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OLD SETTLERS PLAN REUNION FOR JULY 15

Date For Annual Picnic At Buffalo Gap Is Set By Officers and Directors In Special Meeting.

Old Settlers of Taylor county, 500 strong, will meet in annual reunion at Buffalo Gap on the third Friday in July, which will be the 15th day of the month, it was decided Friday at a meeting of officers and directors held at Buffalo Gap.

R. G. Anderson of Abilene, president; Dr. W. V. Cranford of Merkel, vice president; W. F. Jones of Tuscola, secretary-treasurer.

Jones reported \$333 in the treasury left over from last year's membership dues. This will be applied on the entertainment of the reunionists.

As usual, the piece-de-resistance will be barbecue. It will be prepared under direction of Charles Smith of Buffalo Gap, who has successfully engineered previous feasts for the reunion. A purple badge, signifying paid-up membership, will admit to this feast.

Old Soldiers Invited

Confederate veterans and members of the U. D. C. will be invited guests. Judge Tom Bledsoe was appointed chairman of the entertainment committee and will pick the others to serve with him. The finance chairman is R. G. Anderson working with him will be Sam Howard and Bob Ayres of Abilene, Dr. W. V. Cranford and T. J. Toombs of Merkel.

On July 1, the committee will reassemble to open bids for concessions, which this year will be sold to one individual. A certified check must accompany each bid. The highest bid will get the concessions.

The organization is planning to buy at least fifty benches, to be scattered about the beautiful picnic grounds at Buffalo Gap for the convenience of the old timers.

FORD TO PRODUCE NEW CAR

Detroit, May 25—Early production of a new Ford car superior in design and performance to any now available in the low priced, light-car field, was announced today by the Ford Motor Company.

Henry Ford, designer of the car, and Edsel Ford, president of the Company both stated that within the next few weeks they will give a complete description of the new model.

The famous Model T Ford, which still leads the automobile industry after twenty years of manufacture, will continue to be a substantial factor in Ford production, in view of the fact that about ten million cars of this model are still in use and will require replacement parts and service.

"The Model T Ford car was a pioneer," said Henry Ford today. "There was no conscious public need of motor cars when we first made it. There were few good roads. This car blazed the way for the motor industry and started the movement for good roads everywhere. It is still the pioneer car in many parts of the world which are just beginning to be motorized. But conditions in this country have so greatly changed that further refinement in motor car construction is now desirable and our new model is a recognition of this."

"Besides the Model T itself, another revolutionary element which the Ford Motor Company introduced 20 years ago was the idea of service. Some of the early manufacturers proceeded on the theory that once they had induced a man to buy a car they had him at their mercy; they charged him the highest possible price for necessary replacements. Our company adopted the opposite theory. We believed that when a man bought one of our cars we should keep it running for him as long as we could and at the lowest upkeep cost. That was the origin of Ford service.

"The Model T was one of the largest factors in creating the conditions which now make the new model Ford possible. The world-wide influence of the Ford car in the building of good roads and in teaching the people the use and value of mechanical power is conceded. Nowadays everybody runs some kind of motor power but twenty years ago only the adventurous few could be induced to try an automobile. It had a harder time winning public confidence than the airplane has now. The Model T was a great educator in this respect. It had stamina and power. It was the car

City Contracts For Beautiful White Way

At the regular meeting of the City Council on last Monday evening, among the many matters of business transacted the contracting by the City with the West Texas Utilities Company for a beautiful and modern white way lighting system throughout the business section of the city, was perhaps the most important.

The new white way will be put down along with the paving and will add much to the beauty and appearance of the city as a whole. The new system calls for 34 lights properly distributed throughout the business section.

Latimer No. 1 Logs Fine As Prospective Producing Well

As a prospective producer and the possible opening of a new oil pool in this immediate section, it seems from reports that the Sloan and Evans, M. P. Latimer No. 1, may become such and bring renewed interest and activity in the Noodle Creek area.

At this time this well, which is located twelve miles southwest of Merkel, is now drilling at around 1,900 feet in hard lime. At about 800 feet a splendid showing of oil was encountered, and since that depth it is stated that two other oil showings with some gas has been encountered. And according to operators it is expected that the Noodle Creek pay will be found at around 2,100 feet.

RETURNS FROM VISIT TO RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Mr. J. C. Mason, accompanied by his sister, Miss Ophelia, who has been here for some time on a visit, returned Thursday from an extended trip to south Texas, including the great Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Mason reports crops looking fair all the way down that way and especially fine in the Valley.

Mr. B. C. Gaither, returned last week from his visit to his old home in Tennessee. He reports a very enjoyable trip, and visit among relatives and old friends. Mr. Gaither also states that the newspaper reports concerning the great floods throughout the Mississippi valley are but little if any overdrawn. He said the Mississippi river at Memphis when he crossed going on his trip, was about ten miles wide.

Married Saturday

J. L. Price and Miss Beulah Rister were happily united in marriage last Saturday evening by Elder W. G. Cypert, the ceremony taking place at the home of the latter. Both these young people, we are informed, reside on route one, Merkel.

that ran before there were good roads to run on. It broke down the barriers of distance in rural sections, brought people of these sections closer together and placed education within the reach of everyone. We are all still proud of the Model T Ford car. If we were not we could not have continued to manufacture it so long.

"With the new Ford we propose to continue in the light-car field which we created on the same basis of quantity production we have always worked, giving high quality, low price and constant service. We began work on this new model several years ago. In fact, the idea of a new car has been in my mind much longer than that. But the sale of the Model T continued at such a pace that there never seemed to be an opportunity to get the new car started. Even now the business is so brisk that we are up against the proposition of keeping the factory going on one model while we tool for another. I am glad of this because it will not necessitate a total shut-down. Only a comparatively few men will be out at a time while their departments are being tooled up for the new product. At one time it looked as if 70,000 men might be laid off temporarily, but we have now scaled that down to less than 25,000 at a time. The lay-off will be brief, because we need the men and we have no time to waste.

"At present I can only say that about the new model—it has speed, style, flexibility and control in traffic. There is nothing quite like it in quality and price. The new car will cost more to manufacture, but it will be more economical to operate."

PRODUCTION IN NOODLE CREEK POOL HOLDS UP

Field Output of Sunday Totals 1,810 Barrels From Sixteen Wells; Only Two Drilling IN Proven Area.

No effort is being made to increase production in the Noodle Creek field southwestern Jones county, in the face of the deflated crude market but the sixteen wells of that pool, discovered last September, produced a total of 1,810 barrels of oil Sunday, an official field report shows.

Of five uncompleted wells in the proven area, only two were drilling. They were Phillips Petroleum Co.'s Joe Winters No. 4, at 2,415 feet and Phillip's Vestal No. 1 in blue shale at 2,200 feet. Phillip's Thornton No. 1 which missed the first pay, is shut down at 3,088 feet. Marsten's Winn No. 1 is shut down at 3,545 feet and Atlantic's Howell No. 2 is shut down at 2,700 feet, having also missed the first pay.

Marland's Mason No. 3, which came in for 1,800 barrels flush, made 344 barrels Sunday and is still the largest single producer of the pool. The discovery, Phillip's Joe Winters No. 1, with Winters No. 2, made 206 barrels.

Other production reports are: Phillips' Tessie Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, 454 barrels; Mason No. 1, 171 barrels; Beasley No. 1, 93 barrels.

Midwest Exploration Co.'s Thornton No. 1, 160 barrels; No. 2, 120 barrels; No. 3, 35 barrels; No. 4, 97 barrels.

Marland's Mason No. 1, 57 barrels. No. 2 (deep well) 65 barrels of oil, 20 barrels of water. No. 3, 344 barrels.

Atlantic's Howell No. 1, 22 barrels.—Abilene Morning News.

MANY SCHOOL TEACHERS LEAVE FOR SUMMER WORK

Many young lady teachers who make their homes in Merkel have this week departed for various schools for their summer work, and among those going were: Miss Imogene Hays, to Denton; Misses Geneva Middleton and Annie Bickley, to San Marcos; Mrs. Warren Smith and Miss Alva Wheeler, to Alpine, as did Misses Melba West and Lucille Guitart; and Miss Vennie Hizer to Canyon. Miss Booth left this week for Boulder, Colorado.

REV. PARRACK REJECTS CALL TO CHILLICOTHE PASTORATE

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, the very able and earnest pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, although having recently been unanimously called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Chillicothe, has after due consideration, decided to remain in charge of the work of the Merkel church.

Brother Parrack is among the popular ministers of the city, and his decision to remain here will not only be good news to the membership of his congregation, but the entire citizenship of the town and community.

OPENING NEW CAFE

Mr. R. N. (Fatty) Campbell, is this week opening a new and up-to-date Cafe, on Kent Street, next door to McDonald & Collum. He invites all his old friends and customers to call on him when in need of something good to eat. Mr. Campbell has formerly conducted a cafe business here and his friends know well the excellent service they find when patronizing him.

Roger A. Burgess, Superintendent of the Childress, Texas Public Schools, accompanied by Mrs. Burgess, passed through Merkel Tuesday on their way to Austin, where they will spend several weeks. Mr. Burgess going there to do special work at the University. He is a very fine school man, having been at the head of the Merkel schools for several years before going to Childress, has many close friends in Merkel who are always glad to have him and his wife visit in our city.

Mr. Sam Barrett and wife, of Phoenix, Arizona, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, one day this week, while enroute from their home for a visit to friends and relatives in Tennessee.

County Agent To Hold Culling Demonstration

Beginning the latter part of June and extending through the first half of July, the county agent will hold a number of Poultry Culling demonstrations over various sections of the county.

"At this time of the year," states the county agent, "when eggs are cheap, the farmer feels inclined to dispose of most of his hens, and then eggs begin to jump in price. It is the good hen that continues to lay and that profits the producer. The poor hen that is kept on the yard after eggs begin to rise in price eats away the profit from the poultryman.

"When eggs are cheap, they can be satisfactorily preserved for several weeks in lime water. Place 3 pounds of quick lime in 5 gallons of water and leave the mixture together for a day. Then pour off the water into a keg or crockery jar throwing away the lime that settles to the bottom of the mixture.

"Place this vessel of lime water in the cellar and place the eggs in the liquid daily. The eggs should always be at least 4 inches below the liquid surface so that air will not come down to them. If an oiled or greased cloth is kept over the vessel, evaporation will be prevented.

"And by all means preserve only the infertile eggs. At this season of the year, all roosters should be separated from the hens, and the eggs will continue fresh much longer."

Annual July 4th Races Promise Many Thrills

Abilene, Texas, June 9—Automobile race fans of West Texas are assured of the best lineup of drivers ever together in the Southwest, on July 4th at the West Texas Fair track in this city, for annual Independence Day classic, according to D. H. Jefferies, official representative of the American Automobile Association. The races will be under the supervision and with the sanction of that organization.

Jefferies already has a large list of entries for the race program and is expecting quite a number of others within the next few weeks. Plenty of thrills and excitement are promised all attendants and arrangements are being made to care for the largest crowd ever in Abilene for the races which have been the premier event of that in all this section for a number of years.

A guaranteed purse of \$3,000 for the winners in the five different events billed for the race program, will be augmented by 20 percent of the gate receipts over \$6,500. According to records of the race association during the past the cut-in on the gate will be approximately \$2,000. This heavy prize is proving very attractive to drivers in all parts of the United States and officials of the West Texas Fair are expecting to offer the biggest and best race event ever staged on the local track on Independence Day.

L. R. Thompson will attend a meeting of the executive board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Cisco, Monday and at night will go to Breckenridge to attend a joint meeting of the Oil and Gas men. Mr. Thompson hopes to interest the Lone Star Gas Company in supplying Merkel with natural gas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson returned recently from an extended visit with old friends and relatives in McLennan, Bosque and Bell counties. They report a very fine trip and visit with old friends and scenes of many years ago, where they formerly resided. They also report crops in those sections very promising.

John S. Hughes and family returned yesterday from a visit with relatives at Rule and friends at Aspermont, among whom was the family of T. A. Beidleman, formerly residents of this city and neighbors to the Hughes.

Mrs. J. C. Williams and daughter, of Stamford, returned to their home there, after a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchens. On their return they accompanied by little Miss Florene Rider.

LOCAL FIRE MEN TO ATEND STATE MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO NEXT WEEK

We are informed that the Merkel Fire Department will be represented at the state convention which meets in San Antonio next week, by Chief N. A. Dowell, Assistant Chief, A. V. Dye; C. K. Russell, Howard Laney, and possibly other whose names we failed to learn.

The entire party are expected to depart about Sunday.

Fine Rains Fall Over Much Merkel Trade Territory

On last Sunday afternoon and night good rains fell over parts of the country south and south east of Merkel, amounting in some places to two inches. And again on Tuesday afternoon a fine rain of from a half to two inches fell in this city, west, south and east of town. To the north of the city the rain was light.

In much of Merkel's trade territory the crops have received sufficient moisture to practically insure fair crops of cotton and feed.

Former Pastor Preached Here

Rev. T. J. Rea, former pastor of the Methodist church in this city, with Mrs. Rea and the two small children, spent last Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

By invitation of the pastor, Rev. Rea delivered the address for the morning services at the Methodist church, and the same was greatly appreciated by every one present.

BIG CARNIVAL COMING AUSPICES FIRE DEPT.

According to Mr. N. A. Dowell, Merkel's very efficient Fire Chief, the Hames Shows No. 2 will open for a week's engagement in Merkel on next Monday, June 13.

It is stated that this show, called a carnival, is not only one of the best, but one of the cleanest on the road. It has, besides a number of good shows, a merry-go-round, ferris wheel and everything that goes with a first class carnival.

Mr. Dowell states that the shows are coming under the auspices of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, they receiving a share of the proceeds earned by the carnival while in the city. Mr. Dowell also states the shows will be conducted in a clean, honorable manner, and it is hoped that a liberal patronage will be accorded them while in the city.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CUMMINGS RETURNS HOME

Hon. E. S. Cummings, state representative from Taylor county, following the close of the first called session of the 40th Legislature, returned to his home in Abilene on Wednesday of this week.

He states in a letter to this paper that his notary list is now closed and that those who made application for appointment as a notary in Taylor county will be able to qualify with the County Clerk some time between July 1 and July 15.

Mr. F. C. Hughes, of Grafford, Texas, who some time ago purchased an interest in the Lowe-Bracken Chevrolet Company of this city, has moved with his family to Merkel, and is now actively connected with this hustling firm. The firm is now composed of Mr. A. H. Bracken and Mr. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes, had as their guests last week, W. L. Barnes and family and Mr. Burkham, of New Mexico, and Mrs. Katie Templeton, of Shamrock, and while here the entire party enjoyed a fishing trip over on Elm, north of Abilene, where Mr. Barnes reports they had a splendid outing and plenty of fish.

Allene Riley returned last Thursday from Denton, where she attended the North Texas State Teachers College; completing two years of college work. She has been elected in the Comper schools next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett are expecting to move this week into their new and beautiful home, recently built in "Southlands", new and beautiful residence addition to the city.

Governor Raps Legislature; Will Call Extra Session

Lamentably Little Done By Legislature, He States in Announcing Plan For New Session.

AUSTIN, Texas, June 8.—Governor Dan Moody late today declared the special legislative session ending Tuesday session was a "negative" one, and that he will call another session to ask the legislature to "carry out the party pledges."

He specified no date, but belief here is that it will be in the fall after the people have acted on proposed constitutional amendments.

Lamentably Little Done
In a statement amplifying some parts of his Tuesday farewell address to the house and senate, Governor Moody said "in all candor, and it is my duty to be candid with the people whose trust I hold, quite a deal was accomplished at the regular session, but lamentably little at the special session called with high hope that so much might be done."

He elaborated upon the Democratic party platform advocacy of highway, civil service, and prison legislation, all of which were defeated at the special session.

"Can't Ignore Pledges"

"In truth, it was a negative session," the governor said. "More was killed or was permitted to die than was created. This was not so at the regular session of the fortieth legislature."

"Party pledges are not pledges to be ignored lightly either by the executive or legislative branches of the government. Certainly I could do no less than strive for those policies to which my party pledged me, and striving, I could do no less than submit them to the legislature for adoption. Mindful of my party's policies, I shall continue to resubmit them as long as I am in the executive office and to advocate them thereafter with the hope of their passage as laws."

Passed Opportunity

"The legislature in called session had the opportunity to do much, and while it achieved some things, it failed to take advantage of the opportunity to carry out a constructive party program. Essential appropriations were made, but aside from that, no major constructive measures whatever were adopted to fulfill the pledges of the Democratic platform.

"Doubtless the people will recall that the party platform adopted at the last state Democratic convention advocated prison reform and economical administration of prison affairs, endorsing the constitutional amendment submitted to the voters as best serving to insure reform and economy in the penitentiary system. Although the people adopted the constitutional amendment in response to the party's advocacy, legislation seeking to vitalize the amendment was submitted and failed, virtually nullifying what the people voted to obtain.

Failed to Aid Roads

"In similar clear and unmistakable language the party platform pledged laws looking toward establishment of a correlated system of state highways that should be efficiently maintained. It was the intent of the platform with respect to highways to obtain and to insure a continuity of highway construction that would embrace for the future an uninterrupted system of connected roadways entirely across the state, and to that end legislation of this nature was submitted and failed.

"One of the major measures thus demanded as part of the party platform was civil service. In language which said that "we believe greater efficiency in the administration of the government would be insured through the enactment of a classified civil service"—the party issued what was in effect a mandate upon its representatives that civil service be adopted, and to that end legislation of this nature was submitted and failed."

Mrs. M. V. Mitchell and grandson, Van Hines McSpadden, left this week for Abilene, where the latter will attend the Drauhorn's Business College. Mrs. W. A. McSpadden and son Lynn left for Austin, where they will spend the summer. Mrs. McSpadden, who for a number of years has ably conducted a Kindergarten school in Merkel, stated upon her departure that she would return to her home here in time to open her school as usual early in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann returned last week from an extended visit to Houston, Galveston and San Antonio.

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
Total	\$700,969.37

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

The above statement is correct.
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J. E. Cogburn, of Fort Worth, was here this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, and other friends and relatives.

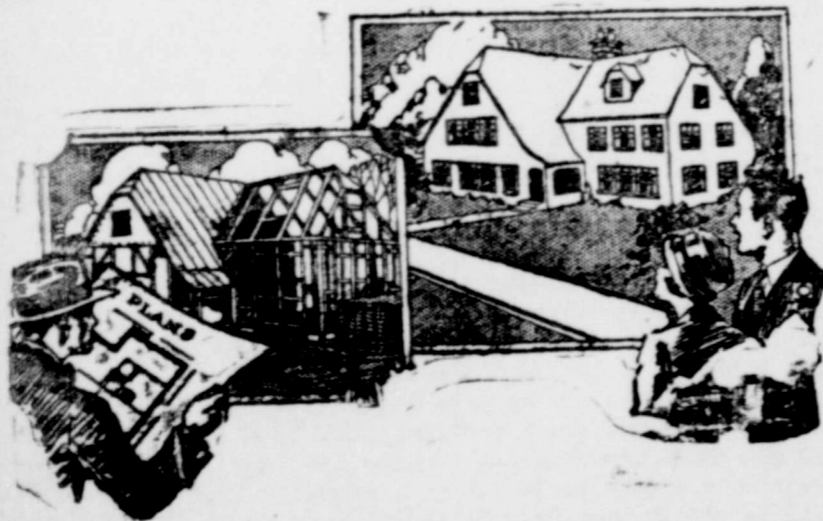
Mrs. V. P. Tippet, of San Angelo, came over last week for a visit with friends and relatives. On her return she was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett are spending the week with friends and relatives in Corywell county.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb, Mrs. Billie Cobb and grandma Talley are in Dallas this week on their return they will be accompanied by Mrs. George Coker from that city.

O. R. Dye and family returned the first of the week from a trip to Galveston and other points in South Texas.

Miss Ohsal Stubblefield, of Colorado City was the house guest of Miss Venice Bell this week.



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HOW FAKE AUCTIONS GET YOUR MONEY

By W. R. MOREHOUSE
Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association

(This is one of a series of articles exposing the wiles of sharpers who are after your money.)

NEARLY everyone is ready "to take a fling" at getting something for nothing or at least for less than it is worth. Because of this many are duped into paying more than regular market prices for things they buy. This class of people is especially susceptible to the appeal of anything resembling an auction. Fake auctions with the cards stacked against the buyer are very common. They rank high among the fraudulent schemes of the country.



The "here today and gone tomorrow" auction faker rents a fine looking house in some high-class section of the city in which he plans to operate. He furnishes this house with the cheapest imitations of high-class furnishings, with here and there a fine piece which is to serve for bait. Certain pieces are alleged antiques with a thread of glorious history behind them. Of others it is claimed that they have been handed down for generations, originating with some person noted in history or with some famous Southern family. Of other pieces it is maintained that they are made of rare and precious woods imported from far across the sea. The overstuffed furniture, it is claimed, is all high grade of standard manufacture.

Regardless of its superiority and antiquity, the furniture must be sold at once, for the owner is compelled to take an extended trip, the family physician having ordered travel and a change of climate as a means of saving his life. Nothing is to be spared and the deep slashes of the auctioneer's axe must go on with no price too low. Individual pre-auction sales, of course, will be arranged for persons who are unable to attend the auction.

The day of the sale is here. Purchasers are arriving. They are met at the door by the woman member of the outfit—a dramatic person who knows when to shed tears at the thought of having her happy home broken up and her valuable furnishings find hanging in the front window a sign, "For Rent." The birds have flown, without leaving any address.

Fake auctions are not exclusive to residences, but are sometimes staged in stores. We have reports of a certain furniture firm that failed, having on hand stock invoiced at \$42,000. An auction sale was announced. As usual the stock must be closed out to satisfy creditors within a few days, regardless of cost. On the windows appeared glaring announcements of big bargains. Although represented as a legitimate sale, it had the earmarks of an auction by



Victims Clamor for Fake Pieces

ings torn from her. She tells her sad story—how she must leave her home and go to distant lands with her husband whose health is broken and life in danger. But she is resigned to her "awful calamity" and will sell all her lovely furniture even at a great sacrifice.

As she directs attention to certain pieces of furniture her voice quavers. She almost sobs aloud as she names the price she is forced to accept. "Less than half the original cost, but price no object. We must take the train tomorrow," and she wipes a tear from her eye. Fully convinced the sale is genuine, and sympathizing with the unfortunate woman, buyers clamor for the furniture.

But no sooner are the articles transferred from their setting in the brightly darkened rooms of their original owner and displayed in the sunlight of the purchaser's home, than the truth about the sale begins to dawn in the mind of each new owner. Close examination reveals that evidently this wonderful collection of furniture was but odds and ends and unsalable pieces picked up from second-hand stores by these fly-by-night fakers. Some proves to be the rankest of imitations of the cheapest grade, and the overstuffed is so poorly constructed that it squeaks and weaves under the lightest weight.

The Birds Have Flown

When those who have been cheated rush back to the house the next day, intent on making it "hot for the faker,"

(A future article will present means to foil crooked promoters' wiles and tell how to separate good from bad investments.)

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 burchelli), 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 mountainous 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 relatively 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."

Messrs. Catch 'em and Skia 'em.

An investigation of the store made six months later disclosed that its stock was then larger than the day it announced the auction. Its sales in the interim had exceeded \$600,000. The facts are that two trucks had backed up to the rear of the store nightly and unloaded new merchandise, principally odd lines and job lots picked up here and there at a bargain. Under the guise of a legitimate auction, or private sale at auction prices, fourteen times as much furniture was sold in the six months as the store contained at the time of the failure. Comparison of sale prices disclosed that victims were persuaded to buy liberally on the assurance they were getting sacrifice prices, when as a matter of fact they were actually paying from five to 25 per cent more than reliable stores were charging for better goods.

Fake auctions and private sales are used not only for furniture but also in the sale of jewelry and other merchandise. The lesson which this story teaches is that there is nothing to be gained by patronizing such sales. On the other hand, there is a better than 50-50 chance of sustaining a loss.

Not all auctions are fraudulent, for some are conducted fairly and honestly, but before you draw your savings from the bank and spend them for auction goods it will pay you to get the facts. For your own protection make it an unbreakable rule to confine your expenditures and investments to reliable firms and individuals. In dealing with them you are assured a square deal.

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 boiled or roasted?" she loudly inquired.

Stuart was nonplussed—but only for a second. "Ask your mistress," he

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THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK
Merkel, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Thorpe, of Chicago, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger this week. Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe are on their return from a tour of the Pacific coast, and are returning to their home in Chicago.

Mrs. Campbell, of Paducah, was here this week, for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Frank Sears and other relatives.

Mr. John Sears, and daughter Miss Johnnie, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, accompanied by Miss Gladys Mayfield, are spending the week at Glen Rose, Texas.

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

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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown and Mrs. W. H. Brown left this week for a visit in Fort Worth.

W. C. Leopard and family left the first of the week for a trip to San Antonio and other points south.

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Business is not only insisting on the Golden Rule, but business men are giving service as a first consideration and accumulating wealth incidentally. The writer recently heard a young business man give expression to the following: "I would consider my self a failure if the only pleasure I got from my business was an increased bank account. My greater pleasure is derived from a study of the wants and needs of the people in my trade territory and supplying them in such a way that the transactions are mutually pleasant and profitable." A business so founded is certain of success.

Misses Cecil Strayhorn and Hattie Hern, of Snyder visited in the J. S. Swann home last week end. They attended the Swann-Sears wedding.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.



Making both ends meet sometimes is a serious proposition, and that may be the reason why families are getting smaller and smaller. It sort of makes a man feel glad that he was born, because if he wasn't, the chances are that he wouldn't be. You're taking no chances when equipping your car with India Tires. Extra mileage at no greater cost with even greater riding comfort is their boast.

EVERYBODY'S GARAGE

**Superb Railroad—
Melodrama Built
Along New Lines**

**"Whispering Smith" Packed
With Thrills and Drama
Based on History**

SOMETHING decidedly new in Western photoplay presentation is offered in "Whispering Smith", which feature production has been booked by manager Hodge of the Queen theatre for 2 days, beginning Monday next.

Heretofore we have seen Indians and renegades stage raids and hold-ups on the frontier, and after stealing the girl ride away to the hills where eventually the hero locates the thieving band stages a heroic battle and rescues the heroine—and marries her.

In "Whispering Smith" one of the most colorful stories of the early west—founded on actualities—all this is lacking and in its stead are featured authentic historical scenes of railroading in the shadow of the Rockies. Of bands of marauders, freight car thieves and hold-up men. Of daring robberies and foul murder of railroad and ranch hands.

During the building of the Union Pacific, Southern-Pacific and other Western railroads, cattle and sheep men, of the plains and manufacturers of the East suffered heavy losses through the theft of their goods en route to market.

And around the railway detectives, U. S. Marshalls and Sheriffs of various counties, Frank Hamilton Spearman wrote this story—"Whispering Smith."

In this production of "Whispering Smith," Director Melford had the cooperation of Spearman and also Joe Le Fors, the man who inspired the author to write this book. An excellent cast is featured. This includes H. B. Warner, John Bowers, Lilyan Tashman, and Lillian Rich. In the support are Eugene Pallette, Robert Edeson, James Mason, Nelson McDowell, Warren Rodgers, Richard Neill, and Will Walling.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, of Hale Center, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown this week.

The many friends of Mrs. H. L. Propst will regret to learn that she has been quite ill this week; suffering from Bronchitis.

**Biblical Names for
Slaves of Preacher**

Biblical or historical names were bestowed upon nearly all the 49 slaves of Rev. George Whitfield of Georgia, founder of the first orphanage in America, according to a writer in the Kansas City Star. The appraisal of his estate, a document now 156 years old, recently became the property of the Georgia state department of archives and history, and it is the document that reveals the odd manner of designating slaves.

When Whitfield had a man's job to be done about the place he would call on Adam, Thomas, Luke, Peter, Job, Matthew, Abraham, Samson, Saul, Daniel, Paul, Isaac, Jonathan, Abner, Cato, Scipio, Oxford, London, Dick, Tom, Toke or old Sambo. Upon the women servants the preacher bestowed such names as Amoretta, Rachel, Esther, Ruth, Dinah, Phoebe and Bet.

On his plantation surrounding Bethesda academy, which he established near Savannah in 1739 Whitfield amassed a personal estate valued at \$15,000, the document records.

**Howe Too Optimistic
Over Girl's Greeting**

The first person Viscount William Howe, English general and commander in chief of North America from 1775 to 1778, saw an American girl when his ships arrived off Brooklyn was Nancy Corteljaun, who had climbed to the top of a high hill near the Narrows and waved her petticoat in greeting to the incoming troops. The English troops considered the girl's greeting a favorable omen, says Maude Stewart Welch in her book, "Vrouw Knickerbocker."

To Howe, ever attracted by a petticoat, it suggested pretty girls and the social life of the community. Howe, the general and soldier, felt it presaged good will and allies to further his cause. But it proved an omen discredited during the years of fighting that followed. "Welcome" was not written on Breucklen's (as the Dutch spelled the name of the then small town) doormat, even if one of its daughters had enthusiastically suggested it.

Dickens

Yes, he had many and grave faults. So had Sir Walter and the good Dumas; so, to be candid, did Shakespeare himself—Shakespeare, the king of poets. To myself he is always the man of his unrivaled and enchanting letters—is always an incarnation of generous and abounding gaiety, a type of beneficent earnestness, a great expression of intellectual vigor and emotional vivacity. I love . . . to reflect that even as he was the inspiration of my boyhood so is he the delight of my middle age. I love to think that while English literature endures he will be remembered as one who loved his fellow men, and did more to make them happy and amiable than any other writer of his time.—W. E. Henley, in Views and Reviews.

Old Chinese Banknotes

The oldest banknotes on record are the "flying money" or "covenant money" issued in China in 2897 B. C. At first these notes were issued by the treasury department. But it was found that the attendant expense was large. This caused their transfer to banks which were under government inspection and control.

Thus China had a marvelous financial system centuries before the Christian era. The notes issued were printed in blue ink on paper made from the fiber of mulberry trees. Several specimens of Chinese notes issued during the Ming dynasty, in the Fourteenth century, are still in existence. That was about 50 years before the establishment of the first European bank.—Mentor Magazine.

Emerald Isle

Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle because of the bright verdure of its grass and other vegetation, due to the frequent rains for which the island is noted. It is supposed that Dr. William Drennan (1754-1820), an Irish physician and poet, was the first to apply the name Emerald Isle to Ireland. In a poem entitled "Erin" and published in 1795 Drennan spoke of "the cause of the men of the Emerald Isle." It was the opinion of the poet himself that he was the first to use the nickname which later became so popular.

Encouraged to Proceed

Sargent was sometimes criticized on account of the sketchy, impressionistic style of his pictures. One time, after finishing three or four new works he gave a tea at his studio in the street. Among the guests was a certain duchess, who scanned the new pictures through her lorgnette. Stopping before one of them, she said to Mr. Sargent in the condescending tone which comes use toward all who work: "I like this, you know, I should go on with it, if I were you."

Valhalla

Valhalla was the abode of Odin the Norse god; it was a huge house of joy and all the heroes went there when they died. The same name was given the temple of fame, built by Louis I of Bavaria at Danaustauf and consecrated to the Germans who had become renowned in war, and the arts. And now it has come to be applied generally to buildings dedicated to national heroes or distinguished folk.

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Today there have been added to these unusual characteristics a new body silhouette with military front and cadet visor, setting a new vogue in automobile appearance. Higher radiator and hood; new, smaller 18-inch wheels and large drum-type headlamps are some of the improvements which have been made to still further enhance the value to be found in this car.

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**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 adequately utilize horse power? This weak link in the armor of the fallen empire of antiquity was pointed out by Commandant Lefebvre des Noettes at a recent meeting of the French Institute 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 collar was so placed that it most effectively 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 pyrral and sculptures, declared Commandant des Noettes.

As a result of this drawback the great civilizations of the past were never able to get more than a fraction of the potential motive power from their horses. Oxteams operating 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 consequence did most of what heavy hauling 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 Commandant des Noettes, indicate that no team of oxen in ancient times was ever considered 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.

**Leisure and Laziness
Matters Far Apart**

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

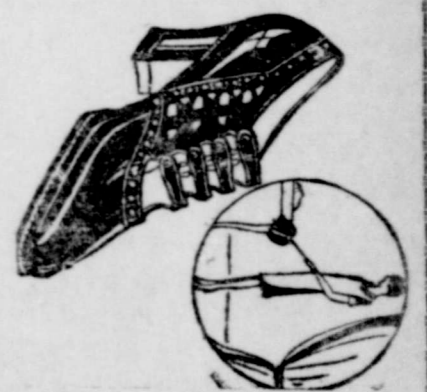
Leisure is good for women, and if they are of the temperament to enjoy it, let them have it. Hard work is good and necessary for some women, and there is still and will be for a long time plenty of interesting non-professional work for women to do, if they have the ability and temperament. But the air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

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

**Constancy That Gave
World Great Lesson**

Behind him lay the gray Azores—behind, the gates of Hercules; before him not the ghosts of shores—before him only shoreless seas. His good mate said: "Now must we pray, for lo! the very stars are gone! Brave admiral, speak; what shall I say?" "Why, say 'Sail on! sail on! sail on!'" They sailed, and sailed, as winds might blow, until, at last, the blanched mate said: "Why, now, not even God would know, should I and all my men fall dead. These very winds forget their way, for God from these dread seas seem gone; now, speak, brave admiral; speak and say—" He said, "Sail on! sail on! sail on!"

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



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QUALIFICATIONS**

A young man asked us our opinion
about entering the newspaper field.
We answered this wise:

If he can listen with a smile to
tiresome things he's heard oftentimes
before; if he can refuse to do what
three or four people ask him to do
without making them mad; if he can
write in a way to make people laugh
when he feels like cussin', or in a way
to make them weep when he feels
like cracking his heels together and
laughing out loud; if he can remain
silent when he feels like he'll burst
wide open if he does not talk; if he
can argue without getting mad or

making the other fellow mad; if he
can refuse a woman's request for free
publicity without making all the mem-
bers of her set mad at the paper; if
he can react to the loss of a good news
story and catch a better one on the
rebound; if he can explain a typograph-
ical error without using up more
than 30 minutes' time; if he can con-
centrate and write intelligent copy
while three conversations are going
on around him, several typewriters
clicking away and the telephone ring-
ing and the subdued hum of the pres-
ses in the next room drumming on his
ears; if he can explain why Mrs.
Jones's poem on "The Sylvan Depth
of October Woods" did not appear in
the paper without her husband stop-
ping his advertising; if he can take a
four-line story and spread it to a half
column, or take a two-column story
and condense it to two paragraphs; if
he can read proof without overlook-
ing an error and write headlines
without murdering the king's English;
if he has a nose for news, an itch
for writing and an inclination to work
15 hours a day, then we'd advise him
to get into the game.—Mithral Wells
Index.

A 25c classified ad often
bring surprising results.

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

The world today is looking for men
who are not for sale.
Men who are honest and sound
from center to circumference—true to
the heart's core.
Men with conscience as steady as the
needle to the pole.
Men who will stand for the right if
the heavens totter and the earth reels.
Men who can tell the truth and
look the world in the eye.
Men who neither grab nor run, men
who neither flag nor flinch.
Men who have courage without
shouting it.
Men who know their business and
attend to it.
Men who know their places and fill
it; men who will not lie, shirk or
dodge.
Men who are not too lazy to work
nor too proud to be poor.
Men whom the everlasting life
runs still, deep and strong.
Men who know their message and
tell it.
Men who are willing to eat what
they have earned and wear what they
have paid for.
Men who are not ashamed to say
"No" with emphasis, and who are not
ashamed to say I CAN'T AFFORD
IT.—The California Lumber Mer-
chant.

**PRIZES OFFERED
FOR BEST VOICES**

**National Radio Audition
Open to Young Singers
in This Country.**

America's future generation of vocal
stars will be disclosed to the world
this Fall as another of the wonders
due to radio. Every young man or
woman with the gift of song, whether
from country, town or city, will have
an equal chance.
A nation-wide quest for the best
young singers and the opening of the
door of opportunity to them has been
undertaken by the Atwater Kent
Foundation, an institution established
for scientific and educational purposes
by A. Atwater Kent, the Philadelphia
radio manufacturer and sponsor of
the Sunday night grand opera hour,
broadcast over a network of nineteen
stations.
The Foundation has announced
plans for a "National Radio Audition,"
to find by competition the best undis-
covered voices in the United States.
Prizes aggregating \$17,500, with
tuition for a musical education in certain
cases, are offered as follows:
The two winners of first place in
the National Audition—a man and a
woman—will each receive a gold

CHURCHES

Baptist Church Presbyterian Church

All regular services Sunday, begin-
ning with Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Preaching by the pastor, 11 a. m.
and 8:30 p. m.
All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 7:45 with
a joint opening service in the main
auditorium. The subject for the morn-
ing preaching service, "Secrets of
Gideon's Victory". Subject for the eve-
ning hour, "A Sabbath Day's Jour-
ney."

The pastor has this week definite-
ly turned down the call to an other
field and will continue in the work
here. He has sought the leadership of
the Lord and feels that the Lord is
leading him to continue here at least
for the present. He hopes to have a
full attendance at all services Sunday.

Interest in our training school is
growing. We have one of the largest
and most enthusiastic classes in the
Manual that we have ever had here.
There will be classes next week
in departmental books. No matter if
you have a blue seal you need the
book that belongs to the department
you are now working in. And even if
you have had all the department
books you must take an additional
book each year. Every worker in the
advanced Sunday school takes at
least one book in training each year.
This is made possible by at least one
new book being added to the course
each year. No one ever reaches perfec-
tion in teacher training.
Let every teacher and worker get
in a class this next week. Every class
officer in the adult department ought
to take the department book "Build-
ing the Bible Class" not because the
standard requires it but because they
need it to do good work in their places.
A warm welcome awaits all who
will attend any of our services.
Ira L. Parrack, Pastor

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m., Wm.
Elliott, Supt.
Preaching at eleven and eight p. m.
by the pastor.
Visitors always welcome. Come and
let's get better acquainted.
R. A. Walker, Pastor

**REV. CYPERT TO PREACH
HERE SUNDAY**

Elder W. G. Cypert, will preach at
the Church of Christ in this city on
next Sunday morning and evening,
and cordially invites one and all to
attend either or both services.
He urges that all who can come
early and be present for the morning
Bible Study.

NAZARENE CHURCH

We are expecting a great time
next Sunday, Rev. I. J. Sywein, from
Buffalo Gap will preach at both
morning and evening hours. He will
bring several with him. We are ex-
pecting several visitors from other
places.
Sunday School at 10 o'clock.
Preaching at 11 and 8 o'clock.
W. Y. P. S. Program at 7:15.
Come and hear all the services and
enjoy them with us.
C. C. Montandon

Talk about the young people—the
boys and girls, of this age. If they
are all wrong who is responsible?
Their parents mainly, and the schools
and the churches have a share in the
matter. If your boy and girl are wild,
gad-about and spenders of all the
money and then some they can get
they are not to blame. Their parents
have allowed it. If they had been
taught to save a little and stay at
home even reasonably, there would
not be half so many divorce suits.
Of all the silly human beings the gad-
about beats 'em all.

Methodist Church

Sunday School at 9:45.
Preaching at—
11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.
We invite you to fellowship in
praise, worship and service.
W. R. McCarter

BARGAINS—Reconditioned, repainted
used cars with an O. K. that
counts. 10-1-2
Mrs. Arthur Privitt of Brazos,
Texas, is here visiting her parents Mr.
and Mrs. J. B. Rosson, near Blair.

IMPORTANT MEETING
of Mekel Lodge No. 710,
A. F. & A. M.
SATURDAY NIGHT, June 11
Election of Officers and other Important
Business will be transacted. All members are
very urgently requested to attend.
HENRY R. HICKS, Secretary

Mr. C. N. Stubblefield and family
were here this week from their home
near Colorado. While here Mr. Sub-
blefield came in and had us enroll
his name for the Merkel Mail be sent
to his address.
Miss George L. Reeves and chil-
dren spent the week end at Rotan,
visiting her daughters Mrs. Lea Dick-
erson and Mrs. John Cross. Mr.
Cross is getting along nicely after a
serious operation at the Baptist San-
itarium several weeks ago.



A. Atwater Kent,
President of Atwater Kent Foundation,
which opens door of opportunity to
undiscovered vocalists.

decoration, \$3,000 in cash and two
years' tuition in a leading conserva-
tory.

Winners of second prizes will each
receive \$2,000 in cash and one year's
tuition.

Winners of third prizes will each
receive \$1,000 and one year's tuition.
Winners of fourth prizes will each
receive \$500.

Winners of fifth prizes will each
receive \$250.

Musical, civic and women's clubs in
each community in each state will be
invited to hold local contests to select
the best young man and best young
woman singers of their towns. These
winners will then be certified to a
state audition, which will be broad-
cast by a radio station in each state.
A state winner of each sex will be
chosen and will receive a silver
medal.

The next step is a district audition.
The young men and women who have
won state honors will be taken to a
central broadcasting station in one
of five districts, where an audition
will be broadcast to select the two
winners—a young man and a young
woman—from that district.

The two winners in each district
will receive gold medals and the ten
finalists thus selected will be taken
to New York for the final National
Audition, to be broadcast over a na-
tional network of stations. All ex-
penses of contestants in the district
and final auditions, including railroad
fare, hotel bills, entertainment, etc.,
will be paid by the Atwater Kent
Foundation.

The spirit and purpose of the Na-
tional Audition are indicated in a
statement by A. Atwater Kent, pres-
ident of the Foundation, who said:

"The discovery of one of those rare
voices, of which each generation pro-
duces a very few, seems to me an
event of profound national impor-
tance. Even when such a voice could
give pleasure to only a few thousand
people in a year it was a national
treasure. Now that millions may en-
joy it on the same evening through
the medium of radio, such a voice has
become priceless.

"The National Radio Audition, sup-
ported by the Atwater Kent Founda-
tion is an undertaking to search the
entire country for beautiful voices
and to offer these singers an oppor-
tunity for full development, recogni-
tion and reward.

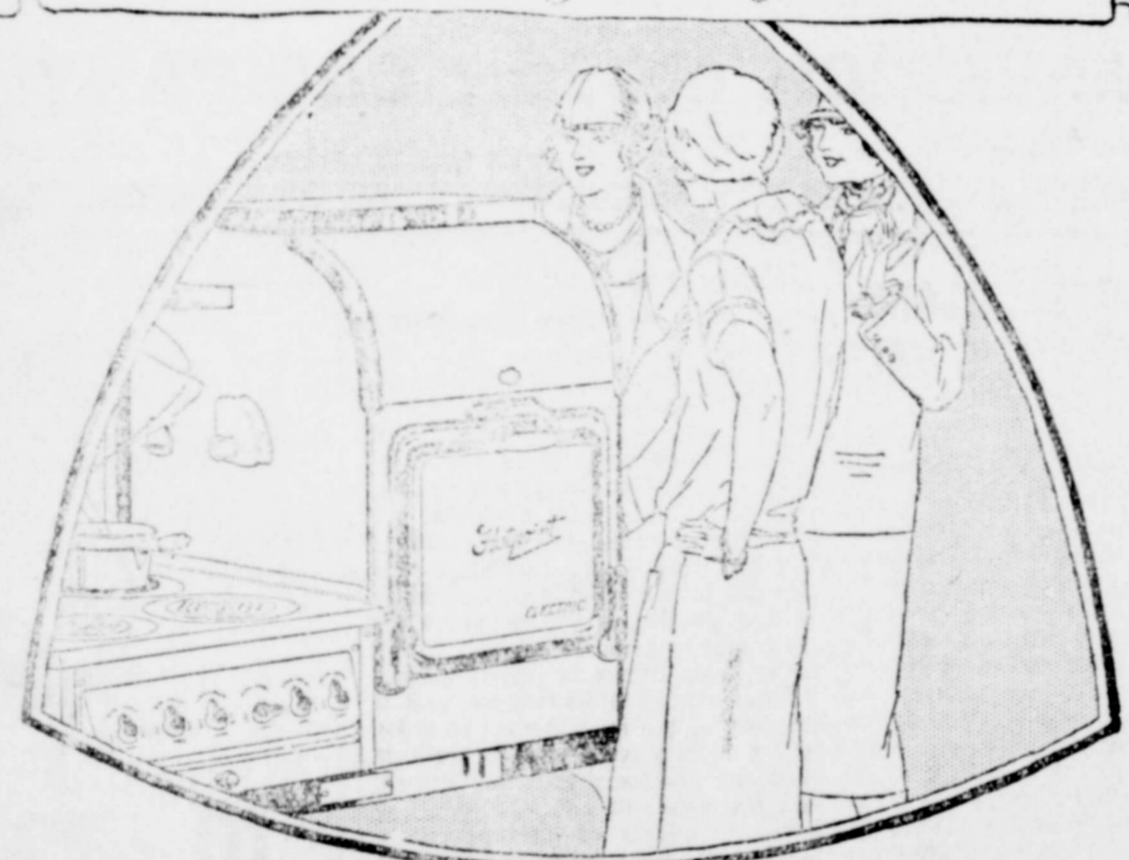
The principal qualifications for con-
testants are as follows:

Must not be over 25 years old;
must never have been associated with
a professional theatrical or operatic
company; must never have been a
paid principal in any concert held out-
side their own states; must declare
an intention to follow a musical ca-
reer and must be free from theatrical
or musical contracts.

This limitation permits choir sing-
ers to enter the auditions, even
though they may have received finan-
cial compensation for singing in
churches. Other groups from which
entries are anticipated are students
in musical schools and locally prom-
inent singers in high schools and col-
leges. Musical organizations in each
state are also afforded an opportunity
to participate.

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- Black and Gray
- Brown and Beige

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IDLEWISE CLUB

Idlewise Club members were entertained in the home of Mrs. Bill Haynes on Tuesday of this week. Tables were arranged for Bridge and the games were perhaps the merriest of the year. Gorgeous sunflowers were favored in the house decorations. The club members were very happy to have as their guests Misses Helen Booth, Tommy Durham, Edna Marie Jones, Boog Sears and Lorena Dry. Mrs. Haynes was assisted by Mrs. Earl Baze in serving delicious date-nut pie topped with whip cream and cherries to the above mentioned guests and following club members, Misses Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Ruby Hamm, Mary Eula Sears, Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Roy Largent, Emmett Grimes, Earl Baze and Bill Haynes.

Idlewise Club Members Enjoy Picnic

The members of the Idlewise club enjoyed a most pleasant outing on Mullberry Creek, Friday afternoon of last week. The picnic came at the culmination of a score-contest when the members on the losing side were hostesses to the winners. Guests assembled at the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and from there motored to Mulberry where a most elaborate menu was served picnic fashion. Those fortunate enough to enjoy this hospitality were Misses Lucy Tracy, Evelyn Hamm, Mary Cleo Booth, Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears and Mesdames Bill Haynes, Roy Largent, Earl Baze, and Emmett Grimes.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Swann-Sear Wedding Last Sunday Morning

A wedding creating much interest was solemnized Sunday morning at nine thirty when Miss Annie Maye Swann, of this city became the bride of Mr. Forest Sears, of Snyder. The wedding, was the culmination of a two years love affair in Snyder, Texas where Miss Swann was a teacher in the public schools, and took place in the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann in the presence of a large number of friends.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Christine Collins played Lohengruis wedding march, heralding the entrance of Miss Swann and Mr. Sears, who were unattended. Rev. Parrack of the Baptist church read the beautiful ring ceremony while Miss Collins very softly played "Indian Love Call". The out of town guests were Misses Cecil Strayhorn and Hattie Hern, both of Snyder, Merkel guests were Mr. and Mrs. Swann, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, Miss Willie Swann, Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett, Warren Smith, Misses Valeree Dye, Mary Cleo and Helen Booth, Julia Martin, Lucy Tracy, Mary and Ima Parrack, Mamie Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Rev. and Mrs. Parrack, Mrs. Joe Holmes, Mrs. Jesse Berry.

Miss Swann is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann. She received her A. B. degree from Simmons University and has been a teacher in the public schools of Snyder for two years where she has a host of friends to welcome her.

Mr. Sears is the very popular son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sears, prominent merchant of Snyder.

The happy couple will tour California, en-route they will make Salt Lake City, Denver and Yellow Stone Park, and on returning to Snyder will build immediately where they will make their future home.

The Mail joins their many friends in expressing good wishes for their future happiness.

Mrs. J. R. Barnett, returned Tuesday from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Percy Jones and family and Mr. W. B. Farmer, are to leave this week for an extended trip to Safford, Arizona and other points in that state and New Mexico.

Clean Up Sale on Hats



1 lot of Ladies hats Values up to \$5.95 choice for

\$1⁰⁰

All Childrens hats values up to \$3.50 go at \$1.00

All ladies hats except flops and felts greatly reduced

JONES DRY GOODS

Now Is The Time!

Now is the time to let us do your Plumbing Job

we are more than glad to figure your job and give you an estimate on any kind of fixtures. We try to keep a sample where you can look it over.

We have just received a car of Sewer Pipe this week. We have two plumbers working now and are trying to keep them busy.

Aermotor Windmills, the kind that run in a bath of oil, pipe and pipe fittings.

A good stock of most anything in the hardware line.

Watch our window announcing a special sale on an article that every family should have. You will miss a bargain if you fail to get one.

Liberty Hardware Company

"If It's Hardware We Have It"

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 hot 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?"

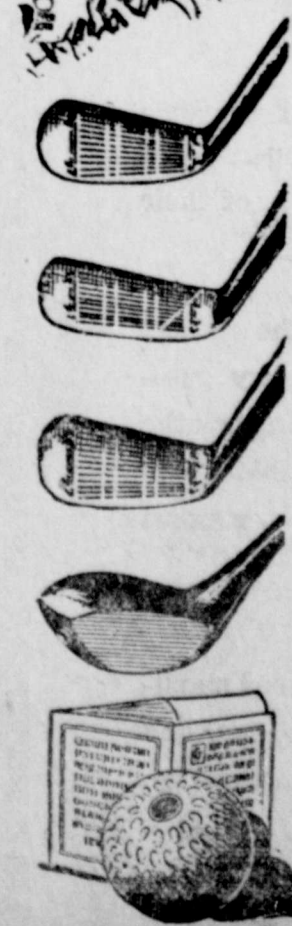
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church have this week moved into their new handsome home recently erected in the southwest part of the city.

Miss Jesse Sutphen, who for the past several years has been teaching in the Wichita Falls High Schools returned to her home here last week.

Mayor H. C. West and family have this week moved into their new and handsome home recently built by Mr. H. C. Duff and purchased from him by Mr. West.

Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford left last week for a visit with relatives in Chicago.

Fore-handed Golfers



SUNNY days are golfing days! If you would make that coveted hole-in-one this season, better get out on the links and tune up the old swine and get the "feel" of the stick. But strong, well balanced clubs are as necessary as a strong resolve to win. Here's a list of a few things you may need.

- MacGregor Irons \$4.00
- Burke Irons \$5.00
- Wilson Drivers and Brassies \$6.50 to \$7.50
- Wilson Irons and Clubs \$2.50
- Special Irons and Clubs \$1.75
- U. S. Royal Balls 75c
- Wilson Success Balls 50c
- Dags \$1.50 to \$5.50

A full stock of everything for the golfer.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL GOLF CLUB

WEST CO.

Queen Theatre

"SHOWING THE BEST OF ALL THE PICTURES"

—FRIDAY and SATURDAY—
TOM MIX and TONY the wonder horse in
"NO MANS GOLD"

A Whirlwind of human emotion staged in the great West.
 Also another thrilling chapter of
"OFFICER 44"
 and **"NON STOP BRIDE"**—2-reel Comedy Riot

—MONDAY and TUESDAY—

John Bowers, Lillian Tashman and
 H. B. Warner in
"WHISPERING SMITH"

The Greatest Railroad Melodrama ever filmed
 also COMEDY and NEWS

—WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY—
ANNA Q. NILSSON and LEWIS STONE

—in—
"MIDNIGHT LOVERS"

A First National Picture
 and Two-Reel **BUSTER BROWN COMEDY**

—COMING SOON—
Gene Stratton Porter's Greatest Novel

NOTICE—Matinee Every Day at 2:00 P. M.
 Same Old Prices 10c and 25c

Miss Willie Swann visited friends in Snyder this week.

A. J. Tucker, of Abilene visited relatives here last week end.

Mrs. Loyce Banzof, of Temple, is a guest in the S. M. Hunter home this week.

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ferris were in Abilene Sunday.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

SLICK FORGERY PLOT REVEALED

Girl's Fascination for Ice Machine Helps in Solving Big Crime.

New York.—The cast of "The Great Capitol Theater \$148,000 Check Forgery" includes a sign painter, a Fatty Arbuckle-sized elevator boy, a girl fascinated by an automatic ice-producing machine, an elderly and innocent New Jersey business man of established honesty and several as yet unidentified persons. The elevator boy, who admits, according to the police, that he got \$1,500 out of the \$148,000, is held in the Tombs on a forgery charge. The girl is being detained as a material witness.

William Roedel, the elevator operator, is what detectives call a "sap" or "sucker." He was not, according to the charge against him, unaware of the plot. But he was so naive that he got but a fraction of his share of the loot. The respectable business man was E. P. Ford, sixty-four years old.

Mr. Ford knew nothing of the plot, and when he finally became suspicious, notified the authorities. The sign painter, whose name is either unknown or being withheld, was the "master mind" in a scheme as clever as any that clever criminals have yet evolved. Nancy Kirby, the girl interested in refrigeration, was merely Roedel's sweetheart.

The largest, if not the chief, character in the plot, was Roedel. The elevator boy had been an object of pride, if also of some embarrassment, at the Capitol theater on Broadway. Once he had been a slender chap, but the ease of his life caused him to grow rapidly. Hired eight years ago, he was becoming so large that passen-

gers in the building began to complain that no one else could get into the elevator. He weighed 250 pounds. The Morell Realty corporation runs the Capitol theater. One of its rules has been never to discharge an employee who was faithfully performing his duties. Even the most exacting official could not complain that Roedel was doing anything else. If he was growing corpulent it was an act of God and certainly not a cause for discharge. There were no other places vacant in the theater and he could not be transferred.

Roedel continued operating the theater, even if casually inspectors making their periodical examinations of the machinery looked at him with a suspicious eye and intimated that they were going to reduce the number of persons legally permissible as long as he continued to operate the hoist. "Fatty"—so he was called by his phrase-making fellow workers—was paid \$28 a week and seemed contented.

Liked His Job.
 His salary may not have been commensurate with his size, but the post at the Capitol carried with it pleasant privileges. He had passes for most of the other Broadway motion picture theaters, for instance. Very frequently he was given seats for legitimate shows. Often he appeared with Miss Nancy Kirby, known along Broadway as "his steady." Miss Kirby, nineteen, or so, and pretty, also gradually acquired the pass courtesy at other theaters.

One day some weeks ago Roedel was operating his car and listening with a somewhat bored look to the occasional gibes from passengers about his size. He was due to go off duty early in the evening and was to take Nancy out. Possibly he was beginning to feel that \$28 a week was a small salary on which to give a girl a good time. It is quite possible that Nancy had started to urge him to earn more. At all events, so his story later related to the police goes, he lent a receptive ear to evil suggestions from a man who had formerly painted signs around the theater.

The artist, Roedel's alleged story goes on, said that he knew of a magnificent trick whereby he had picked up \$12,500 in Springfield, Mass. It was a cinch and now, with several friends, he was anxious to try it on a larger scale. Roedel, the man went on, had the freedom of the building in which is the Capitol theater. He knew of the offices of the Morell Realty corporation. All that he was to do, in return for \$15,000, was to admit them to the offices of the corporation. The whole thing was to be done on a high plane—no safe-blowing, robbery or gun-play.

"You're the kind of a man that could use money," they told him. "You ought to be a heavy spender—not just a \$28-a-week elevator pusher. With fifteen grand you can have a swell time. Haven't you got a girl that can help you have a good time?"

The picture was too alluring for Roedel, as he thought of the luxury-loving Nancy Kirby, and he gave in. He closed his eyes. The sign painter and his associates went into the Morell Realty corporation offices one night, got out the company's check book and wrote two checks—each for \$76,500. They used the special machine by which authentic checks of the company are identified, handed Roedel \$1,500 in part payment of his share and departed.

Hire an Executive.
 Then they left Manhattan and took up headquarters in Newark. Their first step there was to insert an advertisement in a newspaper saying that they wanted an executive to operate an office. This was in the name

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING NOTICE; WHERE WILL IT BE HELD THIS TIME?

Our Fifth Sunday singing at Comere was a real good one, and was enjoyed by all present, and we had a very fine crowd too, but no one asked for the next session. Some Caps people had stated that they would like to join the group and ask for the next meeting, but they failed to show up, and our good president named Houston Robertson, Prof. Nathan Woods and myself as a committee on location for the next meeting. So, any place desiring the same will please immediately get in touch with some member of this committee at once.

Blair would like to have the next meeting but we have no tabernacle and it takes such place to seat and care for the people. So we ask for applications. Blair will give way for any place that has a tabernacle. So come on and let's have some good singing before the next Fifth Sunday. Some one let me know where there is a singing for next Sunday; I want to go. T. H. SPEARS, member of committee.

AGONIZING

When we were young we frequently heard the expression "Agonizing with the Lord" and we have been compelled to listen to some good old brother or sister agonizing from ten to thirty minutes as with tremulous voices they confessed their unworthiness and begged a stern and angry God to withhold from them his wrath. We have not altogether gotten away from that sort of supplication. We ask God for favors in a voice full of doubt and fear in which there is no confident tone of faith or assurance of victory. Would it not be better to call on our Lord in natural tones, free from affectation with no thought of convincing him by our logic or persuading him with our eloquence. God is not alone in the heavens but is directly in front of us and we need not clamorously appeal to him to be heard.

TOO LATE.

Irate Father—I'll teach you to kiss my daughter, sir!
 Nervy Beau—Too late. I've already learned.

Palace Theatre

Friday and Saturday
 and Saturday Matinee

HAROLD LLOYD
 —in—
"THE KID BROTHER"

TWO REEL COMEDY and PATHE NEWS REEL

Monday and Tuesday

WALLACE BEERY

—in—
"CASEY AT THE BAT"

TWO REEL COMEDY and PATHE NEWS REEL

Wednesday and Thursday

REGINALD DENNY

—in—
"THE CHEERFUL FRAUD"

together with **"THE COLLEGIANS"**

"NEVER A DISAPPOINTMENT"

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The friendship club was delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. B. A. Clark, Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Earl Thornton hostesses. Games of forty-two were enjoyed throughout the afternoon, after which Mrs. Harry L. McCandless charmed the guest with a group of readings. Refreshments of cherry nut cream and angel food cake were served with plate favors, a corsage of red flowers lined with white malign. Those enjoying the afternoon were: Mesdames, Bishop Hunter, Tye Sublett, Frank Golliday, W. L. Johnson, Jr., W. A. Candless, Oscar Buford, Herbert Patterson, Wood Harry L. McCandless and Miss Mason, of Ballinger.

Chevrolet touring—Good paint and rubber. O. K. mechanically. Maverick Motor Co. It

Ford truck—Priced right. Maverick Motor Co. It

H. H. HAND

Kent Street

Acetylene Welding, Vulcanizing, Radiator Repairing, Battery Repairing, U. S. L. Batteries.

All we ask is a trial.
 Your Patronage is Appreciated



A SIMPLE TEST

Of that Good Gulf Gasoline, Gulf Supreme Motor Oils, and Quaker State Oils—Is all that is needed to insure satisfaction of their fine quality.

Try this simple test! Check up on the mileage you have been getting with ordinary gasoline. Then drive up to our station and ask the pump man to "fill 'er up" with this clean-burning, energetic fuel. The first ten miles will be a revelation to you!

The careful distillation process of good manufacture minimizes carbon troubles, too, and insures many smiling miles of even running.

Woodrun's New Drive In Filling Station



We Must Work Together

EVERY thoughtful citizen of this community is interested in its development and progress. There's no question about that! We all want our children to enjoy better homes, better schools, better parks—more agreeable surroundings and greater comforts.

We all want our town to keep step with its neighbors, to take the lead in civic affairs. So there is only one sound plan for us to follow:

We must work together to increase the wealth of this community by doing everything we can to encourage local business.

When you and your family patronize our advertisers—the stores and banks of our town—and keep your money in circulation right here at home, there is no power on earth that can prevent our progress.

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

PROFESSIONAL

DR. W. M. GAMBILL
Dentist
-X-Ray Diagnosis-
Office phone 116 Res. phone 108
Office on Front St.; Boney Bldg

M. ARMSTRONG, M. D.
Office Over Farmers State
Bank
Res. Phone 12. Office 195.
Local Surgeon T. & P. For Last
10 Years.
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T. C. WILSON
...JEWELER...
116 Chestnut Street Abilene

DR. R. I. GRIMES
Physician and Surgeon
Hours 10 to 12 a.m 2 to 5 p.m.
Phones 105-163 Res. 165

DR. S W. JOHNSON.
Surgeon Dentist
Office over Farmers State Bank
Office Phone 306

PAULINE JOHNSON
Successor to
G. W. JOHNSON
Insurance-Notary Public
Over West Company-Front St.
Merkel - Texas

W. W. WHEELER
Real Estate, Fire, Accident and
Tornado Insurance Agent.
Notary Public.
Office over Crown Hardware Co

DR. MINTON T. RAMSEY
DENTIST
X-Ray and Diagnosis
3rd Floor Alexander Bldg.
Telephone 177 Abilene, Tex

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Practice limited to Refracting
Eyes Examined-Glasses Fitted
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Over Brooks D.G. Abilene, Tex

-PILES CURED-
No Knife No Pain No Deten-
tion from Work
DR. E. E. COCKRELL
Rectal and Skin Specialist
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WE KNOW HOW
Phones 229 and 285w
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Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
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One Large 8x10 Enlargement
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RODDEN'S STUDIO
Roll Developed 10c; Prints 3,4,5c
-ONE DAY SERVICE-
All Work Strictly Guaranteed

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CHIROPRACTOR
Merkel, Teas Phone 51
In Boney Building on Front St.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE-Windmill and Tower,
Phone 205, Miss Amanda Curtis, or
see Marvin Smith. 2t

FOR SALE-8, 10 and 12 weeks old
cockerels from M. Johnson Imperial
Pedigreed stock at 75c and \$1.00 each.
J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas. 13t3

CITY Furniture Company-Buy, sell
and exchange. Large stock stoves,
tents and rugs. Joe Garland, prop. tf

Why not build up your system, ap-
petite and blood, Dr. Shoop's Restora-
tive will do the work. Guaranteed
and sold by Hamm Drug Company. tf

FOR SALE-Fresh load of fine
jersey milk cows at my place one
mile west of Noodle. Will trade for
dry stuff. T. C. Jenkins. tf

FOR SALE-Good young Jersey cow,
fresh. See A. H. Thornton.

I WILL HAVE PIGS FOR
SALE SATURDAY. SAM BUT-
MAN.

FOR SALE-Eight Registered, Dur-
oc Jersey pigs. See W. D. Williams,
Merkel, Route One.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT-Three nice bed rooms,
close in hot and cold water, and other
modern conveniences. Mrs. H. C. Duff,
Phone 276-W. 1t

FOR RENT-Good house, close in.
See W. D. Hutcheson. 1t

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See W. D. Hutcheson. 1t

FOR RENT-A part of my house,
either furnished or unfurnished. Mrs.
R. R. Buford, or phone 141. 1t

FOR RENT-My home place, four
rooms, furnished and all modern
conveniences. S. F. Haynes. 1tp

FOR RENT-South bedroom with
access to hot water and bath. Close in.
Phone 38. tf

COTTON SEED
We buy every day. Highest market
price. See us before you sell.
FRED GUITAR L. L. MURRAY.

FOR RENT-Five room residence.
See Boney and Grimes.

FOR RENT-Nicely furnished apart-
ment three blocks from town on
Oak Street. All modern conveniences;
lights, telephone and garage included.
Mrs. Jas. H. West, Telephone 145.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST-A pair of gold-rimmed glass-
es, between my home and Merkel.
Finder please return to me or leave
at Baker & Wheeler's Market. G. L.
Baker.

LOST-A red steer yearling. Has
mark in left ear. Jasper McCoy. 1tp

LOST-A diamond bar pin, on the
streets of Mrkel. Finder please re-
turn to the Merkel Mail and receive
reward. 1t



Don't Take a Chance-Get an
EXIDE BATTERY
Peep in at Everybody's Garage-
-Where Service is Complete-
S. M. HUNTER

Full Set Teeth \$17.50
No Better Plate Made at Any Price
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Gold Fillings \$1.50 and Up.
I Cure Those Old Bad Gums.



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All Work Guaranteed
25 Years Experience-
SOUTH SIDE DENTIST
116 1-2 Chestnut St. Abilene.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Taylor County, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-
ED to summon Edward Roy Keithley
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 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, 1926, 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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-
ED TO SUMMON ELLA BILLS
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 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 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.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and
the Seal of said Court, at office in
Abilene, Texas, this the 18th day of
May A. D. 1927.

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

There is lots of news in the Classi-
fied Columns. Read it every week.

TO HOLDERS OF
SECOND LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

EXCHANGE OFFERING OF NEW
TREASURY BONDS

Notice is given of a new offering of
UNITED STATES TREASURY BONDS,
dated June 15, 1927, and bearing interest
from that date at the rate of 3% per
cent. The bonds will mature in twenty
years, but may be called for redemption
after sixteen years.

Second Liberty Loan bonds will be ac-
cepted in exchange at par. Accrued inter-
est on the Second Liberty bonds of-
fered for exchange will be paid as of
June 15, 1927.

Second Liberty Loan bonds have been
called for payment on November 15, 1927,
and will cease to bear interest on that
date. Holders of such bonds who desire
to take advantage of the exchange offer-
should consult their bank or trust com-
pany at once. The exchange privilege
will be available for a limited period only,
and may expire about June 15th.

Further information may be obtained
from banks or trust companies, or from
any Federal Reserve Bank.

A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington, May 31, 1927.

PILES CURED
No Knife No Pain No Detention From Work
DR. E. E. COCKRELL
Rectal and Skin Specialist of Abilene, Texas, will be at
HAMM DRUG COMPANY, TUESDAY, JUNE 14
From 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

TRUST COMPANIES
RANK NEWSPAPER
ADVERTISING HIGHEST

The outstanding trust institutions
of the United States are those that
were pioneers in using advertising as
a means of selling their services, a
speaker told a conference of trust
companies held in New York recently.
He presented the results of a question-
naire sent out by the Trust Company
Division, American Bankers Associa-
tion, making an inquiry into the ad-
vertising practices of institutions do-
ing a trust business. Three out of
every four trust companies and banks
engaged in extending trust services
were found to be advertising. The
opinion was expressed by the speaker

that their growth would closely follow
the amounts spent each year for ad-
vertising.
The local newspaper is the most
highly regarded advertising medium.
It was disclosed. In all, 925 companies
answering the questionnaire used the
local papers and 333 did not. The in-
stitutions buying space in local papers
are evenly divided among all sections
of the country. Comparing six media
for selling personal trust services and
considering their effectiveness from the
standpoint of producing results, the
speaker declared that the local
newspapers should head the list. Fold-
ers and booklets can reach a limited
audience, he observed, but the news-
paper is the best medium for acquir-
ing prestige and mass circulation. It
should never be omitted, he urged.

yards which they had overlooked.
The annual exhibit will be continued
in the future by the bank. A horse
show is sponsored, better seed corn
and seed potatoes are made available
to the farmers for planting and the
bank will continue to build agriculture
in the community as a sound basis on
which to work. "It will probably be
some time before we shall see larger
fruits of our endeavors," the banker
says, "but we are looking ahead ten
to fifteen years."

THE NEW MENACE

Hitch-hiking its way towards the
nation's corncrib, the European corn
borer is threatening to destroy crops
to the value of billions of dollars and
chase skyward the cost of produc-
tion. If it worms its way into the
Wabash and Mississippi Valleys, it
can readily float downstream, spread
out and become more difficult to con-
trol. Proper cooperation of all con-
cerned will, no doubt, enable us to
continue to grow corn profitably.-
Agricultural Bulletin, American
Bankers Association.

A corn and apple show is to be an
annual feature at a bank in Baltimore
County, Maryland. Another banker
has been able to get his county to
"think corn," over 500 farmers
planting improved corn. Many other
bankers in the state are giving moral
support and funds to this work.

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 petro-
leum. 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 with-
out success.

I am a
malicious
mosquito!
I should be killed!
Bee Brand
INSECT
POWDER
OR
LIQUID

KEEP FOOD FRESH
WITH ICE
You save money in the 'long run' by keeping your
refrigerator well stocked with Ice that you know
is pure. It's no trick to keep food fresh and whole-
some with Abilene ice. Call us today—our man
will be around tomorrow!
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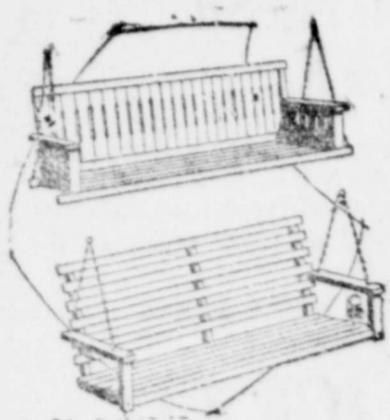
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Taylor County, Greetings:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAN-
DED to summon Frank Taylor by
making publication of this Citation
once in each week for four successive
weeks previous to the return day
hereof, in some newspaper published
in your County, to appear at the next
regular term of the 42nd Judicial Dis-
trict Court of Taylor County, to be
holden at the Court House thereof, in
Abilene, Texas, on the Third Monday
in July A. D. 1927, the same being
the 18th day of July A. D. 1927, then
and there to answer a petition filed in
said Court on the 28th day of May
A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on
the docket of said Court as No. 6507-A
wherein Elizabeth M. Taylor, is Plain-
tiff, and Frank Taylor, is Defendant,
and said petition alleging that Plain-
tiff and Defendant were married ab-
out May 31st, 1890 and separated
about March 1st 1925. Plaintiff sues
for a divorce on the ground of cruel
treatment, all of which is fully alleg-
ed 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 28th day of May
A. D. 1927.
Belle Wellborn Clerk,
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By Birdie Wilson, Deputy. 3t4
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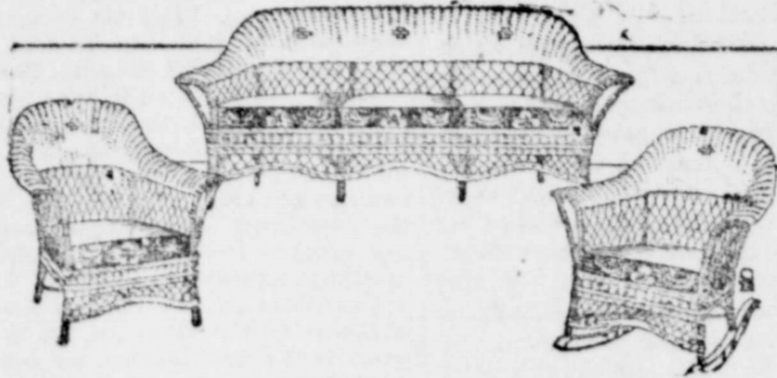
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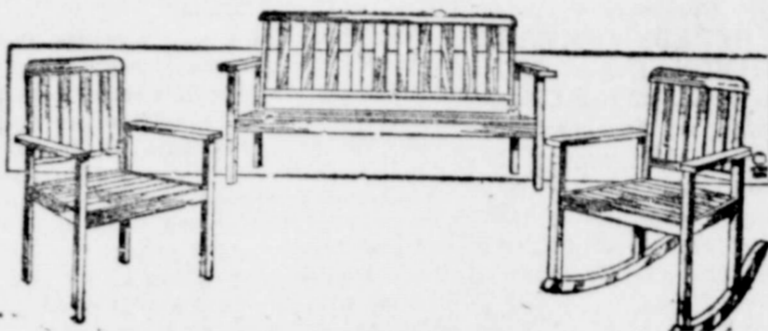
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WHEN I WAS TWENTY-ONE

BY JOSEPH KAYE

At twenty-one Scott Fitzgerald wrote the book that brought him fame.

"AT TWENTY-ONE I was in an officers' training camp and while there started on a novel. I would begin work on it every Saturday afternoon at one and work like mad until midnight. Then I would work at it from six Sunday morning until six Sunday night, when I had to report back to barracks.

"When I finished the novel it was rejected. A year later it was published under the title of 'This Side of Paradise.'—SCOTT FITZGERALD."

TODAY—At the age of thirty-one, when others are just starting out to make their way, Fitzgerald is already a famous author, commanding both the attention of the public and substantial checks from the publishers.

When "This Side of Paradise" was published it became the leading novel of the time almost immediately, and the future of the young writer was assured.

It might be no exaggeration to say that Fitzgerald started the "napper" literature that inundated this country up to a year or two ago.

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ANNOUNCING



Allen A Hosiery at BROWN'S

Shower Given For Bride-Elect Who Weds June 15

Miss Vera Babb entertained Miss Hattie Mae Free Thursday evening with a shower to formally announce her approaching marriage to Mr. Quay Hamblett of Breckenridge which is to take place on June 15th.

The bridal motif was carried out in the place cards and refreshments. A miscellaneous shower was given the honoree, including many useful and decorative gifts. The hostess was assisted by her cousin, Merlene Waters, of Rosston, Arkansas and sister, Mrs. John B. Latham of Breckenridge.

Refreshments were served to the following guests:

Misses Hattie Mae Free, Dixie Frost, Margaret Sands, Ora Baker, Bonnie Lisman, Susie Russel, Addie Belle Free, Opal Shrewbert, Vannie Hamblett, Merlene Waters, Beanie

Dortch, Pearl Free, Ida Wary, Beulah Merie Stephenson, Estelle Babb, Mary Louise Latham; Mesdames E. A. Piller, E. Henderson, Houston Ony, Millard Piller, W. B. Wiltshira, J. A. Neill, L. L. Babb, John B. Latham, Douglas King.

Master Jas. H. West, Jr. is in Anson this week, the guest of his aunt, Mrs. W. B. Brown.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson, of Trent was the guest Tuesday of her daughter, Mrs. Jno. R. West.

Mr. H. R. Horton of Merkel Route One, was in the city one day recently, and stated that although he had not had very much rain, crops were really holding up fine, with good prospects of a fair yield.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Magnees and two daughters, all of Dallas are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble.

BLAIR ITEMS

The series of meetings closed with a spiritual restoration of the church and eleven additions.

The workers meeting on Sunday the 6th was held with a hearty co-operation. Bro. Jenkins, of Abilene delivered an eloquent discourse at the eleven o'clock hour.

Uncle Billie Clark and daughter Miss Jessie of Mexico are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Ora Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and children Dora Mae and J. L. motored to Hamlin the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson of Trent were the guests of Mrs. Meeks parents Mr. and Mrs. Rosson Meeks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. White Farmer visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Blackburn spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears motored to Comper Sunday.

Little Donald Ray Logan has been on the sick list recently.

Mr. D. C. Doan has bought the Cawatte Garage.

LOST—Between Trent and Tye, on the Bankhead Highway, some bedding. Finder please return to the Merkel Mail Office, and receive reward. 1tpd.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holden, of Abilene, were here Sunday visiting relatives, prior to their leaving this week for Chicago. They were accompanied on their visit here by Miss Holden, of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Clark had as guests in their home the first of the week, Mr. Clark's sisters, Mrs. Moody, of Weatherford, and Mrs. George Brown and little son Carol, of Fort Worth. Also Mr. Roy Cogburn, of Fort Worth and little R. A. Stuart, of Lamesa.

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