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## Representatives Return From C. of C. Meet at Wichita

Miss Boog Sears, Carlos Montandon and L. R. Thompson returned Wednesday from Wichita Falls where they had been in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. All of them are enthusiastic in their praise of Wichita Falls as host to this great convention. Miss Sears represented Merkel as sponsor and was entertained at one of the finest homes in the city and was kept busy attending functions for the entertainment of herself and sponsors from other towns.

Carlos Montandon represented the town in "My Home Town Contest," and while he did not win a place in the finals, he made a fine impression and learned many things that will enable him to win next year. Mr. Thompson reports that Carlos has a very fine delivery and only needs to take a little more time in the preparation of his essay. He also reports that the meeting in point of numbers excellency of program and fine spirit was the best since its organization. At the meeting Monday there were at one time on the rostrum four members of the lower house, two United States Senators, and a member of the President's cabinet and the governor of Texas.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce completely sold itself to all who were in attendance, and is destined to become the greatest commercial organization in the United States.

Mr. Homer D. Wade was re-elected manager by the unanimous vote of the directors in a meeting where practically every director was present. The selection of Mr. Wade is no less complimentary to the organization than to himself. We doubt if there is another man in the Southwest who could as successfully systematize the work of this great organization so that every interest of West Texas is well guarded.

We have reached the day when a community must be organized and correlated with other communities if it keeps step with progress. Every voter should read carefully the resolutions adopted by the convention for the reason that they are intended to recommend the interests that are vital to West Texas. R. W. Haynie, of Abilene, was elected president and the next meeting will be at Fort Worth. The convention has grown so wonderfully that it can only be taken care of by the largest towns in West Texas.

## Methodist Church

The morning services at the Methodist church were well attended last Sunday, though a number of the members of the Sunday School were not present. Hope that all the members of the school both new and old may be present next Sunday.

Preaching at the morning hour and Leagues at their regular hours in the evening.

No night service on account of the school sermon. W. R. McCarter.

## Presbyterian Church

Services at Presbyterian Church Sunday at 10 o'clock. An increased attendance last Sunday; we want you to help make it larger next Sunday. If you are not at present a member of a Sunday School we will be glad to have you. W. M. Elliott, Supt.

Preaching at 11 o'clock. The High School Choral Club led by Miss Christine Collins, who last week won in the contest at Wichita Falls, will sing at the morning service. There will be no evening service because of baccalaureate service at Queen Theatre. R. A. WALKER, Pastor.

## Church of Christ

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who will to attend. It is also urged that you come early and be in attendance at the Bible study.

Misses Geneva Middleton and Annie Bickley, who have been in charge of the Moro school the past two years, returned to their homes here after the close of their school last Friday. For the past two years these two young ladies have been in charge as teachers of the Moro school and have been re-elected for a second term.

## Contracts Let For Paving And Water

The City Council of the City of Merkel awarded the contract for the paving of ten blocks in the business section of the city to the Panhandle Construction Company of Lubbock, Texas, they being the lowest bidder among a throng of representatives of construction companies.

The bid for the paving amounted to \$61,753.50, and calls for the completion of the job within ninety days after beginning which will likely be within the next twenty days.

The same company was also awarded a contract for water works extension amounting to \$23,000, which work will also begin soon. We are informed that this is not final in the matter of water extension, and that other contracts and further work in this particular will follow at a later date.

The paving contract calls for a two and a half inch brick with five-inch concrete base, which will give Merkel some of the best paving to be found throughout the country.

## GLEE CLUB TO PRESENT WICHITA PROGRAM AT QUEEN THEATRE, 26th.

The High School Glee Club will give the public the opportunity of hearing the numbers used in the recent contest at Wichita Falls on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week at the Queen Theatre, in connection with their regular picture program. The choral club girls will have a Twilight Scene and the glee club boys will give a most humorous version of an Operatic chorus. Carlos Montandon will give his essay on My Home Town, all in connection with the three numbers used at the Wichita Falls meeting.

## MR. THOMPSON RE-ELECTED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

In the election of officers for the ensuing year at the Annual Meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting in Wichita Falls this week, Mr. L. R. Thompson, secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, was re-elected to a second term as a member of the Executive Board.

This is indeed a very fine compliment to Mr. Thompson and to our city, and as a member of the executive board of this great commercial organization, he will be found working honestly and faithfully to the best of his ability for every move that has for its purpose the upbuilding of all West Texas.

## Chevrolet Makes New Production Record

Spurred on by the greatest demand in its history, Chevrolet in April again set up a new production record with a total output for the month of 111,937 units. This exceeds by 4,037 units the best previous monthly performance in the history of the company and establishes an all-time record for the monthly production of gear-shift cars.

Equally as spectacular as the remarkable monthly production feat and dividing the spotlight with it was the mark established April 29, when in the short space of a day's working hours, the factories built 5,347 Chevrolet cars and trucks. This was 272 units in excess of the best previous day's record.

It was particularly fitting that the record day happened to be the same one that Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of the General Motors Corporation, chose for a visit to the Flint plant. Mr. Sloan, with C. S. Mott, vice president of the General Motors Corporation, arrived at the factory early in the day as guests of W. S. Knudsen, president, and C. F. Barth, vice president of the Chevrolet Motor Co. Before Mr. Sloan had completed his inspection of the big Flint plant, where men and machinery were combined to build the eight types of Chevrolet cars now available, it was evident that a new production record was in sight.

Mr. Sloan waited for number 5,347 to come off the line, congratulated Mr. Knudsen on the remarkable showing being made by the Chevrolet Motor Company and its product and rode off the line in the epoch-making model which again happened to be a coach.

Messrs. Castle Ellis, Joe Cypert and Joe Ben Ashby were among those making the chamber of commerce convention at Wichita Falls this week and last.

## Glee Club Wins Second Place At Wichita Meeting

The Merkel High School Glee Club accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr., Mr. W. N. Hall, Supt. I. L. Jackson, Miss Christine Collins, director, and Miss Edna Marie Jones, Pianiste, drove to Wichita Falls last Saturday, where on Sunday the club participated in a contest sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, winning second place in the contest and a prize of \$50.00, which will pay expenses of the trip and leave some money for the club to do with as they like.

Miss Collins and the club deserve much credit for their showing and are to be especially commended for doing their bit towards advertising Merkel. The writer heard many compliments passed upon them by worthwhile people who heard them, and it is his opinion if they begin now to train the glee club and the choral club they may go to Fort Worth next year in all confidence of bringing back one or more prizes.

The experience of appearing before that large audience was worth more than the expense of the trip to each one who participated in the contest. It is hoped that the Supt. and school authorities as well as all music lovers of the town will give every encouragement toward the development of the music talent in our school.

Fort Worth High School won first place in the contest and received a prize of \$100.00.

Members of the glee club participating in the contest were: Misses Thelma Copeland, Obeal Stubblefield, Venice Bell, Mildred Smith, Urma Lee Gilmore, Orpah Patterson, Iris Garrett, Helen Compton, Inice Brown, Gladys Watts, Bessie Westenhover, Mary Pence, Clyde Mayfield, Charlie Largent, Carlos Montandon, James Collum, Maben Rogers and Roy Spurgeon.

## LANCASTER SELLS RIG FOR TEST NEAR WHITE CHURCH

We are informed that the B. H. Lancaster Rig & Lumber Company has sold the material for the rig for a test by Gilbert Johnson & Company, on the Farmer farm twelve miles south of Merkel, near the White Church School, and that work of erecting the rig will begin next week. It is also stated that Dyer Brothers, drilling contractors, will drill the well.

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## Rural Carriers To Meet Here In Annual Convention

One week from Monday next, the Annual Convention of the rural mail carriers will be held in Merkel. There will be delegates to this convention from all parts of a territory extending from Mineral Wells to El Paso. Our Postmaster and local carriers assured the convention last year that if they would come to Merkel they would be royally entertained. It is up to us to make the pledges good. Merkel should put on a gala appearance on the 30th of May. Every business house should be decorated with flags. Each church in Merkel will be asked to name two women who shall be members of a committee to superintend the preparation of luncheon for all the delegates. This luncheon will be served in the halls of the high school building and the business session will be held in the auditorium of the grammar school.

Mr. Arthur Clark is training an orchestra for the occasion. The Palace Theatre will give a free matinee to the wives and children on the afternoon of that day. Mr. Thompson should like for individuals who can furnish cars to report to him as soon as possible and he would also like to know what business houses will be properly decorated. The mayor will deliver an address of welcome and the full program will be announced later. Let us show these carriers that we are glad to have them here; that we keep the pledges made by our local carriers and that we are in sympathy with every movement for the betterment of the service, and the welfare of those who serve.

## T. L. CARLETON ACCEPTS EASTLAND PRINCIPALSHIP

Professor T. L. Carleton, who for the past year has been principal of the Merkel High School, came to us from the department of mathematics of Eastland. The Eastland School Board calls Mr. Carleton back to Eastland to accept a principalship with a raise in salary over that paid him in the Merkel High School.

Mr. Carleton will have strictly an executive position. He does not have any form of athletics, but will have three mathematics classes to teach and the remainder of his time will be busily spent in executive work.

Eastland is building a new 150,000 dollar high school building. They have at present about forty teachers in the system.

## Huddleston Well Has Another Oil Showing

According to Mr. D. O. Huddleston, owner of the farm on which Grisham & Hunter are drilling a test near Mt. Pleasant, another showing of oil was encountered in this test this week at about 2,690 feet. It is reported there was about nineteen feet of very hard lime bearing a nice showing of live oil. This is the third showing of oil encountered in this test.

## Pioneer Citizen Passes Away

Following a short illness of only a few days, Calvin Joseph Douglas died at the family residence four miles northwest of here Wednesday morning at about ten o'clock.

Deceased had been a citizen of this community for many years and had a wide acquaintance among the citizenship. He was a successful farmer and had considerable land holdings as well as other property interest. Besides his wife, a number of children are left to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the home conducted by the Rev. O. B. Tatum, with burial following in Rose Hill Cemetery in this city.

## OPERETTA AT McMURRY COLLEGE MONDAY EVE.

Responding to numerous requests for a second performance in Abilene of "Pickles," an operetta which was presented in Abilene and other nearby places several weeks ago by students of McMurry College, announcement is made that on next Monday evening, May 23rd, at eight o'clock "Pickles" will be presented at the McMurry College auditorium. The cast of almost forty is especially adapted to their various parts, and are better prepared for the presentation because of their experience in the previous performances.

## Baptist Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with places for all who will come. Last Sunday was a good day with us. Our attendance was fine but a little off from the Sunday before. This is accounted for in so many of our regular members being out of town attending the Wichita Falls meeting. But even with these people out of town if those who attended our morning preaching service but not the Sunday School had come for the Sunday school service we would have had an increase over the Sunday before.

Under the leadership of our associate superintendent Mr. Willie Joe Largent, the interest in every department of our Sunday school is growing at every service. He is getting the orchestra lined up and is featuring some special number at each opening service. Then too he is using the banners in the various departments so as to stimulate interest. We are counting on having our 450 in the Sunday School Sunday morning. Any one coming to the services will find a warm welcome. Especial invitation is extended to strangers or people without a church home in Merkel.

The pastor will speak at the 11 o'clock hour on "Contrary Currents" All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7:15. No evening preaching on account of the special school sermon to be delivered by a visiting preacher at the Queen Theatre building Sunday evening.

All the workers join with the pastor in extending a cordial invitation to those not attending services at other churches to come to the services Sunday. You do not have to join the church or Sunday School to come. Just come to the service Sunday morning, sit in one of the classes, listen to the discussion of the lesson and see if you like it. In each of the classes the Bible is taught. They are divided according to age so that the discussion in any given class is supposed to be suited to the ones in that class. Do not stay because you do not know the lesson, you will learn more by listening to the discussion in the class than by not reading or hearing either.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord has promised good concerning His people."

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Misses Maye Collins and Lillian Watts, both of Abilene, visited home folks here this week-end.

## Review of School Year Shows Much Progress Is Made

Upon request the undersigned has been asked to give a summary of the things done by and in the schools this year. In view of the facts and in justice to the patrons I think it not a bad idea. The things which I shall enumerate are not the results of one teacher or all the teachers—it is the result of the cooperation of the students and patrons with your faculty. The teachers are always striving for better things and when the pupils and the public cooperate and assist, then we see the results of the teachers' efforts.

The service we render the community is measured by the willingness of the community to receive it; and not by our personal actions. If we could do things in a big way, and do them alone, we might be prompted by selfish motives to give you a good and growing school. "The Lord helps them who help themselves." This is true in school work. The people of Merkel have helped themselves by helping the school. We hope the people will continue to strive with us for better things.

We think we have had a well balanced program this year and have seen it worked out. We have planned for things in a scholastic way. We have asked for affiliation in a new subject and really expect to get it. We have the State Supervisor's recommendation as to our work and it is entirely satisfactory. We have favorably reported and feel that to be a compliment to our work.

The students have entered into all kinds of school work and extra curricula activities with a zest that is to be admired. The results have repaid them and us and you. In the inter-scholastic league events our boys and girls won out strong, taking four first places and one second out of a possible seven firsts. This is an enviable record and one that will be hard to duplicate.

The Choral and Glee Clubs won distinctive honors at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting at Wichita Falls. They won second place and should have had first. They would have taken first had it not been for the ballyhoo of the director who happened to be a Fort Worth Man. A Fort Worth High School was given the coveted first place. In the face of the competition, I frankly admit before going up there I did not think we had a chance to win, but when I heard other clubs sing and our home club sing I was converted. They out did themselves. Next time I will "hitch my wagon to a star". I learned that we get what we expect from our youngsters. The success of the choral and glee clubs is to be shared equally between the clubs and its sponsors, Misses Jones and Collins.

In an athletic way the school has not suffered. We lost some games and won some. The material was not in excess in number nor quality, but in our class we have done well. In this field success is not "did we win or lose," but "did we play the game". This old axiom is mighty appropriate—"When the one great scorer comes to write opposite your name it will not be "did you win or lose," but "have you played the game."

The school board has added to the convenience and beauty of our campus a full out-lay of cement sidewalks and curbing. To the Parent Teachers Association goes the idea and its promotion.

The scholastic requirements of teachers has been raised and a corresponding raise has been seen in the grade of work required of students. The teachers are getting the professional spirit and are working with the Supt. to build up the school, and building on the solid foundation of sound scholarship.

It would not be amiss here to say we are confident that some students will fail to make their grade this year. We are sorry it is and has to be so. We know some parents who are so sincerely concerned as we over their failure, but we can't pass them when they can't or won't do the required work. We appreciate the interest in the school that is shown by these parents. We suspect we will get a certain amount of criticism from certain sources because of these failures, but that we can't help. We must do our duty in fairness toward all and to "soft soap" no one. When the student and parent get the idea we should give them something they are but undermining the system and its effectiveness as a community institution.

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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	4,620.62
Cash & Exchange	108,927.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$700,969.37</b>

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

The above statement is correct.  
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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 Berneo Get Strange Welcome**

A most unusual form of greeting is the one accorded visitors by the Dyaks of Berneo, 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 Berneo, 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,

**Helium Helps Diver**

Helium, the rare, noninflammable gas so essential in the safe operation of the monster dirigibles of the air, has also found important uses in underwater exploration.

As the result of experimental work by the United States Navy department the use of the gas in synthetic helium-oxygen atmospheres for "decompression," or restoration to normal atmospheric conditions, of divers or others performing labor under increased atmospheric pressure, by preventing caisson disease, promises to extend greatly the time and depth of underwater operation by divers, and thus to enlarge the whole range of submarine engineering.

**U. S. WORRIED OVER HELIUM SHORTAGE**

**Principal Source of Supply Playing Out.**

Washington.—America faces a helium shortage. And helium is the unburnable gas that, although undiscovered on earth before 1895, is used to inflate dirigibles and thus keep them from exploding, as those filled with hydrogen are likely to do.

The natural gas from the Petrolia (Texas) field, which has provided helium up until now, is playing out. Since congress has authorized the construction of two giant dirigibles, each with a capacity of 6,000,000 cubic feet, to cost \$8,000,000, lack of helium is worrying government officials. The navy and the United States bureau of mines are asking congress to appropriate money to pipe to the Fort Worth (Texas) helium extraction plant, built during the war, the helium-bearing natural gas of Nocona, only 25 miles from Petrolia.

The appropriation desired is \$500,000, which is needed to construct the necessary pipeline and pressure plant. The bill is now awaiting action by the senate. Once the money is appropriated, it will be a matter of only six or seven months before the helium supply can be increased.

The Nocona field was discovered in 1922, but natural gas, although burned in the field, has never been drawn away. The life of the Nocona supply is about 15 years, and it will probably produce from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 cubic feet of helium a year during that time.

More helium is essential with the construction of the two giant dirigibles in view. There never was enough helium to float the Los Angeles and the Shenandoah simultaneously. With the destruction of the Shenandoah, the world's largest single store of pure helium was lost. Each of the projected giant dirigibles will need three times the helium now being used by the dirigible Los Angeles.

**Cattle Malady Laid to Lack of Phosphates**

Sturgeon Bay, Wis.—A cattle malady that has puzzled dairymen in Door county for months has been traced to its source, according to a report from Dr. B. A. Beach of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture.

Lack of phosphates in the soil and consequently in the cattle feed caused all the trouble, he said.

A herd of six afflicted animals was placed at the peninsula branch of the state experimental station and fed a well-balanced ration after postmortem examination on cows that died of the trouble showed lack of phosphates and lime in their bones. This ration, in which the proper phosphates were included, brought the cattle back to full strength and weight in a few months.

The soil in northern Door county is very shallow, and due to this the phosphates in the soil were quickly used up. According to Prof. E. J. Delwiche, head of the experimental station, nine-tenths of the farms in this district are lacking in phosphates, and many other farms in Wisconsin are also showing the effects of insufficient phosphates in the soil.

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If it is a house you want built, see a carpenter, but if it is Meats, see Baker & Wheeler Market. 1t

Mrs. S. O. Owen, after a pleasant visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway, left first of the week for her home at Wichita Falls.

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- Programme  
PART I—CONCERT
- Trio, "The Conquerors" ..... Bliss
  - Ida Mae Derstine, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Thelma Leach
  - Walk This Way ..... Risher
  - Bertie Mae Leslie
  - La Chevaleresque ..... Burgmuller
  - Mattilou Largent
  - Hunting Song ..... Hatch
  - Ida Mae Derstine
  - Uncle Rufe's Trombone ..... Mattingly
  - Burneal Scott
  - (a) Jonquils ..... Rountree
  - (b) Moonlight Serenade ..... Torjussen
  - Phala Diltz
  - Skipping Stones ..... Jenkins
  - Billie Bernice Gambill
  - (a) A Song at Dusk ..... Crammond
  - (b) The Forest Blacksmith ..... Heins
  - Mary Elizabeth Grimes
  - (a) Song of the Mermaids ..... Williams
  - (b) The Southwester ..... Williams
  - Fern Toombs
  - Dance of the Sprites ..... Hatch
  - Himalaya Swafford
  - (a) Fox Gloves ..... Schaefer
  - (b) The Guinea Hen's Party ..... Crosby
  - Wilma Gardner
  - (a) Merry Millstream ..... Williams
  - (b) Bells ..... Williams
  - Armie Love Toombs
  - The Tulips' Song ..... Mano-Zucca
  - Louise Booth
  - (a) To The Rising Sun ..... Torjussen
  - (b) Valse ..... Durand
  - Holley Perry
  - Les Sylphes Valse ..... Bachmann
  - Thelma Leach
  - (a) Dream of an Hour ..... Franklyn
  - (For Left Hand Alone)
  - (b) Minuet in G-No. 2 ..... Beethoven
  - Helen Booth
  - Duet, Triumphant March From "Aida" ..... Verdi
  - Holley Perry and Thelma Leach
- PART II—SONG CYCLE: A Garden Frolic
1. Singing in the Rain. 2. Rainbows in the Spring. 3. Spring winds and Flowers. 4. Summer Time. 5. Woodland Magic. 6. The Toad and the Grasshopper. 7. Dandelion. 8. A Garden Flirtation. 9. Come Greet the Spring. 10. The Flowers' Slumber Song.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO ALL PERSONS interested in the welfare of Mrs. N. L. Meeks, a person of unsound mind, you are hereby notified that Booth Warren has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the person and estate of said person of unsound mind; which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in June, A. D. 1927, same being the 20th day of June A. D. 1927, at the Court house thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said person of unsound mind may appear and contest such application, if they see proper to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 3rd day of May, 1927.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk,  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greetings

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Earl Hightower by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the third Monday in June A. D. 1927, the same being the 20th day of June A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 11th day of May A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 47-B, wherein Nellie Hightower is Plaintiff, and Earl Hightower is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were married about Sept. 13, 1915, and separated about January 15, 1920. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of three years abandonment, all of which is fully shown in Plaintiff's Original Petition.

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

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of May A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,  
District Court, Taylor County. 1314

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## 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 zeese 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 Whitland 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 dress sidshow career.

### Not to Be Despised

It was "report card day" and mother was looking them over. Marjory, an eighth-grader, brought home a wonderful record, and Evelyn, from the sixth grade carried home a card that made mother's eyes shine with pride. But, alas, eight-year-old Junior was the cause of great despair. At luncheon mother discussed it with father, in the presence of the children. At last she said:

"I just don't see why Junior can't make good grades like the girls do." Junior looked up from his spinach, which he was dutifully devouring.

"Well," he said, in his own defense, "I may not get as good grades as my sisters do, but let me tell you this: I'm the second best fighter in the whole school!"

### "Jokers" in Old Laws

Some old laws contain unintentional jokers. A Massachusetts statute leaves it up to the authorities to determine if a citizen has driven on a public highway "laid out under authority of the law recklessly or under the influence of liquor." Kansas railroad traffic could be held up indefinitely, says Pathfinder Magazine, if that state enforced a law that stipulates that "when two trains approach each other at a crossing they shall both come to a full stop and neither shall start until the other is gone." One state proposed to drive all Chinese out of the state by adopting an amendment providing that "hereafter all Chinamen shall be deemed to be girls under eighteen years of age."

### Famous Chess Tournaments

The first of the great international chess tournaments ever held in America was that staged in New York in 1889, when Michael Tschigorin of Russia divided the first and second prizes with Max Weiss of Vienna after a grueling contest. Not until 15 years later was another masters' tournament held in the United States. This was the congress held at Cambridge Springs, Pa., in 1904, in which Frank J. Marshall, the American expert, carried off the first prize of \$1,000 without the loss of a single game in a total of 15 played.

### Proper

Ten-year-old Jean came in not and tired one June day and said: "Oh, mother, let me have a bath, I'm all hot and sweaty."

"Don't say sweaty, Jean. I've been perspiring is proper." After a long pause, Jean asked, thoughtfully: "Mother, do sweat people say cry and perspire people say weep?"

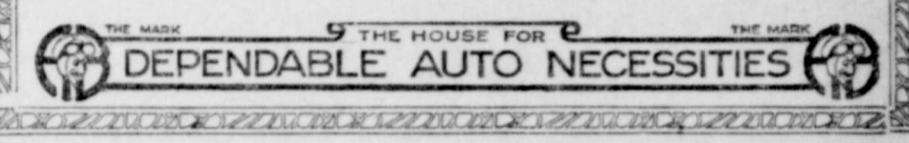


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The boy Jesus was obedient, Mr. Childress.  
Obedience binds us to Christ, Mrs. Booth.  
Obedience with or without love, Mrs. Stanley.  
Obey because we love, Mrs. Teaff.  
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that every one who makes ene-  
mies is a fool, but we do insist that  
it is much wiser to make friends.

A man may be ever so proud,  
haughty and think himself smart and  
somewhat above his associates and  
fellow citizens, but when he mixes  
dishonesty and crooked immorality  
with his self-importance, there gen-  
erally comes a time of humbleness  
and a sad awakening of the whole  
show.

This paper is thankful to Mr. W.  
P. Duckett for his subscription for  
the next year. He writes from Tulia,  
where he is spending some time with  
his sons residing there. In his letter  
to this paper he states that only  
one-half inch of rain has fallen at  
Tulia this year, and that wheat crops  
are going to be very short.

E. F. Vantrees, one of the splen-  
did citizens residing out beyond Stith  
had business in this city one day re-  
cently, and while here dropped around  
to renew for the Mail for the next  
year. Thanks Ed.

**Twain's Works Marred  
by Revisions Made**

Our own Mark Twain always wrote  
under the greatest pressure. Like  
many other artists, he was in con-  
stant need of money, but unlike them,  
he held to a remarkably consistent  
gait in his writing.  
His manuscripts are unusual; they  
show but few changes and corrections.  
His stories came as "trippingly on the  
tongue" as his vital conversation,  
which was characteristically free and  
easy.

I have the original manuscripts of  
"Tom Sawyer Abroad," "Pudd'nhead  
Wilson" and "A Connecticut Yankee at  
King Arthur's Court." This second  
was written by the author under the  
title of "Those Extraordinary Twins,"  
and the last one was originally called  
"The Stranger's Tale."  
The few corrections made by Mark  
Twain do not seem especially happy  
ones to our modern eyes. In my  
opinion it would have been better if  
he had left alone the thoughts which  
God first gave him. There are whole  
scathing paragraphs in "A Connecti-  
cut Yankee" which were never pub-  
lished, but should be published.—Dr.  
A. S. W. Rosenbach in the Saturday  
Evening Post.

**Confucius Had Right  
Idea in "Reciprocity"**

Five hundred years before the Chris-  
tian era, Confucius, on being asked to  
define the law of life, said it was all  
contained in one word, "reciprocity."

No problem ever arose in business,  
in statesmanship, in the general af-  
fairs of human activity that could not  
have been solved if a free policy of  
reciprocity had been adopted.

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fairs of human activity that could not  
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The disputes between capital and  
labor, the constant wrangling among  
politicians, the hatreds and intrigues  
that reach from nation to nation, could  
very largely be cleared up if old Con-  
fucius could only have his way.

But it is hard to see the other man's  
viewpoint as clearly as you see your  
own. It is hard to put yourself in an-  
other man's shoes. It is hard to think  
and feel as the other fellow thinks and  
feels. But it would be the part of  
thrif and wisdom to think more of  
what Confucius said 3,000 years ago.—  
Thrift Magazine.

A 25c classified ad often  
bring surprising results. tf

**POOR HORSE COLLARS  
CAUSED ROME'S FALL**

**French Savant Advances an  
Original Theory.**

Paris.—Did Rome fall because no  
public-spirited citizen knew enough to  
invent a harness that would adequat-  
ly utilize horse power? This weak  
joint in the armor of the fallen em-  
pires of antiquity was pointed out by  
Commandant Lefebvre des Noettes at  
a recent meeting of the French Insti-  
tute of Anthropology.  
Commandant des Noettes has made  
a complete survey of the history of  
the use of animal motive power from  
the early dawn of civilization. The  
harness of the ancients, he explained,  
had for its principal organ of traction  
a collar consisting of a leather band  
that went around the neck like a dog  
collar, without touching the shoulders,  
and which was attached to a wooden  
yoke just above the withers. This col-  
lar was so placed that it most effect-  
ively cut off the animal's wind by  
pressing on his windpipe and the large  
artery of the throat.

**Almost Strangled Horses.**  
As soon as a team felt the weight of  
a chariot and its passengers exerting  
pressure on the collar they were  
forced to rear up their heads and dash  
off to save themselves from strangling.  
Hence the rampant attitude of  
all the horses depicted in ancient pa-  
pyri and sculptures; declared Com-  
mandant des Noettes.

As a result of this drawback the  
great civilizations of the past were  
never able to get more than a frac-  
tion of the potential motive power  
from their horses. Oxeams operat-  
ing with a wooden yoke attached to  
the horns, not greatly different from  
that in use today, did not suffer from  
the oppressive collar and in conse-  
quence did most of what heavy haul-  
ing was done. Both oxen and horses  
were unshod and in consequence were  
not much good in rough ground.

**Couldn't Haul Half a Ton.**  
Data obtained from translations of  
the Greek historian Xenophon and  
from the Theodosian code about a  
thousand years later, said Command-  
ant des Noettes, indicate that no team  
of oxen in ancient times was ever con-  
sidered capable of transporting a load  
of over half a ton.

Various ineffectual attempts were  
made to modify to better advantage  
the accepted type of harness, but not  
until after the era of Charlemagne,  
about the time of the beginning of the  
Capet dynasty in France, did some  
inventive genius devise a horse collar  
that was practical.

For six hundred years the water mill  
for grinding corn had failed to bring  
great benefit to the Romans, simply  
because it took numbeless animals to  
draw enough grain to supply its needs.  
Where grain could not be transported  
in ships the arduous labor of hand  
grinding continued to be the order  
of the day. The lack of adequate  
transportation of raw products and the  
consequent dependence on slave  
labor, according to Commandant des  
Noettes, constituted the great weak-  
ness of the civilizations of the past.  
The invention of the modern harness  
gave to the world, he declared, a mo-  
tive force more powerful and economi-  
cal than slavery.

**Discover Branch Fossil  
100,000,000 Years Old**

Pittsburgh, Pa.—A tree branch fos-  
sil estimated to be 100,000,000 years  
old is a prized possession of the Car-  
negie Institute of Technology here.

The fossil, found in a coal mine at  
Harmarsburg, Pa., is described by ge-  
ologists as a "lepidodendron lanceola-  
tum," a plant which contributed great-  
ly to the forming of coal deposits in  
the carboniferous era.

The woody part of the tree became  
carbonized with other branches that  
became coal and the fossil is almost  
as thin as paper. It is a tree top four  
feet high with branches spreading  
three feet. Bark, limbs, twigs and  
leaves are very clearly marked.

Miners in the Harmar mine of the  
Consumer Mining company found the  
fossil in the slate roof of an entry,  
and the company gave it to the Insti-  
tute.

**Foreign Names Banned on  
Russian Bills of Fare**

Moscow.—Roast beef, cafe au lait,  
consomme and other adaptations of  
foreign names for foods henceforth  
will appear no more on Russian bills  
of fare. The government has ordered  
that foods in Russia must be called  
by their proper Russian names to  
stimulate national feeling in Russia  
and thereby unintentionally making  
life a little less happy for foreign vis-  
itors.

**Iceicles in Alaska Tunnels  
Delay Railroad Traffic**

Anchorage, Alaska.—Huge iceicles in  
tunnels along the route of the Alaska  
government railroad are interfering  
with through on time traffic. Last  
week three pillars of ice several feet  
thick formed of frozen, drippings  
from ceilings of tunnels between Mile  
44 and Mile 52. The ice was so brittle,  
however, from intense cold that a blow  
of an ax shattered the obstructions.

**Lorna Doone a Myth**  
Exmoor, England.—Lorna Doone  
never lived and Richard D. Black-  
more's celebrated romance of that  
name was founded on a myth, says  
A. G. Bradley, noted English historian.

**How Gilbert Stuart  
Saved the Situation**

Gilbert Stuart almost had his head  
turned by his success in England, and  
on his return to America when Hull  
called to have his portrait painted the  
artist began telling him stories of his  
experiences with Lord So-and-So, the  
marquis of This and the Baroness  
That, stories meant to show Hull how  
elegant was the society to which he  
had been accustomed.

Unfortunately in the midst of this  
ostentatious chatter, Mrs. Stuart, not  
knowing there was a sitter, came in  
from the kitchen with an apron on and  
her head bound round with a kerchief.  
"Do you want that leg of mutton  
billed or roasted?" she loudly in-  
quired.

Stuart was nonplussed—but only for  
a second. "Ask your mistress," he  
commanded sharply.—Boston Trans-  
cript.

**Types of Zebras**

Zebra is the name in general of all  
the African striped species of the  
horse family (equidae) of which four  
species are usually recognized, viz.,  
the true or mountain zebra (Equus  
zebra), Burchell's zebra (Equus bur-  
chelli), Grevy's zebra (Equus grevyi)  
and the quagga (Equus quagga). The  
last-named was only partly striped and  
is extinct. It was an inhabitant of  
South Africa, and especially of moun-  
tainous districts, where it roved in  
small bands. It was the smallest of  
the group, standing a trifle over four  
feet high at the withers, and had rela-  
tively long ears, a comparatively short  
mane and a scantily haired tail. Its  
ground color was white (brownish on  
the face) and the stripes were black.  
The zebra now most often seen in  
South Africa and in menageries is  
Burchell's which Boers call "quagga."

**Drinking Sunlight**

Although ultra-violet rays provide  
us with a satisfactory equivalent to  
sunshine in winter time, and "bottled  
sunlight" is to be obtained through  
the administration of cod-liver oil,  
science has by no means exhausted its  
discoveries.

It is hoped that it will soon be pos-  
sible to obtain regular doses of sum-  
mer sunlight from a glass of milk. By  
giving irradiated cattle cake to milk  
cows, their milk will be made rich in  
the vitamin conveyed by sunlight.

Milk, to most people, is more pal-  
atable than cod-liver oil, and is also  
cheaper. There is, too, a pleasant  
suggestion in "drinking sunlight."

**Great Man's Influence**

We cannot look, however imperfec-  
tly, upon a great man without gaining  
something by him. He is the living  
life-fountain, which it is good and  
pleasant to be near; the light which  
enlightens, which has enlightened the  
darkness of the world; and this not as  
a kindly lamp only, but rather as a  
natural luminary, shining by the gift  
of Heaven; a flowing light-fountain,  
as I say, of native, original insight,  
of manhood and heroic nobleness, in  
whose radiance all souls feel that it is  
well with them.—Carlyle.

**Father to the Man**

The attitude toward the head of the  
house varies in different homes. A  
child's opinion of a parent can gener-  
ally be accepted at face value.

One evening a guest in a home  
wished to induce the somewhat timid  
three-year-old daughter to say a few  
words. Several attempts to carry on a  
conversation had failed. Finally the  
guest, pointing to the child's father,  
asked: "Who is that man over there?"  
"My father isn't a man," said the  
child. "He is just a great big boy."

**Skin Game**

Johnnie had been scolded for play-  
ing with a little colored boy of his  
acquaintance. One day while watch-  
ing his mother pare potatoes, he said:  
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Can't we peel him so I can play with  
him?"

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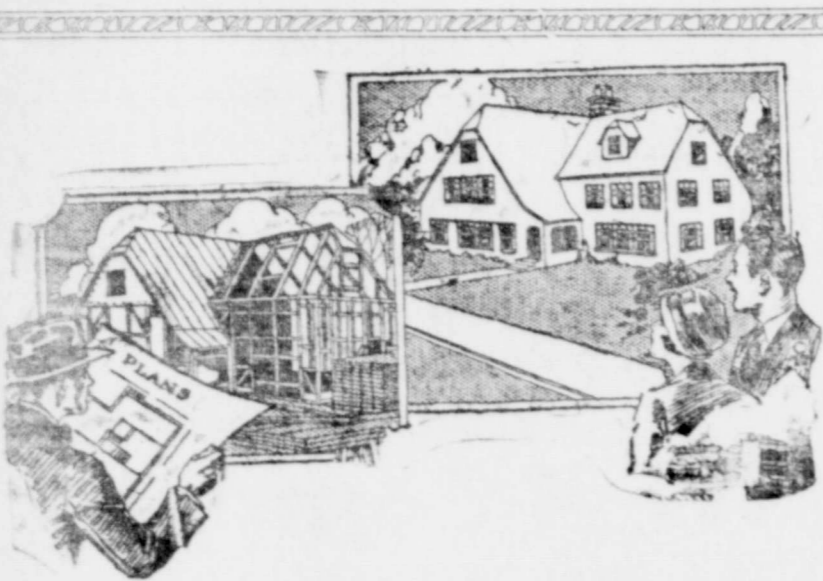
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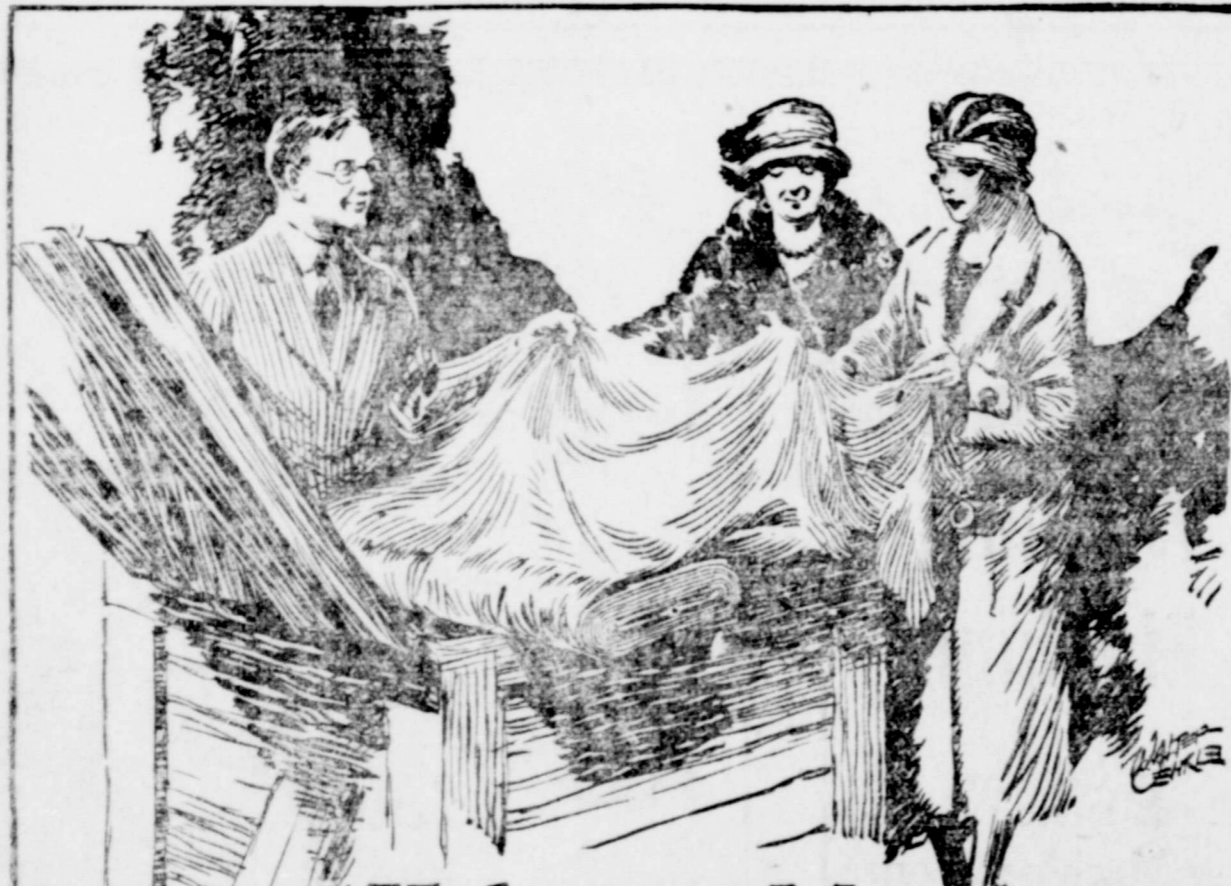
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est the angler when making prepara-  
tions for the fishing season. In a  
patent granted to William P. Ziegler  
of Ambridge, Pa., in 1916, the speci-  
fications read:

"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 de-  
feat his rival. In case the fish is sus-  
pected 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 dis-  
cussion."

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"Sports Bay" in the cathedral of St.  
John the Divine in New York city de-  
voted to the representation of differ-  
ent 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  
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bowling, billiards, skating, hockey,  
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usually generous portion with his iron  
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hereof, in some newspaper published  
in your County, if there be a news-  
paper published therein, but if not,  
then in the nearest County where a  
newspaper is published, to appear at  
the next regular term of the 104th  
District Court of Taylor County, to  
be holden at the Court House thereof,  
in Abilene, Texas, on the third Mon-  
day in June A. D. 1927, the same be-  
ing the 20th day of June A.D. 1927,  
then and there to answer a petition  
filed in said Court on the 7th day of  
May A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered  
on the docket of said Court as No.  
45-B, wherein Hilda Josephine Keith-  
ley is Plaintiff, and Edward Roy  
Keithley is Defendant, and said peti-  
tion alleging that plaintiff and de-  
fendant were married about Decem-  
ber 15, 1925, and separated about  
January 15, 1927. Plaintiff sues for  
divorce on the grounds of cruel treat-  
ment, also for restoration of her  
maiden name, all of which is fully al-  
leged in her original petition.

Herein Fail Not, and have you be-  
fore said Court, at its aforesaid next  
regular term, this writ with your re-  
turn thereon, showing how you have  
executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and  
the Seal of said Court, at office in  
Abilene, Texas, this the 16th day of  
May A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,  
District Court, Taylor County. 20t4

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day in June A. D. 1927, the same be-  
ing the 20th day of June A.D. 1927,  
then and there to answer a petition  
filed in said Court on the 16th day of  
May A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered  
on the docket of said Court as No.  
51-B, wherein Melton Bills is Plain-  
tiff, and Ella Bills is Defendant, and  
said petition alleging that plaintiff  
and defendant were married about  
May 7, 1921, and separated about  
August 19, 1926. Plaintiff sues for  
divorce on the ground of cruel treat-  
ment, all of which is fully alleged in  
plaintiff's original petition.

Herein Fail Not, and have you be-  
fore said Court, at its aforesaid next  
regular term, this writ with your re-  
turn thereon, showing how you have  
executed the same.

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### Review of School Year Shows Much Progress Is Made

(Continued from Front Page)  
tion for constructive good.

Speaking of criticism, some have seen fit to question our using a downtown auditorium in which to have the Baccalaureate sermon preached, not taking into consideration the fact that it is the largest auditorium in the city. We hope we have not turned infidel and modernist to the extent that we want to get away from the church. We did it to accommodate the large crowds that always attend these services. We were trying to serve you better. We can secure that place for Sunday evening without cost but cannot get it Monday. If we could we should use it for both occasions. In other columns you will see programs for the graduating exercises for the week-end and the school year. So much for that.

Now I wonder if the people of Merkel are willing and ready to cooperate and work for a bigger, better and broader course of study here. I have appealed to the P. T. A. and the board for the installation of a course in home economics for girls and vocational work for boys, be adopted in our schools. All these people have said we should have it. I have proposed an enlargement of the district to take care of the rural girl and boy. This has met their approval. We can and must have these things. That is my program for another year. Will you as citizens of Merkel and Merkel territory do your bit? I'm sure you would say yes if it did not cost us anything. Well, we can't get something for nothing. We must have additional high school room. That calls for building an addition to the present unit.

Who, in this town, did not say our building was too small when it was built three years ago? No one. We knew it would not care for our growth. Now we must add to what we have in no make-shift manner. Our series of bonds expires this year and we are relieved of that expense, and we can go ahead and apply that same money in building and equipping other needed facilities.

Why should we not have an auditorium fitting to our city pride and filling our community needs. The present one is so inadequate as to be a sore spot on our civic and city pride, to say nothing of its small size and equipment. These things we can have if we try to get them. We must have them. I shall be disappointed if you people do not demand them. You deserve them and your children deserve the best facilities. Will you deny them these things?

In conclusion I want to thank the patrons and business concerns in town for everything you have done to help us. We pray for your continued support. We wish to thank especially the business houses who gave the baseball uniforms and the individuals who have furnished transportation on the trips. On behalf of the high school annual staff we wish to thank all who gave ads and bought annuals. And to the people who took the girls and boys to Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz, and Mr. W. N. Hall.

These favors are appreciated and the courtesy of the Merkel Mail we sincerely acknowledge.  
IRVIN L. JACKSON,

Messrs D. O. Huddleston and Dr. W. M. Gambill and families enjoyed a big fish fry one day this week over on the river. A big nine pound cat fish caught by friends fishing there was the main attraction. Mr. Huddleston said.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney have as their guests this week, Mrs. Alvin Williams and Misses Sylvia and Billie Boney, of Bay City.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley are here this week from Vernon for an extended visit with friends and relatives.

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### THURSDAY CLUB

Thursday Club members were the happy guests of Mrs. James West on Thursday afternoon of last week. An important business session was held preceding games of 42 which were made unusually merry because of the out of town guests, Mesdames Tom Bittle of San Antonio, Mrs. Robert Terrell of Xenia, Ohio, and Mrs. Lester Harlow. Mrs. West was assisted in serving a most delicious refreshment of sandwiches and ices by Misses Melba West, Flora Frances Anderson and Mona Margaret Jones, to the above guests and following club members: Mesdames R. O. Anderson, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Robert Grimes, F. C. McFarland, W. J. Largent, L. B. Scott, Charlie Jones, Booth Warren, John West, and S. D. Gamble.

### BLAIR ITEMS

Bro. Ellis, assisted by Bro. Newson, the missionary, has begun a series of meetings at the Baptist church, and will continue through the week. Everybody invited to cooperate.

Health of the community is moderate at present. Had a nice rain the past week-end and cotton and feed stuff are growing nicely.

Mrs. Adcock of Waco, Texas, who has been visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Thornton, returned to her home, accompanied by Mrs. Thornton, who will stay indefinitely.

Miss Fannie Mae Reeves of Merkel was the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Reeves last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doan visited Mrs. Doan's sister, Mrs. N. E. Myers and daughter, Miss Doris, of Anson, Texas the latter part of last week.

Misses Willie Mae and Alma Meeks, Goldie Barnes, and Lola Brown motored to Merkel one day last week.

There was a large crowd enjoyed the entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan's Saturday night.

Mrs. Eli Brooks left last week on a visit to one of her daughters at Winters, Texas.

Mr. Emmette Morris, accompanied by Miss Rosa Cozart and Mrs. Alice Wilson, made a flying trip to Anson Saturday.

Mr. Pat Addison left Monday for Laverna, Texas, to be at the bedside of his father who is seriously ill.

### DEW DROPS.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fowler have recently moved into the home which they recently purchased from Mr. J. A. Stanford, who is just completing a new home in the same block.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walters and Mr. Laney of Wills Point, left first of the week for a fishing and outing trip on the Concho.

### Mrs. Marvin Boney Entertains

Mrs. Marvin Boney entertained with a delightful lawn party of "42" and other games at her home Wednesday evening.

An assortment of sandwiches was first served after the games and later ice cream and cake to the following: Mesdames: Chester Hutcheson, T. L. Holloway, C. E. Barnes, G. R. Holloway, G. L. Greene, W. Boney and Miss Rosa Gilbert, and Messrs Hutcheson, Holloway, Barnes and Hunchey.

### Methodist Missionary Society

The following program will be given at the Missionary Society meeting Monday afternoon at 2:30.

1. Hymn.
2. Bible lesson, Nahum 1-5, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.
3. The child and the new earth, Mrs. Armstrong.
4. The child and the womans missionary council, Mrs. McCarter.
5. What lovers of child life believe (April Voice), Mrs. Richards.

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### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Dee Hail celebrated his fifth birthday with a party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Hail, on Monday, May 16th.

As the little folks arrived each one presented Dee with a gift. After the gifts had been admired, Dee gave each little friend a balloon and then the fun began.

At the conclusion of the games the birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream cones. Those present were Ora and Lora Hail, Mildred and Carvel Clarke, Alice and Charlie Church, Thelda and Jack Tucker, Otho Suber, Pauline and Bertie Mae Leslie, J. V. Patterson, Robert, Lula Mae, Mary Jo and Norris Hail, Ada Stanford, Billy Joy Brookerson and John Dee and Weldon Coats.

### SALT BRANCH B.Y.P.U.

Program for May 22.  
Leader, Buster Horton.  
Introduction by leader.

Part 1, J. C. Petty, "Obedience taught in the Old Testament."  
Part 2, Wilma Robertson, the boy Jesus was obedient.

No. 3, Mae Robertson, Obedience binds us to Christ.

No. 4, Ruby Rister, Obedience with or without Love.

No. 5, Jarrett Pinckley, Obey because we love God.

No. 6, Ruth Pinckley, Obeying Christ's last command.

If you want some place to go Sunday night come to B.Y.P.U. We will be glad to have you.

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Mr. Doyle Garrett, of San Antonio, was here several days this week, guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

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Mrs. C. F. Long of Abilene was over last Sunday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter. She was accompanied by Miss May Sorrels, also of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson, of Sweetwater, were over last Sunday for a visit with home folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee came home last week from El Paso, where they spent the winter, but are guests of friends and relatives in Wichita Falls this week.

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Mrs. Robert McBean and little daughters of Dallas are guests in the home of Mrs. McBean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, for an extended visit.

Mrs. A. M. Jones leaves Friday for an extended visit with friends and relatives in Miami, Texas, and other places of interest in the panhandle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay returned Tuesday from a trip to East Texas. They visited in Dallas, Fort Worth, Waxahachie and other places. They were accompanied by their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. George White were among those attending the big chamber of commerce convention in Wichita Falls this week.

J. S. Swann and Chas. H. Jones enjoyed the big West Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting at Wichita Falls this week.

Miss Ophelia Mason, of Deport, is here this week for a visit with her brother, Mr. J. C. Mason. She was accompanied by Miss Trixie Barham, also of Deport, who will go from here to Vernon for a visit with relatives there.

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