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Merkel Boy Killed In Ft. Worth

Methodist Revival Interest Growing

Subjects Are Announced for Remaining Services by Rev. J. O. Haymes

The revival meeting which began last Sunday morning is being well attended and is really growing in interest. Rev. J. O. Haymes, evangelist-pastor, who is doing the preaching, is indeed a fluent speaker and holds closely the interest of his audiences throughout his entire discourse.

It is the desire of the pastor and membership of the church that all church members of whatever faith join them in making the meeting city and community wide, that it may be of the greatest good possible to the whole community.

Special services and themes are announced for the remainder of the meeting by Rev. Haymes, to which your attention is called. These themes are subject to change however, should conditions demand:

Friday, April 22, at 10 a. m., "Prayer That Changes Things".

Friday, April 22, 7:45 p. m. (young people's night), "The World's Greatest Battle Ground".

Saturday, April 23, 7:45 p. m., "The Narrowness of the Church".

Sunday, April 24, 7:45 p. m. (Special service for men but everybody is invited to attend), "Every Man in His Place".

Monday, April 25, 10 a. m., "And He Went a Little Farther".

Monday, April 25, 7:45 p. m. (boys and girls night), "The Boy who made a Bad Trade".

Tuesday, April 26, 10 a. m. (old people's service), "The Fountain of Perpetual Youth".

Tuesday, April 26, 7:45 p. m., "The Voice of The Crowd".

Wednesday, April 27, 10 a. m., "Who is My Neighbor".

Wednesday, April 27, 7:45 p. m. (family night), "Home Religion".

Thursday, April 28, 10 a. m., "Where to Find God".

Thursday, April 28, 7:45 p. m., "The Second Coming of Christ".

Friday, April 29, 10 a. m., "Holiness".

Friday, April 29, 7:45 p. m., "The Love of God".

Saturday, April 30, 7:45 p. m., "The Peril of Indecision".

Sunday, May 1, 11 a. m., "Burning Hearts".

Sunday, May 1, 3 p. m. (men and boys service), "What Constitutes a Man".

Sunday, May 1, 7:45 p. m., "Lessons from a Far Country".

STUDENTS AWARDED FOR PENMANSHIP

The following seventh grade pupils of Merkel Schools have been awarded final certificates in penmanship:

Willie D. Frady, Hazel Highsmith, Holley Perry and Fannie V. Jones.

* Pins were awarded to these fifth and sixth grade pupils: Opal Huskey, Nell Hughes, Francis M. Church, Meyer Mellinger, Anna Mae Marshall, Margaret Miller, Marjorie White and Velma Stevens. Isadore Mellinger, Oleta Moore, Willie Lee Davis, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Juanita Harmon, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Ida Mae Derstine and Himalaya Swafford.

These awards are given by the Minnie B. Groves System, and their standard is rather high. Pupils meeting the requirements are to be congratulated, and others encouraged to work for the honors.

Sons of Confederacy Meeting

To the Sons of Confederacy, our regular meeting day is Tuesday, April the 26th, which is provided by our Constitution and by-laws.

The broadest duty to our country and the Confederacy demands this at our hands. Fidelity to the nation's flag cannot be prompted through forgetfulness of the principles for which our fathers fought. Hence you are called to meet at four o'clock Tuesday evening at the Armory, April 26th, 1927.

J. C. MASON, Commander, Joseph E. Johnston Camp, S. C. V.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt received a message first of the week stating that their son, Homer, residing in Amarillo was seriously ill. Mrs. Rainbolt left immediately to attend his bedside.

Texas Industrial Week April 25 to 30

The six days from April 25 to 30 inclusive have been designated "Texas Industrial Week" and every merchant in the state is urged to display Texas manufactured products during that time. L. R. Thompson has display cards to distribute to all merchants who desire to make such displays and will be glad to have photographs of the different windows made. If you wish to have a part in bringing to public notice the great manufacturing and industrial interest of your own great state begin now to arrange for this display.

Officers Find Liquor In Local Residence

According to City Marshal J. T. King, he and Deputy Sheriff W. H. Lane and Constable N. A. Dowell, armed with the proper search warrant, raided a private residence in this city Wednesday, taking into custody two and a half cases of bottled home brew; also 27 gallons of mash in the process of manufacture of beer.

A man by the name of Yates, proprietor of the residence, was taken into custody by the officers and at a preliminary hearing before Judge W. W. Wheeler in this city, was allowed bond in the sum of \$750.00 on two charges, one on a charge of selling intoxicating liquors and one for the manufacture for sale of intoxicating liquors.

"Hair Trigger Baxter" Known As Crack Shot

All who love the refreshing tang of the West, the spirit of adventure, romance and suspense, will want to see "Hair Trigger Baxter," Bob Custer's latest starring vehicle for F. B. O., showing today and Saturday at the Queen Theatre. Bob plays the part of a crack shot, whose ability makes him the most feared and at the same time the most admired man in the countryside. However, "Hair Trigger" needs all his talent in that line, because between trying to rescue his sweetheart from a band of ruffians and endeavoring to find his father's stolen cattle, he needs to be both quick and sure on the trigger, if he is to escape from his perilous predicaments. The story by James Ormont, was filmed under the direction of Jack Nelson, while Paul Bryan made the continuity. The cast includes such favorites as Eugenia Gilbert, Fanny Midgley, Murdock Mequarrie, Lew Meehan, Jim Corey, Ernie Adams and Hugh Saxon.

Auto Cop Law Is Held Valid And Sheriffs Must Put On Uniforms to Make Arrests

AUSTIN, Texas, April 20.—The motor vehicle speed enforcement act of the recent session of the Legislature was held to be constitutional by the Attorney General's Department in an opinion written by Assistant Attorney General Paul D. Page, Jr., and it was decided that Sheriffs are not entitled to fees for arresting or committing a person charged with a violation of the laws relating to the speed of motor vehicles.

The question had been raised by Wayne Somerville, County Attorney of Wichita County, as to the constitutionality of the law if it was construed to affect a sheriff. The opinion cited Section 23 of Article 5 of the Constitution, providing that the Sheriff's "duties and prerequisites and fees of office shall be prescribed by the Legislature."

Under House Bill No. 326, introduced by Representative W. A. Williamson of Bexar County, a Sheriff is entitled to no fees for arresting or committing a person charged with a violation of the speed laws. Further, the opinion said the Legislature may

make it the duty of the Sheriff to wear any uniform it may see fit to prescribe, within reason, when the Sheriff is arresting persons for violation of the speed laws.

Further construing the law, the opinion held that in any case where it is shown that an arrest for speeding was made by designedly remaining in hiding or lying in wait unobserved in order to trap those suspected, the prosecution should be dismissed.

No officer has authority to make an arrest for violation of the speed laws unless at the time of such arrest he is wearing a uniform consisting of a cap, coat and trousers of dark gray, and a diamond shaped badge, clearly distinguishing him from a private citizen. An arrest made by an officer in any other garb is invalid. An arrest made by an officer wearing a hat and khaki clothes without a badge would be invalid.

No fee for the arrest or commitment of a person for violation of the speed laws may be taxed against such person.

New Council Members Are Sworn In

Business of Starting Improvement Projects Are Taken Up.

The City Council met Monday night and Mayor-elect H. C. West, and A. T. Sheppard and H. L. Propst, Aldermen-elect, were sworn in. The retiring mayor and new mayor exchanged felicitations and the new council proceeded at once with business.

Mr. Roberts, with the firm of Roberts and Hawley, met with the council and gave his assistance in preparing the bonds for sale. It was decided to receive bids on the bonds Monday night, May 7th and to receive bids on the construction of the water system and paving Monday night, May 16th.

The council seemed to be unanimous in the decision of starting and completing these improvements at the very earliest date, and it seems highly probable that work will begin within 30 days from this date. And when they are completed there will be none more highly pleased than those who opposed the bonds, we feel sure. We expect, and feel positively assured that the cost of these projects will be more than met in the increased value of town property.

There will always be in every community men who are opposed to any increase in taxation and who especially antagonize any bond indebtedness. If these men had always been in a majority we would not have a modern city or a paved road in the state of Texas. Sanitary conditions in populated centers would be unbearable, and the education of children would be confined to the homes and to such as had money enough to send their children to private schools.

If the people of Merkel will be a unit for the things that have made other towns, and if they will become interested, not alone in their town, but in the entire territory which supports it, we will have one of the best towns of its size in West Texas. We need a modern hotel, modernly equipped and well managed, would be a paying investment from the start.

We predict that many more people will be attracted to Merkel as a trading point as soon as the paving is completed, and we also predict that the organized effort of our citizens in carrying on a campaign of diversification will add greatly not only to the prosperity of the farmers in our trade territory but will add to the wealth of our merchants and to the deposits of our banks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown left first of the week for San Angelo, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet on a trip to San Antonio, where they will attend the annual Spring Fiesta and Battle of Flowers.

Let Us Have a Clean Up Week

We would suggest that our new Mayor designate a "Clean-Up Week" and that all of us join him in making Merkel one of the cleanest towns in Texas. The business section of the town is fairly presentable but the alleys in the residence section are full of tin cans and other rubbish and vacant lots are growing up in weeds.

Winds And Hail Damage Wide Area

In many localities throughout Central West Texas considerable damage was reported to growing crops by rain, hail and high winds which visited this section Wednesday night.

In some localities surrounding Merkel considerable damage was done to growing crops by the hail, small buildings being damaged in some instances by the high winds.

At about six o'clock a very bad looking cloud formed only a short distance to the southwest of Merkel, it seemed, and for a few moments looked alarming to many who were watching it, but it seemed to divide, going around the town. In Abilene, according to the Abilene Morning News, some damage was done by a high wind about this time.

Very heavy rains are reported from Merkel to Baird on the east, Coleman on the south and Stamford on the north.

Business Firms to Close at Six p.m.

We, the undersigned business firms agree to close our places of business at 6 o'clock beginning April 20, 1927, and continuing until Sept. 1, 1927.

Crown Hardware Company.
Liberty Hardware Company.
West Company
J. T. Dennis Company
Jones Dry Goods
The Brown Dry Goods Company
Barrow Furniture Company
Modern Dry Cleaners & Tailors
The Merkel Mail
Quality Shop
West Texas Utilities Company
Hamilton & Case
F. A. Polly
J. M. Garrett.
Patton's Grocery
Chamber of Commerce
Max Mellinger, dry goods
Merkel Lumber Company.
Leslie & Middleton, Grocery
McDonald & Collum Grocery
C. E. Conner Grocery
Burton Lingo Company.
Rodden Studio
McDonald & Higgins Barber Shop
Quality Market & Grocery. 6:30
City Furniture Company
A. R. Booth Grocery
Bragg Dry Goods Company
Baker & Wheeler Market. 6:30
Petty & Buford Barber Shop
Bob Martin Grocery Company.
Schindler's Variety Store
L. L. Wills Market. 6:30
L. J. Renfro, Tailor
City Barber Shop
E. L. Ash, Shoe Man
Cash Tailor Shop
T. J. R. Swafford.
George Brown.
J. T. Darsey Co., Furniture
The Tin Shop
Dowell Auto Top Shop

Mrs. Ida Armstrong, Mrs. Geo. Brown, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. T. V. Touchstone were in attendance upon the Womens Missionary meeting of the North West Texas Conference, which is in session at Abilene this week. The meeting is said to be very largely attended and one of the most interesting the district has held for many years.

Mr. Milton H. Deavers, who for some time has been residing at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, in the interest of his health, writes to have the address of his Merkel Mail changed from that place to Legion, Texas, saying the altitude in New Mexico was too high for him. We are also thankful to him for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail.

Miss Julia Martin, who is teaching in the Childress schools, was a weekend visitor to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin.

UNIDENTIFIED YOUTH KILLED BY TRAIN PROVES TO BE WYLIE COX SON OF MR. AND MRS. IRA COX

In a telegram received here yesterday afternoon at about 5 o'clock word was received from Mr. Ira Cox at Fort Worth that he had identified the body of a young man killed there in an accident as that of his son, Wylie Cox, age 17.

On last Tuesday afternoon the young man left this city in search of employment, going east. No word had been received from the boy since he had left, but reports of a young

Two Wildcats Are Plugged For Dry

The World Oil Company's test on the A. W. Clark tract two miles northeast of the Noodle Creek field has been declared dry at 3,000 feet, and is being plugged, it is reported.

It is also stated that the Sears well three miles northeast of the field is being plugged at 2,900 feet. In both of these tests considerable oil showing was reported to have been found.

Other tests which are said to be drilling are the Smith test of the Midwest Company, six miles east of Merkel, and the Humble Company's Jacobs No. 1, three miles east, which are going down rapidly. Another test which promises much interest is the test in the Nubia community on the M. P. Latimer place, which, we learn, is making good speed in drilling operations.

The Marsten Oil Company's No. 1 Winn, three-fourths of a mile south of the discovery well is drilling at 2,435 feet. This company is also drilling a test on the J. S. Swann ranch three miles northwest of the field, which is also progressing nicely.

Reports from the Largent well are to the effect that six-inch casing is being set at 2,510 feet, and preparations being made to carry the test on down.

The Smith Letters

The exchange of correspondence between Charles C. Marshall, the Protestant lawyer of New York and Alfred E. Smith, the Roman Catholic governor, contains much of reading interest but nothing of value insofar as Governor Smith's qualifications for the presidency are brought into question.

The correspondence is, moreover, decidedly unfortunate. It fans anew the "issue" of religious prejudice which, alas, burns in the hearts of too many American people who in other respects are disposed to be tolerant toward their fellow Americans. It makes Governor Smith's religious affiliation a basic consideration of his candidacy, whereas that should be—and, in his case, has been proven to be—of no importance whatever.

Smith's public record can not be discounted by either Protestant or Catholic. He has solved New York's peculiarly urban problems splendidly; and his appointment of an unofficial cabinet numbering thirteen Protestants, one Jew and two Roman Catholics is a fair measure of his character. It disposes effectually of any suspicion that he is a Roman Catholic first and the governor of an American state afterward.

It is not his Catholicism which should make Governor Smith's candidacy impossible with the Southern democracy. There are two valid grounds for opposition to him, and they are fundamental.

The first is, he is not only academically wet, but the tone of his administration has been such as to bring the prohibition laws into disrepute and encourage violations of them.

The second is, Smith's whole philosophy is so completely urban that he can never understand or get close to the great body of people, whose problems are paramount. These are the farmers. If Coolidge, farm born, has been unable to lift them from the ruck of despond, what can be expected of Smith, a product of the sidewalks of New York?—Abilene Daily Reporter.

man being killed in Fort Worth who bore no identification except that of a cap in which was the trade mark of L. B. Howard & Company of Merkel did not arouse the suspicion of Mr. Cox since he had only been gone two days.

Following inquiry in this city by newspapers regarding the possible identity of the man, friends notified Mr. Cox and were concerned about the possibility of it being his son. After considering the matter over Wednesday night Mr. Cox decided to go to Fort Worth and investigate, and left Thursday morning. He wired back to the local agent that "the boy is mine".

A crushed skull and chest, broken arm and cuts and lacerations over the entire body indicated that the young man had been dragged for almost a block after being struck by the train, according to officers who made the investigation. It is likely also that the Texas & Pacific east bound passenger train, due in Fort Worth at 6:30 a. m., passed over the body, officers said.

Definite arrangements have not been made, but it is expected that the body will arrive here some time today for funeral and interment.

Wylie Cox has been reared in this city and is said to be a fine, hard-working boy, and his sudden and untimely death is deeply regretted by everyone.

Lankart's Cotton Is Winning Fame

Press dispatches Monday carried news that a cotton grown near Waco will be placed in every experiment station of the south, by order of the United States department of agriculture.

This cotton was developed by C. S. Lankart and is known as the "Waco" breed. Mr. Lankart having made 15,000 field tests during the past five years on a 6,000-acre tract south of Waco. The cotton was used by J. H. Youngblood on the prize-winning five acres which recently won the News-Tribune's \$300 prize awarded at the Cotton Palace barbecue last Tuesday.—Waco News-Tribune.

BLAIR HOTEL UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Mrs. C. E. Murray, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, has closed a contract with Mrs. J. S. Blair for the lease of the Blair Hotel, and has taken active charge. Mrs. Murray has been in the hotel business for nearly twenty-five years, she stated, and is qualified by experience. She expressed confidence in the development here of a large oil field.

SENIOR DAY PROGRAM

The annual Senior Day was inaugurated with a program given by members of the Senior class in which they complimented the remaining classes of the High School. The exercises were appropriately opened by a most inspirational talk by the Rev. Haymes of Abilene. He was introduced by Miss Orpah Patterson, who proceeded as master of ceremonies throughout the remainder of the program. The class prophecy was given by Miss Tommy Durham, after which a saxophone solo was rendered by Charlie Largent with Clyde Mayfield playing his accompaniment. A solo by Miss Thelma Opelend was next on the program with Inice Brown at the piano, after which Aileen Childress gave a piano number. The class will, read by Maben Rogers was most humorous in its generosity as the victims of each senior's wit were forced to stand and receive their inheritance. The next was a quartette, sung by Tommie Durham, Obeal Stubbins, Inice Brown and Helen Booth, with Thelma Opelend as soloist and Orpah Patterson at the piano. The concluding number was a vocal duet by Helen Booth and Charlie Largent, accompanied by Inice Brown. The picnic sponsored by the class was postponed because of inclement weather.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, Close of Business March 23, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$434,892.12
Overdrafts	2,987.92
Banking House	13,500.00
Building fund, banking house	12,178.88
Other Real Estate	5,841.50
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Stocks & Securities	1,500.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Commercial Loans	27,000.00
U. S. Bonds	77,150.00
Bills Ex. Cotton	4,820.62
Cash & Exchange	108,927.42
Total	\$700,969.37

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	29,964.74
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscouunts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	621,004.63
Total	\$700,969.37

The above statement is correct.
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier
R. O. ANDERSON, Active V. Pres.

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**RANCHER'S LIFE
SAVED BY HORSE**

**Animal Waits for Injured Man
to Mount.**

Sioux Falls, S. D.—Harris Rinderneck, a rancher of northwestern South Dakota, is the owner of a horse which he would not sell for its weight in gold. His affection for the animal is due to the fact that it saved his life. During a storm recently, while the temperature was below zero, Rinderneck was rounding up some of his cattle, riding the horse which afterward saved his life, when the animal slipped and fell, throwing Rinderneck to the ground, breaking his leg and rendering him unconscious. Instead of the horse scrambling to its feet and dashing away, as most animals would have done, it scrambled to its feet and stood patiently beside the form of its master on the ground.

When the rancher regained consciousness he found the horse there waiting for him. Helpless, so far as attempting to walk was concerned, he grasped the saddle stirrup nearest to him, then spoke quietly to his horse and with his voice guided it to a snowbank which was of sufficient height to enable him to crawl to the back of the horse.

He then rode to the nearest farm house, but on arriving at the gate he was unable to make any one hear his calls for help. In this extremity he produced his pliers and cut the fence, riding up to the house, where he was given assistance and then taken to the nearest town for surgical attention for his broken leg.

The rancher declares that had his horse not waited for him he would have frozen to death. He was several miles from home when the accident happened, and it would have been impossible for him to have crawled that distance.

**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 the silent but treacherous foes to commercial shipping.

Icebergs, floating debris, land abutments, 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, enlisting co-operation of hydrographic

**QUEER TAXES LEVIED
ON PEOPLE OF WORLD**

**Humorous Levies Relic of
Feudal Times.**

Washington.—A delegation from the Virgin Islands recently appeared before a congressional committee and appealed for the removal of the export tax on sugar.

"That an export tax is unconstitutional is a matter of common knowledge to American news readers, and since the Virgin Islands belong to the United States, some may question why the delegation should peacefully plead for the removal of the levy when it could be attacked as unconstitutional from the time of its imposition," says a bulletin from the headquarters of the National Geographic society in this city.

"But the Constitution does not say that there shall be no tax on articles exported from the United States and its possessions. It declares that 'No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any state.' And, according to the courts, state in this case, means a state, not a possession.

Export Tax Odd to Us.
"While an export tax seems odd to a citizen of the United States, it cannot compare with some of the humorous levies in foreign countries," continues the bulletin.

"Since feudal times the kings of England have received miscellaneous articles as taxes on valuable property.

"Two knives, six horseshoes and sixty-one nails are sent to the king's court by the city of London each year for the use of a parcel of land near the famous Strand, while a school occupying a piece of property near the Tower bridge, sends a bunch of roses. The land is worth \$10,000, but as long as the roses are 'paid,' the school is permitted to continue in peaceful possession. Peppercorns (pepper berries) are paid by the Royal academy for its London site.

"To hold his land the owner of Aylesbury manor provides three geese if the king visits Aylesbury in the summer and three live eels if he goes there in the winter. The owner is also bound to put clean straw on the king's bedroom floor three times a year if the sovereign stops there. Straw on the bedroom floor was one of the luxuries of feudal times.

"The tenant of Copeland manor is required to hold the king's head should he get seasick while crossing the stormy waters of the English channel from Dover to Whitstun bay.

"A crossbow is contributed by the ancient city of Chichester, while the lord of Bryandon, Dorset county, is bound to make a yearly presentation of a stringless bow and an unfeathered arrow for his majesty's use should he decide to war with Wales.

"Instead of paying an assessment in money, knights, to whom large parcels of feudal land were granted, were bound to perform 40 days' service in the king's military establishment and to equip themselves for duty.

"Property owners in England a few hundred years ago also accounted for the number of hearths and chimneys in their buildings, for each one of them was levied upon. Windows also were taxed and today one occasionally sees evidence of the evasion of this levy where old windows have been bricked up.

Blocks of Salt Paid Taxes.
"For centuries blocks of salt were sent to the rulers of China from the provinces bordering the sea to pay taxes. Rice and silk vied with salt in importance. Today, in some parts of the republic, rice supplements silver in payment of levies. In ancient times some tribes sent elephants' teeth while the Cantonese, it is related, made payment in crabs, frogs, snakes and crickets.

"Travelers from one city to another in China soon became familiar with other ways of raising revenue, than that collected from land owners. Likin or 'squeeze' stations, which might be compared with our nearly obsolete toll gates, are met with at frequent intervals along the highways. Eight of these stations are encountered during the 84-mile trip from Shanghai to Soochow. At each station one's effects are ransacked and, while every article is not taxed at each station, before the traveler reaches his destination at least three levies have been paid on each article.

"Tibetan taxes are usually paid in goods. Sheep, wool, meal and native cloth are principally used. In one section of the hilly country, the grass and water the Tibetan cattle consume are taxed, but not the cattle."

Plan Statue of Miles

Standish at Plymouth
Plymouth, Mass.—Transfigured into bronze, Capt. Miles Standish, first soldier of the Pilgrim colony, may soon return to this little town, the birthplace of America.

Plans are under way here for the erection of a monument of the military leader of the early settlement. A site on the grounds of the Plymouth Memorial building is being considered. In Duxbury, where Captain Standish once lived, a granite shaft already stands in his memory.

A Hefty Bride

Los Angeles, Calif.—Jolly Josephine, twenty-two and 350 (age and weight), is a bride. Her husband, Karl Otto Klein, twenty-four and 110, is to give up painting autos and manage her circus sideshow career.

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
AVAILABLE CASH	\$408,577.65
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

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Self sharpening, easy adjustments and fully guaranteed for ten years all for a moderate price.

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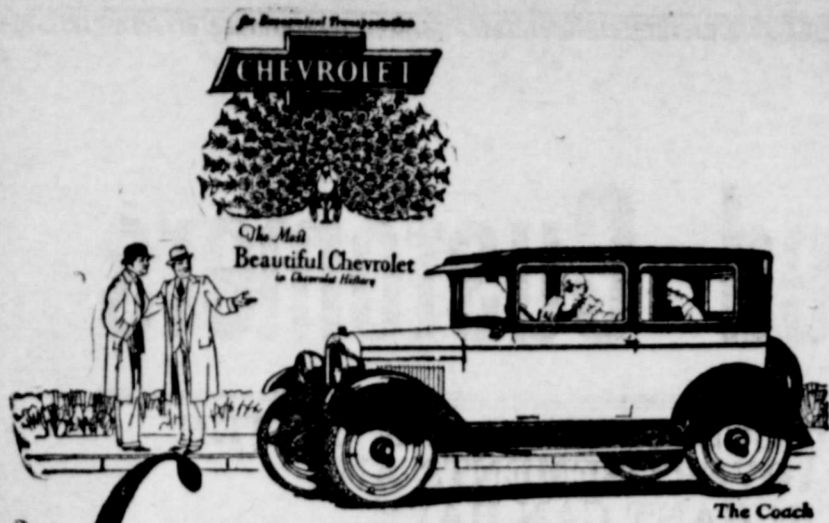
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| San Angelo | Robert Lee |
| Sterling City | Junction |
| Hamlin | Rising Star |
| Anson | Cross Plains |
| Roby | Coleman |
| Merkel | Haskell |
| Tuscola | Paducah |
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| Albany | Santa Anna |
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Compare it for Appearance Performance Price

Only in cars much higher in price will you find such smartness of line, such beauty of design and such elegance of appointment as in the Most Beautiful Chevrolet!

The performance of the new Chevrolet is literally amazing. Incredible smoothness at every speed... effortless shifting of gears... finger-tip steering... flashing acceleration that is a delight.

Comparison of delivered prices reveals Chevrolet's value supremacy. Delivered prices are f. o. b. prices plus charges for handling, financing, etc. The financing charges of General Motors Acceptance Corporation are the lowest available. Handling charges are in proportion. Thus, Chevrolet delivered prices are even more amazing than the f. o. b. prices.

New Fisher Bodies; Smart new Duco colors; Full-crown, one-piece fenders; Bullet-type headlamps; Higher, more massive radiator; Duo finished instrument panel; Cowl lamps; "Fish-tail" Modeling on 2-passenger models.

Valve-in-head motor; Three-point Motor Suspension; Single-plate disc-clutch; Long, semi-elliptic springs; Stronger and sturdier frame; full size 17 inch steering wheels; Balloon tires; Deeply upholstered cushions; Semi-reversible steering gear; AC Air Cleaner; ACOil Filter.

The Coach \$595
The Touring or Roadster . . . \$525
The Coupe . . . \$625
The 4-Door Sedan \$595
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Mt. Pleasant News

(By Chic)

Health of this community is good at this writing.

Farmers are all busy planting after the big rains we had last week.

School was out last Friday and the program was fine. All the teachers returned to their homes.

Miss Anna Bess Darden who is attending A.C.C. spent the week end here visiting home folk and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Hogan and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riney of Nubia.

Mr. Lonnie Williams and sisters, Laura and Veda, from Clyde were visitors in the Cody home Sunday.

Miss Bink Hogan spent Sunday with Miss Anna Bess Darden.

Miss Annie Mae Whisenhunt spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Eva and Ione Cody.

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

Miss Eva Cody is visiting friends at Clyde, Texas, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Whisenhunt and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cody and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith and family visited in Trent Sunday afternoon.

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

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

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Singing at Blair First Sunday

There will be a full-grown singing at Blair the first Sunday in May. Or you may say next Sunday week, as our old friend Mr. Eason has promised to come. Also Mr. Haley and others from Abilene and we send an invitation to Salt Branch and Trent and have personally invited Stith, Hodges and Comper. So if any one else wishes to come just hit the trail, and be on time at 2:30 and let's have a real singing. We ask that you bring your books that we may have all kinds on hand and if any of you wish to come before dinner, the bell will ring at my house at 12:30, so be on time and let's eat while the beans are hot. Come on! Be at Blair first Sunday at 2:30. Respectfully, T. H. SPEARS.

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Mrs. S. C. Lee, Parrottsville, Tennessee, Writes

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Thirteen Proverbs of Hon. John J. Lentz

He loves God most who serves man best.

He who excuses himself, accuses himself.

The best way to live is to help others to live.

To be rich in friends is to be poor in nothing.

God help the children of the rich; the poor can work.

We are here not to make a living, but to make a life worth living.

An honest man is the noblest work of God, and an honest government is the noblest work of man.

It is more important to know how to hold your tongue than it is to know how to hold your knife and fork. Be very sure you know both.

There is no worse fault than the fault of fault finding, and the finest of the fine arts is the fine art of being agreeable.

In every dozen there is a Thomas to doubt, a Peter to deny and a Judas to betray. Are you Thomas, Peter, Judas, or one of the other nine?

The mean habit of saying mean things about others is a sure sign of a mean mind and a mean heart; the good habit of saying good things about others is a sure sign of a good mind and a good heart.

A statesman is a man who lies awake nights thinking and planning how he may do something for everybody; a politician is a man who lies awake nights thinking and planning how he may do everybody for something.

Envy is a sure sign of inferiority, envy is a disease which neither the physician's medicine nor the surgeon's knife can cure; envy rots the heart and brain of all who are guilty of it; envy finds fault but never praises; envy tears down but never builds; envy is never happy except in making others unhappy, and you may envy everybody until nobody envies you.

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

Pointer for Angler

Here is an idea which should interest the angler when making preparations for the fishing season. In a patent granted to William P. Ziegler of Ambridge, Pa., in 1916, the specifications read:

"Artificial Fish Bait. Body of wood with mirror in sides—in imitation of a fish. A male fish, seeing his image in looking there, will appear to see another fish approaching, and this will not only arouse his warlike spirit, but also appeal to his greed, and he will seize the bait quickly in order to defeat his rival. In case the fish is suspected of cowardice, I may make the mirror convex in order that the rival may appear smaller. In case of the female fish, the attractiveness of the mirror is too well known to need discussion."

Sports Given Honor

There is a chapel window in the "Sports Day" in the cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York city devoted to the representation of different sports. In the two panels are shown eight major sports—polo, golf, tennis, baseball, horse racing, rowing, track and field and football. Minor sports are shown in small sections—steepchase, cycling, basket ball, hand ball, swimming, gymnastics, yachting, bowling, billiards, skating, hockey, soccer, fencing, wrestling, pole vault, trap shooting and motor boating.

Overcame Adversity

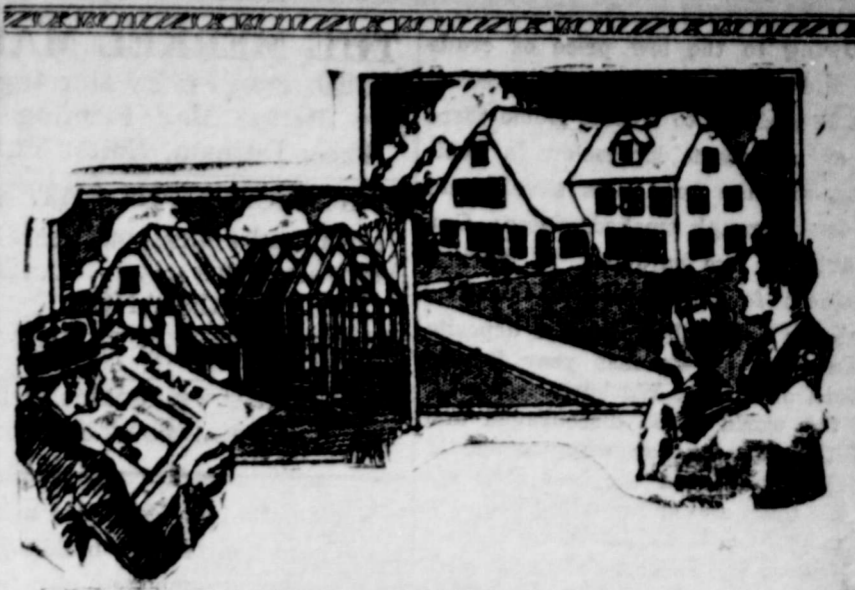
The history of success—a long and fascinating record of the triumph of will over circumstance—is mainly the history of handicaps. Stanley, the explorer, was reared in a workhouse; Livingstone, the maker of Africa, was a little "piecer" in a cotton mill; Mark Twain was a river pilot; Thomas Price, a great Australian statesman, helped as a stone-cutter to build the parliament house in which, later, he sat; Robert Burns was poor all his days, yet he is the uncrowned king of Scotland.

Tale of a Tail

During the summer a certain number of American visitors endeavored to smuggle dogs into England when they landed at Southampton, remarks the London Post.

One day an official encountered a lady whom he had every reason to suppose was infringing the law.

"Madame," he told her, "It is contrary to the regulation to bring dogs into this country." The lady protested that she had no dog. "Then, madame," said the official coldly, "I am to understand that the tail hanging down below your coat is your own!"



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Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

- God Answers Prayer.
- 1. Introduction, Bernice Vernon.
- 2. A Midnight in Russia, Louise Booth.
- 3. A Bohemian Family, Fred Guittar.
- 4. A native Chinese Christian, J. T. Darsey.
- 5. A Missionary's praying wife, by Harold Boney.
- 6. A new church in Brazil, Kenneth Mayfield.
- 7. God gave the needed help, Oleta Moore.
- 8. Protection in Mexico, Paul Causeaux.
- 9. Answers to prayer that I know of personally, Ruth Simpson.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Our regular services next Sunday. Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Young People's Program at 7:00. Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Come with us. C. C. MONTANDON, pastor.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

- 1. Chrysanthemum, Sarah Sheppard.
- 2. Plum Blossom, Alvin Parrack.
- 3. Goto, Margaret Miller.
- 4. Sunshine, J. R. Lassiter.
- 5. Lama, Roger Derrick.
- 6. Yee, Cullen Tittle.
- 7. Chrysanthemum, Jerald Derrick.

Intermediate League Program

- April 24. Building a Christian Korea. (Romans 10:12-15.) Song; Prayer. Leader, Eleanor Mae Hamilton.
- 1. Geography and history, W. A. Whitely.
- 2. The People, Ethel Hamilton.
- 3. Christianity in Korea, Milton Case. Benediction.

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BLUE BONNETS

Bluebonnets are blooming in West Texas. Out across the smiling prairies, up the hill slopes and into the valleys, against the green mantle of fresh Spring grasses is spread a magic carpet. Royal purple of wild verbena; crimson and gold of Indian Heads; pale yellow of the buttercups; jet and orange fire of Black-eyed Suzans; lavender of the flowering thistles—a land gone mad with color and perfume.

Springtime is like that in West Texas.

But Springtime passes and the wild flowers fade. Old Dame Nature, for all her Spring madness, is a serious minded lady. And soon she will have doffed her Easter finery for her work-a-day clothes and turned her attention to the less spectacular if more useful business of raising cotton and ripening grain.

Springtime passes and the flowers fade—but not all the flowers. Here and there, where careful hands pluck out the weeds and tend the soil and carry water, new blossoms will burst to perfume summer days.

In West Texas wherever you find a building that houses the working tools of this company you will find a flower garden. A soft green lawn, a leafy tree, a clinging vine, a climbing rose, a bed of blazing canna lilies—these things will not enhance the value of the electric service that our lines bring to answer the touch of your finger on the switch. But they will add to the beauty of this West Texas of ours and to your joy in living therein.

And that, too, as we see it, is somewhat of the job which we, as a public service institution, have been entrusted and are charged to do in fulfilling a public trust.

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Owing to the low price of crude oil and to the fact that the production is confined to Noodle Dome there is an apparent depression in business, and the pessimists have begun to look through smoked glasses. Our merchants are enjoying a normal business for this time of the year and our banks show greater deposits than were shown last year in the month of March. We have no reason in the world to be discouraged and all the more reason why we should work unitedly for the best interests of the town and surrounding country.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett returned Wednesday from Stanton, Texas, where she had been to visit her daughter, Mrs. Bullock, who has been very ill with the "flu".

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During the last few years a handsome new high school building has been erected, a complete and excellent sewerage system installed, and now an extension of the water mains, together with an additional water supply is to be added, as well as the paving of ten blocks in the business section. And we might add that many new and modern homes have been recently erected with several others to come soon. Who said Merkel was dead? Not on your life, the old town has really just begun to awaken to its possibilities and actual duties in becoming the city that it should be. A town is just what its citizens make it. We have the best town of its size in the state; there are no better business men on earth. Let's stand by our town, let's stand by our business men. And if the community does so unitedly the old town will not only grow as it should, but it will become a much more thriving and hustling business center.

Not considering the fact that there are larger, fast growing towns on two sides of Merkel, her enterprising business men and citizens are determined to see that our own home town keeps pace with the progress of the country, thereby causing this city to continue to grow. However, for any town to grow it must have sufficient trade to warrant that advanced growth, and to gain and hold that trade the town must offer its goods at fair and reasonable prices. Also, keep itself up to the standard as to neatness and first class city appearances. There is no question but that one can buy goods just as cheap in Merkel as they can be purchased anywhere. And when you buy at home you can always depend upon the home merchant to make good any faulty or unsatisfactory purchases made with them. So if you want this town to grow and become a better town, show your interest and desire by patronizing its business firms.

PRIMITIVE METROPOLIS

Paris News: We Americans are pretty well used to Chicago, and it takes a pretty good-sized outbreak there to make us pay any special attention to it. But foreigners must often look on Chicago with emotions of wonder and awe. For Chicago is unique. Never before has there been a city even remotely like it. No other American city resembles Chicago. Even New York, which preens itself on its pre-eminence, is not like this inland metropolis. Chicago is in a class by itself.

There have been numerous American communities very like Chicago. But they have grown civilized thru law and order and transformed themselves from frontier settlements into thrifty, populous communities. The frontier type of wide-open town has about disappeared, except in the case of Chicago. That city, for all of being the second largest on the continent, is still a shack town, in the frontier sense, where bad men shoot it out and open warfare exists between the lawless and those who essay to enforce the law. Chicago is a great metropolis in the commercial and architectural sense, but in the social sense it is still Crimson Gulch. In Texas we have a heterogeneous oil town called Borger, which was very like Chicago, save in size, until the law came in the person of Texas rangers and reformed the town's ways. Chicago is stronger than the State in which it is located, therefore has no outside authority capable of controlling it, except the Federal. Under this circumstance, Chicago can be as bad as it pleases without fear of rebuke or reform from a stronger force. Chicago elected a wide-open Mayor because it wants to run wide open. Chicago is what it is because that is what it chooses to be. Possibly Chicago will prosper by reason of being what it is. But there is doubt. Buyers may choose a different market. That will be the test. Should business slacken, there will be an outcry from Chicago itself, a wail for enough reform to bring the buyers back.—State Press in the Dallas News.

OBITUARY

On April 5th the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith was buried in White Church cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Parrack of Merkel. The entire community is greatly in sympathy with the bereaved parents.

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General Business Conditions Good Says R. H. Grant

LOS ANGELES, April 23.—Marked evidence of further prosperity that seems to be in store for the country generally throughout the current year was pointed out by R. H. Grant, vice president and general sales manager of the Chevrolet Motor Company, who has just concluded a series of 21 nation-wide sales meetings that brought him into close touch with business conditions from coast to coast. During the course of the meetings, which consumed three months, Mr. Grant addressed more than 15,000 people and enjoyed an excellent opportunity to survey trade conditions at first hand.

"Business conditions over the United States, as we saw them in the first three months of the year, more than justified the optimistic forecasts made last December," Mr. Grant declared. "Trade activity and soundness in the early months have demonstrated the accuracy of the opinion that the year should be an excellent one for American business."

"Every factor that should contribute to good business is at hand. Every where we found optimism and confidence amid unusual activity for the time of the year. Everywhere was reflected the financial stability of the country."

"The aggregate and individual wealth is the greatest ever; savings deposits and business done through checking accounts are constantly reaching new levels and a more even distribution of wealth is contributing to further economic soundness."

"Excellent reasons for the belief that prosperity will attend trade throughout the year are found in every section of the country. Crop diversification has helped the south. Plenty of rain and snow in the Pacific Coast Region, the last part of the country to be visited, assures good irrigation for crops in that territory. Increased employment in the industrial sections of the middle west is giving those regions increased buying power. Strides in the direction of further diversification in the Northwest should make the grain country a bigger factor in the buying market. The corn belt too is preparing for its biggest season. Gains being made in our own business in New York and New England are surprising."

Commenting on the activity in the automobile business, Mr. Grant declared that the year holds unusual promise for the motor trade.

"Chevrolet should enjoy the greatest year in its history," he said. "The popularity of the car is being reflected in the sensational public reception being accorded it in all sections of the country, with registrations showing a tremendous increase over the record of the corresponding period of a year ago."

"In response to the greatest demand in the history of the Chevrolet Motor Company, our factories in March produced 107,900 units, shattering all previous monthly production records and surpassing the best previous month by more than 22,000 units."

French and Indian War Finely Filmed

Stirring days of the French and Indian War, when the English colonies were menaced by the French and their naked savage allies, form the colorful background to a romantic love affair in "Winners of the Wilderness," coming Monday and Tuesday to the Queen Theatre.

The story is an exquisite blend of history and romance, and stars Tim McCoy, with Joan Crawford, noted Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer featured player, who appears in the role of the lovely daughter of the commandant of Fort Dequesne at the time of Braddock's defeat.

The cast of characters is composed of the history makers of that period and include: George Washington, as young major of militia in the service of the British crown; Captains Gage and Gates, the former a British General during the American revolution, and the latter destined to become a famous American revolutionary patriot of Bunker Hill and Saratoga.

Soon the city water mains will have been extended throughout the entire city, and an additional supply secured; and then Merkel will be among the best fixed cities in the state when it comes to an abundant supply of good, pure water. With water in abundance, sewerage and a paved business section will come an increased citizenship, good citizenship. Come to Merkel, if you want to live in a sure enough good town, with all modern conveniences.

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WM. SNOW

It is with a heavy heart that we try to give a brief sketch of the life of William Snow, who after a short illness passed to his reward on March 22, 1927.

Uncle Bill, as he was commonly known among his many friends, was born in Marion county, Arkansas, January 2, 1853. When a small child he moved to Missouri with his parents, where he lived until after the war, when they moved back to Arkansas. Feb. 2, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Elizabeth Burrus. To this union were born eight children, four boys and four girls, all of whom are still living. March 11, 1897 he started with his family to West Texas landing near Nubia on April 15, and has made that his home ever afterwards.

He moved to his present home near White Church in 1909, having lost his companion May 19, 1913. He again married Mrs. Nancy Walker on Feb. 10, 1916, whom, with his children, two sisters and a host of other relatives, are left to mourn his death.

He had never united with any church, but was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist, and would go for miles to their church meetings and singings. He loved the old, old story of Jesus and his word. He was loved by all who knew him; he was ever ready to do a kind deed or lend a helping hand to either friend or stranger as the case might be.

Funeral services were held by Elder R. V. Sarrels of Abilene at White Church and his remains were laid to rest in White Church cemetery amid a great concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. Let us all look to God and feel that our loss is his eternal gain. Contributed.

Box Supper At Blair

Tonight, April 22, at the Blair School there will be a box supper for the purpose of raising funds to complete the seven months term of that school, the regular school funds being insufficient to carry the school through by one week. There should be six more weeks of school to complete the seven months term. The general public is invited to attend and those who can are asked to bring boxes.

Miss Iris Garrett spent last weekend with her sister, Mrs. G. H. Bullock, at Stanton, Texas.

Home Talent Play At Union Ridge

A home talent play sponsored by the Union Ridge Methodist church will be given at the church tonight, April 22, beginning at 8 o'clock. "The Path Across the Hill" is the title of the three-act drama which requires nine characters. The cast, under the direction of Mr. Walter Dubree, have practiced several weeks on the play and a splendid rendition is anticipated. Admission prices of 15c and 30c will be charged, the proceeds going to the church treasury. Everybody is invited. 1tp

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Great Men's Passion for Odd Collections

When Whistler was hard pressed for money, he took many of his etchings to the pawnbroker to obtain the wherewithal to buy wine or rare Nankin china, being a connoisseur of the former and a collector of the latter.

Rossettli devoted himself to old furniture and Japanese bric-a-brac with the passion of the true collector. Unlike Whistler, however, he knew how to hang on to money and drove a hard bargain. His house was a combined museum and menagerie where racoons, armadillos, salamanders and chameleons rummaged amongst rare manuscripts, books, pictures, musical instruments and furniture.

The raccoon was finally disposed of after he had nibbled up some of the poet's manuscript, and a zebra which in the end proved dangerous met the same fate. There is, however, no accounting for tastes; and the collector who specialized in nooses which had performed their duty and to which he attached the names of their former tenants, possessed, if not a more peculiar, certainly a more morbid taste than Rossettli.—Market for Exchange.

Literature Owes Much to Early Troubadours

The troubadour was a knight and a poet. A restless knight, eternally on the go, with a musical instrument slung over his shoulder and a sword at his side. Early each spring he sallied forth, whim and fancy directing his stretches from northern Spain to Provence in southern France, and Italy. Provence, carpeted with wild flowers, where thousands of tiny rivulets wind like silver lacings, where the birds sing sweetly and skies are ever smiling.

To the troubadour we are indebted for a vast deal of our knowledge of the thought and customs of the thirteenth century, the first lyrical poetry written in medieval Europe, form a valuable supplement to history; 2,500 of them, comprising drama, romances and fables, have been preserved. The language used, Langue d'Oc, now spoken only by a few French shepherds and back country folk, is inconceivably the richest and most harmonious that ever graced the literature of a people.—Mentor Magazine.

East Lynne's Premiere

The first American theatrical production of "East Lynne" was reviewed in the New York papers 62 years ago. The critics disagreed as to the merits of the drama, which had been seen at Niblo's garden the night before, and none foresaw that it was to become the most popular play of the century. Since then thousands of companies of every grade have played "East Lynne," and it has been staged in every theater and village "opry house" in the United States and Canada. It is based upon the novel written by Mrs. Henry Wood.

Easily Satisfied

Thomas did not like mathematics. He had been absent when long division in algebra had been developed, and on his return to school, had been unable to grasp the subject.

The day for the test came, and sure enough, there was a problem in long division. Thomas copied it, studied it thoughtfully for a few minutes and without the least attempt to solve it, wrote underneath it the following note: "Dear Teacher—If you will give me five on this problem I'll be satisfied. Thomas."

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Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clark left first of the week for a visit with friends and relatives at Dallas and Corsicana.

Mrs. J. L. Winter of Hamlin was a guest of friends in Merkel over Sunday.

Miss Lenora Bishop of Sweetwater was a week-end guest of Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.

Keep in Trim!

Good Elimination Is Essential to Good Health.

THE kidneys are the blood filters. If they fail to function properly there is apt to be a retention of toxic poisons in the blood. A dull, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backaches, headaches, and dizziness are symptoms of this condition. Further evidence of improper kidney function is often found in burning or scanty passage of secretions. Each year more and more people are learning the value of **Doan's Pills**, a stimulant diuretic, in this condition. Scarcely a nook or hamlet anywhere but has many enthusiastic users. **Ask your neighbor!**

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Baptist Church

All regular services Sunday except the evening preaching service.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. with the orchestra playing from 9:45 and a special number at 10 sharp. Interest in the adult department is spreading to other departments and we hope soon to see the whole school alive with interest. Attendance was fine Sunday and the school set a goal for Mother's Day and will reach it if we make our promise good. Let every one that has been in the school come back these next three Sundays and we will get the habit again. We are planning a great Mothers day program for Mothers Day and hope to see every Baptist in the community that appreciates the Mother that gave so much of her life for us to come to the service and help honor the best friend any of us ever will have this side of Heaven. All people in the community without a church home will find a cordial welcome in our services.

The pastor will speak Sunday morning on "Choosing a Master". Who is your Master? Are you a servant to "Greed for Gain?" Is "Passion for Pleasure" your master? Have you sold out to "Style and Show?" This message will be for the church member as well as for the man who has never joined a church. Church membership does not guarantee a home in heaven. Jesus says "Not every one that sayeth unto me 'Lord, Lord' shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven". And Paul says "Know ye not to Whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are whom ye obey". Come find a welcome and a place to serve. **IRA L. PARRACK,** pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm left Thursday morning over the Santa Fe from Blair for Temple, where the latter will be under the care of specialists of the White & Scott Sanitarium.

Mrs. Noel Moore and son Wayne Hutson of Fort Worth are visiting their father and grandfather, Mr. J. S. Hutson this week.

Weldon Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells, who is attending John Tarlton College at Stephenville, was home for a week-end visit last week.

WARREN NEWS

The farmers would all like to see some pretty weather so they could work in their fields.

Health of this community is very good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Noil Harvell are rejoicing over the arrival of a ten pound boy, both doing fine at present.

Mrs. Gold Dickerson is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Noil Harvell.

Bro. W. K. Horn and mother, Mrs. N. E. Horn, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her niece, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Saturday night with Miss Vera Jones.

Miss Katis Underwood spent Sunday with Misses Rose and Cordie Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruse of Merkel visited her brother a while Wednesday night.

Those who visited at Mrs. Barbara McCoy's Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy, grandpa and grandma Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy, Misses Azline Sumpter, Lena Mae Chances.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Jones spent Saturday night with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster Sunday.

Messrs Otis Foster and Theodore Douglas visited Mr. Noil Harvell a while Sunday.

Miss Norah Foster spent Tuesday night with her sister, Mrs. Hubert Patterson.

Mr. Jim Decker spent Sunday with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Several around Warren attended the singing at Stith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Barbara McCoy.

Grandma Hobbs, Ella and Hall Hobbs visited in Abilene Friday.

Mrs. T. H. Harvell and grandma Harvell visited Mrs. J. B. Foster Tuesday afternoon.

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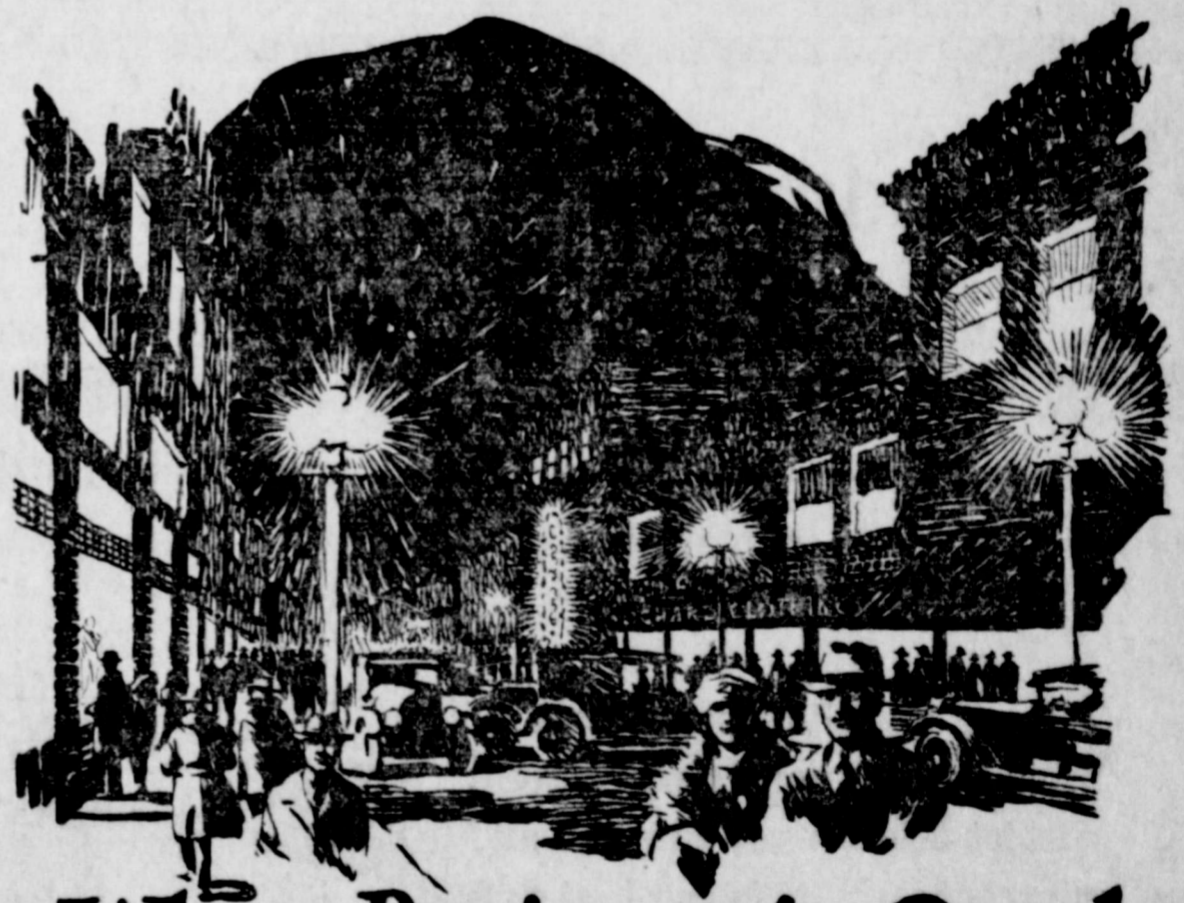


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Frankly, it means that every citizen will find it most profitable to read the advertisements in this paper every issue, and to follow their good advice.

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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 ghosts 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!'"

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 starlit 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.

Real Speed

Gingerly the passenger clambered out of the two-seater sports car and breathed 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 gravestones.

"Oh, that's a family cemetery," replied the guide.

"A family cemetery?"

"Yes, that's where all Methuselah's nieces and nephews who passed away waiting for their rich uncle to die are buried."—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Ingredients for Jelly

Scientific study of the principles of jelly making has shown that three ingredients are required for the formation of a jelly, namely, sugar, acid and pectin; and these must be present in fairly definite proportions. Tart apples, cranberries, red currants and grapes, when collected at the proper stage of ripeness, contain pectin and acid in sufficient quantity to form a good jelly when cooked for a short time with the proper amount of sugar.

Gas Power Analyzed

A gas company has figured out that 1,000 cubic feet of gas will cook 18 meals for 6 persons; heat shaving water for 1,000 days; roast sufficient coffee to make 2 cups daily for 70 years; light 2 cigars a day for 500 years; boil 275 gallons of water; bake 1,700 4-pound loaves of bread in a continuous oven; do the work of two hens in hatching eggs; broil 7 3-pound steaks; barbecue enough ham to make 1,750 sandwiches.

BAPTIST CHOIR ENTERTAINED BY MR. AND MRS. C. M. LARGENT

The spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent was graciously opened to members of the Baptist choir on Thursday evening of last week. The evening was a musical feast for every type of music was available to the music lovers. Radio, victrola and a complete program had been prepared in advance. The first number was an orchestra selection by Iris Garrett, Ruby Joe Higgins, D. O. Huddleston, Charlie Largent and William Sheppard.

Little Miss Margaret Miller read next, and Clara Frances Largent sang, accompanied by Mrs. E. Yates Brown at the piano. Miss Edna Marie Jones gave a beautiful piano selection after which Miss Helen Booth delighted her audience with a vocal solo. The next number was a reading by Doris Jackson and the next a duet by Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown. Charlie Largent played a saxophone solo at this time with Clyde Mayfield at the piano, and Iris Garrett graciously responded to requests for piano selections, and Rev. Parrack with a talk. The house was beautifully decorated with its spring flowers and the spring colors were predominate on the refreshment plate, pink and white brick cream and angel food squares heralding the time of easter on their icings. Mr. and Mrs. Largent's guests were Messrs and Mesdames Earl Baze, Sam Swann, Holland Teaff, I. L. Jackson, Earl Lassiter, Bill Haynes, Willie Joe Largent, Yates Brown, Misses Lucy Tracy, Iris Garrett, Evelyn Hamm, Clementina Powell of Leonard, Texas, Ruby Joe Higgins, Vennie Heizer, Eleanor Harrison, Helen Booth Selma Taft, Edna Marie Jones, Mesdames A. M. Jones, T. E. Collins, Rev. Parrack, Clyde Mayfield, Byers Petty, D. O. Huddleston, William Sheppard and Charlie Largent.

Church of Christ

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday at both the morning and evening hours.

A cordial welcome is extended to every one who will to attend either or both services. The membership is especially urged to be present.

Dr. Frank Armstrong and DeVerie Johnson of Fort Worth were up first of the week for a visit with home folks and friends.



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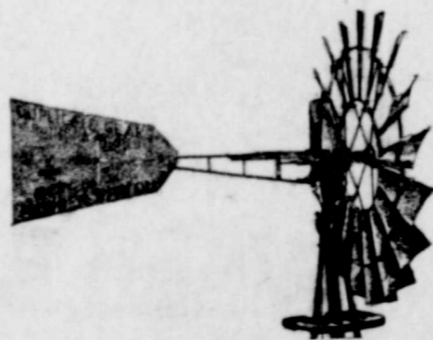
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SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS HAVE EASTER EGG HUNT

The members of the beginners department of the Baptist Sunday school were the happy little guests of their teachers, Mesdames Earl Lassiter, Luke Huddleston, J. S. Swann and Willie Joe Largent at an Easter egg hunt on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Huddleston. Preceding the hunt indoor games were enjoyed, Rose Mary Lassiter proving the most successful at pinning the tail on the bunny and Pearl Mathews at biting the apples. A refreshment of punch and assorted cakes was served to Lila Faye Hancock, Joyce Stanley, Pearl Matthews, L. B. and David Gibson, Billie Largent, Robert Edward Bearden, Don Warren, Jeneva Huddleston, Jackie Gaddy, Mary Gunn, Rose Mary Lassiter, Clara Frances Largent and Hollis Huddleston.

THURSDAY CLUB

Thursday Club members were guests at a beautiful Easter party given by Mrs. John West in her new home on Oak street. The house was a profusion of spring flowers and the tables arranged for games of 42 were complete with their easter tallies, while nut cups were gay easter bonnets and the cream was gorgeous lillies served with angel food squares to Mesdames Ollie Shaffer of El Paso, R. B. Johnson of Trent, Bill Brown of Anson, Texas, Terrell, Lowe, Gardner and Golladay; R. O. Anderson, Ollie Dye, Ross Ferrier, F. Y. Gaither, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, Tom Largent, Willie Joe Largent, Dee Grimes, R. I. Grimes, L. B. Scott, Jim West, T. E. Collins, Booth Warren, Charlie Jones, and the hostess.

Mrs. W. B. Brown, of Anson was here yesterday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. James H. West.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris returned Wednesday from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Eliasville and Dallas.

We are glad to report that C. M. Spears, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears of the Blair community, is recovering nicely after an operation for appendicitis. He is now at his home.

"WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP"

Just a little verse from scripture that a child should understand, and yet there are but few grown-ups who have ever fully interpreted it.

Sow evil and you reap evil; sow any of the baser thoughts and you reap an abundant harvest of the same kind; sow discord and there will be no harmony in your own life.

Whatever you send forth from your mind and heart comes back to you in greatly increased measure to bless or hurt you; we should be careful to send out only whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely and whatsoever things are of good report.

WEDNESDAY 42 CLUB

The Wednesday 42 club was entertained by Mesdames C. B. Barnes and J. F. Holloway at the home of the latter at 402 Bankhead Highway.

After a number of games were played a short business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Mrs. J. F. Holloway, President; Mrs. Billie Cobb, vice-president; Mrs. Earl Stanford, Treasurer; and Mrs. George G. Groene, Reporter.

Dainty refreshments of banana ice cream and angel food cake were served to the following: Mesdames Billie Cobb, Grover Gilbert, Earl Stanford, Harry Borchering, T. L. Holloway, George Groene, and Misses Deci Sharp, Azilee Gilbert and the hostess.

Shiloh Happenings

On last Sunday quite a number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. J. H. Grayson, the occasion being in honor of his sister, Mrs. Caswell, of Chillicothe. There were 34 present for the delicious dinner which had been prepared for all. In the afternoon other friends dropped in. The little folks enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt while the older people spent the afternoon in talking of olden times.

Messrs. Tom and Earl Mayberry of Fort Worth are visiting friends here and to say we are glad to have them with us would be putting it mild indeed. They formerly lived in this community and have hosts of good friends.

The farmers are very busy planting since the nice rains. However, the rain was accompanied by some hail that did some damage to fruit and gardens.

Health of the community is generally good at this time.

Mr. R. W. Horsley, for the past two months jeweler at the Hamm Drug Company, on account of his health, left with Mrs. Horsley for their former home in North Carolina. Mr. Horsley is a fine jeweler and he and his wife made many good friends during their stay in our city and their departure is very much regretted by them.

Miss Dora Wall, of Midland, was here last week visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

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