election for Paving and Water System

Acting upon a petition signed by many property owners, the City Council of the City of Merkel at the last regular meeting of same, issued a call for an election to be held in this city for the purpose of determining whether or not the city shall issue bonds in the sum of \$20,000 for paving and \$40,000 for the extension of the city's water mains, together with the securing of additional water supply. The date of the election will be Tuesday, April 5, the same day on which an election will be held for the office of Mayor and two aldermen for the next two years. Besides the election of the above named officers the taxpayers will vote on the question of adopting the general paving law; or not bonds in the sum of \$20,000 will be voted for the paving of ten blocks in the business section of the city and whether or not bonds in the sum of \$40,000 will be issued for extension of water mains and additional water supply.

In this paper will be found the order for election. Read it. Study the question, and make your plans to vote for the future growth and development of our city. In this matter we will have an opportunity to help make our city one of the very best of its size in all west Texas. Or we can vote in a way that will retard its growth and eventually make of it an even smaller town than it is today, which would mean that all property would decrease in value. Let's begin now to make Merkel a better town, a better place in which to live and do business.

NEW FILLING STATION TO OPEN MONDAY

Announcement is made in this paper that on next Monday the "Camp Fair Service Station and Tourist Camp" will open for business, and the public is directed to the concern's announcement in this paper.

This new Service Station and Tourist Camp is located just west of the city on the Highway, and the same is neat and clean and modern in every respect.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30. A congregational meeting will be held Sunday at the close of the morning service. All officials and members are urged to be present.

CHAS. H. LITTLE.

Notice to Hardware Men

If you sell the wives of this community rolling pins, you do it at your own risk, for the men have sworn against any such weapon coming on the place. One man was heard to say that the next man that sold his wife a pistol, rolling pin or any other deadly weapon, would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, for he had just been presented with a bill, upon which was a rolling pin, and he refused to pay said bill until this rolling pin was stricken off, and now his wife is being called upon to pay for said rolling pin, and it is likely to call for divorce proceedings, as she contends that he was to pay the bills for the family, but he simply refuses to pay for any deadly weapon, and has ordered the hardware man to come and get that instrument out of his house, or there will be trouble in the family, and besides, he will trade no more with said Hardware Company. Now if you should doubt this I will refer you to Bob Hicks, at the Liberty Hardware Store.

An Eye Witness. P.S. The man above referred to rode a little shaved tail mule to death to win said wife and now he says it makes him mad every time he sees a mule.

Mrs. S. F. Annis is a convalescent after several weeks illness.

Mrs. Hugh Tandy of Abilene visited Miss Iva Bragg last week-end.

Mrs. David Wright visited in Dallas this week-end.

Misses Mary Cleo Booth and Francis McMurry visited in the latter's home in Colorado City, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Gaines of Fort Hancock were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Collins for a few days.

Postmaster Davis Is Dead; Buried Today

After an illness of several weeks Postmaster Taylor F. Davis died at the family home in this city shortly after ten o'clock Thursday morning.

Everything that human hands and medical skill could do seemed of but temporary relief. However, for several days prior to the fatal hour, Mr. Davis seemed to have improved, and for several days had been at his post of duty as local postmaster. Growing worse again on Wednesday, the grim reaper very quickly took his life and his spirit took its flight to that eternal home in eternity.

Mr. Davis, a young man of most excellent character, and splendid ability, well known and very popular throughout the entire community, had been serving as Postmaster of this city for about one year. And let us say here, no town ever had a more courteous and accommodating, as well as efficient servant in this position. In fact no postmaster ever had a better record of efficiency. He was a member of the Church of Christ and a Mason. Funeral services will be held today, Friday, at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ, conducted by Elder W. G. Cypert, assisted by other pastors of the city.

Besides an aged father, several brothers, a loving wife and three small children are left to mourn his sudden departure.

MR. THOMPSON CALLED TO BEDSIDE OF MOTHER

Although he had been ill for two days himself, Mr. L. R. Thompson, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, left Wednesday for Tarkio, Mo., in response to a message announcing the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Sue Thompson, in that city, who is nearing ninety years of age. The message stated that she was suffering from pneumonia. We join his many friends in the sincere hopes that he may find his mother improved.

Miss Anna Lou Russell, who has just returned to her home from attending Dr. Loughon's Business College at Abilene, is in charge of the office of the Secretary of Chamber of Commerce during Mr. Thompson's absence, she having been employed by Mr. Thompson as stenographer and assistant in carrying on the work of the Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants Association.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a.m., beginning with a special song by little Geneva Huddleston. Surely every member of the Sunday school will want to hear her sing. In order to hear this special number you need to come on time. Let every one who can be in their places when she begins to sing so as not to disturb during the special number.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

At the morning hour the pastor will speak on the Conquest Campaign.

At the evening hour the service will be evangelistic. The local church is still continuing its record of receiving members each Sunday. Thus far in 1927 we have received at least 1 new member each Sunday.

All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6:45 with all departments in the main auditorium then going to their various rooms for their special programs.

Every one who comes will find a cordial welcome.

WILL PREACH AT TRENT NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

I will preach at Trent next Sunday. Hope to have a full attendance, and would be glad to have you come to Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

W. G. CYPERT

The many friends of Mr. J. F. Holloway, will be glad to learn that he is improving nicely from a serious injury he sustained last week, caused by his car running into an open, unfinished bridge between Merkel and Trent on the Bankhead Highway.

Your town is just what you as a citizen make it. Your town is just as big as you are. It can't be much larger. If a majority of the citizens are progressive, the town will grow and progress.

Mrs. S. F. Haynes returned yesterday from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Williamson county.

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GRASSHOPPERS, ONCE PEST, NOW MISSED IN WYOMING

Cowboy State Now Ready to Declare Truce With Ancient Enemy and Welcome Them Back.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Wyoming wants more grasshoppers. The cowboy state is ready not only to declare a truce with its ancient enemy, but to bid the pest welcome home to the Big Horn basin.

In the Wyoming of antiquity the hoppers flew in clouds thick enough to obscure the sun. Five years ago the basin had plenty. The plague did its annual damage to farm crops. Turkeys were introduced to combat the insects, and did so successfully. They routed the hoppers from the farm land and pursued the depleted insect army to mountain terrain.

Now a severe decline threatens the grasshopper crop and lamentations are being heard from the ranchmen, who, in the meantime have discovered that they can reap enormous profits from turkeys, grown half wild on the grasshopper range in the mountain foothills. The turkey growing industry has increased by leaps and bounds; grasshoppers have accordingly declined. Grasshopper preserves for the propagation of turkey food are a possibility of the future.

Big Horn basin turkeys, excelling others because the climate and food conditions found in the basin make it a natural paradise for turkeys, already are famous all over the United States for their superiority. They are sought eagerly by dealers, who pay exceptional prices to the growers, 41 cents a pound being the 1925 rate. Big Horn basin ranchmen can grow rich on turkeys if only they can produce enough fowls. An unlimited number of fowls can be produced if only the grasshopper range bears up. As matters are, production cost is one-third, or less, of the selling price. And turkeys prefer grasshoppers.

Carnegie Hero Works Way Through College

Eugene, Ore.—Although he has access to \$1,000 from the Carnegie hero fund, awarded him in addition to a medal for bravery, Vernon Callaway, University of Oregon senior, is working his way through school by washing dishes. This became known when trustees of the Carnegie fund wrote the university for a record of Callaway's scholastic standing.

Callaway received the awards for attempting to save the life of a schoolmate at St. Joe, Idaho. The ice broke while the boys were skating and the friend fell through.

Callaway jumped in and tried to keep him from sinking until help came. The boy drowned, however, before help came.

Doctor Gave Old Man Bit the Best of It

There were no less than eight patients that morning at the country doctor's office before he could finish his breakfast. One was a pitiful old man, dreadfully poor and nearly blind. The trouble was in his ear—which ear he did not indicate at first. He seemed apprehensive about taking the doctor into his confidence until a certain doubt had been cleared up.

"Will your charge for an office visit?" he inquired, with a kind of stealthy approach to the subject on his mind, "pay for the examination of two ears?"

"Oh, yes," was the doctor's prompt answer. He was a little impatient with the old man's hesitancy and wanted him to come to the point without loss of time. "Oh, yes! The fee will pay for both ears."

"Well, in that case," the patient continued, "one ear will be only half price, won't it?"

That was a clever piece of bargaining the doctor had to recognize, when he recovered from his surprise. The old fellow had put up a case for half-price treatment that was difficult to overcome. So the doctor said half price for one ear would do.

The afflicted ear was examined and properly treated. The patient offered the half price, but that was where the country doctor scored.

"No, keep your money. Half price is no price this morning."

The old man tottered feebly out of the door and the doctor, while pitying him, laughed softly.—Springfield Republican.

"Nagging"

From the days of Socrates and Xantippe, men and women have known what is meant by nagging, although philology cannot define it or legal chemistry resolve it into its elements. Humor cannot soften or wit divert it. Prayers avail nothing and threats are idle. Soft words will increase its velocity, and harsh ones its violence. Darkness has for it no terrors, and the long hours of the night draw no drapery of the couch around it. The chamber where love and peace should dwell becomes an inferno, driving the poor man to the saloon, the rich one to the club, and both to the arms of the harlot. It takes the sparkle out of the wine of life, and turns at night into ashes the fruits of the labor of the day.—Justice Hill, in West's Docket.

Tommy's Larders

The principal part of the meal was pecked, and the dainties were on the table. Tommy's eyes brightened—it was an interesting moment for him. "Will you take tart or pud dling?" asked his father.

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There is lots of news in the Classified Columns. Read it every week.

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One Man Spends Time in Collecting Odd Names

Tacoma, Wash.—Speaking of names, D. W. Clapsaddle declares he has found many others as bad or worse than his own. For twenty-five years he has carried a book in which he jots down names of people whose nomenclature is unusual, and it contains a Whiteleather, Turnipseed, Waggon wheel, Leathberry, Grindstone Shears, Brickbat, and Whetstone. The shortest he has heard of is Ek.

Hall of Fame Project Delayed by Quarrel

The first bronze tablets in New York's hall of fame were unveiled as recently as 1901, yet 100 years ago a New Yorker began the movement for just such a commemoration of the nation's great. He even offered to make the busts himself and, indeed, did so in a number of cases, only to have his plan rejected, to lie in the discard 75 years. He was John I. Browere, who in the early part of the Nineteenth century was recognized as one of New York's best sculptors. There were many who took to his idea of a hall of fame from the start and urged its adoption. It even reached congress, with high hope of an appropriation to carry out the plan. However, one little incident ruined its prospects. Congress decided to look up Browere. William Dunlap, then considered an authority on art, had written its history. Browere had incurred the displeasure of Dunlap and was not mentioned in his book. So congress thought he couldn't amount to anything.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Ban Bobbed Hair on Swedish Opera Stage

Stockholm, Sweden.—Only young dancers with long hair will get front-row positions at the Royal opera of Stockholm this season, Mrs. Lisa Steler, the new ballet mistress, has ruled. "Not because bobs are unbecoming to young girls," she says, "but because most of the operas antedate the jazz and shingle age, and no ballet dancer can gyrate with the same abandon, ease and grace with a wig on her head as with her own natural locks flowing about." None of the three premier danseuses of the Royal opera staff—Ebon Strandin, Sir Osterholm or Elly Holmberg—have had their hair shorn.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To any Sheriff or Constable Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon T. L. Bowles by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein; but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial district; but if there be no news

paper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Taylor County, to appear at a regular term of the Justice Court of Taylor County, Precinct 1, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Abilene, on the 2nd Monday in April, 1927, the same being the 11th day of April, 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in the said court on the 26th day of February 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 617 wherein Wade Hiiburn Tire Service is Plaintiff and T. L. Bowles is defendant, and petition alleging that on or about the 7th day of April 1926 plaintiff sold on account to said defendant goods, wares and merchandise in the total sum of \$61.12 and that said amount is due and unpaid and that said defendant has refused and still refuses to pay same or any part thereof to plaintiff damage in the sum of \$61.12.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on the first day of the term herein mentioned, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand at the city of Abilene, Texas, this 26th day of February, 1927.

P. B. FORD, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Taylor county, Texas. 4t4

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Man Who Went to Prison Rather Than Confess Falsely Is Freed.

Little Rock, Ark.—Lester E. A. Yeager, Arkansas convict who attracted national attention because he put honor before freedom, spent the holidays at his home at Helena, Ark., a free man.

Yeager was pardoned by Governor Terral, the second complete pardon the governor has granted during his two years in office. The first was given to an aged prisoner an hour before he died.

Yeager, five years ago, rejected advice of his lawyers to plead guilty of a statutory charge brought by a fifteen-year-old girl and thereby get off with one-year sentence. He said he was innocent and refused to perjure himself, although it was apparent he would receive a long sentence if tried and convicted.

Yeager, a former deputy sheriff of Phillips county, became involved in a difficulty with W. P. Mansfield, and the latter was killed. Yeager was acquitted on the ground of self-defense. Six or eight months later a young daughter of Mansfield's widow accused Yeager as the father of her child. A year later she swore she had testified falsely and sought to have Yeager released.

21-Year Sentence.

Yeager was sentenced in 1921 to 21 years in the penitentiary. From that time on his case has been more or less in the public eye. Former Gov. T. C. McRae ran advertisements in Helena papers the day before the primary election in 1922 to refute last-minute reports that he had promised to pardon Yeager. This incident served to block all hope of clemency from McRae.

Terral was nominated out of a field of six candidates in 1924 in a campaign in which issues were somewhat complicated. After Terral won the Democratic nomination, which amounts to election, he chose to believe he had been nominated on a no-pardon no-parole policy. Early in his administration Terral said he would grant pardons if the trial judge, prosecuting attorney and all members of the jury said they believed they had made a mistake and convicted an innocent man.

Friends of Yeager took him at his word. The judge, prosecuting attorney and eleven of twelve jurors signed a petition for Yeager's pardon. The governor stuck to his proposition literally and declined to do more than grant Yeager a 30-day furlough. This was renewed once, but at its expiration Yeager returned to the penitentiary.

National Publicity.

It began to look as though the third executive, Gov.-Elect John E. Martineau, would have to face the Yeager dilemma, but at this point publicity beyond the bounds of Arkansas took a hand in the case. Early in November the matter was given wide publicity.

Soon the governor's foreign mail began to increase. So did Yeager's. Hardly a day passed that the governor did not get letters from residents of distant states begging him to pardon Yeager. A. Hayden of Brooklyn went so far as to circulate a petition there with the intention of sending it to the Arkansas governor. It is said he obtained more than 100 names. He also wrote Gov. Al Smith, asking that official to use his influence with the Arkansas governor to obtain a pardon. Governor Terral confided to newspaper men several weeks ago that he would give Yeager a pardon. Yeager, however, knew nothing of the contemplated action until he returned to the penitentiary from his daily labor and found the precious document. He bade his friends goodby and left the institution immediately.

Yeager had received presents from several states, some of them being sent from poor people. One box contained several striped handkerchiefs. "You know," Yeager said, "I appreciate these presents, even the handkerchiefs, but I've formed such a dislike for stripes during the last five years that I had to give them away."

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Woodland, Wash.—When George Moody, trapper and guide, returns from tending his long trap line he turns on electric lights, shakes down a furnace, and rests his tired limbs on a mohair divanport. Recently he was bequeathed a \$10,000 hunting lodge in the Cascade mountains near Eugene, Ore., by the will of the late Herman O. Vogel, Los Angeles millionaire. For twenty years Moody acted as guide and friend to Vogel each autumn during the hunting season.

Woman Guesses How

Hungry Rooster Gets

Newton, Kan.—It took a town woman to guess correctly the number of kernels of corn a furnished rooster would eat in an hour's time.

Mrs. T. L. Davis of Newton won the contest, an entertainment feature of the Harvey county poultry show here. The rooster had fasted three days before the contest and within the allotted time ate 133 grains of corn, the number guessed by Mrs. Davis. She received a brooder stove.



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RESOLUTION ORDERING ELECTION

RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE BENEFITS OF ARTICLES 1086 TO 1096, INCLUSIVE, AND ARTICLES 1104 AND 1105, REVISED CIVIL STATUTES OF THE STATE OF TEXAS OF 1925, RELATING TO STREET IMPROVEMENTS, APPOINTING OFFICERS AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE.

WHEREAS, a written petition to the Governing Body of this city to order an election on the question of adopting the benefits and provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, has been presented to and filed with the City Council, and such petition is signed by more than 100 qualified voters of this City, same being signed by 102 such voters, and the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to proceed with the making and construction of certain street improvements in said City and to call such election concerning such law, which is usually known as the General Paving Law, and was formerly shown as Chapter 11, Title 22, Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1911.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS:

I. That there be, and is hereby ordered held a special election in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 5th day of April, 1927, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted and voted upon:

Shall the benefits and provisions of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, relating to street improvements, be adopted by the City of Merkel, Texas.

II.—Said election shall be held in said City at First Station, and the following officers for said election are hereby appointed: B. C. Galther, Presiding Officer, G. W. Boyce and H. M. Rainbolt, Judges; and Betty Sublett and Lizzie Lathan, Clerks.

III. Said election shall be held as nearly as possible in compliance with law with reference to regular city elections and in strict compliance with the terms of the law to be voted on, and at said election only resident property tax payers who are qualified voters of this City shall be allowed to vote, but all such shall be permitted to vote.

IV. All voters desiring to vote in favor of the adoption of said law shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the adoption of Articles 1086 to 1096, inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1925, relating to street improvements."

V. All those opposed to the adoption of said law shall have written

is hereby directed to give no said election by causing a substantial copy of this resolution to be published in the Merkel Mail, which is a newspaper published in and of general circulation in the City of Merkel, Texas, and which has been regularly and continuously published and generally circulated in said city for a period of more than one year; such notice shall be so published at least once each week for five weeks preceding the date of said election, and the Mayor is directed to give further notice by causing a substantial copy of this resolution to be posted in at least three public places within said City thirty days prior to the date for said election.

VII. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage.

Passed and approved this 28th day of February, 1927.

N. D. COBB, Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas. ATTEST: PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary. 4t5

Mrs. C. E. Patterson of Lubbock returned to her home Tuesday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, and other relatives. She also visited her brothers, H. E. and J. P. Spears, at Valera, Texas.

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some reputable place. If you want good, first class merchandise, patronize the home dealer, who pays taxes and helps to maintain your community. Don't be "easy" and fall for every cheap skate that comes along. The cheap skate is gone, you never hear of him again. The home dealer is here all the time and if an article you buy from him is not what you expect, you can get your money back or exchange same for another that is satisfactory.

The public schools of the state belong to the people of the community in which they are located. They are not institutions to be used to exploit business enterprises. Especially cheap foreign concerns that send out traveling representatives, and it is wrong for those in charge to allow some grafting, cheap promoter to drop in and work his scheme to "fleece" the community through some well laid plan wherein the school children are used to draw money from their parents in order that they (the children) may be like their neighbor. We commend a recent editorial appearing in a neighboring (daily) newspaper condemning the use of the public

school as a medium for the securing of subscriptions to newspapers, but must say that the circulation management of that same paper had promiscuously used the local school for increasing its own circulation. We are sure that the circulation management and the editorial management were ignorant of the other's action in the matter. But of all the cheap graft we have ever heard of is the "traveling photographer" who worked the local school one day recently. His work was inferior and of the cheapest of graft. Just a scheme used to "fleece" the parents of a few extra dollars, which rightly belongs to the local photographer, whose work is first class. Above all, the public school should be the last place used for the purpose of such cheap graft.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas in His mysterious providence our Heavenly Father has taken into the house of many mansions the spirit of our beloved sister, Catherine Mathis Patterson, member of the Order of the Eastern Star

Therefore, be it resolved by the Order of Eastern Star that we have lost an untiring worker and a consecrated member.

Resolved secondly that we cherish the memory of our dear friend and sister. The absence of her dear face will be missed by the ones that loved her so well as we sojourn on life's pathway, which we will again see on that perfect day in the after while.

Resolved thirdly, that we tender to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and pray God may give them grace and consolation.

Resolved fourthly that a copy of these resolutions be given to the bereaved family, recorded in our minutes and sent to the Merkel Mail for publication.

(Signed) Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Sr., Mrs. Oscar Buford, Mrs. Joe Hartley.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of sincerely thanking the many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy extended us during the late illness mother, Mrs. J. V. West. We also and death of our dearly beloved wish to thank Dr. Cranford for his good and faithful ministrations and may the Lord extend his richest blessings upon each and every one. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. West, Mrs. Beulah Tipton and family and Mrs. I. H. Clark and family. It

WARREN NEWS

(By Rose Ellington)
Health of the community is very good at present.

On last Saturday afternoon Mrs. John Hobbs was called to the bedside of her father, Mr. Clonch, of Fort Stockton, who was very ill.

Mrs. Truman Jaynes spent Thursday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Miss Helen McCormick visited Miss Vera Jones Sunday.

Mr. Sewell Harvell spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harvell.

Those who enjoyed a slumber party at Misses Helen and Artie McCormick's Friday night were Misses Ruth Chancey, Azline Sumpter, Katie and Olene Underwood, Rose and Cordie Ellington, Ollie Hobbs, Vera Jones, Nora Foster, Vivian McCoy.

Mr. Zebbie Sumpter spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Boyd Dobbs.

Mrs. G. E. Ellington, Rose, Cordie and Lorene Ellington visited Mrs. Ellen Williams Saturday of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Jones spent Saturday night with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman of Merkel.

On last Monday morning T. B. Hobbs happened to the misfortune of getting his arm broken while cranking his car. At last reports he was doing nicely.

Mr. Wilbren Thompson spent Monday night with Claud Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Jaynes spent Tuesday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Grandpa and grandma Harvell spent Sunday with Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaynes visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris a while Tuesday night.

Adult B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject, Building True Character. Leader, Mrs. Collum. Introduction, by leader.

Character and the Sculptor's chisel True Character is a Christian's privilege, T. R. Lassiter.

by Mrs. Garrett. God's Providence, Mrs. Stanley Service contributes to character, Mrs. Polley.

Christ our good Samaritan, Mrs. Hathaway.

The carpenter's comment, Mr. Giles. What enduring material should go into our characters, Mrs. C. M. Largent.

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[Signed] W. F. PATTERSON.

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Christmas Day and other days, by Mrs. James West.
Christmas all the yar, Mrs. J. L. Baker.

FAREWELL PARTY

Miss Iva Bragg, who left this week for California, was honored with a bridge party on Monday afternoon in order that her friends might have an opportunity to express their good wishes for her trip. Miss Christine Collins was the hostess and the approaching birthday of Saint Patrick gave out the inspiration for the party appointments. The colors of green and white were stressed in green nut baskets carrying the Irish omen of luck which we so much wish for Iva while she is away, and green punch served between games. Before and after the bridge games Mrs. Hugh Tandy entertained her old friends at the piano and at the culmination of the games Miss Bragg was remembered with a small gift for traveling. Miss Collins was assisted in serving by Mrs. Roy Largent and Mrs. Hugh Tandy, a pretty refreshment of white angel food squares, green shamrocks moulded of cream and olives to Miss Bragg, Edna Marie Jones, Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Mary Cleo Both, Evelyn and Ruby Hamm, Mesdames W.S.J. Brown, Emmet Grimes, Hugh Tandy and Roy Largent.

Mr. C. B. Barnes of the firm of Barnes Brothers and Parker, contractors, has recently opened an office in th building with the Renfre Tailor Shop, and will appreciate any one having business with this firm calling on them there.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "Building True Character."
Leader, Ted McGehee.
Introduction by leadr.
True character is a Christian's privilege, Elsie Richie.
Character and the Sculptor's chisel by Rose Gilbert.
God's Providence, Ruby Joe Higgins.
Service contributes to character, by Mary Ellen Ashby.
Christ, our Good Samaritan, Edna Marie Jones.
The Carpenter's comment, Dorothy Higgins.
What enduring Material should be put into our character, Mildred Hamm.

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IDLEWISE CLUB

Mrs. Roy Largent was hostess to the Idlewise Club members and friends this week at a beautiful St. Patrick party, entertaining in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, on Locust Street. Mrs. Pat Holdin of Polson, Montana, Mrs. Luther Swafford of Kansas City, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, Misses Flora Francis Anderson, Tommie Durham and Elizabeth Harkrider, all guests, made the afternoon especially happy for the club members. The tables arranged for bridge were most beautifully appointed in the Saint Patrick motif. At the request of Mrs. Largent, Mrs. emphasizing by color and design in every way possible by the hostess. Luther Swafford graciously consented to sing, and it was only after several encore numbers that her listeners permitted her to return to her place. The Saint Patrick idea was returned in the plate favors, ornamenting the salad-plate, a most delicious refreshment which was served with hot coffee to the above mentioned guests and following club members: Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Emmette Grimes, Misses Evelyn Hamm, Lucy Tracy, Mary Cleo Booth, Christine Collins, Ruby Hamm and the hostess.

Everybody who reads magazines buys newspapers, but everybody who reads newspapers doesn't buy magazines. Catch the Drift? Here's the medium to reach the people of this community.

Stitch-a-Bit Club

The Stitch-a-Bit Club met at the home of Mrs. Irvin Lackey with Mrs. Doyle Pogue as joint hostess. Embroidering and pleasant conversation were enjoyed for about an hour, after which a contest was held. Compliments of Mrs. Lackey and Pogue, Miss Deei Sharp winning a beautiful hand-made puff. Delicious refreshments of cream and cake were served to the following members: Mesdames C. B. Barnes, Floyd Holloway, Grover Gilbert, Earl Stanford, Joe Bailey Toombs, Tall Holloway, Billy Cobb, Misses Deei Sharp, Azilee Gilbert and the hostess. Reporter.

Shower and Bridge Party

To extend courtesy to Miss Intha Bird, whose approaching wedding has been announced, Miss Tommie Durham entertained with a shower and bridge party in her home Friday afternoon. A color note of pink and white was used in decorations and bridge table appointments. The honoree was very much surprised when Betty Lou and Robt. Grimes, Jr., entered the room carrying a pink umbrella saying they were expecting a "shower" and immediately raised the umbrella, letting a shower of gifts fall at her feet. A pretty hand-painted recipe book in which the guests had written choice recipes was also presented the honoree. The hostess was assisted by Miss Inice Brown in passing a refreshment of fruited cherry jello and whipped cream with angel food squares in pink decoration to Misses Intha Bird, Fanny Belle Boaz, Elizabeth Harkrider, Lucy Tracy, Velma Sterling, Mary Comegys, Flora Frances Anderson, Martha Bird, Iris Garrett, Mesdames Jack Durham, J Holland Cox, and Betty Lou Grimes and Robert Grimes, Jr.

Music Lovers' Gathering

The "standees" rail, running midway around the top gallery at the Metropolitan opera house, New York, is as much one of the sights as the "diamond horsehoe" in the same auditorium. It is the gathering place of a motley and democratic crew of music lovers from many foreign lands, and the only strict convention imposed is silence during the acts. One standee found himself in company with a Russian piano teacher, a German butcher, an Italian laborer and a Cuban music student.

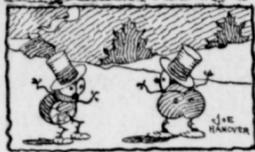
Indians' Sign Language

The gesture, or sign language, is of more importance than any one Indian tongue, there being seventy-six different Indian vocal languages and but one universal sign language. The Indians will readily teach one their spoken language, but seem combined against teaching the sign language. A man who lived with the Sioux Indians in the Dakota territory as a boy took ten years to get it, though there are only 761 words in the language.—From Adventure Magazine.

The Rack

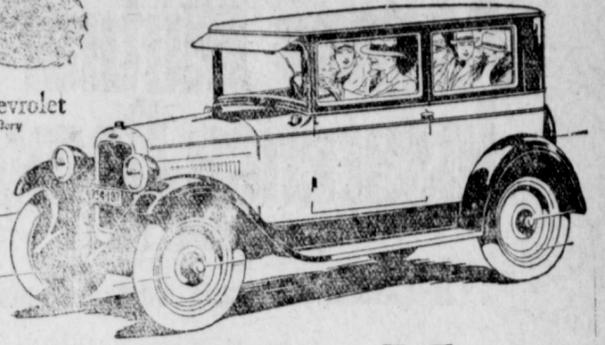
The secretary of the golf club had been having a thoroughly bad morning, not only with the committee, but with various members.

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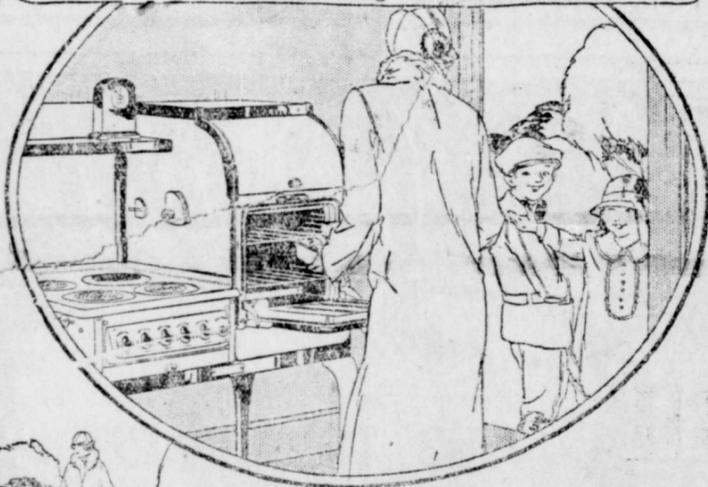
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Subject, Building True Character. Leader, Mrs. Collum. Introduction, by leader. Character and the Sculptor's chisel True Character is a Christian's privilege, T. R. Lassiter. by Mrs. Garrett. God's Providence, Mrs. Stanley Service contributes to character, Mrs. Polley. Christ our good Samaritan, Mrs. Hathaway. The carpenter's comment, Mr. Giles. What enduring material should go into our characters, Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Presbyterian Missionary Society

Program for Presbyterian Missionary Society, March 7th. Devotional, Mrs. Henry West. Spiritual values in many places. Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Listening in at Ellis Island, Mrs. Geo. West. Welcomed by the Womn of Japan, Mrs. Tucker. Christmas Day and other days, by Mrs. James West. Christmas all the year, Mrs. J. L. Baker.

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FOR SALE—Grayson Tourist Camp, store, filling station and residence, including 15 acres of land. Would take house and lot in Merkel on deal. Price \$8,900.00. See S. L. Grayson. 1t

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FOR RENT

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ELECTION NOTICE

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"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel in the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), payable serially over a period of forty years from their date, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of the construction of waterworks extensions in and for said City, as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas"; and

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B. C. Gaither, Presiding Judge; G. W. Boyce and H. M. Rainbolt, Judges;

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All voters who favor the proposition to issue the bonds for the purpose of the construction of waterworks extensions shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

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ATTESTED:
PAULINE JOHNSON,
City Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas. 4t5
Mrs. David Wright visited in Dallas this week-end.
Misses Mary Cleo Booth and Francis McMurry visited in the latter's home in Colorado City, last week.
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Britain has a sliding mountain—the Troedrhfwuch peak, near Bargoed, Glamorganshire, whose restlessness of late years has broken the Rhymney valley water mains, which supply more than 100,000 persons, twisted railway lines, cracked walls, houses and roads and opened great fissures. Alarm was caused and damage done by the sliding of Oaker hill, just north of the Matlock, in May, 1925; and a hill above the Mole, near Dorking, was slipping recently.

Big Journeys by Animals

Tigers are great travelers, especially those of China, Mongolia and Manchuria, which have been known to cover 60 and 70 miles in the course of a single night's slouching trot along the game trails on the sparsely timbered hills. Sea lions, it has been proved, make 10,000 mile journeys, and seals from the breeding isles off Alaska have been found on Antarctic beaches. At harvest time, and in bad droughts, enormous armies of mice have been encountered on the move on the plains of Hungary and elsewhere in eastern Europe. In winter, all along the Arctic coast from Lapland to far northeast Siberia, armies of little lemmings are incessantly on trek; they must run thousands of miles in the course of a few months.

California's Borax

When the search for gold in California was at its height in January, 1856, Dr. John A. Veatch discovered borax in the waters of Tuscan springs, Tehama county, thus disclosing another source of wealth among California's natural resources. Today California produces the largest part of the world's supply of borax. In the early days borax deposits were of the playa or dry lake bed type, and these were worked until 1887, when the colemanite deposits, so named after W. T. Coleman, associated with F. W. (Borax) Smith in their development, were discovered. Since that time the dry lake deposits have been abandoned and colemanite has been the only type of borax mined for 40 years.—Mercantile Trust Review.

Canary Islands Prize

of Many Adventurers

The Canary Islands have the distinction of being the most bought-and-sold islands known to history. They were known to the ancients and named Canaria by Piny from "the multitude of large dogs that do there abound." Warren H. Miller relates in "All Around the Mediterranean." A French vessel was driven ashore there in 1334, and in 1400 Jean de Bertheourt sailed from Rochelle to take possession, but the natives would have none of him, and he sold a bad bargain to a Spaniard. From then on these islands were sold and resold to various Spanish adventurers, all of whom had bad luck with the natives, until one, Parazza, finally sold them to the Spanish crown. In 1476 a group of 1,000 Spanish soldiers set sail for the Canaries to reduce the islands to the glory of God, under Alonso de Lugo, who completed his task in 1493.

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City Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas. 415

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation of the many kindnesses, favors and assistance extended us, occasioned by the loss of our home and its contents recently by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ashcroft. 1tp

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Today another tree is decorated. We inhale a balm from its bruised branches and feast on a beauty of line and color. But tomorrow—

Tomorrow never comes. It never comes to those who live and love Christmas. It is always today!

Yesterday is but a memory. Today is only the great arena of action.

But tomorrow— Tomorrow is anticipation and dream. We get our inspiration from the love and achievements of yesterday; we gather our courage from the successes and sacrifices of today; and we build our hopes upon our rarest and chosen dreams for tomorrow.

Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow. Every day is Christmas if the heart is warm with good-will to our fellows. Tens of thousands of happy voices may repeat the songs of the angels, but the notes will fall upon deaf ears unless the heart is properly attuned.—W. D. Pennypacker. (©, 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

Christmas Time

It is the Christmas time, And up and down 'twixt heaven and earth In glorious grief and solemn mirth, The shining angels climb. —Dinah Maria Mulock

At Christmastide

At Christmastide the open hand Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land, And none are left to grieve alone, For love is heaven and claims its own. —Margaret E. Sangster.

What He Wanted



White Church Cemetery

March 9, 1883 marked the beginning of the White Church Cemetery. March 9, 1923 we met to discuss plans to secure more land for an extension to the ground. This we secured and placed under fence during the same year.

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