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C. M. Largent & Sons Sell Fine Herefords To Amount of \$18,870

Messrs. C. M. Largent & Sons, raisers and breeders of the world's finest Hereford cattle, report the sale to Mr. Breck Walker, banker and ranchman of Breckenridge, of five head of their finest for the sum of \$10,000.00. This sale included Grand Champion Bull Prince Domino 3rd, \$5,000; grand champion cow, Clo Ann, \$2,500; 1st prize yearling heifer Miss Callan, \$1,500, and two other heifers at \$500.00 each.

Other sales of fine cattle included: Ed C. Lasater, Falfurios, Texas, 2-year old bull \$2,000. T. J. Roberts, of Marathon, Texas, three young bulls at \$2,500. And A. D. Jones of Roswell, New Mexico, four young bulls at \$300.00 each. Also Mr. J. M. Chaney of this city bought sixteen fine registered young heifers for his ranch near here. These are extra fine, Mr. W. J. Largent said, and we expect much from their off springs, he said.

The Paving Bonds

Believing that many of our citizens do not fully understand the paving proposition, the Merkel Mail has tried to thoroughly inform itself as to the extent of the paving, the cost to tax payers and the advantages that will inevitably accrue should the program be carried out as planned.

Front street will be paved for four blocks, extending from the Burton-Lingo corner to the Boney corner. Lamar street and Kent Street will be paved one block north from Front street. Edwards street will be paved two blocks north and Elm street will be paved two blocks, making ten blocks in all.

The owners of the property abutting the pavement pay for the pavement and the city at large pays for the paving of intersections and the tax to take care of these bonds will be a little less than ten cents per hundred dollars. Every town within a radius of fifty to one hundred miles of us has in contemplation or have actually started a paving program. More than fifty per cent of the owners of property which abuts the paving are non-residents and will, if the proposition carries, be doing their part towards building up the town. The work will begin as soon as the bonds are sold and will give employment to a large number of men at a time when business is duller. If we ever expect to grow as a town we should look carefully into this proposition before voting against it.

BANKER RETURNS FROM FLORIDA TRIP

Mr. R. O. Anderson, active vice-president of the Farmers State Bank, returned first of the week from a business trip to Florida, and in commenting upon his trip, stated that he traveled nearly eighteen hundred miles and saw many interesting sights enroute and in the state of Florida, but upon his return to West Texas and Merkel he was really proud of the fact that this was his home.

LITTLE SON OF MR. AND MRS. A. H. THORNTON IN TEMPLE SANITARIUM

Mrs. A. H. Thornton with her little son, Lawrence, seven, left Tuesday for Temple, where the little boy was placed in the Temple sanitarium for treatment of an injury sustained some few days ago at school.

According to his father, the little boy with other boys, was playing on one of the saw-logs on the school ground. The little Thornton boy was thrown off by the other boys, from which he sustained an injury that may take his life. A message Thursday to Mr. Thornton from his wife stated the little boy was in a serious condition.

WM. SNOW OF WHITE CHURCH BURIED THURS.

After an illness of several weeks, Wm. Snow, one of the excellent and pioneer citizens of the White Church community died at his home in that community on last Tuesday evening at about six o'clock. Funeral services and burial took place at White Church Thursday afternoon at one o'clock, attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Mr. Snow was one of the best and most excellent citizens of his community, and this paper expects to publish a more extended and complete story of his life in our next issue.

Miss Bess Baldwin of Simmons University is the house guest of Miss Gladys Mayfield, also of Simmons, for this week.

\$40,000 Water Works Extension Bonds

There seems to be some misunderstanding concerning the water bonds and the improvements contemplated.

If these bonds are voted there will be twenty-one additional water plugs and about sixty blocks of mains laid. Every plug within five hundred feet of your property lowers the key rate.

These mains will be 8 inch and six inch with some two inch pipes connecting them. The plans of the engineer are only tentative and may be changed by the City Council. Probably not more than \$30,000 of the bonds will be issued as the city council has the right to change the plans.

The recommendations of the engineer are as follows: \$15,000 for new well, new pump and reservoir; \$16,000 of large mains for fire protection; \$8,000 for small mains for commercial use; \$1,000 for incidentals.

The Mayor and City Council may do away with any one of these propositions or make any changes their the best interest of the city. The small mains may be dropped altogether or in part.

They acted wisely in having an engineer who understands his business make the proper canvas and recommend such projects as he thought necessary for having these before them they would be better qualified to form individual judgments as to any changes that may be proposed.

Bonds voted to enlarge water supplies are always paid for in reduced fire premiums. The Mail gives the above facts as it understands them in order that its readers may have the same information. We have a wonderful opportunity to make Merkel one of the very best towns in West Texas if we will but fix our minds on the benefits to be derived from the different proposed improvements in at least a fifty-fifty degree with the cost of securing them. The pavement and water systems will immediately pay for themselves in the increase in values which they will bring to property holders.

Queen Theatre Installs Large Electric Sign

It Is Merkel's First Attempt To Blossom Into a Gay White Way and a Good Start

The electric sign now being installed on the Queen Theatre is one that would do credit to a city many times the size of Merkel and will compare favorably in design and lighting effect with even the largest electric displays.

It is Merkel's first attempt to blossom into a gay white way and it is a good start. This sign is of the vertical type, 11 feet high, 2 feet 6 in wide, with the word Queen in 14 inch cpal cathedral glass lettering which reads from both sides, being illuminated from the interior by one set of steady burning lamps.

Above the name is a spectacular feature in royal colors, while the name is surrounded by colored lamps in a rainbow effect. Approximately 170 colored lights are operated in a continuous motion effect by a four unit motor driven machine which operates automatically when the current is turned on.

The color effect on the attractive sign is obtained by green color hoods, which slip over the lamps. Red and Green predominate as the colors with the most powerful attraction for the human eye, while a touch of Amber lends a pleasing effect to the color scheme, which has all the beauties of the sunrise and the rainbow.

The sign was installed by R. D. Thrash of Dallas, at a cost of approximately \$1,000 and the investment made by Mr. H. T. Hodge in this and other high grade equipment is evidence of his faith in Merkel and its future prosperity. It is the spirit that builds cities, a monument of his progressiveness and civic pride.

Mr. S. W. Copeland who has been with the Quality market and grocery, left first of the week for Crossett, Texas, where he will have charge of a new lumber yard. Mr. A. W. Dunn, succeeds Mr. Copeland at the Quality Market and Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris left this week for an extended visit with their son, W. V. Harfs, at Eliasville. They will also visit their daughter at Cad-do, before returning to their home here.

Miss Lola Dennis of Simmons University was home for a short visit last week end.

Merkel Schools Win High Honors At County Meet

On Friday, March 18, at the county meet held in Abilene the representatives of Merkel schools won four firsts and one second place, out of a possible seven. In a large field of competition and excellent talent these boys and girls showed themselves real students, and loyal representatives of Merkel.

Carlos Montandon won first in Senior Boys declamation. Berdelle Adcock won first in Senior Girls declamation. Margaret Canon won second in Junior Girls declamation. Orpah Patterson and Vernie Derriek won first in senior spelling. Ruby Robins and Nina Vantrees won first in Junior Spelling.

In the events that we competed we won a large majority of points and due to the fact that there was no competition in some branches, we were kept out of some more firsts. We could not place twice in any of the literary events so we had to take most of the firsts.

We cannot compete with the other schools in athletic events due to our class A rating and others class B. Abilene being in Class A to herself above ours. Due to that unusual condition we automatically win in class A track meet. We won a majority of points in literary events, therefore we won the county meet.

I'm hoping the patrons of the school will encourage their boys and girls to enter these phases of school life. It is the most valuable of all. There is no reason why we should not win this way every year. So much for the track meet and literary contests.

Our 1926-27 school year is nearly gone. A few more short weeks and all will be over. I wonder if the parents—I mean 100 per cent of them—know just how your child is doing? I know some of you do not know. If you did you would stop some of this foolish waste of time indulged in by many. There are some Seniors who I am afraid will fail due to this fault. Too many of the other classes have the same habits. I want it understood that the standards are not to be lowered for any one. If they do not meet the requirements they will surely fail. Please think that over, patrons, and talk to your children concerning their school work. If you are interested and want to know definitely call me up and I will have the child's teacher give you the facts in the case. Don't wait until too late. Attend to this matter now.

IRVIN L. JACKSON, Supt.

We sincerely regret to learn that Mr. J. N. Shelton, pioneer and well known citizen, is very ill at his home in the south part of the city.

JUDGE ELY TELLS OF EXTRAVAGANCE IN HIGHWAY DEPT. BY FORMER ADMINISTRATION; GIVES FUTURE PLANS

His first official pronouncement on the policies of the Texas Highway Commission was made at Baird yesterday by Commissioner W. R. Ely of Abilene. Judge Ely addressed the Oil Belt district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, in the Baird tabernacle, and what he had to say was heard with rapt attention. His tribute to "Dan Moody, our great governor," was received with applause.

The new commissioner spoke of "Highways and Byways," and his opening sentence was a denunciation of highway administration affairs in the previous administration. "No vandalism ever wrought greater havoc," he said, "than when greed, ugly and naked, stalked into your treasury and ruthlessly wrecked the highway department in 1925 and 1926."

"We of the new commission when we went into office, found the department bankrupt. We found waste, mismanagement and extravagance, beyond the knowledge of those not privileged to have inside information on the affairs of the department."

"The new three-cent gasoline tax will not lower your automobile registration fees, and it is best to realize that right now. It was voted because of the necessity of providing revenue with which to care for our roads already built."

"Under a policy of waste the federal roads in Texas were allowed to fall so far under the government standard regulations that all federal aid was withdrawn; and of our 25,000 miles of designated highways 11,000 are federal designated and these 3,500 miles are federal roads

'The Cohens and Kellys', One of Greatest Comedies, Opens New Queen

Critics all over the country unite in proclaiming "The Cohens and Kellys," which will be given its initial local showing on the screen of the new Queen Theatre tonight, as one of the most laughable and humanly interesting comedies ever filmed.

It deals with the fortunes of a Jewish and Irish family. East Side neighbors, a secret marriage between the Hebrew daughter and Celtic son, through fear of parental opposition, and the inheriting of a million dollars by the Cohens.

The picture is aglow with humor and pathos, splendidly acted with Charles Murray and George Sidney in two of the leading roles. Others, era Gordon, Kate Price, Olive Hasbrouck.

Methodist Revival to Begin Easter Sunday

Rev. W. R. McCarter, local pastor of the First Methodist church, announces that the annual revival for the Methodist church in this city will begin on Easter Sunday, with Rev. J. O. Haynes, pastor of First Methodist Church of Abilene, doing the preaching.

Rev. Haynes, although considered a young man, is known and recognized as one of the outstanding and able ministers of his church, having rose to high places as the result of his ability and energy to go forward in the upbuilding of his churches, wherever stationed. He is a revivalist of splendid success as well as an esteemed pastor, and the local pastor and his membership are laying plans for and expecting a successful and helpful revival.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bland left last week for a visit to relatives in Coryell county.

Mrs. F. A. Polly was called to Dallas first of the week to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Young, who is reported seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Meeks of Slaton, were here last week to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook, who reside north of Merkel some ten miles.

Misses Mary Eula and Boog Sears are home for the week from McMurry College for a visit with their mother, Mrs. Amy Sears, and many friends.

Mr. F. D. Caswell, of Happy, Texas, is here for a few days visit with his daughter, Mrs. Ira L. Parrack, and family.

Merkel Bankers Offer Prizes on Maize

As a means of stimulating interest over Taylor County in a pure strain of maize seeds, the Abilene Chamber of Commerce will award liberal premiums to the persons who grow the most maize on an acre of ground. The Merkel bankers will liberally supplement this fund and will award prizes to the farmers of the Merkel Trade territory who grow the most maize on an acre of ground. Any boy, girl, man or woman may enter the contest, and every member of the family is eligible to the prizes.

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce will award the following cash prizes: First \$100, second \$75, third \$50, fourth \$25, fifth \$15, sixth \$10, and twenty prizes of \$5.00 each, a total of 25 prizes.

The Merkel Bankers will award the following prizes to contestants in the Merkel trade territory: First \$25, second \$20, third \$15, fourth \$10, fifth \$5, and ten prizes of \$2.50 each, a total of fifteen cash premiums.

The following rules will regulate both contests.

1. The seed planted must meet the approval of the agricultural committee in charge.

2. The acre must be rogued before it blooms; that is the tall stalks which are impure types that promise to spring up must be pulled up before the blooming stage.

3. Contestants must weigh their yield from the wagon on platform scales in the presence of two witnesses who are acceptable to the agricultural committee, and the heads must be dry enough to be housed immediately after being hauled from the scales.

4. This acre must be rectangular in shape and its location must be marked off with four stakes before the seed are planted. And this marking must be represented on the blank form that will be furnished each contestant.

5. An exact record must be kept of the methods of cultivation as designated on the form that will be furnished. Should a question arise relative to the accuracy of the report, contestants will be required to make an affidavit that the report is true. The record must be returned to the agricultural committee before the prizes are awarded.

6. Contestants will not be permitted to use irrigated land but may terrace and fertilize their soil.

7. To win in the Merkel contest 10 heads of maize must be exhibited at the Merkel Fair, grown from this one acre; to win in the Abilene contest, 10 heads of this maize must be exhibited at the West Texas Fair.

8. The stem of the heads must not be cut longer than 4 inches.

9. Only the alternating rows must be weighed and these figures will be doubled to secure the total yield.

The agricultural committee at each town will be the highest appeal in case any of the awards are contested.

The Merkel chamber of commerce, the Merkel bankers, the Abilene chamber of commerce, the business men of the other towns of Taylor county, are promoting this maize project, that should interest every farmer in this section. The prizes that are being awarded are stimuli for a pure strain of maize. It requires 2 pounds of maize to plant an acre, a cost of .10 cents. Why should we continue to plant impure seeds when we can increase our acreage yield from the pure strain at least 20 percent. Why should we postpone planting the best seed when it costs so little to plant our crop of the State Experimental strain, which is the heaviest yielder in West Texas. The dwarf yellow milo maize has proved the best for this section, and only this class of seeds have been secured to be used in this contest.

It costs nothing to enter the contests. The business interests are glad to donate these cash prizes as an incentive to encourage a better class of planting seeds. If the farmers grow more maize, and thereby prosper, the business interests' likewise prosper.

A contestant could win both in the Abilene contest and in the contest at Merkel. The Merkel bankers are limiting their entries to the Merkel trade territory, but the Abilene prizes are limited to Taylor county. One person in the Merkel territory could win both firsts in the two contests.

At the Merkel Chamber of Commerce office will be found the pure strain of experimental station seeds to be distributed to contestants.

Mr. Thompson, secretary, states that "the Merkel chamber of commerce is supporting this move 100 percent. We are always concerned

Huddleston Well Gets Good Showing at 2332

According to Mr. D. O. Huddleston, owner of the land on which Grisham & Hunter are drilling a well six miles southeast of Merkel, and others who returned from the well late Thursday afternoon, a good showing of oil had been found at a depth of 2,332 feet. It was stated that considerable optimism was being shown by the drillers of the well for a real producer within the next 20 or 30 feet.

Two other wildcats surrounding the city have reached the depth where the pay sand is expected to be encountered at any moment. The Largent well three miles north is said to be drilling at around 2,400 feet. The Haynes three miles west, is cleaning out after setting the six-inch casing at about 2,500 feet.

There is little oil news to report from the field, except for a rumor that the Phillips Mason No. 1, the extreme west offset, had increased its flow to around 2,000 barrels.

School Sir-Kuss

On Friday evening, April 1, at the high school the Annual Staff and the classes will put on their annual Sir-Kuss. There have been many new ideas worked up that will be employed to entertain the folks. I am safe in saying the show this year will be enjoyed by 100 per cent more people, and will be enjoyed 100 per cent more than any Sir-Kuss in M. H. S. history.

For our feature number I am trying to get a real honest to goodness colored quartette and glee club. If this is done that show alone will be worth several times the total cost to any one. Watch the columns of this paper for notices by various classes.

PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR INSTALLED AT STAMFORD

Rev. Fred Rogers was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church of Stamford Sunday. Rev. H. J. Manley of Snyder, moderator, presided. The installation sermon was preached by Dr. E. B. Surface of Abilene. The charge to the congregation delivered by the pastor of the Albany Presbyterian church, Rev. F. A. Owen.—Abilene Morning News.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers was formerly the able and popular pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church in this city.

Mr. J. J. Pribble, excellent citizen from the Nubia Community, was here one day this week and paid this office a pleasant visit. Mr. Pribble is not worrying so much about the recent slump in the price of cotton. He has five fine Jersey cows from which he sells cream and butter, and a nice flock of hens from which he sells eggs, and he is raising some fine hogs for the market. In fact he is producing his own living, thereby cutting down his living expense. Yes, making money from the cow, sow and hen. And he reports having 15 acres of fine barley, making fine pasturage for the cow, sow and hen.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned first of the week from a visit with friends and relatives at Stephenville.

With the wellbeing of the farming people. We have always contended that only pure seeds should be planted. We are as much interested in the prosperity of the farmers as we are concerned with the wealth of the townsmen. We hope that every farmer his wife, every boy and girl in this section will enter this contest with his whole heart. We want to change the grain sorghum conditions over our territory this year. There is no more excuse for planting scrub seeds than there is any reason why we should breed scrub cattle.

Every one who is interested in contest should confer with Mr. L. R. Thompson immediately, secure the seeds, and begin to prepare the ground. The record books can be secured from Mr. Thompson by calling at his office at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Since we are going to plant grain sorghums any way, why not try for the prizes. The seeds that Mr. Thompson has to offer are the dwarf yellow maize, but not the double dwarf. It grows about 4 or 5 feet tall and forms heavy seed heads.

I am particularly interested in the rural boys and girls and hope that many of them will contest for the prizes and will win the money.

J. R. MASTERSON, County Agent.

Meeting The Tests AND MAKING A RECORD WE ARE PROUD OF

Founded back in 1912 on a platform of Safety for Depositors' Money, Service to the Community, Respect for Confidence, Helpfulness and Courtesy, the **FARMERS STATE BANK** has added steadily to its list of customers and friends. Today this bank is strong in deposits and strong with its depositors. Its modern methods of doing business safeguard its patrons. The books and records of this bank are subject to State supervision.

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R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

Celebrates Golden Wedding Anniversary

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook, prominent and well known citizens of the Noodle community, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, having with them for the occasion all of their children and grand children, besides a few invited friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were born in Giles County, Tennessee, he being 74 years of age on the 16th of next June, and she 66 on April 18.

To this happy union of wedded life twenty children have been born, nine of whom survive and are as follows: Hugh Cook and Mrs. Oscar Calloway, Matador; Dock Shaffer, Mrs. Shafer being dead, and children, on the Plains; Roy Meeks, Slaton; Sam Cook, Coahoma; George Cook, Stith; Jim Pete, Radford, Miss Inez and Gussie, who live at or near home.

Besides the children there are also about 25 grand children living. It was a great occasion for this fine old couple and this paper joins their children, grand children and a host of friends in wishing for them many more such happy occasions.

C. OF C. SECURES FINE MAIZE SEEDS

Pure bred maize seed are to be had at the office of the Merkel Secretary of Chamber of Commerce at five cents per pound. You may get it in packages of 2, 10, 15, 25 and 100 pounds. This seed was obtained from the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and we are assured that it is being sold at cost.

Booklets giving information regarding planting, cultivating and breeding of the seed will be given those who wish them.

Miss Velma Sterling splendid teacher in the grammar school, was called to her home in Lubbock first of the week by a message announcing the serious illness of a brother.

Mr. W. L. Harkrider is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, and friends for a few days before returning to McMurry where he is attending school.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt is home from McMurry College for a few days between terms.

WANTED—50 oat sacks Saturday. Swafford, phone 44. It

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greetings

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON BESSIE ROSE by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive 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 the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, on the Second Monday in April A. D. 1927, the same being the 11th day of April A. D. 1927, and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of March A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6444-A, wherein A. B. Rose is Plaintiff, and Bessie Rose is Defendant, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff and defendant were married about June 3, 1924, and separated about July 3, 1925. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment as is fully shown in the Plaintiff's original Petition now on file in said court, to which reference is here made.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 3rd day of March, A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County. 1114

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. 415

ATTENTION EVERYBODY

We're little but we're loud! Folks say our little show won't be worth much but you come and see is all we ask. You'd be surprised! Did you know that our class was the most beautiful in school? Well you just see the big parade and you will agree with us. Also the freshman band will be in the parade. Watch it lead out the class. Clarence Sharp at the drums will be worth your time to see the Big Parade. Also the negro family and many other funny things. The original black bottom will also be in the Sirkus. French Harp players and also the Ukelele Girls. Don't fail to see the grand parade and also the Sirkus April 1, 1927. It

Expecting car Hulls any day—also car Hay and car Coal—Swafford phone 44.

WANTED—A young lady soda dispenser, capable and experienced in dealing with the public. Apply at new Queen Theatre, Merkel, today. It

Elder W. G. Cypert and wife were in Haskell this week for a visit with friends.

Miss Mary Hutcheson of McMurry College is spending a few days with her parents between terms.

WATCH OUT! or you will miss the chance of your life of seeing some real Bathing Beauties, and Oh my! those Crazy Klowns, and the silly stunts of Mutt and Jeff. All these and more will be in the high school Sirkus parade Friday afternoon, April 1927.

Monarch Mixture of Courtier and Buffoon

Of the famous manners of George IV of England many stories are told. Once when riding he happened upon a man piloried for issuing a libel against the ruler and wrote an apology "for the seeming indelicacy" of taking advantage to view him. Again he took the old Lady Clermont to her carriage and begged her to take her time and not hurry, for gallantly said he, "If you tumble, I shall tumble with you." The ruler, who achieved more by charm than character, in the estimate of Shane Leslie, a recent biographer, also was a famous mimic. On a journey to Hanover he convulsed the sovereign of the Netherlands by mimicking the old Stadtholder during his visit to Carlton house. The "Granville Papers" give a peep behind the scenes of 18th. when he was prince of Wales; Lord Bervorn is furious with the prince. The prince takes him off remarkably well lying along the bench with his arm across looking very fierce and stretching out his legs as though he was trying to kick Lord Granville."

One Thing to Live For

Mrs. Nagge had married a wealthy husband and as a consequence had spent much of her married life in travel. At home she had had her every wish gratified almost instantly. In fact nothing interested her any more. She was bored with life.

"Sometimes," she said one afternoon to Mrs. Holland, who had dropped in for tea, "sometimes I feel I have nothing in the world for which to live."

Mrs. Holland shook her head sadly, then suddenly brightened.

"Well, there's spite, my dear, there's spite."

Extension of Life Is Worth Billions

New York.—The increase in earning power of our population in this generation for men alone amounts to \$2,300,000,000 a year. Accurate data on the earning capacity for women is lacking, but estimates made by statistical experts of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company put the total increase in earning power since 1901 at \$3,500,000,000.

This gain in ability to earn money has come about as the result of the recent improvement in extension of life, the experts declare. In 1901 a male at birth was considered to have a potential worth of \$7,553, but in 1924 the value of the average boy was calculated at \$9,333.

The gain of \$1,780 potential value at birth is due to the longer life an individual can now be expected to live with a consequent longer period of earning capacity.

Full Set Teeth \$17.50

No Better Plate Made at Any Price
22-k Gold used in all Crown and Bridge work at \$4.50 and Up
Gold Fillings \$1.50 and Up.
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I have placed my maize seed for planting with West Company, Bob Martin Grocery, A. R. Booth and Leslie & Middleton, in Merkel, and at Trent with M. G. Scott & Brother, and Estep & Rogge. 182p

If it is a house you want built, see a carpenter, but if it is Meats, see Baker & Wheeler Market. It

Try a Classified adv in the Mail

ATTENTION Poultry Raisers 2-I-P

Parasite remover used in the drinking water will rid your poultry of Blue Bugs, Lice, Fleas, and all other insects. Sold under a money-back guarantee by W. F. HAMBLET. 11t6p

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

FOR RENT—Store room space in new Queen Theatre, Merkel. Apply at Box office. It

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR

Facts

that Draw Crowds
and Sway Buyers

Little wonder Dodge Brothers Motor Cars today are accorded such widespread and enthusiastic commendation—

Smart new body lines and attractive color combinations—

A new seating arrangement that provides still more roominess and comfort—

A new clutch, simple, sure, silent—

Softer pedal action, easier gear shifting—

Quicker acceleration, still greater steering ease—

More rigid engine support—and smoother performance—

New, silent-type muffler—

Sturdiness and dependability made still more pronounced by vital betterments in body construction and in the propeller shaft, differential and axle shafts

Add to these the new five-bearing chrome vanadium crankshaft, with its remarkable improvement in engine performance, the excellent new starting and lighting system and many other recent betterments, and you understand why owners proclaim today's car—

"The finest Dodge ever built!"

Standard Sedan	\$1045.00
Special Sedan	\$1100.00
DeLuxe Sedan	\$1235.00

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Special Service at Baptist Church Sunday Morning

At the 11 o'clock hour Sunday the local Baptist Sunday School will have charge of the service and put on a program full of information and inspiration. Miss Lucy Tracy will direct the program and those participating will represent all departments of the school. The regular Sunday school will meet as usual at 10 a.m. and will have their own lessons at the proper time. Let's have a full attendance Sunday and stay for the special program.

In connection with the Sunday school we will have a report of the district Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. meeting at Midland.

All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 7 p.m. with a special opening number by the Junior department.

The pastor will preach at 7:45 on "Another Unanswered Question of the Bible".

With the exception of one off Sunday we are still maintaining our record of receiving members every Sunday, having received two last Sunday.

An earnest invitation is extended to all who will to come and work and worship with us. Visitors and strangers are especially welcomed.

IRA L. PARRACK, Pastor.

Methodist Church

Had a splendid day throughout last Sunday at the Methodist church, although the attendance was cut down by the cold snap.

With the coming of open spring weather we hope that all the work may take on new life. We trust that those who have been waiting for such good weather in which to attend the services will be with us next Sunday. We have a place in waiting for all of every age.

Sunday School at 9:45.
Worship at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.
Special music at the morning hour.

We are planning to have a great Layman's meeting Sunday afternoon. Brother Boyd M. McKeown, our conference Lay Leader, will be with us Sunday at this meeting, and we hope to have a great attendance.

Special music by the orchestra and choir at the evening hour.

W. R. McCARTER.

SPRING and YOUR CAR

Now, if ever, comes the season when one's car must run and look its best. Outings, fishing trips and the dozen daily demands on the car—there must be no delay in the operating schedule.

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FORMER MERKEL CITIZEN HERE FROM THE PLAINS

Mr. M. B. Tabor, formerly a citizen of this community, but now residing on a fine farm on the Plains, near the little town of Wilson, was here last week mixing with old friends and looking after business.

Mr. Tabor, up until he moved to the Plains about two years ago, owned the 160 acre farm now owned by J. C. Mason, on which there are now four producing oil wells, three by the Marland and one Phillips, which together are probably producing 1,000 barrels of oil per day. While Mr. Tabor did not deny he would like to have kept the land until he could have enjoyed the great wealth that it is now producing, he did declare that they were happy and doing nicely on their new plains farm. In fact he is a real booster for the Plains.

He stated that the gins were still running out there almost to capacity when he left last week. On his farm 65 bales of cotton were produced and gathered by his own family this year. Also five bales were picked for neighbors. He will keep tab on the happenings here by reading the Mail for the next year.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Missionary Meeting: "The Southern Baptist World Program." Leader, Bessie Westenhover. Introduction by leader.

Foreign missions, Yates Brown. Home Missions, Bill Haynes. State missions, Iris Garrett.

Our Schools and Colleges, Joe Hartley.

Sunday School board and student work, Fannie Bell Boaz.

Relief and Annuity Board, Helen Booth.

Hospitals and nurses training, Mrs. Warren Smith.

Conclusion, Mrs. W. B. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown accompanied by Miss Lucy Tracy, attended the West Texas Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. convention at Midland on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

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Dissatisfied Customers

No business institution dealing with the general public ever existed that did not, at some time or other, have a dissatisfied customer. Human nature is pretty much the same the world over, and no man or institution has ever yet attained that pinnacle of perfection where he or it has been able to please all of the people all of the time.

This company is no exception. Time rolls by, and, in the daily stress of effort to render one hundred per cent satisfactory service, occasionally something goes amiss and a dissatisfied customer appears. Either his service has not been as he thinks it should have been, or his bill is more than he thinks is justified by the service he has received.

While a dissatisfied customer is to be regretted, and always counts as a black mark against the cherished record for good will and friendly relations with the public, this company also tries to impress upon the men and women in its employ that a dissatisfied customer, wherever he makes himself known, is also an opportunity—an opportunity for closer personal contact and an opportunity to demonstrate that this company actually does practice what it preaches, that honest and efficient service rendered at a fair and equitable price is its paramount task and responsibility.

The men and women employed by this company are just ordinary human folks like all of us. And like all of us they are not infallible. They work hard at their jobs and they are trying earnestly all of the time to avoid mistakes. But mistakes do occur, and when they do the company is just as anxious as the customer who has suffered by that mistake that it be corrected, and corrected quickly and satisfactorily.

Many times, again, dissatisfaction on the part of the customer is due to misinformation or lack of information about the company and its services. And here again the company is honestly anxious to clear up the difficulty by careful, courteous and complete explanation.

If the man or the woman in the employ of this company to whom you go with your troubles does not meet you in this attitude, then that man or woman is not the kind of employee the company thought he was when it entrusted him with the responsibility of carrying out its policies and its ideals.

West Texas Utilities Company

PREACHING AT NOODLE

We are requested to announce that on next Sunday at the morning and evening hours Elder N. W. Elphinstone of Abilene, will preach at the Noodle Church of Christ. Every one is cordially invited. In the afternoon there will also be singing to which all are invited.

METHODISTS ATTEND MISSIONARY MEETING AT ANSON THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. McCarter and Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, President of the Methodist Womans' Missionary Society, accompanied by a number of other members of the society, some of whom were: Mesdames Tom Largent, Geo. Brown and Thos. Durham, drove over to Anson where they attended the Abilene District Meeting.

WANTED—50 oat sacks Saturday. Swafford, phone 44.

Church of Christ

I will preach at the North Side Church of Christ on next Sunday morning and evening. A cordial welcome is extended to every one to attend. Members are urged to be present. Come in time for Sunday school.

W. G. CYPERT.

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

On April five there will be held in this city an election at which time there will be three separate and distinct propositions to be voted upon, besides at the same time there will be an election for local city officers. The first three propositions are: The voting of bonds for paving, the adoption of the general paving law, the voting of bonds for water works extensions. All of these propositions are of vital importance to the people of the city, and every property tax paying voter should inform himself or herself as to the merits and demerits of the issues and then vote on same according to their respective feelings in the matter. Don't allow yourself to vote for or against these issues just because you find that some persons whom you dislike are for or against them, as the case may be. But post yourself, consider the city and its citizenship's best interest and vote accordingly. And remember that your town will be just what you, the people, make it. No bigger and no better than you, the people, think and act. If you have conveniences you must pay for it. You may have lived a long time without the proposed improvements, and you may have been born and reared in a log cabin and drove an ox team, but you have improved your place of residence and your mode of travel. You do not want to go back to either now. Then why not help our town to keep pace with other live, progressive and growing cities of similar size. A city with paved streets will be worth much to every business and every property owner in the city. And as to water ex-

tensions, it is but right that this be done. Besides the great saving in fire insurance rates it will bring city water to every home within the city. Your vote will be for taking a step forward or backward. Which will it be?

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. T. E. Collins was the happy hostess of the Thursday Club at their meeting last week, entertaining on Saint Patrick's day and featuring his nation's favorite colors in all her party appointments. The club games of 42 had been arranged and these games were very merry throughout the hours of the late afternoon at the conclusion of which Mrs. Collins forced her guests to respond to her request with an Irish joke before she would serve them a refreshment. Clever indeed were some of the toasts given to the Olde Land and the Pat and Mike jokes followed one another with hilarious rapidity. At this time Mrs. John West, president of the club, held a short business session, after which Mrs. Collins, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Ernest Massie, of Trent, served a most delectable salad and green punch to Mrs. Alice Williamson of Trent, Mrs. Ernest Massie of Trent, Mesdames Charlie Russell, Fred Latham, A. R. Booth, Bill Sheppard, Earl Lassiter, and Miss Christine Collins, all guests of the Club, and the following club members: Mesdames F. C. McFarland, Ross Ferrer, John West, Burl Scott, R. O. Anderson, Dee Grimes, R. I. Grimes, James West, T. L. Grimes, Charlie Jones and the hostess.

PREACHING AT CROSS ROADS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder Ollie Dial will preach at the Cross Roads Church of Christ near Nubis on next Sunday at the morning and evening hours. Every one invited. In the afternoon there will be singing to which a cordial welcome is given all.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

MORE HORSEPOWER FOR FARM RELIEF

All proposed plans have thus far failed to provide the farmer with farm relief by increasing his selling prices. Industry, however, met a somewhat similar situation by lowering the cost of production. A similar solution can be successfully applied to agriculture.

The increasing of production per worker on the farm is being met to a certain extent by using larger units of power, whether horse or mechanical. Where one man was using a single horse or team he is now using from 3 to 8 horses, thus increasing the ground covered from two to five times. By the use of larger power units hired labor can be reduced or eliminated.

An analysis of raising corn divides costs according to the following:

Land	60 percent
Labor	20 percent
Power	20 percent
Miscellaneous	10 percent

Of these items one can be considered stationary, namely, the land cost. Labor and power are variable and have been the main obstructions to lower production costs. Larger power units are doing much to decrease labor factors. Also, larger power units if used over larger farm areas can do much to lower the power percentage.

Professor J. B. Davidson, senior agricultural engineer, United States Department of Agriculture, summing up investigational work in 36 states, offers this equation for farming:

$$I = (S - C)Q$$

When "I" equals income
"S" is selling price
"C" is cost of production
"Q" is the quantity of production

Professor Davidson states: "Where quantity of production is held uppermost one finds prosperous farmers who plan to farm more acres without increasing the overhead."

Corn controls central western agriculture. In that area the acreage one man can farm is dependent on the number he can cultivate. With the single row cultivator he was unable to cultivate more than four to seven acres per day. The two row cultivator doubled this amount. Three and four row cultivators are now on the market—even six row were used this season. It cultivates fifty acres per day.

Value of Courtesy

Courtesy is the one medium of exchange that is always accepted at par by the people of every country on the globe. Courtesy radiates a spirit of good feeling and suggests that we are not working entirely for the material returns of work, but for the friendly human associations as well. Life is not too short, and we are never too busy to be courteous.

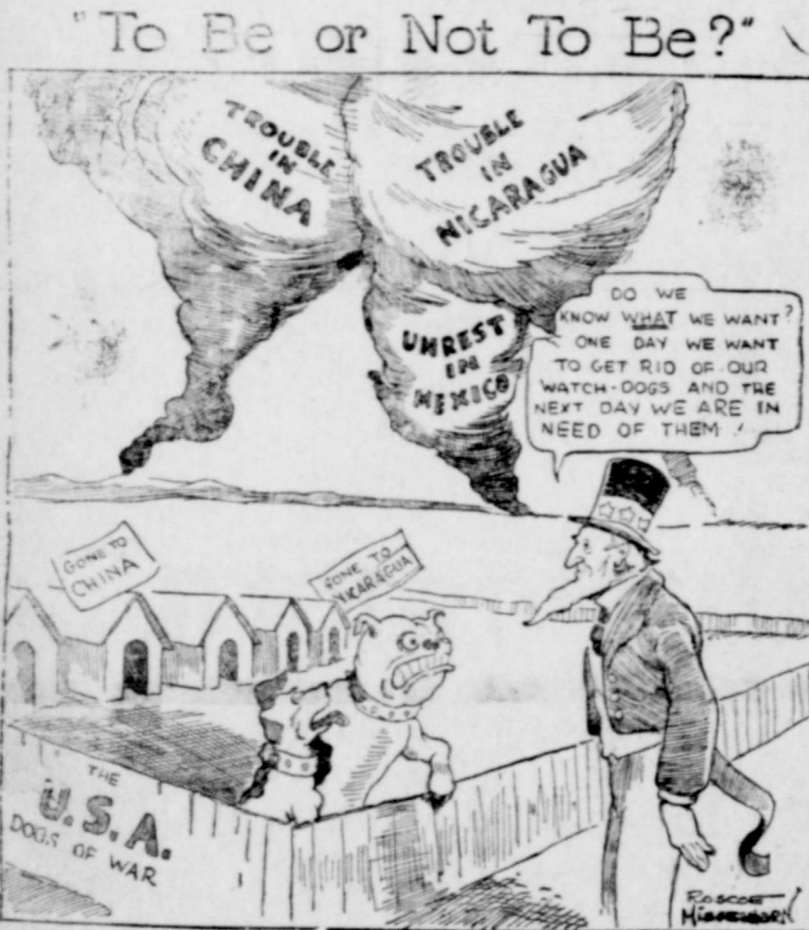
Courtesy is the outward expression and an inward consideration for others is always an effective lubricant that smooths business and social relationships, eliminating friction.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Spiders Love Music?

Do spiders enjoy music? A London organist has noticed that every time he starts to play the organ a spider wings down over the keyboard by a single thread of its web.

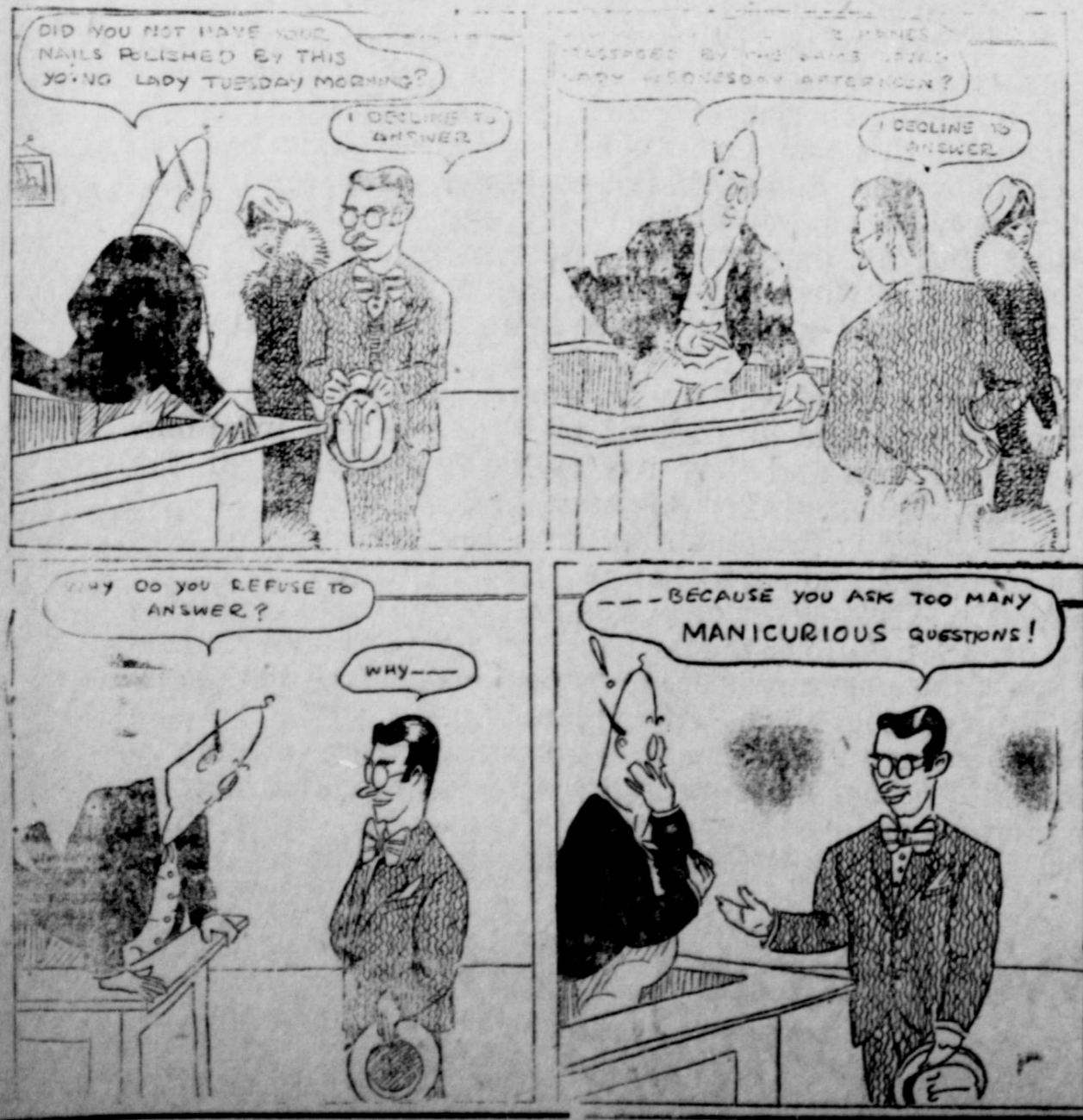
As soon as the music stops he disappears. Either very soft or very loud music also causes the spider to disappear.

During a concert at Leipzig, a spider seemed to like violin music. During two violin solos, he dropped down from a chandelier by its web, but went back up again when the violin music stopped.



THE JUDGE

By M. B.



New Arrivals

Large Shipment of Linoleum and LINOLEUM RUGS

Just arrived, Something new The Jaspe Linol-JASPE LINOLEUM RUGS eum Rugs are different. Beautiful patterns and longer service makes it the popular rug of today. We also have some very nifty patterns in the new Arabesq Linoleum. You won't find the blended colors in any other grade of Linoleum as you do in the Arabesq. Come in and let us show you why it is different.

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Hunt in Sheba's Land for Stolen Jewish Ark
New York.—A legend that the Ark of the Covenant, stolen by Menelik I, son of Solomon and the queen of Sheba, from Jerusalem, is in a temple in the remote fastnesses of Abyssinia is to be investigated by an expedition which left here recently.
Search will be made for trace of the secluded Jewish tribe, the Falushes, who refused to risk the Red sea passage with Moses.
The expedition, sponsored by Adventure Magazine, will hunt specimens of the black-maned lion and two rare specimens of monkey, the Gellada and the Hamadros, for the national zoological park in Washington.
Gordon MacCreagh and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rossman are members of the expedition. Reports of the trip will be made by radio.

Real Speed
Gingerly the passenger clambered out of the two-seater sports car and heaved a sigh of relief as he found himself on firm ground once again. He proffered his cigarette case to the driver.
"Very kind of you to give me a lift," he remarked at length.
"Only too pleased," said the motorist.
"You drive rather fast, don't you?" asked the other.
"Fast?" exclaimed the motorist. "That was nothing. You ought to be with me when I'm alone."

Crab Finds Rich Oil Field
Oil recently found on an island off the coast of Honduras was discovered by the aid of a land crab, after man had searched for years for the petroleum. The region is infested with the crabs, which burrow into the soil. One of them dug into a marsh beneath a cottage. The next day the owner of the house smelled the odor of oil and soon found a high-grade flow. He had been searching for oil for years without success.

A Long Wait
"And what cemetery is that?" asked the Palestine tourist pointing toward an expansive hill entirely covered with grave-stones.
"Oh, that's a family cemetery," replied the guide.
"A family cemetery?"
"Yes, that's where all Methusalem's nieces and nephews who passed away waiting for their rich uncle to die are buried."—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

RHEUMALAX
The latest of all scientific discoveries for rheumatism. It reaches the cause and makes you feel like a new person. No guess work or rubbing on. Sold and guaranteed by HAMM Drug Company.
Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case returned first of the week from Fort Worth where they had been called to attend the funeral of an uncle, J. J. Case, aged 88 years, who died very suddenly in that city.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC CLUB MONTHLY SOCIAL
The Junior Dramatic Club held their monthly social meeting in the studio of Miss Lucy Tracy last week with Misses Nell Durham and Willie Evelyn Boaz as the happy hostesses. An appreciative audience greeted the little readers in a short program preceding the games. Those appearing in the program were Master Horace Boney, Marie Stanford, Alice Russell and Modyne Sheppard. A delicious refreshment of cream and cake was served to the members of the club by Nell and Willie Evelyn.
There is lots of news in the Classified Columns. Read it every week.

COMING BACK

A defunct used car can be cheaply doctored up so that it will just about carry the purchaser away. The trouble is, he stays away. You can't make customers by making enemies. We prefer to make and keep friends.

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1925 FORD TOURING TOPS \$6.50
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DOWELL

THE TOP MAN On Front Street

MACE SYMBOL OF HOUSE AUTHORITY

As Much Part of Chamber as the Members.

Washington.—A ceremonial mace, the symbol of constituted authority rooted in the customs of the ancient Roman republic, is as much a part of the sittings of the house of representatives as the members are themselves.

Whenever the house is in session, it is mounted in a marble pedestal to the right of the speaker's chair. If the members are meeting as a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, it stands in a lower pedestal near by.

It is never unguarded, and for more than eight years has been in the custody of A. C. Jordan of Lyons, Kan., tall, stalwart, genial assistant sergeant at arms, whose duty is to maintain order on the floor.

Made in 1842 of ebony fueses, or rods, three feet long, representing the states, bound with thongs of silver and surmounted with a silver globe and spreading eagle, the mace of the house represents powers rarely exercised, including summary expulsion of a disorderly member.

Usually, when the assistant sergeant at arms is called upon to restore order, he is able to do so merely by marching through the disturbed aisles carrying the mace or by holding it over two excited members. If a misbehaving member fails to heed that display of authority, however, he may lay it beside him. That act automatically expels him, and formal reinstatement would have to be obtained for him to resume his place in the membership.

Mr. Jordan is glad he has never had to lay down the mace.

Naval Bureau Lists

All Floating Dangers

Philadelphia, Pa.—While seas quietly lap the shores of the world, a vigilant maritime patrol, unknown to most "landlubbers," busily stalks 232 silent but treacherous foes to commercial shipping.

Icebergs, floating debris, land aboutments, drifting buoys, derelicts and opaque fogs are constant menaces to navigation against which war must be waged. The nerve center of operations the world over is the hydrographic office of the Navy department.

This bureau tries first of all to keep a finger on the whereabouts of all dangers to shipping about which it is imperative, in safety's cause, to know. An elaborate intelligence service, entailing co-operation of hydrographic

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CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS TO RENDER PROGRAM

The High School Choral and Glee Clubs have been invited to repeat the program they rendered last week to the high school at the grammar school on Friday morning of this week at nine o'clock. They will be assisted by the grammar school orchestra in the following program:

Little French Clock by the choral club.

The Sandman song, by the Choral Club.

Selection by the orchestra, "When the Honk Honk Honks," by the quartette. The little Tin Soldier, by Truett Patterson.

Kisses, by the second quartette.

Selection by the orchestra.

Old Farmer Slow, by the combined choral and glee clubs. The interested public is cordially invited to attend.

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results. tf

Stitch-a-Bit Club

Mrs. J. F. Holloway assisted by Mrs. C. B. Barnes entertained the club at her home on last Wednesday. Embroidery and conversation were the pastime of the hour after which a sewing contest was held, Mrs. J. H. Bullock winning the needles and thimble. Mrs. Joe E. Toombs the thread and Miss Deci Sharp the scissors. The hostess served a salad plate to the following guests and members: Mesdames J. H. Bullock of Abilene, George Groene, Marvin Boney, Irvin Lackey, Tally Holloway, Grover Gilbert, Billy Cobb, Joe B. Toombs, Misses Deci Sharp, Azilee Gilbert and the hostess. Reporter.

Mrs. J. F. Berry of Clyde is here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Messrs. H. M. Rainbolt and T. J. Coats returned Wednesday from a business trip to Waco.



Buy across the Counter

WHEN you buy across the counter in the stores of this town, you are using good business judgment. Why? There are many reasons, but one of the most important is this:

You can buy what you want at the price you wish to pay! You are not obliged to accept "something just as good," because you are in a position to compare values and make your own selections.

When you trade at home you are helping your friends to help you! And there is no finer thing in life than neighborly co-operation. It always pays—in happiness and satisfaction as well as dollars and cents.

Read the Ads in this Paper
and save yourself money by trading at home

SERVICES OF OTHER AGENCIES, ISSUES THE bureau to chart known impediments to water traffic and send out warnings.

Constant communication with ships at sea, advising them of newly sighted derelicts, rafts and other things, is maintained. The bureau supplies all navigators with information and asks their reciprocation by advising of the longitude and latitude of icebergs and other stragglers. It immediately disseminates the news over all ocean highways.

Meanwhile the navy and coast guard annihilation squadrons are notified and patrols sent to visit the scenes of drifters and remove them.

Animals Well Treated in Rail Transportation

Washington.—Animals being taken to market for slaughter are now treated better than ever before, according to the Agricultural department.

A decided decrease in violations of the 28-hour law, which prohibits confinement of animals in cars longer than that period without food, water and rest, was announced by the government.

Only 227 cases were reported last year, compared with 402 violations in 1920 and 700 cases the previous year.

Transportation companies and their employees have improved conditions under which domestic animals are handled in interstate commerce, the department said.

World Always Good to Man Who Laughs

The mere fact of laughing heartily does one good. It makes the world seem a kindly place and it draws one closer to one's fellows. To be entirely engrossed in oneself and one's problems induces a morbid state of mind, but as long as one can laugh with others and thus blow away the cobwebs from one's brain, one is safe from the isolation of despair and egotism. Of course I mean laughing that is free from either superiority or bitterness which is certainly a tonic to the whole spiritual system. Laughter clears the air, and the very fact that a man can laugh heartily is a sign not alone that he can enjoy life but that he has a sense of proportion about life. The capacity to laugh is much more than a capacity to see the funny side of things. It is really a sign of sanity. People who take themselves too seriously cannot laugh simply; people who are too overwhelmed by existence cannot laugh naturally. To laugh is not to be careless, it is to be balanced. And true laughter, being the expression of a simple emotion, is thoroughly healthy and sound. It is the outcome of a sense of humor, and a sense of humor arises primarily from a sense of values.—Exchange.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

1. Introduction, Bernice Verson.
2. This board main business.
- a Louise Booth, b Mabel Pilcher, c Harold Boney.
- Some other lines of service: a Paul, b Alton, c Alan, d Claud Cash.
4. How the Sunday school board is housed, Warren Weed.
- 5 Present volume and future prospects of the board's business, Allen Weed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott returned last week from a trip to Lamesa, where they had been to look after their farming interest in that section.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.
Senior Christian Endeavor at 6.45.
Rev. J. T. Kerr, of Haskell, Oklahoma, will preach at the morning and evening services Sunday. We invite the general public to worship with us at all services.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Brian received a message first of the week from their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Faucett in California announcing the sad news of the death of their three-year old baby.

LAST CALL—
OUR CLEARANCE SALE CLOSES
SATURDAY NIGHT
BROWN D. G. CO.

32 LOTS FOR SALE

This is an opportunity to put on an addition in the best residence district in Merkel. I own the following lots, but it is impossible for me to be in Merkel and handle them. I will sell same at a price that you can make a large profit, abstract showing clear title furnished:

Being all of Lots Nos. Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block "A".
Also all of Block "B" containing Twelve Lots.

Also Lots Nos. Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Block "C".
Also Lots Nos. Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block "E" all of the above lots are in the G. F. West Addition to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, as per plat now of record.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Merkel Girl Wins Fame in California

Mrs. Jewel Butman, official representative of Culver City at the recent Industrial Rabbit Show held in Compton by the Chamber of Commerce of Compton, led up until the last night a group of the prettiest girls of the Southland in the race for exposition queen. Mrs. Butman, who lives at 431 Caroline avenue, fought a game fight and it was not until the very last hour that Miss Lorraine Cheney of Compton succeeded in beating her for first prize.

Miss Cheney received 21,207 votes while Jewel received 19,643 and the young lady who took third place, Miss Lucas of San Pedro, 11,431.

Jewel is today wearing the diamond ring that was offered for second place in the race and is quite proud of it.

Had more Culverists attended the show it is safe to wager that our representative would have won.

Dainty, Demure, sweet and polished she reflects great credit on the city that she represented. Mrs. Butman is a fine moving picture type and she photographs exceedingly well.

Again Culver City told the rest of the world what it could do, for few of the Compton people but what on seeing our Jewel, could resist casting their votes for her.

The diamond ring is better by far than the first prize, which was a fur coat, as it will never wear out.—Culver City (Calif.) Star.

The above news item from the Culver City Star, California, concerning honors bestowed upon Mrs. Jewel Butman by her home town, will be interesting to her many friends in this community. Mrs. Butman is the wife of Lewis Butman and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anderson of Merkel, route 5.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins visited their son, G. A. Hutchins, at Loraine last week.



MRS. JEWEL BUTMAN

BATHING BEAUTY CONTEST

Stop, look, listen! The bathing beauty contest with beauties from over the states, Miss Merkel, Miss Trent Sign Works and many other beauties. There will also be a man eating tiger and two faced lady.

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The Womans Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will observe the week of prayer from March 27 to April 1 each afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. These days of prayer will be for home missions. The slogan for this week is "The South for Christ". The subject Monday, March 21, is "America Always," and Mrs. Causseaux is leader for the afternoon.

Tuesday, Subject: Americans by immigration, Mrs. Collum leader.

Wednesday's subject, Evangelism and Enlistment, Mrs. J. S. Swann, leader.

Thursday subject, "Near Neighbors," Mrs. A. R. Booth, leader.

Friday subject: "America, America, God shed her grace on you," Mrs.

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All members are urged to be present, and visiting Companions are cordially invited.
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STRAYED or Stolen—Young heifer about one year old, Jersey. Any information of her whereabouts will be appreciated. Write or see Willard West, Merkel, route 5, 1tp

LOST—Pocket book, Tuesday evening in front of Dr. Gardner's office. Will party finding same keep the change and please return purse containing Red Cross Nurse Pin. Mrs. McClurkin, nurse at Mr. S. D. Campbell's, R. F. D. No. 3. 1tpd

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ELECTION NOTICE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the purposes hereinafter mentioned:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, that an election be held on the 5th day of April, A.D. 1927, at which election the following propositions shall be submitted:

"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 water-works extensions in and for said City, as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas"; and

"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 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), payable serially over a period of thirty 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 street improvements in and for said City, as authorized by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas".

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The said election shall be held at Fire Station in the City of Merkel, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to-wit:

B. C. Gaither, Presiding Judge; G. W. Boyce and H. M. Sainbolt, Judges; Betty Sublett, Clerk; Lizzie Latham, Clerk.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified voters, who are property taxpayers of said city, shall be allowed to vote.

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

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,000.00 WATERWORKS BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

And those opposed to the issuance of the waterworks bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,000.00 WATERWORKS BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

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

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000.00 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."



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And those opposed to the issuance of the street improvement bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

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The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of the City of Merkel and attested by the City Secretary of said City, shall serve as a proper notice of said election.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause said notice of the election to be posted up at three public

places in said City, one of which shall be the hereinbefore named polling place, for at last thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election.

The Mayor is further authorized and directed to have said notice of election published in some newspaper of general circulation published in said city, and which notice shall be published once each week for 5 weeks, the date of first publication being not less than thirty (30) full days prior to the date of the election.

N. D. COBB,
Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.

ATTESTED:
PAULINE JOHNSON,
City Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas. 4t5

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BLAIR ITEMS

Well, it has been some time since Blair correspondent has had any "write ups", but Blair is very much wide awake.

Several deals have been made recently, Mr. G. A. Wheeler has built a new home.

Mr. Pat Addison has bought the pretty home of Mr. C. F. Doan in South Blair. And Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison and family will move as soon as Mr. Doan can give possession.

Mr and Mrs. Doan and family will move to their farm two miles south of Blair. They are remodeling their home there.

Our Blacksmith, Mr. Albert Barnes and family have moved back to Mr. Jim Moore's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris have moved to our little village and Mr. Harris has engaged in mattress making business on north side. Also Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Conley have rooms on the north side, and Mr. Conley has gone into the garage business in the Hunter building.

The weather has been rather cold the past week, but farming operations have been going on at advanced rates but very little planting has been done as yet.

Spring gardens are coming along with large quantities of seeds still being placed in the ground.

Our school is doing nicely on account of the three competent teachers, and the patrons should give them their very best cooperation.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell and son, R. B., Mrs. Alice Wilson, principal of Blair School, and Miss Rosa Cozart, primary teacher, motored to Abilene Monday evening and were accompanied back by Miss Willard Wilson of Belton, the beautiful and accomplished young daughter of Mrs. Wilson.

The health of the community is moderate and if nothing happens we will let you hear from us again soon.

Everybody is invited to come out to our Sunday School at the Baptist Church in the morning, and Methodist church in the afternoon. Tulp.

MISS EFFIE GRAYSON ENTERTAINS

Last Saturday evening the Intermediate Grade pupils of Blair school were entertained at the home of their teacher, Miss Grayson. The charming Miss Effie Grayson was hostess to a few of her pupils, only a part being present due to the weather conditions. Those present enjoyed many interesting games. Then they passed into the pretty dining room and were served a most delicious refreshment of soda pop and white cake.

Those who enjoyed this afternoon were: Misses Otera Wheeler, Maxie Abbott, Anna Addison, Florence Meeks, Otis Ray Doan, Lucy Moore, Pearl Barnes, Zuma Spears, Neoma Grayson, Altie Grayson, Messrs. H. C. Doan, H. E. Addison, Roy Abbott, Mona J. Moore, Glenn Abbott, and the chaperones present were Mr. T. H. Spears, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan, Mr. Z. V. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

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Pets

Whoever has not felt the affection of a dog has missed the frankest flattery in human experience. On the contrary, the cat keeps us in our place by mixing her demands for tribute with supreme disdain. We like them both; they add to the richness of life. Any animal pet helps develop our character. The childhood that has been devoid of pets has been cheated of what is almost a birthright. Horses or donkeys, or goats or geese, or marmosets or horned toads, they all help. Any one is better than none at all. Your goldfish doesn't have to sing to be interesting, and the ragged mutt that ever left muddy tracks on a counterpane may be as lovable as the most highly trained poodle.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Picture's Valuation

The picture by Whistler called "Old Battersea Bridge" is alluded to as the "Nocturne in Blue and Gold." It was the source of one of the artist's most famous witticisms. The opposing counsel in the suit for libel which Whistler brought against Ruskin in 1875 elicited the fact that the picture had been painted in two days, and then asked: "The labor of two days; then is that for which you ask 200 guineas?" To which Whistler retorted with dignity: "No; I ask it for the knowledge of a lifetime." This picture sold two years later for 2,000 guineas.

Train Faster Than Birds

Tests of bird speed in calm air, made by a German investigator, show that the flyers have a wide range of rapidity and few equal the rate of a moderately fast train. Of those observed, the starling had the greatest speed, slightly more than 46 miles an hour. Jackdaws made 38.22 miles an hour, the parrot finch 37 miles, rooks 32.58 miles, and hooded crows and gray gulls 31.95 miles. The sparrow hawk had the slowest speed of all the birds whose flights were measured, making only 25.70 miles an hour.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Origin of Phrase Lost

The phrase used to describe Turkey, "the sick man of Europe," probably had a journalistic origin, now lost. Montesquieu (1689-1755) in one of his "Persian Letters," speaks of the Ottoman empire, "whose sick body was not supported by a mild and regular diet, but by powerful treatment, which continually exhausted it." The expression is also sometimes credited to Czar Nicholas I of Russia. In a conversation concerning Turkey held with a British diplomat in 1853: "We have on our hands a sick man, a very sick man."

Leisure and Laziness Matters Far Apart

If the women's clubs are futile and the politics get nowhere, and if a disillusioned age has found that charity has a great many more attributes than are mentioned in the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians, if being a delightful person is the most a woman can do with her time, why not admit it frankly instead of camouflaging a pleasant and idle life with a pretense of vast activity, or hiding behind the children's rompers or the responsibility of table service or anything else?

Leisure is good for women, and if they are of the temperament to enjoy it, let them have it. Hard work is good and necessary for some women, and there is still and will be for a long time plenty of interesting non-professional work for women to do, if they have the ability and temperament. But the air needs more clearing. No one should have to apologize for not flying into what is really voluntary work. No one should become absurd for going into it. But if one stays out it should be because one openly prefers leisure.

Leisure and laziness have nothing in common. Laziness breeds discontent and cripples energies. Leisure breeds humor, of which we need much, and beauty, of which we need more, and philosophy, of which we need most. The thirties, if they are wise—and on the whole they are both wise and clever—will come to the point of choosing between the two. Destroy their laziness and preserve their leisure, and the thirties will be the incomparable decade.—Margaret Cullin Banning in Harper's Magazine.

Constancy That Gave World Great Lesson

Behind him lay the gray Azores—behind, the gates of Hercules; before him not the ghosts of shores—before him only shoreless seas. His good mate said: "Now must we pray, for lo! the very stars are gone! Brave admiral, speak; what shall I say?" "Why, say 'Sail on! sail on! sail on!'"

They sailed, and sailed, as winds might blow, until, at last, the blanched mate said: "Why, now, not even God would know, should I and all my men fall dead. These very winds forget their way, for God from these dread seas seem gone; now, speak, brave admiral; speak and say—" He said, "Sail on! sail on! sail on!"

Then, pale and worn, he kept his deck, and peered through darkness. Ah, that night of all dark nights! But, lo! a speck, a light!—a light! a light! a light! It grew!—A star-lit flag unfurled! It grew to be Time's burst of dawn! He gained a world; he gave that world its grandest lesson: "On! and on!"—"Columbus," by Joaquin Miller.

HOUSE FOR RENT—Have good 4-room house for rent. See W. D. Hutcherson.

Mt. Pleasant News

BY PETE
Farmers are all proud to see the pretty weather and busy putting up their land.

Health of this community is not so good at this writing, Mr. Dewell Campbell has pneumonia and little daughter is ill too.

Miss Eva Cody spent Saturday night with Miss Annie Mae Whisenhunt.

There was a large crowd at singing Sunday afternoon. All reported good singing.

Those visiting Misses Eva and Lone Cody Sunday were Misses Ida and Livia Williams from Clyde, Miss Golden Appleton from Abilene, Mr. Lonie Williams from Clyde, Mr. Clifford Tarrent from Abilene and Miss Annie Mae Whisenhunt.

Little Junior Hogan was seriously hurt last Thursday when he and his brother Jack were playing in the pasture, but he is improving nicely at this time.

Miss Bink Hogan spent Saturday night with Misses Lela and Lois Bush of Nubia.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rodgers and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison and family of White Church.

Miss Grace Cody spent the week end in Abilene.

Misses Lois Underwood and Vera Williams spent the week-end at Albany, Texas.

Mrs. Dave Anderson spent Tuesday afternoon with her daughter, Mrs. Homer Campbell.

Misses Lois Underwood and Vera Williams took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson Sunday.

Miss Mary Click spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Jake Greenfield of Merkel.

Everybody has a warm welcome to Sunday school next Sunday morning and evening. Also B. Y. P. U at 7:30.

HONORING MISS CARMAN

Miss Autry Porter entertained a few of her friends last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Bertha Carman, her room-mate in Simmons University. Unique games and music were enjoyed during the evening. The pink and blue color scheme was carried out in the house decorations, dainty pink and blue place cards indicating the guests' places at the lovely decorated table where hot chocolate and cake were served to the following: Misses Bertha Carman, Thelma Copeland, Mary Alice Johnson, Gladys Copeland, Autry Porter, Messrs Paul Smith, Luther King, Frank Stagner, Charlie Knight, and Ervin Jowers.

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