



# CONGRATULATIONS

To Our Friends and Neighbors

## The Farmers State Bank

upon the completion of your  
**NEW HOME**

We wish you  
Success, Prosperity and  
Happiness  
in your new home

## HAMM DRUG CO.

Sie Hamm, Mgr.

Phone 93



### Lesson of Forgiveness

Almost all lovers of art are familiar with Leonardo da Vinci's great picture, "The Last Supper." His biographer, tells us that while at work on his great masterpiece the artist quarreled with a man and vowed to take vengeance upon him. While in this vengeful mood he sketched the face of Judas, but when he started to paint the face of the Master he found he could not give it the expression he so desired until he had gone to the man against whom he had vowed vengeance and sought his forgiveness. When this had been done, he was able to finish the picture.

### Making a Thorough Job

"Dear Harold," wrote his ex-sweet-heart, "as you are probably aware, I am to be married to Mr. Blank the coming month. I shall, therefore, appreciate it if you will burn all the little notes I sent you, assuring you of reciprocity with regard to those you sent me."

"Dear Dorothy," he replied promptly, "I shall certainly comply with your request at once. And, incidentally, as your fiance holds a few notes of mine, I shall deem it a great favor if you will induce him to burn them with the rest."

### Mecca Drawing Well

Banjeruaslin, Borneo.—This year's pilgrimage to Mecca is drawing a record number of 10,000 faithful Moslems from the island alone. The pilgrimage will take approximately \$4,000,000 out of the country.

me or the other teachers to violate our trust by passing over these errors. We would be going against our own convictions as teachers to do so. If I have called a spade a spade I hope you parents will help the boys and girls by helping us get them to do the required work.

As the last grade period is now on and I will not have a chance to say anything to you further concerning the status of your boys and girls. I fully intended printing the names of the students doing unsatisfactory work, but have changed my mind and am submitting this appeal to you parents.

"I'm gonna try to play the game and play it hard and play it fair. May not win, but just the same I'm gonna try to do my share. I may not always meet the test as well as some more clever guy, but while my heart beats in my chest I'm gonna try."

Irvin L. Jackson, Supt.  
IRVIN L. JACKSON, Supt.

## STATEMENT of CONDITION FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business March 23rd., 1927

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$225,888.83
Overdrafts	2,127.19
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Bankers Acceptances	\$ 79,431.00
Commercial Paper	77,500.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	116,800.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	134,846.65
<b>AVAILABLE CASH</b>	<b>\$408,577.65</b>

Total \$646,356.17

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	15,437.93
Circulation	5,950.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscouunts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE

**DEPOSITS** 559,968.24

Total \$646,356.17

STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Taylor } I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

### Directors

J. T. Warren G. F. West Sam Eutman, Sr.  
Geo. L. Paxton Booth Warren

### Supt. Jackson In a Plea to School Patrons

The public schools of Merkel are trying to make progress with your children. Much has been done toward accomplishing this aim as those of you know who have visited the school and obtained some first hand information on the work required of the boys and girls and who know what some of them have done.

Some of you are aware of the fact that our schools cannot broaden the course of study to compare with the larger schools of the country and you know we now have practically all the subjects taught afloat with the State University, and we cannot therefore add on new subjects. We need to have in our course of study a practical course in home economics, for girls, and vocational agriculture and manual training for boys. I believe our schools should be a training school for life in that the things boys and girls are going to do five or ten years from now should be taught them. They should know what it is to work and earn their livelihood. Lessons of honesty and thrift, etc.

The vocational subjects we have not had. Literary subjects designed for moral development have been our only courses. They prepare for teaching, and all around enjoyment of cultural things and we are and have been this year trying for the maximum results in this way. I do not believe in sacrificing these ideals for the pure practical money-in-return benefits to be derived from other plans, but in addition to the business and professional training we should have the broadening liberal education. In the absence of one of these, we your faculty have striven for results in the other. Our success has not met our expectations, and that is what I want to make a final plea for.

There are several things we as teachers cannot do that you parents can do. These things I shall attempt to enumerate and although all of these do not apply to your failing boy or girl I venture to say, if your boy or girl is failing one or more of these things is the cause: reading trashy magazines. One of our merchants told me that his sale of a certain magazine has increased more than 100 per cent, and I'm sure the other people who sell them will give the figures. I do not blame the merchant for selling these "True" thrillers. I say you parents should not give your children the money to buy them.

ance. This is the cause of many failures. Not that going on Friday and Saturday will greatly interfere. It is the during-the-week attendance that hurts. I'm not opposed to picture shows as such. I attend regularly once a week, but I could not do my work and go as often as some of our failing students.

Car riding. The daily joy rides that some boys and girls are taking will and is causing some good students to neglect their work to the extent that note books are left unfinished and the work done is poor. Consequently the poor grades result.

No home study. Some parents are content with the child's assertion that home study is unnecessary. The boys and girls on the average do not have sufficient time in which to prepare their daily recitations at school. Some work must be done at home. You as parents have been told that this is true and if you don't want your son or daughter to fail you had better cause them to spend a reasonable time in home study.

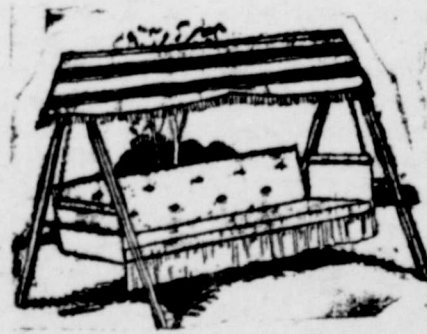
The last thing and the least in causing student failures is being too far advanced or lacking in fundamental preparation. We have some students who are in this class and you parents of these children know it and know who you are. It is not necessary for me to say what can be done with this class. It is the ones that we can help and you must help find themselves.

I wish that the parents of every child who is failing would come to school with him some time and compare or contrast the work they are doing with the work of the average passing student. Come hear them recite, really know what the child is or is not doing. If your child's report card shows any grade below 75 you may know that one in all probability will fail on that subject. If his card shows any grade below 80 you should see to it that the child does 45 minutes to one hour home study on that subject. If they are 90 or there about you may know the child is doing alright.

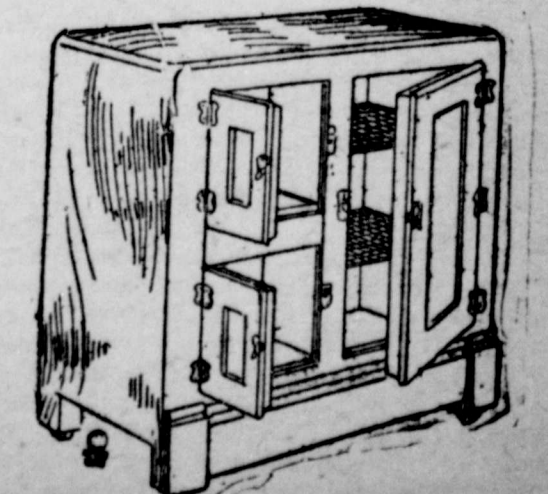
I don't mean to be hard on any one. The other teachers are of a similar frame of mind, but to be absolutely fair means to be misunderstood, and called hard and unfair. Children must be taught honesty of work and effort. Precision and accuracy to small details in all things, dependability in matters of trust, and many other things along this line. I cannot allow boys and girls to violate these principles and not say and do something about it. You patrons would not want

## Pre-Easter Specials FRIDAY - SATURDAY - MONDAY

- Three-piece Living Room Suit, settee and two rockers **49.50**  
Pre-Easter Special
- Four-piece Bed Room Suit; Dresser, Bed, Chiffonette and Bench. **59.75**  
Pre-Easter Special
- Eight-Piece Living Room Suit; Table, Buffet and six Chairs. **89.50**  
Pre-Easter Special
- Five-Piece Breakfast Room Suit; Table and four Chairs. **21.75**  
A beautiful suit finished in burnished gold. Pre-Easter Special



Let us furnish your Porch and Lawn. Special prices for Friday, Saturday and Monday.



We Also Congratulate the Farmers State Bank on Completion of Their Beautiful new home. It is indeed an addition to our city.

## BARROW FURNITURE CO.

## HERE'S OUR PLATFORM

### A Square Deal to Every Customer

We want every customer who makes a transaction with us, no matter how small or large, to feel that he has had a square deal. We want the "automobile public" to know that we would not betray their trust in us

### Try Our Filling Station Service

We extend congratulations to the Farmers State Bank upon the completion of their commodious new business home.

## EVERYBODY'S GARAGE

"A Complete Service"

Front Street

Phone 72

### 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 Culkin Banning in Harper's Magazine.

### Constancy That Gave

#### World Great Lesson

Behind him lay the gray Azores—behind him 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.

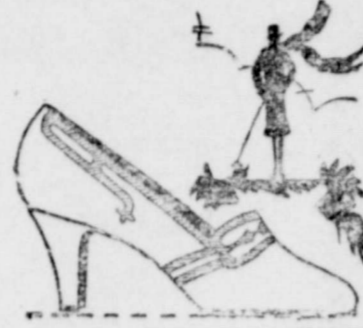
## Easter Week-End Specials

As is customary with this store, in order to meet the requirements of all special events we are glad to announce many special items of interest and attraction for Easter.

For Saturday we are offering many big values in Ladies and Misses Silk Dresses, also extra big values in our Millinery Department for both ladies and children.



### Ladies and Misses Oxfords and SLIPPERS



A new shipment of Ladies and Misses Oxfords and Slippers in all the newest shades.



And our Mens and Boys Department is brim full of every requirement needed to complete your Spring Wearing apparel. Hats, Caps, Ties, Shirts, Low Quarters Etc

We also wish to express our congratulations to the Farmers State Bank upon the completion and occupancy of their recently completed new business home. The same is a credit to our city indeed.

## MAX MELLINGER



Refrigeration of the proper kind is as essential in your home as it is to any merchant in any kind of business.

Frigidaire gives you the kind of refrigeration that you need at a very economical cost.

Let us help you solve your refrigeration problems by installing a Frigidaire in your home.

West Texas Utilities Company

### Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

- For April 17, Group 2. Leader, Miss Tracy. President, Oleta Moore. Secretary, William Sheppard. Subject, "Presidents and secretaries".
1. Two early leaders, by Maurice Davis.
  2. A Famous phrase, by Vernie Derrick.
  3. The man of the phrase, by Vera Richie.
  4. A favorite president, Ruby Lee Slater.
  5. Boyhood and pastorate of secretary James B. Taylor, Orion Tittle.
  6. Taylor's mission interest, by Burnice Vernon.
  7. Our other foreign mission secre-

taries, by Ruth Stanton.

8. Our leaders today and how they work through to cooperative programs, by J. E. Boaz.

### Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

- Doctrinal meeting, The Christian life: a true beginning. Leader, Ruby Joe Higgins. Introduction by leader.
1. Mr. Danamaker's experience, Edna Marie Jones.
  2. Experience of a great preacher, Ted McGehee.
  3. Personal workers in Bible times 1 and 2, Mary Ellen Ashby. 3 and 4, Dorothy Higgins.
  4. A life of faith, Yates Brown.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

How about that Easter Suit, young man? You can find just what you want at Brown's. It

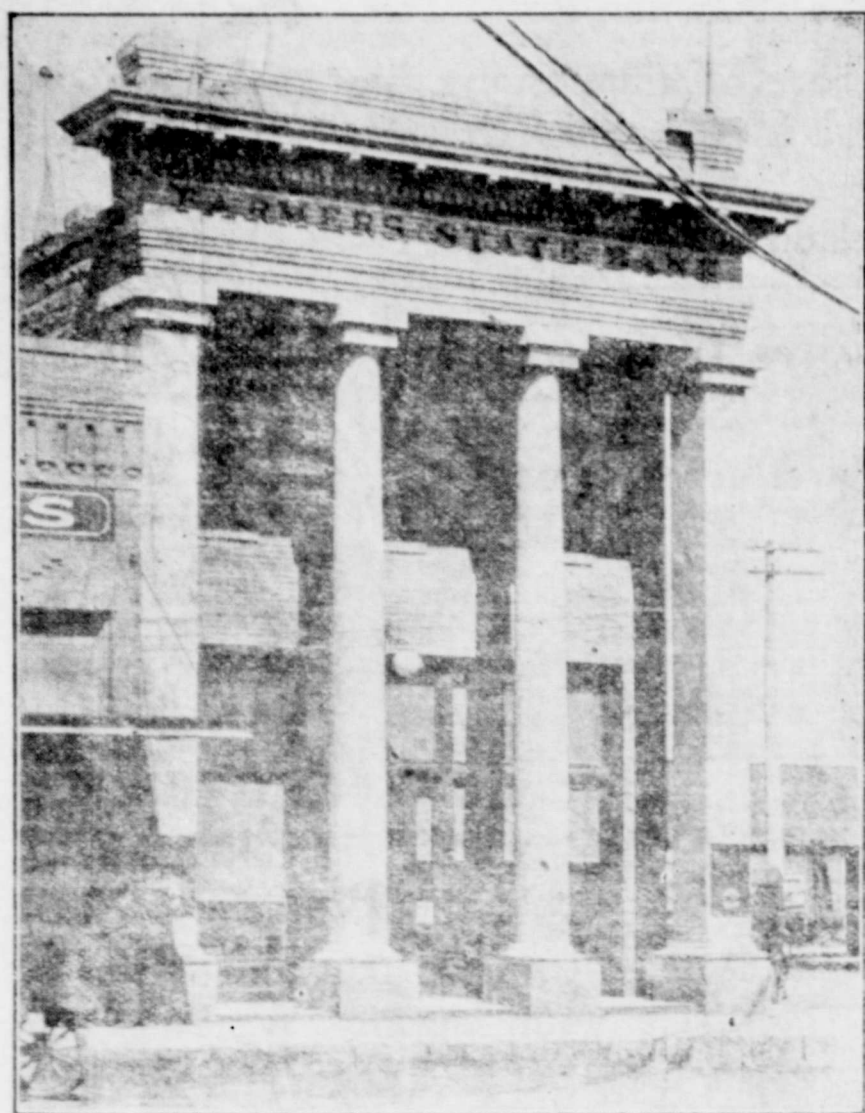
### Intermediate League Program

Program for April 17, Easter Sunday: The meaning of the empty tomb. John 12:27-32; 2 Tim. 1:10. Song: Prayer. Scripture reading, the Easter story John 20:1-18. Leader, W. A. Whitely. Easter Meditations: 1. "As Was Foretold," Eleanor Mae Hamilton. 2. "The Broken Seal," E. L. Turner. 3. "From Victim to Victory," Milton Case. 4. "The Heavenly Witness," Mrs. Brown. Song: Benediction.

## TO THE Farmers State Bank WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS

Upon the completion and occupancy of their handsome new home, which will not only stand as a monument of beauty and usefulness in the business section of our city, but as a source of genuine comfort and pleasure to them in the future conduct of their business. May continued success crown their future efforts.

Merkel Drug Company



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Of Removal to Our New Home

On next Monday morning we expect to open our doors for business located in our old headquarters on the corner of Edwards and Elm streets, which building has recently been remodeled, enlarged and refurnished throughout with new and modern bank fixtures.

We are indeed proud to again be located in our own home, where we feel that we will be equipped and prepared to render our customers and friends every courtesy and accommodation in keeping with sound banking.

We extend all our customers, friends and the public in general a cordial invitation to call and inspect our new home and the handsome and commodious furniture and fixtures we have installed, all of which have not arrived, but are expected soon, and when same has been received and properly placed we expect to announce a formal opening and celebration in honor of our new home.

Thanking each and every one of our friends for past courtesies and favors, we are  
Yours very truly,

# FARMERS STATE BANK

**THE MERKEL MAIL**  
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IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61  
Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas as second class mail.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts, Misses Lillian and Ruth attended the funeral of Mrs. W. A. Lummus, the mother of Mrs. J. M. Watts of Moran, last week.

Miss Stella Wilson has accepted a position with the Merkel Motor Company. Miss Wilson will take the place of Mrs. R. B. Ruse, who recently resigned.

B. F. Deutschman and family left first of the week for a trip to Arkansas. They will be gone several weeks.

### White House Employs Small Clerical Force

Washington.—With the exception of the fine arts commission which has but two hired hands, the White House has the smallest clerical force of any government department or independent bureau.

Forty-four employees, including three women, are assigned to the executive offices to assist President Coolidge administer the nation's business.

Uncle Sam employs a total of 590,705 persons to keep the wheels of government moving, compared with a total of 438,577 in 1916. When the armistice was signed in November, 1918, the largest number of clerks in history, 917,700, were on the government pay rolls.

The Post-Office department leads the field in employees with 265,085. The Treasury department is second with 51,619 and the War department third with 43,768. The Justice department has the smallest number, 3,763, of any of the executive departments.

### LUMBER CAMP SONGS INNOCENT DITTIES

#### Writer Traces History of Ancient Tunes.

Montreal.—Coincident with the decision of the Quebec government to appoint a committee of prominent men to study the speech of the French-Canadians with a view to putting a quietus once and forever on the slanderous opinions of tourists who believe, from contact with cab drivers and others, that the only language in French-Canada is a jargon of French and English, comes the publication by Mr. J. Murray Gibson of Montreal of translations of thirty of the songs of French Canada.

Instead of the swaggering, blustering, devil-may-care lumberjack and river driver singing songs best heard in deserted districts of the forest and river, the secret is out at last, namely, that the songs most sung by these lumberjacks are in reality children's songs in the main, brought over from France hundreds of years ago, and the first white man's music to be heard in North America.

**Traces Old Tunes.**  
"Canadian Folk Songs, Old and New," the book just published by Mr. Gibson through Dutton & Co., New York, not only is an education to lovers of music who gain some idea of the spirit in the songs, but it contains a somewhat lengthy treatise on the history of the music. The translator believes that some of the tunes date back to the Twelfth century, others corresponding to those in the Tudor and Stuart periods in England. Strangest of all, it is stated that the tune of the famous old Scotch song, "Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon," was discovered in a Seventeenth century manuscript in France.  
"En Roulant Ma Boule," one of the favorite French Canadian songs was originally sung by French children at play-rolling balls. Another colorful section has to do with a French trapper who saved the lives of his companions when threatened by the Iroquois, at the expense of his own. When his body was found, beside it lay a poem written in blood.

#### Local Fancier Breeds Dogs That Do Not Bark

Bellingham, Wash.—By interbreeding with a type of Siberian sledge dogs, a local fancier has developed a species of dog that does not bark. They have a manner of howling something akin to the wolf, but when well fed forget even that vocal ability. In begging for food they try to attract attention by a whine and guttural growl.

#### Preaching at Cross Roads

We are requested to announce that at Cross Roads, one mile south of Nubia, Elder G. B. Glasgow will preach at the eleven o'clock hour. There will also be singing in the afternoon and the public is cordially invited to attend each service.

Mrs. H. C. Williams has returned to her home from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. Q. Warren, at Knox City.

Today and Tomorrow only 10% off on our entire stock of mens and young mens Suits. Doll up for Easter. **BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY.** 11

Try a Classified adv in the Mail

Why not build up your system, appetite and blood, Dr. Shoop's Restorative will do the work. Guaranteed and sold by Hamm Drug Company. 11

Don't forget Mother on Mother's Day, May 8th. Give us that order for Candy, Stationery and Mottos. Hamm Drug Company. 11

Try a Classified Ad for Results

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

## PILES CURED

No Knife No Pain No Detention From Work

**DR. E. E. COCKRELL**

Rectal and Skin Specialist of Abilene, Texas, will be at **HAMM DRUG COMPANY TUESDAY, APRIL 19th.**  
From 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## COSTS YOU NOTHING PAYS YOU BEST

Our office is maintained to serve you, without cost, in all insurance matters. Our policies are written to protect you fully and pay you most in cases of loss.

You will find us equipped to give you all forms of property protection insurance, advise you in all insurance matters and serve you at all times. Consider us pleased to give free consultation whenever desired upon insurance.

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Upon the completion and immediate occupancy of their new and modern home, which is so richly furnished and conveniently arranged.

It will not only add to their comfort and ability to better serve their long list of customers, but will stand out as a monument of beauty and civic pride in the development of our fair city.

MAY GREATER SUCCESS CROWN  
THEIR WORTHY EFFORTS

**CHAS. H. JONES, Agent**  
For **MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM Co.**

# 5c BROOM SALE

FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY ONLY

- 1 Broom for..... 69c
- 2 Brooms for..... 74c

Limit two brooms to each customer

**SCHINDLER'S VARIETY STORE**  
Front Street

### Gun Shot Both Round and Square Bullets

Los Angeles, Calif.—The deadly Marlin machine gun, capable of firing 16 bullets a minute, one of the prize exhibits in the recent trial of accused Mexican revolutionists, is a far cry from its first ancestor, invented in England away back in 1717. The modern gun may put it all over its forbear in speed and accuracy, but it hasn't inherited one classic feature which seems to have recommended the first one—that of being able to shoot square bullets against Turks and round ones against Christians.

G. E. Chase, in charge of the patent room in the Los Angeles public library, recently came across the specification for this first gun, granted to James Ruckle. It was a portable gun, or a machine called a "defense," and the description ran as follows:

"The gun is a revolver and is mounted on a tripod; it has a single barrel and a rotating chamber. The shape of the chambers and of the bullets may be changed or varied, some for shooting square bullets against Turks and others for shooting round bullets against Christians."

### Lose Fortune by Failing to Pay Tax of 98 Cents

Wellington, Kan.—Seven two-acre tracts of land, whose owners lost title back in the nineties by failure to pay taxes of 98 cents per tract, now are valued at \$100,000. The owners in 1893 considered the land worth about \$12.50 an acre.

The discovery of oil is responsible. Benjamin Keltz, a Kansas pioneer, had a "feeling" the land would be valuable some day, and religiously kept up his tax payments, while his neighbors let theirs lag and finally lost title.

Then an oil company drilled a test well and found oil. This well now is pumping 1,200 barrels a day.

### Cut Off "Twistle"

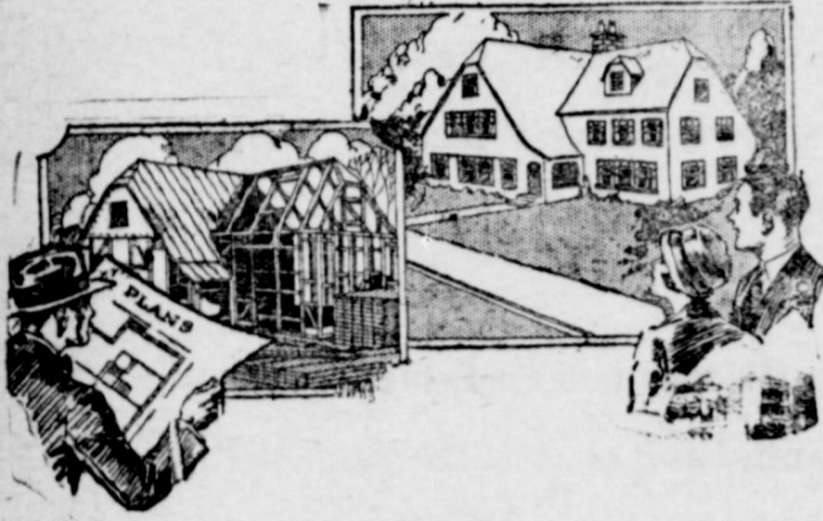
Oswaldtwistle, England.—This little town is going to lose its "twistle" and probably become plain Oswald. The townsmen have decided "twistle" is cumbersome.

### Real Estate Pays

New York.—Jonas Well, utility operator, died in 1917, leaving tenements valued at \$500,000 when realty was in the wartime dumps. Now it's worth \$4,000,000.

### Church Theft Charged

Dallas, Texas.—Theft of one Baptist church, value \$45, is the charge that two negroes, one the pastor and the other a deacon, are facing here.



There's No Time Like NOW

TO BUILD YOUR OWN HOME

EVERY far-seeing family wants to own its own home—have a patch of Mother Earth it can call its own and a comfortable home on it. We offer now exceptional values. Let us be of service to you. We have everything to build anything.

**B. H. LANCASTER**  
LUMBER and RIGS  
PHONE 82

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

It is with much pleasure that we announce the completion and immediate occupancy of the above mentioned institution's new building in the city of Merkel.

We are grateful to the officers and directors of this excellent institution for the confidence placed in us, and wish for them the full degree of success they so richly deserve.

**A. W. BALFANZ & BROTHER**  
GENERAL CONTRACTORS  
Abilene, Texas

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FARMERS STATE BANK

We wish to congratulate the stockholders, officers and directors in the completion and occupancy of their new business home. It is a credit to Merkel and shows the progressiveness of this institution and the faith they have in Merkel and the Merkel country. To them we wish a continuation of prosperity in the years to come, and hope that their example will be an incentive to others to fall in line and make Merkel a better Merkel.

**LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.**

"If It's Hardware We Have It"

### Wild Horse Elimination Sought by Cattle Men

San Francisco.—The last of their type, wild horses of the once "wild" West are becoming victims of a campaign of extermination, because of their encroachments on civilization.

Thousands of these wild mustangs, descendants of those used by Indians, before the advent of the white man in the West, have roamed in small bands from their mountain wilderness into sparsely settled country to prey upon the grass of cattle and sheep ranges.

Stockmen, co-operating with forest rangers, have formed wild horse hunting parties, with the result that in Utah recently more than 1,000 were eliminated and in Nevada a campaign netted 1,238.

In the north coast section of California the wild horse problem has become so serious a conference has been called to outline plans for extermination. Similar action has been taken in Idaho and Montana. The horses are declared to be of no economic worth and their elimination of decided value to cattle and sheepmen.

### 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 pilloried 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 1805 when he was prince of Wales; "Lord Abercorn 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. Nugger 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.

Mrs. R. I. Grimes has as her guest this week, her mother, Mrs. Robert Terrell, of Xenia, Ohio.

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results. tf

### S. M. HUNTER

I Buy 'Em, Sell 'Em.

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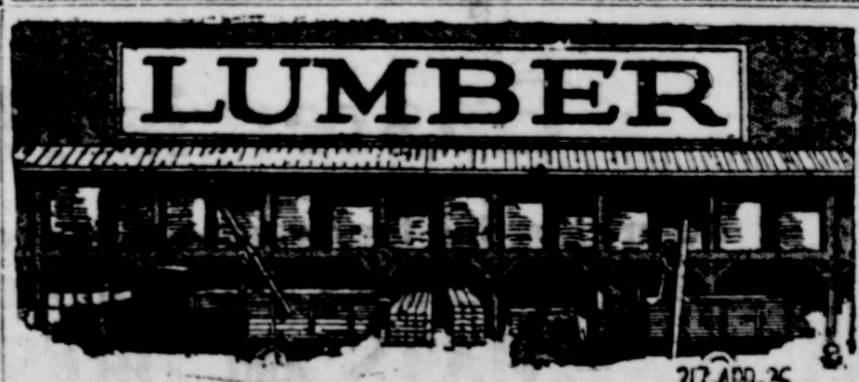
### What You Want How You Want It When You Want It

For anything in the line of printing come to us and we'll guarantee you satisfactory work at prices that are right

### C. S. Higgings Garage

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General Repair Work Used Parts for sale  
All Mechanical Work Guaranteed  
Good Work at Absolutely Lowest Prices



### STEP BY STEP

We have built this lumber business of ours slowly but surely, using the old reliable tools known as Quality, Service and Fair Prices. Satisfied customers have spread the word until it seems as though everybody should know that this is the place to buy lumber. Still, there may be a stranger in town, so we'll run this ad anyway and tell him. See us for Carey's Blue Ribbon Paints and Roofing—As Good as the Best and better than the rest.

## MERKEL LUMBER CO.

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Established 1881 Phone 62

### HOMER FRANKLIN, PLUMBERS

The House of "Reliable Service at the Right Price" is Located in Abilene at 337 Cypress St. This Well Known Plumbing Firm Fulfills the Same Function for the Home That the Modern Hydraulic Engineer Does for the City. Health and Sanitation Depend Upon the Proper Execution of Their Work. They Rank High Among Sanitary Engineers of the Country.

The problems of every city of how to meet the needs of the population with the proper water, gas and sewage system is, on a smaller scale the problem of every home. Cities employ their expert engineers whose business it is to study continually the needs and changing needs of that municipality. The people of this community may have just as careful attention to the plumbing systems in their homes, just as careful a solving of their water, heat and sewage problems by having their plumbing work taken care of by these well known sanitary engineers.

The complex construction of the modern home compels the sanitary engineer to have as thorough a knowledge of the principles of heat, water and air circulation as the physician has of anatomy. In this regard, we can do nothing but congratulate Homer Franklin, known throughout the state upon his thoro and scientific knowledge of the principles of plumbing. This, coupled with the acquaintance with practical details of plumbing work gained thru long experience easily places them among the ranks of the most competent sanitary engineers and master plumbers of the country. It is to their credit also that no assistant is employed who does not measure up to this high standard.

Although they are skilled in repair

work and equipped in the most complete way to do it, they are no less specialized in installation work. As a matter of fact they are called upon to do far more installation work than repair work in recent months because the people of this community have been educated to have proper plumbing work done in the first place by such men, with the result that not many repairs are necessary.

They carry in their display rooms a complete line of plumbing supplies. Anything needed in connection with your water, heating or sewage system will be found here. Their stock is displayed in a manner to give the public a clear idea of how such fixtures would operate when set up in the home.

Their work in recent years has by no means been limited to city residences. Farmers, seeing the usefulness of a high grade plumbing system in the modern country home, have called upon them to use their skill in making the farm home just as convenient and just as enjoyable a place to live as the city residence.

Homer Franklin is a man of the highest standing in the business circles of the community. They take an active part in every movement seeking to promote the welfare of the community.

### Baptist Church

Sunday should be a good day in all the churches. It is one of the fifty-two Sundays in the year that the Lord gives us to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus. May we all find our way to the house of the Lord and show the world that we have a living Christ in whose worship we find joy and strength. All the services will be in keeping with the day.

Sunday School begins with a special number at 10 am. sharp. The orchestra will start their music at 9:45 so lest come early and get the inspiration of the music. If you have not been coming to Sunday School try coming an hour early and sit in one of the classes and see if you do not get a blessing. Our teachers love the Lord

and they love the Bible, every word of it. They also love men and women and are seeking to so teach the word that the lost may be saved and that the saved may be developed into full grown men and women in the Lord. You do not have to be a church member to find a welcome in the Sunday school. You do not have to be a member of the Sunday school, every visitor is welcomed in the teaching service as well as the preaching service. Come Sunday and visit in some class. Pnc pastor will speak Sunday morning on "The Message from Joseph's Empty Tomb". All B.Y.P.U.'s will meet at 7 p.m., merging into the evening worship that begins with song and praise service at 7:45. Come find a welcome at any and all these services.

IRA L. PARRACK, Pastor.

### Wisconsin "U" Leads With 40,450 Students

Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin university leads the universities of the country in service. If figures in the current issue of a magazine devoted to education are correct, more individuals are now receiving instruction in and from the Badger Institution than in other universities or colleges in the United States.

The Wisconsin state school, with a total of 40,450 students, including 8,220 full-time resident and 32,130 extension students, is well ahead of its nearest competitor, Columbia university of New York city, where there are 37,734 students.

The University of California ranks second to Wisconsin in the number of extension students, but has less than half the Wisconsin number in that branch. The western state leads all the others in full-time students registration, with 17,101.

### Fruit Growers of Ozarks Will Have Banner Year

Kansas City, Mo.—Fruit growers in the Ozark mountains are to have one of the greatest years on record, according to report of one of the principal fruit growers' associations. More than 20,000 acres of strawberries will be under cultivation and from 2,500 to 3,000 carloads of berries are expected to be shipped to the city markets. Officers also stated that about 2,000 carloads of grapes would be shipped this year.

### Hunt in Shaba'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 Shaba 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 Falashes, 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 Humadros, 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.

We Join the Entire Citizenship of Merkel and the surrounding community, in extending

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### QUEEN THEATRE

### Methodist Church

We had a splendid day last Sunday at the Methodist Church. Many new members were added to the Sunday School and a number of visitors were in attendance.

The young people have a fine Easter program for the opening of the school next Sunday. No member of the school can afford to miss hearing this program. It will begin promptly at 9:45.

Strangers and visitors welcome. We begin a series of revival services Sunday.

This announcement for Easter Day and the days which immediately follow, when we are thinking of the

resurrection of Christ from the dead, "bringing life and immortality to light through the gospel," should strongly appeal to all.

Rev. J. O. Haymes, pastor of the First Methodist church of Abilene, will assist us in the meeting.

We invite Christian people of all denominations and those who do not belong to any church to attend the meeting and cooperate with us.

W. R. McCARTER.

### Married Here

Mrs. Dale Guill and Miss Ora Stubblefield, both of Abilene, were married at the Baptist parsonage Wednesday, April 13, by the pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack. They will make their home in Midland.

BLEEDING SORE GUMS: Even after pyorrhoea has affected stomach, kidneys and your general health, causing rheumatism, Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy used as directed can save you. Druggists return money if it fails. HAMM DRUG CO.

### 5c Broom Sale

For Friday and Saturday only, broom 6c, 2 for 7c. Limit 2 to each customer. Schindler Variety Store. It

Sunday is Easter. We can fit you out at a nice saving. Brown Dry Goods Company. 11

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



## Easter is Here

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# Progressive Abilene Firms Bid For Spring Business

## FORRESTER PLUMBING COMPANY

Registered Heating and Sanitary Engineers of Abilene Located at 1026 No. Fourth Street. They Have an Enviably Reputation Throughout This Entire Section of the State. Their charges are Always Reasonable. A Full Line of Plumbing Supplies Carried in Stock.

What the arteries are to the body a plumbing system is to the home. This comparison is indeed not far-fetched. Both require careful and expert attention when they need repair. If your circulatory system is bad, you are doomed, if the plumbing system of a home is defective you are never at peace. These well known local plumbers make it their business to put and keep the plumbing system of your home in order.

If you are building a home, consult these men. They will advise you as to the very best that can be obtained in the way of a plumbing system for your home. If you wish they will take the contract to entirely install the plumbing system in your home. Their work is guaranteed and their prices are the most reasonable possible consistent with the high quality of their service. Their excellent work and their never-failing service together with the high grade materials which they use have earned for them a reputation as sanitary engineers not exceeded in this section of the state.

You will also find on display in this house the latest kitchen plumbing supplies. All those conveniences which take away the drudgery from kitchen

work. Sinks which contain the latest convenient device to make such tasks as dish washing far less annoying.

You will find here, too, all the fixtures for a modern vapor heating system in the home. Scientists have long agreed that the most healthy kind of heat is that supplied by a vapor system—steam and hot water. These men are experts on such heating systems. The installation of a steam or hot water furnace is the job of no apprentice. It requires the most careful knowledge of the principles of heat and long experience to furnish an acquaintance with the practical details which determine the successful operation of such a system.

Needless to say, the enviable reputation of this popular plumbing firm has been achieved only by doing business on the fairest basis possible. People instinctively fear sanitary engineers because of their fees. There is not a home in this or surrounding communities where this firm has worked that will not vouch for the reasonableness of the charges and the high quality of their work. They carry this same ideal of service into their lives as citizens of the community.

## COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY

Are County Bottlers for Coca-Cola and Maintain a Modern Plant With Equipment Providing for Cleanliness, Uniform Quality and Rapidity in Taking Care of The Trade—With Headquarters in Abilene at 1201 South Second Street.

Every state in the union and many foreign countries have testified for years to the prominent position Coca-Cola occupies in the beverage field. But nowhere has any official Coca-Cola bottling works rendered a more satisfactory or prompt service than this Abilene establishment. They are the exclusive distributors in Taylor county for this famous drink. They are exclusively licensed by the manufacturers of Coca-Cola in Atlanta, Georgia.

Every person has their favorite soda fountain where soft drinks are mixed and served in a way individual in itself, but if you are desirous of enjoying your drink from an absolutely sterilized bottle and if you want uniform quality you will buy it by the case for home use. Coca-Cola is a distinctive drink and its wide use every day in the year proves the broad human fact that "thirst knows no season."

Coca-Cola is a great national drink whose popularity and good qualities are too well known to be described. Practically everyone knows Coca-Cola. The only thing to do is to be sure you are getting the genuine when you order. There are many imitations on the market and one has to be careful in ordering to see that

he gets the real Coca-Cola.

The state department supervising beverages reports that there was a great increase in the consumption of bottled beverages during the past year. The high standard maintained by this well known local bottling concern and others throughout the state is responsible for the fact that a large portion of the entire distribution of bottled beverages in the entire nation was made in Texas. On the basis of the state department's report of millions of dollars spent in the state for bottled beverages, each individual consumed an average of many dozens of bottles. These figures but again prove the great food value and universal popularity of bottled beverages the entire year around.

In this modern plant the bottle is hardly touched by human hands until it is ready to put in the cases for delivery. The plant is a credit to the community and is open at all times to the inspection of the public, and the public is cordially invited. Few cities many times larger can boast of such a modern and scientifically equipped bottling works.

Everything at the plant is strictly sanitary and there is no opportunity for dust or foreign matter to get into the drink before being served.

## HIGGINBOTHAM AUTO TOP WORKS

Is a Prominent Auto Top Firm of Abilene, located at 1024 North Fourth Street, Where They have one of the Most Modern, Up-to-date Plants in this Section. They are Prepared to Furnish Tops Which are Designed for Any Make or Model of Car. Mr. Higginbotham, Owner and Manager, is known for the High Quality of His Work and the Interest he Takes in all Civic Movements for the Progress and Development of Abilene. They Make Body Work a Specialty.

Comfort need not be the only consideration in the building of the present day automobile top, if this work is done by the workman of skill. The element of appearance enters largely into this feature. A neat, attractive automobile top is a thing of beauty transforming the car.

Owners of open model cars are becoming familiar with the possibilities effected even with an old and shabby car. A suitable top of good material, a coat of good paint and the "old bus" is able to "step out" with its brothers of later design.

Higginbotham Auto Top Works is one of the most modern and up-to-date auto top shops in this part of the state. They are equipped for the handling of every type of automobile top and trimming service. Regardless of the condition of your top you will find them ready and able to repair, rebuild or manufacture anew just the kind of top you have been wanting.

This service includes everything but the body and chassis. They build them in accordance to the purchaser's specifications. Frame, canvas, rear window, recovering, upholstering seats, etc. A comfortable, durable, serviceable outfit which is distinctive and stands out from all the rest. Be-

fore you decide see them. Get their estimate and class of work.

Of course, the roof of your auto top is important, but so are the sides and the back and the little mica window you peep through. They don't miss any little detail in making up tops. The side curtains are just as important as any other part of the top.

They have all sorts of samples of seat covers for you to choose from and their prices of this class of work are also very moderate.

They assure you of the very best materials and the best quality of workmanship. Always one thought in view of full value for your money.

Upholstery work is one of their main specialties. Their experience and ability in this line of work coupled with their complete shop facilities makes it possible to render the best of work. All work in their shop is done under the most exacting supervision.

You will find this one of the different kind of shops. Stalling is not in their line. When they tell you that so and so can be done in such and such a time you may depend upon that work being done at that time.

Their many years of satisfactory service to motorists of this section is their guarantee of satisfaction.

## SECURITY ABSTRACT COMPANY

Of Abilene, With Offices in the Court House, is a Modern Abstracting office that Gives you a Clear Title to Any Piece of Property in the Country. Mr. Grimsley is Thoroughly Capable in This Class of Work and is One of the Most Popular Men in the City.

"We read your title clear". That is the slogan of this up-to-date abstractor who is considered an expert in clearing up all those hazy questions in regard to the title of any piece of property. The careful and painstaking work of this office may serve to explain its increased popularity in this and adjacent communities.

The problem of titles to property is common to all communities. At the time when land was bought from the Indians or even later, not much trouble was taken to keep a clear record of the title. There were not those close requirements of giving deeds and having them recorded which everyone knows about in this day. This community need no longer experience difficulty in having such matters cleared up. This enterprising abstracting office has all the data at its command and almost any title can

be cleared up back to the original sale or the original grant from the government in a very short time. By carefully investigating all sources, the office has available practically all the records for this county.

If you are contemplating buying a piece of property; if you are not sure about the clear title on the property in which you live, we could recommend nothing better than that you have this highly efficient office look up just such matters. We are certain that there are not more reliable authorities on these intricate matters than the experts in this office.

They are progressive business men and believe in their work as a constructive business and as a factor in increasing the solidarity of the community. They are wholehearted in their support of any live project for the good of the community.

## CALEB REED'S MAN SHOP

Located at 1062 North First Street, Abilene, is One of the Best and Most Complete Men's Furnishing Stores in This Section With the Biggest and Finest Line of Men's Toggery in the City. They Are Known for the High Quality of Merchandise They Handle. Mr. Caleb Reed, the owner, is a man of Foresight and High Standing in the Community.

Distinctive, Snappy, Different—these are the qualities of the men's furnishings carried by this most modern men's furnishing shop. The management of this store recognizes that in the final analysis details make the dress, and this establishment furnishes the men of this community exactly what they wish in the way of toggery.

Every man who pays attention to his dress realizes that his wife, his sweetheart, his friends, know exactly what sort of necktie he wears, what the quality of his hosiery is, his shirt, hats, collars and the score of other details which go to make the completely dressed man. They know whether such details match his personality, whether they become his and whether they show good taste or not. Every wide-awake man knows that he is judged by the details of his dress scores of times each day. Yet he dislikes more than anything else in the world to go to any of his friends or even his wife and ask if his clothes are right. It somehow injures his pride.

To meet the needs of just such men is one of the chief purposes of this live haberdashery. Every salesman in this store is ready to give the cus-

tomers suggestions about what he can best wear in the way of the details of dress merely for the asking. They will tell him, if he wishes to know, whether this or that necktie matches his suit, whether this silk handkerchief and those hose would look well together, whether this style of collar fits his type of head. It is this personal service that makes this store distinctive. If the man can't trust his own judgment regarding dress and most of them can't, he may leave this establishment knowing that none of his friends is better dressed and knowing that he won't have to display his ignorance to his wife or some friend by asking "what he should wear."

No line of stock could be more complete than that carried by this store. Shirts, of all kinds, a choice of underwear, hose, handkerchiefs, belts, neckties, hats and caps of standard make, collars and other small articles of apparel so essential to every man's wardrobe—all of which bear nationally known trademarks.

The owners of this store are recognized in this community as progressive public spirited business men who realize that their highest duty is to serve the people.

## EXIDE BATTERY SERVICE

Of Abilene. Located at 1031 North Fourth Street, Where They are One of the Prominent and Up-to-Date Battery Service Stations of the Community. Official Representatives for the Famous Exide Storage Batteries. A Completely Equipped Service Station Prepared to Recharge or Rebuild any Make of Storage Battery. Starting, Lighting and Ignition is Their Specialty. Headquarters for Radio Batteries and Atwater-Kent Radios. Official Kohler Light Plant Representatives. M. Cox, Manager and Owner, Conducts His Business on Straightforward Business Principles.

What the nerve is to the body, the storage battery is to the automobile is a statement with a good deal of truth in it. No part of the body needs more skilled and careful attention than the nervous system, and likewise no part of the automobile requires more delicate adjustment and skilled repair than the storage battery, and starting, lighting and ignition system. With most motorists no part of the car seems to get out of order so quickly.

Those in this community who desire that their batteries shall be put in the best of shape by the most competent battery experts will find it extremely profitable to take their cars to this modern and up-to-date battery service station which is fully equipped to perform the most detailed battery service. All the latest equipment available for every sort of battery work has been installed here. As the great electrical engineers of the country discovered any improvement in the way of battery adjustment equipment, it has been taken advantage of here.

Only expert workmen are employed here; men who know storage batteries from A to Z, who have spent their time studying the makeup of all kinds of storage batteries. Not everyone can become a competent battery

and starting, lighting and ignition system engineer. It is not the work of just a day of a week or a month; it is the study of years. The men working in this shop have spent the greater part of their lives mastering the laws of electricity and the facts of battery makeup. This service is given to the people of this community at a very moderate price.

The makers of the Exide battery were quick to recognize the quality of work of this up-to-date shop and immediately made it their official service station in this community with full agency rights. This allows the shop to sell the famed Exide storage batteries, famous for their long life and efficient service to the owner.

The great enthusiasm of the radio which sprung up almost overnight has made a new use for the storage battery. To meet this demand, the Exide company has manufactured the Exide Radio "A" and "B" batteries. Their exclusive features make them the best radio battery on the market.

This paper wishes to congratulate this well known service station on the work it does. Motorists of the community should consider themselves fortunate to have a station which does such efficient repairing on all kinds of batteries.

## REX A. SMITH, JEWELER

With Store Located in the City of Abilene at 233 Pine Street, Are Prominent Business People of the Community and Jewelers and Diamond Merchants who Have Merited the Enviably Reputation They Have Acquired.

This is a local store that is replete with everything that is the latest and best, and as a proof of our statement we suggest that you visit the establishment of this popular store. Here you will find everything there is in the jewelry line, and upon examination you will find the goods are of the highest quality; diamonds, silverware, golden ware, fine colored glass, ivory novelties and suitable presents for every occasion.

The Rex A. Smith store is one of the progressive establishments in the community and is meriting the large patronage it is receiving. Whatever you wish in diamonds, watches and jewelry you will find that they have provided in this store a choice assortment from which to make your selection. As regards quality, you may rest assured that whatever you purchase here will be priced at a most reasonable figure for this establishment is in charge not only of a reliable business man, but one who has a wide experience in this field and knows the business from the ground

up. All of those many articles of jewelry so dear to the feminine heart are offered in a great profusion of attractive patterns, and courtesy and accommodation mark the service.

Everybody does not appreciate the value to a city of having a strictly modern and up-to-date jewelry store which carries a complete stock on hand at all times. Since the time this well known store first started, the people, the local public, have taken it as a matter of course. To be able to get what you want in the line, to know that no matter what the occasion may demand in this respect you can always get it at this establishment that is a feature of the commercial efficiency which makes it more attractive.

The management is both public spirited and competent, familiar with every detail of the business, and it is quite proper that we compliment this establishment upon the distinctive position it has attained as one of the most valued of the community's commercial assets.

## WEST TEXAS WALL PAPER COMPANY

Operating in Abilene at 382 Chestnut St., is One of the Largest Retail Paint and Wall Paper dealers in this section of Texas. This firm specializes in complete stock of oils and varnishes of recognized quality. Square deal methods win confidence of the Public. Official dealer in the long oil finish "Seidlitz Paints". Mr. Glen F. Smith and Mr. M. W. King are real civic boosters.

Paints, oils and varnishes. These are the soap and water and the "make up" of the modern farm and city home. The day of the unpainted and shabby house and outbuildings is passed. The automobile has brought the country to the city and the city to the country.

This company deals only in high grade paint, whether the price per gallon be large or small. Its compounds are guaranteed both as to wearing and preserving qualities. A good wearing paint will keep the surface looking good for the maximum length of time; a good preserving paint will keep the surface really good for the longest period. One quality without the other is a sure sign of a poor or mediocre paint. Both qualities taken together make the ideal paint.

While carrying a full line of the highest grade house paints, this company also specializes in paints for barns and outbuildings. For this purpose the highest requisite of paint is wearing quality, not looks. Tests have proved that the grades of barn

paint carried by this firm out-last the other brands, that they are compounded in such a way as to give the maximum protection for the longest period. In other words they are the paints which appeal to the man who is in the market for just such a paint at the usually attractive prices which the volume business of this firm enables it to offer.

There is still another distinctive service this firm offers to its patrons at no additional cost. Its clerks are experienced in color compounding. They know just what ingredients should go into the paint to give it the desired color effect, the right shade, and at the same time guarantee the desired wearing and preserving qualities. The firm offers the services of these color-compound experts at no additional cost. The buyer can seek their advice, confident that they know whereof they speak and that they will not try to deceive them.

The publishers of this paper are honored in making them better known to the people.

## CAMERON'S CAFE

In Abilene is the Popular Cafe Which is an Epicurian Rendezvous Twelve Months of the Year and is First with the Latest in all That Pertains to Delicious Home-cooked Foods and Cafe Delicacies. Is One of the Firms that Operates Under a Policy dedicated to a Greater Abilene and vicinity. Mr. Cameron, owner and Manager, is Held in High Esteem in Business Circles.

This cafe is one of the popular establishments of the city, where metropolitan service is rendered the public.

The excellent and courteous treatment they are giving the people is winning for them a large patronage of which they may well be proud. The place is equipped with the latest and best fixtures and perfectly appointed. If it is cool and uncomfortable, or hot and sultry, they have something that will put you right with the world, for this is an up-to-date place and serves its patrons in all kinds of weather.

The proprietors are among the live wire business men and the place truly gives the town a metropolitan air.

Twelve months out of the year this well known establishment is one of the most popular social centers of the community where the best of food it to be had.

This establishment is one of the

features of the life of the community and aids in making the city a more progressive and desirable place in which to live.

Their grill is one of the social centers of the county.

All of the latest cafe dainties make their first appearance here, and it is no exaggeration to say that this popular establishment surpasses many in the much larger cities both in service and popularity.

When the people who handle important articles of food and the place in which they are handled are as described above, it is safe to wager that what they have to offer their customers is the best that money can buy.

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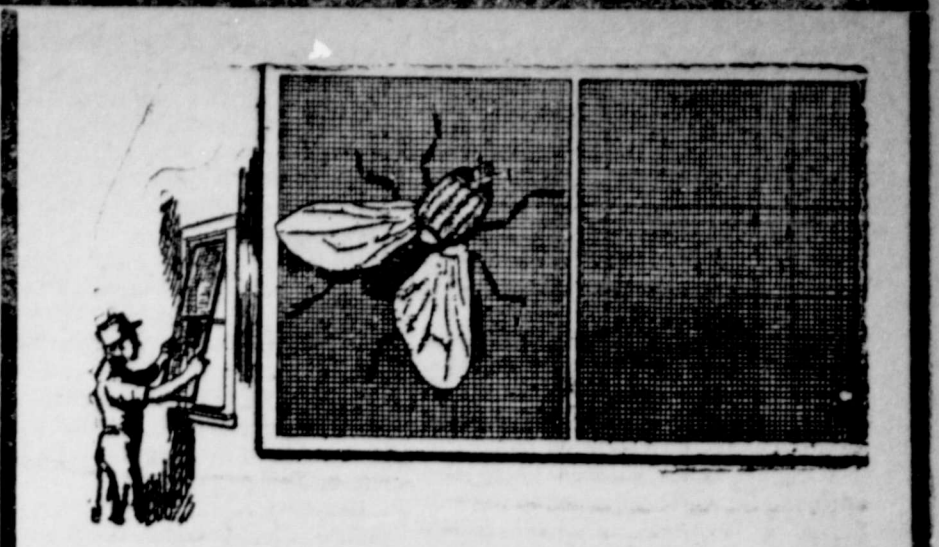
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sing to be interesting, and the rag-  
gedest mutt that ever left muddy  
tracks on a counterpane may be as  
lovable as the most highly trained  
poodle. -San Francisco Chronicle.

**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  
1878 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 retort-  
ed with dignity: "No; I ask it for  
the knowledge of a lifetime." This  
picture sold two years later for 2,000  
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**Train Faster Than Birds**  
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made by a German investigator, show  
that the flyers have a wide range of  
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moderately fast train. Of those ob-  
served, the starling had the greatest  
speed, slightly more than 45 miles an  
hour. Jackdaws made 38.22 miles an  
hour, the parrot finch 37 miles, rooks  
32.55 miles, and hooded crows and  
gray gulls 31.05 miles. The sparrow  
hawk had the slowest speed of all  
the birds whose flights were mea-  
sured, 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 Otto-  
man empire, "whose sick body was not  
supported by a mild and regular diet,  
but by powerful treatment, which con-  
tinually 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."



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Houses of Worship Found in Odd Places

The miners in the Myndd Newydd coal mines in Wales have no call to shave, shine their boots, or don Sunday garb when they go to worship. They have a chapel all their own at the bottom of the shaft, so that when they descend the pit they can have a short service before going to their working places.

Rough timbers form the pillars and beams of this chapel, and a coal trolley serves as a pulpit. The miners sit on rough wooden benches and the oldest among them acts as pastor.

A chapel, more finished in appearance, the St. Anthony, exists in the salt mines of Wieliczka, Austria. It has an altar, crucifix, and life-size figures of the saints, apparently in black marble, but really made of salt.

In the old German town of Oberstein an ancient church stands in a great rock rising from the river. The front is of stone, but the church itself is hollowed out of the rock and penetrates far into its heart. This curious church is now the only Protestant place of worship in the town.

A church in a Pennsylvania town is said to possess the distinction of being the work of one pair of hands. One man carried every block of stone of which it was constructed, cut each of them into shape, and laid it in place.

Strangers in Borneo Get Strange Welcome

A most unusual form of greeting is the one accorded visitors by the Dyaks of Borneo, as described by William Beebe, the noted naturalist. In an article in Liberty, "This Dyak greeting holds true to the old primitive ideal that a guest must be welcomed with a gift," Beebe explains.

"This gift is a very modest one," the writer continues, "but it is also very valuable. It is an egg. Throughout the whole country, if you find favor in the eyes of a tribe, you are formally presented with an egg on the day of your arrival in a village. And in the heart of Borneo, where food is in the nature of things, a more or less undetermined quantity, the possession of an egg is a matter for profound congratulation. Particularly a fresh egg, because at times the Dyaks show a marked preference for high game and preserved eggs—an instinctive, almost racial preference not easily acquired by a more sophisticated taste. There is always the chance, however,

Statesman a Stickler for Legible Writing

Phillip Guedalla tells us, in connection with a letter addressed by Palmerston to Lord Lansdowne, which is reproduced in his biography, that the viscount was a great stickler for good handwriting, an article in the Kansas City Times recalls.

He early cautioned the young men of the foreign office against the twin iniquities of ill-formed letters and pale ink. But letters still continued to slope backward "like the raking masts of an American schooner," or stood in horrid rows, "which can only be compared to iron railings leaning out of the perpendicular."

His own dowed exquisitely in that faultless hand, which lived on in Mr. Gladstone's memory as one of the two perfect things that he had known, entitling Palmerston to be a trifle capricious on points of calligraphy, to return a dispatch to a distant consul in transcription in blacker ink, and even to issue acidly precise instructions that some reluctant pupil "should form his letters by connecting his slanting down strokes by visible lines at top or bottom according to the letters which he intends his parallel lines to represent."

Grandeur and Decay in Palaces of India

The abodes of Indian potentates are an incredible mixture of the magnificent and the cheap, the grandiose and the ludicrously homely. Cows bask on the front steps; the anteroom is filthy with the droppings of pigeons; beggars doze under the gates or search one another's heads for lice; in one of the inner courts fifty courtiers from the city are singing interminable songs in honor of the birth of the maharaja's eleventh grandchild; in the throneroom, nobody quite knows why, there stands a brass bedstead with a sham mahogany wardrobe from the Tottenham Court road beside it; framed color prints from the Christmas number of the Graphic of 1907 alternate along the walls with the most exquisite Raj put and Persian miniatures; in the unswept jewel room \$5,000 worth of precious stones lie indiscriminately heaped; the paintings are peeling off the walls of the private apartments, a leprosy has attacked the stucco, there is a hole in the carpet; the marble hall of audience is furnished with bamboo chairs and the Rolls-Royces are driven by ragged chauffeurs.—Aldous Huxley, in the Bookman.

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