

New Ford Car To Be Made In Six Models In Pyroxylin Finish

After six months of "saying nothing but sawing wood," Henry Ford today announced the specifications of the new Ford car which succeeds the famous Model T. A bare listing of those specifications presents a picture of an automobile that in performance, appearance and mechanical features has heretofore been associated with a considerably higher price class.

Unusual speed and acceleration are among the outstanding features of the new car. It is announced as being able to make 55 to 60 miles an hour, with ease. In recent tests it has made even more without difficulty. What is more important, it is stated that when traveling at such speeds, it holds the road easily, and with comfort to driver and passengers. It is also stated with equal positiveness, however, that it performs in an equally spectacular manner on bad roads. In its design, Mr. Ford has held to his original idea of a car which can meet all conditions and types of roads.

Appreciating the constantly increasing importance of acceleration, the Ford Motor Company has given a great deal of study to this feature of the new car. In high gear tests with two passengers in a Tudor sedan it has shown an acceleration of from 5 to 25 miles an hour in 8 1-2 seconds.

The new Ford car also introduces a new type of four wheel brakes. An exclusive Ford development, they are of the mechanical shoe expanding type, and are self centering. The brake pedal and the hand brake each operates all four brakes. It is stated that this is the most reliable and simplest type of four-wheel brake, and also the easiest to adjust, all adjustments being made from the outside without removing any parts.

An engine that is practically vibrationless develops 40 horsepower at 2,200 revolutions per minute. This low revolution speed in relation to the high horsepower is illustrative of the unusual efficiency of the engine. Also, it means longer life, the lower engine speed insuring less wear on engine parts. The low revolution speed is also a substantial factor in lessening vibration. The bore is 3 3/4 inches, stroke 4 1/4 inches. The unusually large crankshaft, which is both statically and dynamically balanced, weighs 28 pounds. This balancing, combined with the lightness of aluminum alloy pistons, further combine to reduce vibration and increase riding and driving comfort and safety.

In addition to freedom from vibration, it is announced that the car is unusually quiet, a great deal of attention having been paid to this important feature by the Ford engineers. In the engine, the timing gears are made of beveled fabric, which is much quieter than metal. The cams on the camshaft have been so designed as to prevent valve clicking.

The coachwork of the car is as distinctive as its performance. There is a noticeable European touch in line and contour. It is not only designed for exterior beauty, but has as well the interior roominess, convenience and luxurious appointments to be found in much higher priced automobiles. On an instrument board of satin-finished nickel are mounted the speedometer, gasoline gauge, ammeter and ignition lock with a dashlight in center. The new military-type sun visor, with crown roof and round corners, are features of the closed models. Unusually narrow pillars and very wide doors and windows give maximum vision. Nickle-plated radiator shell and headlights further accentuate the exterior attractiveness, while choices of four colors in pyroxylin finish are offered.

Simplicity in design has also been carried to the ignition. There is only one coil, in a waterproof case. There are no vibrators to adjust, and no exposed cables to work loose or short circuit from water. The distributor is located in a readily accessible position on top of the engine. Centrifugal water pump, large radiator and airplane propeller-type fan provide a cooling system which makes the car very difficult to overheat, except from abuse, such as running without enough oil, or dry radiator.

From 20 to 30 miles to a gallon of gasoline, depending upon driving speed, is the gasoline consumption announced. Feed to carburetor is by gravity.

The oiling system, also a distinctive Ford design, is a combination of pump

Contract Awarded For More Paving

We are informed that the City has let the contract to the Panhandle Construction Company for the paving of possibly 20 blocks in the residence section. The contract price being \$2.05 per square yard, and the type of paving brick.

Oak Street, will be paved from the railroad to city limits, if all property owners come in on the matter. There will be four blocks paved on Locust Street and six on Travis, if the property owners come in. This will give us paved streets by all the churches on the South side and to the school buildings.

MEETING TO ARRANGE FOR FORTHCOMING BANQUET

I have called several meetings in the past six months and none of them have been well attended. There has always been a faithful few who have never failed to respond.

Monday night at 7 o'clock, I should like to meet every business man in Merkel at my office to arrange for a banquet which shall become an annual event and to which should be invited some of our state officials, our member of Congress and others whom we should be glad to entertain.

If you are interested, attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears and Miss Irene Swann of Snyder were visitors in the J. S. Swann home Sunday. Mrs. Sears was Miss Annie Mae Swann before her marriage.

Mrs. Henry Biggs, daughter of Mr. Q. Brown is very ill at the present time and little hope is held out for her recovery.

splash and gravity feed. The new transmission is of the selective sliding gear type, with standard shift, three speeds forward and one reverse. The main shaft runs on ball bearings, the counter shaft on roller bearings and the reverse idler on bronze bearings, a power-saving design unusual on light cars. Shifting of gears is noiselessly and easily accomplished, at the pressure of a finger.

Multiple dry-disc clutch, rear axle of three-quarter floating type housed in electrically welded steel, and spiral bevel gear drive are interesting features. The axle shafts carry none of the weight of the car, the wheels running on roller bearings on the housing. Newly developed springs of the transverse semi-elliptic type and hydraulic shock-absorbers prevent excessive up-and-down movement and remove side-sway.

Irreversible steering gear, which prevents shocks from being transmitted to the hands of the driver, makes handling exceptionally easy. Maximum steering safety is further provided by a gear housing of welded steel forgings, and a steel tube steering column welded into the housing, making a sturdy and exceptionally safe one-piece unit.

Ford-designed steel spoke wheels, completely welded into a one-piece assembly, are provided.

There are six models of the new car. They are the phaeton, roadster, sport coupe, coupe, Tudor sedan and Fordor sedan.

Local dealers are preparing for a public reception today, when models of the new line will be shown in photographs and charts.

New Ford Prices Are \$385 to \$570

Detroit, Nov. 30.—Prices of the new Ford car given out here tonight show a range of from \$385 to \$570 for the various types of pleasure cars and \$460 to \$610 for the various truck types.

The various types and their prices f. o. b. Detroit follow:
Tudor sedan, \$495.
Fordor sedan, \$570.
Coupe, \$495.
Sport Coupe, \$550
Phaeton, \$395
Roadster, \$385
Roadster with pick-up body, \$395.
Chasses, \$325
Trucks:
Truck chassis, \$460
Truck chassis with cab, \$545.
Truck chassis with cab and express body, \$600.
Truck chassis with cab and stake body, \$610.
Truck chassis with cab and platform body, \$595.

Sweetwater Baptist Ass'n. Workers Council to Convene Dec. 5

A very interesting and educational program has been prepared for and by the Workers Council of the Sweetwater Baptist Association which will convene with the Maryneal Baptist Church on December 5th.

The program follows:
10:00 a. m.—Devotional led by Rev. C. G. Sewell.
10:15—Baptist Benevolence by Rev. D. R. Peveto.
10:45—Stewardship of Possessions by Rev. E. K. Dougherty.
11:30—Sermon by Rev. R. C. Pender.

12:00 M.—Dinner.
1 p. m.—Board Meeting.
1:15—Devotional led by Rev. O. L. Dennis.

1:30—Our Associational Program, Rev. C. D. Owen.
2:00—Ministerial Relief, Dr. W. F. Fry.

Benediction.

C. of C. NOTES

By L. R. THOMPSON, Secretary

It will soon be the first of the year—the usual time to take inventories, and we may as well start this paragraph by recounting some things that have been accomplished—not by reason of, but at least with the aid and assistance of the Chamber of Commerce.

Personally, the secretary is claiming no credit for the reason that if he deserves credit for the accomplishment of anything that is worth while to Merkel, it will not be necessary to claim it. So we will say that Merkel, and that includes everybody, has paved the business section; extended and improved the water system; installed a white way; voted nearly seven to one to build a concrete system of high ways in Taylor county and granted a franchise to a company that laid more than ten miles of gas mains.

Many other things should be done and can be done with co-operative effort. Nothing will ever be done without it. Everybody's business is nobody's business. The business man who does not believe in a Chamber of Commerce for his town has either failed to give the matter proper thought or has not yet emerged from the old order that had for its tenant "Each one for himself, and the Devil for the hindmost."

"We believe in co-operative effort for the farmer and the same for the merchant and professional man and we are for all of them.

We have never paid much attention to criticism, for no habitual critic is worthy of very much notice and his criticisms usually amounts to no more than the satisfaction he gets out of it. But to conclude—with hard-surfaced highways, there is but one way for Merkel to keep its trade, and that is to hold it by organized effort and increase it by offering inducements that will attract it here.

The next district meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be held in Merkel and it will be worth much to Merkel and her trade territory to have it here. The seven minute speeches made at Sweetwater were instructive and inspiring. All who heard them will carry back wealth of thought to their communities.

You will hear it said by some who never seriously think, that no benefit will be derived from this meeting. After it is held, they will change their minds, provided, of course, that they have a change near at hand.

The writer with the aid of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will make an effort to have passenger trains Numbers 1 and 16 stop at Merkel, and we will also make an effort to have the T. & P. build a new depot. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is always ready to lend assistance to further the best interests of any community in its territory, and when it solicits merchants for memberships it should meet with ready response.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Henderson of Dallas, arrived the first of the week for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. S. H. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are new folks in our city, he being in charge of the linotype machine at the Merkel Mail office.

Miss Inez Sloan, of Crowell, Texas visited Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Mayhew Saturday night and Sunday.

Choral Club and Expression Department To Give Recital

On next Tuesday evening at the Grammar School Auditorium, the Choral Club and Miss Lucy Tracey's Expression Department of the Merkel High School, will render a joint recital.

From what we learn, this is going to be one of the best and most interesting entertainments the people of Merkel have had the opportunity of attending for many days, and it is hoped that a large attendance will be present.

Highway Opening Celebration at Baird

There is going to be a great celebration in the city of Baird Saturday, December Third, in which the cities of Abilene, Cisco and Baird join hands in celebrating the completion and opening of the Bankhead Highway from Abilene East to Dallas, also the completion of the paving of the main streets of Baird, and the Editor of this paper and the people of this community are invited to attend same in the following letter.

Baird, Texas.
November 26th, 1927.

Mr. Thos. Durham,
Editor, Merkel Mail,
Merkel, Texas.
Dear Mr. Durham:

Abilene, Baird and Cisco are planning a big celebration which will be held in Baird, Saturday December 3rd. At this time we will celebrate the completion of the paving of the last gap of the Bankhead Highway from Abilene to Dallas, also the completion of the paving of the Main Street in Baird.

A big FREE Barbecue will be served at noon. The speaking will start at ten o'clock in the morning and we hope that you can get over to hear Judge Ely and other prominent men at this time.

Simmons Cowboy Band from Abilene, The Big Dam Lobo Band from Cisco and others will furnish the music during the day.

The city is making extensive preparations for the celebration and we want you to be here to help us celebrate. Please extend a cordial invitation to your people to be our guests on this date.

Let us know when you get here as we have a seat reserved for you on the speakers platform.

Sincerely yours,
H. O. TATUM, Sec. C of C

Sell \$600,000 Taylor County Road Bonds

On a bid of par, accrued interest and a premium of \$2,826, the Mercantile Trust & Savings Company of Dallas yesterday contracted to buy \$600,000 in Taylor county road bonds, bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest payable semi-annually.

The Commissioners' Court received and opened bids from more than a score of leading bond houses of the nation.

ACCEPTS 4 1/2 PER CENT BID
Bids were received on both 4 1/2 and 4 3-4 per cent bonds. The bid accepted was for 4 1/2 per cent, bonds maturing serially over a period of 30 years, with interest payable October 1, 1928 and semi-annually thereafter.

Representatives of bidders declared the bidding here was more spirited than they had ever seen on a county issue in this section of the state. The price paid for the Taylor county bonds is higher than any ever paid a central West Texas county, it is declared.

The bonds sold yesterday are a part of the million-dollar issue voted October 24th for the purpose of paving all state highways in the county, with a total of \$300,000 to be set aside for improving lateral roads.

CONTRACT STIPULATIONS
The contract on which the bid was made stipulates that the county furnish the printed bonds and pay for preliminary approving opinion from attorneys. The bidder agrees to accept delivery at the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas.

Bearing 4 1/2 per cent, payable semi-annually, principal will be paid in series beginning with \$10,000 April 1, 1929 and continuing annually on that date in gradually increasing amounts until the final payment of \$37,000 April 1, 1927. —Abilene Reporter.

Merkel Will Get Next District Meeting

At the meeting Wednesday in Sweetwater, of the Central West Texas C of C, Merkel was awarded the next annual meeting, which will be held about this time next year.

For a number of years Merkel has waged a continuous fight to secure this meeting, and at the meeting in Sweetwater, the task was completed without opposition. During the long fight this city has been ably represented by our worthy and most efficient Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. L. R. Thompson, and it was through his efforts that this city was awarded the next meeting without opposition. And let us say here that this paper feels certain that the entire citizenship will unite in an effort to make that convention, one of the best ever held throughout the district.

The meeting at Sweetwater, which was presided over by Mr. Thompson, during the entire business session was one of the best ever held to date in any district throughout the bounds of the organization. The noon-day banquet and program, given by the Sweetwater Board of City Development, was very fine indeed, and was enjoyed by everyone attending.

Besides the business session and fine program rendered by the convention, a great crowd was present to hear and greet Governor Dan Moody, who delivered the principal address of the afternoon. Governor Moody, was introduced in a most able manner by our distinguished citizen and able Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. L. R. Thompson, who in a few choice words expressed more than is usually said in a lengthy address.

Besides Mr. Thompson, Merkel was represented by the following: Postmaster O. J. Adcock, Max Mellinger, W. J. Largent, T. R. and Earl Lassiter, J. T. Dennis and W. W. Haynes, and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham.

Grandma Phillips Ob serves 84th Birthday

Thursday, November 24th, was the occasion of a happy birthday and Thanksgiving dinner given in honor of and celebrating the 84th birthday of "Grandma" Phillips, who has lived in the Shiloh community for the past forty-two years.

At about eleven o'clock, the company began to arrive. She didn't think much about it until four or five cars had arrived, and everyone began to bring out huge baskets of food and gifts for her. More and more people came and it dawned upon "Grandma" that the children had come to celebrate her birthday. Tears of gratitude and joy came to her eyes and she could only laugh and cry a little.

A long table was arranged in the yard and dinner was served at about 12:30. A huge birthday cake with 84 candles on it adorned the center of the table. They were lit and Grandma blew them out. Of course the dinner was excellent and everyone had a most enjoyable time. The following of the children were present:

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Phillips and children of Shiloh; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phillips and son of Abilene; Mrs. S. E. Pomroy and son Jack of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters of Noodle Dome; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hail and Children of Shiloh; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woods of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge and two sons of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Hughes of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Walker and daughter of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winters and two sons of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winters and son of Noodle Dome and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rosson and son of Taft.

There were four children, twelve grand-children, fifteen great-great grandchildren, one niece and one great niece. Many of the children and grand children were unable to come. Other friends present were Mrs. J. L. Barnes; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnes; Mrs. A. E. Riley and Mrs. Phoebe Green.

SINGING AT BLAIR

Every singer is cordially invited to come to Blair next Sunday afternoon for an excellent old-time Singing.

We will have the new Vaughn Book and if you have some other book bring it with you and lets have all the good things together.

We invite all the Singers from Abilene, Trent, Merkel, Stith, Compere, Hodges, Noodle, Nubia and all the rest. Come, we want to begin at 2 p. m. and we want all who play to come also.
T. H. Spears.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Briant Traveling in Far East

People in the Far East are very nice as there are not so many tourists and they like to meet all the newcomers and be nice to them.

From Manila, I came down through the Southern Islands where the Moros live, down to Jolo where they dive for pearls and where the Sultan of Sulu lives. We wanted to go see him but as we were only there for a few hours and the Sultan lives out in the jungle with a bunch of his wives, we had to forego seeing him.

The native children go naked, some of them have a little shirt on that barely come to the waist and why they wear that is hard to understand.

Some of the women have their teeth filed off or knocked out to signify that they are married—some have teeth as black as ink caused from chewing betel nut, which is blood red.

Out at the prison at Zamboanga, they have a number of Moro prisoners and there are a number of very mean and hard looking fellows among them.

The U. S. A. had an army post at Zamboanga, and they train the natives for army service and they make good soldiers. The army people are very nice and friendly to tourists and there is quite a number of people in the army from Texas, and it makes one feel perfectly at home with them.

From Jolo across the North of Borneo there is several stops at the different towns. The towns are small and only a very few English people but it is an interesting spectacle. A young chieftain from the hills at Kudat in Borneo was like the descriptions one reads about. Pieces of wood were thrust his ears with beads hanging from them, a bead necklace, rings and bracelets on his fingers and arms. He was all dressed up as he was wearing pants. Two bright sashes around his waist and a bolo knife stuck in one of them. He also wore a brightly colored head-dress. He walked like a king and was really very handsome.

The ocean travel was very enjoyable as it was calm, beautiful and restful. Have been in Singapore and am on the way to Java and that is about as far away from home as it is possible to get on this trip. Will be in Java two weeks, then back to Singapore and up to Siam, then across India.

Singapore is a very pretty city and with Manila are two of the prettiest cities. The climate has been ideal. It seems to have rained just enough to keep the weather pleasant and by the time India is reached it will be the time for cooler weather there.

It requires a long to make a trip of any length as connections cannot be made here as in the U. S. Perhaps one will be tied up for a week or longer trying to get connections to go from one place to another.

Love to all
Jess.

Mrs. W. J. Hembre Is Entertained

Mrs. Matt Dillingham entertained in honor of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Hembre of Jayton, Texas on Wednesday afternoon, November 31st.

Games of Auction Bridge gave diversion for the afternoon and a number of her out of town friends helped to make the afternoon especially happy for Mrs. Hembre.

At the culmination of the games Mrs. Dillingham served a delicious fruit cake with Bavarian cream. Mrs. Hembre, Mrs. Paul Powers, W. B. Dillingham and Miss Opal Dillingham, all of Abilene, Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Boog Sears and Ruby Hamm, Mesdames Roy Largent, Warren Smith, F. C. McFarland, Emmett Grimes, R. I. Grimes, Jack Cookston Bill Brown, Tom Price, Harry Durham Charlie Jones and James West.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Shaff and little daughter and Mrs. Chitwood and little son of Sweetwater, spent Thanksgiving in Merkel as guests of their Aunt, Mrs. Streckland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson visited their daughter Miss Flora Frances in Fort Worth on Thanksgiving Day, she being a student at T. C. Miss Anderson returned home to her parents for a week-end visit.

Chas. M. Largent, Jr. who is a student at T. C. U., Fort Worth, was here to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Largent.

CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, as called by Banking
Commissioner October 10th, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$429,087.26
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	6,639.00
Due From Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Other Resources	3,210.58
Cash and U. S. Bonds	\$148,635.95
Bills of Exchange	208,105.62
AVAILABLE CASH	356,741.57
Total	\$835,119.32

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	23,383.19
Bills Payable	70,000.00
DEPOSITS	691,736.13
Total	\$835,119.32

The above statement is correct. W. L. DILZ, Jr., Cashier.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President	Herbert Patterson,
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

The Badger Weekly

The Badger Weekly is edited each week by the Junior Class and sponsored by Mrs. Young. The officers are: Addie Fae Patterson—Editor in Chief, Norma Shannon—Literary Editor, Gladys Watts—Miscellaneous Ed., Patsy Lewis—Society Editor, Paul Casseaux—Sports Editor, David Cannon—Joke Editor, Senior Reporters—John Coates, Sterling Sheppard, Fred Yandall and Ruby Higgins, Sophomore Reporters—J. T. Darsey and Francis Frederickson, Freshmen Reporters—Louise Booth, Eris Ash and Margaret Turner.

"WHAT IT AIN'T"

By Lucille Cole
—M. H. S.—
I am going to give a brief summary of what we, The Freshman Class "Ain't."

This class is a very industrious group of young people and we set an example of studiousness and propriety for the other classes of our old High School. We make good grades some on them even being excellent and not one member of the class is in danger of failing to pass all the subjects in his curriculum. Our notebooks are always completed and ready to hand in on time. The same with our map-books. There is only one red mark on them when they are returned to us and that is an "A plus." that we excel the Sophomores and all.

Our English teacher informs us the rest in theme writing. She enjoys reading and grading them as the subjects chosen are original and the story well and interestingly written and contain very few grammatical or other errors.

We are not only very industrious, but our deportment is unexcelled. When Mr. Jackson calls an assembly to warn the pupils of the number of demerits being given them, he doesn't include the Freshmen Class. This Class never talks or writes notes. Neither does its members chew gum as they do not believe it right or loyal to disobey the teachers. That "Stay In Squad" next week won't be composed of any of the Freshmen.

The Freshman Class always remains in the front and takes part in every activity that will aid in the School in any form of progress. At the beginning of the school term all the boys capable of playing football came out for the team and the remainder joined the "Pep Squad" and helped root for the team. All the girls were very enthusiastic about the "Pep Squad" also.

The Basketball Season is now with us and naturally all the Freshmen girls are out to make a place on the team.

And, Oh Yes! I had almost forgotten the Beauty Contest. Every member of the Freshman Class bought Annuals and some of them even purchased two and our candidate almost won and would have but for the fact that the Seniors are older and have more.

Next week I'll make what the Freshmen money, so naturally they won. man Class Aint," a bit more interesting.

—M. H. S.—

SPORTS

Basket Ball Season is now in full swing and we expect to have a game each week.

For a really enjoyable and exciting thrill, that you don't have the privilege of enjoying every day come out to these games. You will be helping yourself and your home-town team.

Your presence is appreciated by the school and more especially by the members of the team. When we know that a large crowd will be present at the game to back us we will play all the harder.

The admission fee to these games is a very small amount, being only enough to pay the expenses of the team. The charge is 15 and 25 cents. Come out and if you don't enjoy the game just keep quiet and ask yourself if you enjoyed it or if you were really backing the team.

Three is a crowd, and there were 3 She, the parlor lamp, and he, Two's company and there's no doubt That's why the parlor lamp went out.

—M. H. S.—

Miss Bird—"What tense is, 'I am beautiful.'"

Class—"PAST!"

—M. H. S.—

DEDICATED TO MR. CAMP

Twinkle, twinkle little hair,

Haw I wonder what you air,

Up above his lips so brave,

Why in the dickens doesn't he shave?

—M. H. S.—

Roy—"Do you believe that Shakespeare wrote all the plays they say he did?"

Miss Bird—"I don't know, but I will ask him when I go to heaven."

Roy—"But, suppose he isn't there?"

Miss Bird—"Then, you can ask him."

—M. H. S.—

A minister who had been elected a delegate to a convention had been authorized to have a banner made

with a motto printed on it. On the way the minister forgot the dimensions of the banner and the motto, so he wrote his wife to find out. He wired to his wife and when the answer came the woman operator read the message over again and fell in a dead faint. The minister picked up the message and read: "THERE WILL BE BORN UNTO YOU THIS DAY A CHILD FOUR FEET LONG AND NINE FEET WIDE."

FOOTBALL-PEP SQUAD BANQUET

There has been a great deal of excitement in high school during the past two or three weeks over an approaching banquet and at last the eventful day has arrived.

On last Monday afternoon, the fate of each and every football boy was definitely decided when the girls drew names for an escort to the banquet.

The couples are to gather at Ed's Cafe for their annual banquet. At this time the letter men will receive their sweaters and of course each one will be expected to make a short talk. Besides these talks, other forms of entertainment has been arranged. A very interesting program has been arranged.

It is desired and requested that every player, regardless of whether you made the team or not, be present at this banquet and every member of the Pep Squad must be there.

—M. H. S.—

ENTERTAINMENT FOR K. K. K.

Miss Norma Shannon gave a very delightful party on the evening of November 18th for the K. K. K. Club. The guests began to arrive at 7:30 and were shown into the sitting room where they enjoyed music and gossip.

Refreshments of Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Potato Chips, Cake and Hot Chocolate with Marshmallows were served to Mrs. Geneva Young, Sponsor of the Club; Misses Addie Fay Paterson, Lola Shelton, Imogene Mangum, Gladys Datts and Patsy Lewis.

—M. H. S.—

I asked a maiden for her hand, She said to me, "Go ask my Dad," She knew that I knew that her Dad was dead. She knew that I knew what a life he had led, She knew that I knew what she meant When she said, "Go ask Dad."

"The Lone Eagle" Big Show this Week at the Palace. A Gripping, powerful story of war in the clouds, Friday and Saturday.

NEW ACCOUNTS

We can trace a large share of the 'new' accounts on our ledgers to the recommendations of the 'old'

We appreciate this source of new business.

"The Old Reliable."

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas



MERKEL HIGH LOSES TO DRAUGHON'S BUSINESS COL.

The Merkel Basket Ball Team of Girls played their first game on their home court last Friday night with the team from Draughon's Business College.

The game was a hard fought one from start to finish. Our girls played the advantage of age an experience hadr and fast but the opponents had on their side and came out with the big end of the score.

This defeat by no means is discouraging to the team and only proves that the team needs more practice.

Let everyone boost this team and make it pay the players, the town and the school.

—M. H. S.—

Late Chevrolet—Looks and runs like new. A Bargain. Maverick Motor Company.

CARD OF THANKS

I am indeed grateful to my friends for their faithful and loyal support in helping me to win the beautiful new Chrysler car given away by the Merkel Mail in their recent contest. I am very proud of the new car and thank every one so much, who in any way aided or helped me. Mrs. George T. Moore.

It won't be long now until Brown Dry Goods Company has passed into history. COME NOW!

ANOTHER CAR OF APPLES

Am expecting another car of fine Colorado Apples by the first of next week. This will be the last car this season. Come in and get your supply before they are all gone. R. H. Dean, The Apple Man. 2-1tpd.

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2. Bottle-Neck Air-Vac Burner—insures perfect mixture of air and gas, affording a saving of about 1/4 in gas bills.
3. Manifold cover hides unsightly pipes—makes cleaning easy.
4. Enamelled drip pan can be placed over burner, making a roasty, enamelled table top when stove is not in use.
5. Extra large oven—16" x 20" x 14"—even heat to all corners—no cold spots.
6. Oven linings removable and easily cleaned.
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DRAMA OF GOLD RUSH REVEALED

President's Pardon of Vuco Perovich Bares Story of Strange Life.

Kansas City, Mo.—When President Coolidge granted absolute freedom to Vuco Perovich the other day he ended a drama of the gold rush which reads almost like fiction.

Behind bars 21 years and in the shadow of the gallows, Perovich's spectacular battle for liberty was ended by the Executive pardon. He has not been bitter over the misfortune Fate has heaped upon him. And now, at forty years of age, owner of two barber shops in Rochester, he sees a happy future. Some day he will visit his fatherland, Montenegro, where his father was a nobleman.

He was released from the federal prison November 6, 1923, by Judge John C. Pullock, of the Kansas Federal court, on a writ of habeas corpus. His plea was unusual; he asked freedom or death. If his plea had been allowed he would have been taken back to Alaska and hanged according to a court decree there.

His argument was based on his declared innocence of a murder for which he was convicted. The murder was in 1904. At that time he could not speak English. It was his contention that death would be preferable to an innocent man than a cruel imprisonment.

Judge Pollock held with him, ruling the President of the United States in 1909, William Howard Taft, had no right to commute the death sentence imposed on Perovich by the Alaskan court without the consent of the accused. In his decision, however, Judge Pollock declared justice would not be served by sending Perovich to the gallows after he had served twenty-one years in jail and prison. That point was not decided.

President Taft was asked to commute sentence after Perovich had been in jail four years. He did this by Executive order. Perovich was taken to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., to pass the rest of his life. There the young nobleman studied American laws and customs, mastering both language and law. He came across the legal point which proved to be the sesame for his recent release.

He applied to the court and George McDermott, a Kansas lawyer, was appointed to represent him. Then came the presentation of facts in the case. Strangely, time had shifted characters in this drama so that former President Taft was now chief justice of the United States and was called upon to pass upon the legality of his own Executive order that saved Perovich from the gallows. Last May the court held against Judge Pollock, and McDermott and Perovich shaped their application for a pardon from President Coolidge.

Early Life Was One of Ease.
Few of the romantic novels ever written about imaginary principalities in Europe are dotted with stranger and more unusual circumstances than have entered into Perovich's life. His father was chief justice in Montenegro and a friend of King Nicholas. His mother was of the royal family.

As a child Perovich played with the royal children and no expense was spared in his education. At fifteen he could speak eight Slavic dialects and Spanish, French and Italian. A few years later Russia and Turkey became involved in one of the Balkan wars and he enlisted in the Russian army. The youngest officer in the army, he was decorated for bravery and commissioned a lieutenant. When war was over he desired to join a brother who had come to America. Reports of gold in Alaska also attracted him and finally he obtained permission to come.

In Alaska he met an American prospector named Sam. Perovich could only speak a few words of English. They found a claim from which they took \$14,000 worth of gold. Then went Fairbanks, Alaska, to buy machinery so they could take out gold in larger quantities.

One day while Perovich was standing in the door of a saloon in Fairbanks his partner came staggering to him, wounded and bleeding. "Our claim has been jumped," Sam muttered.

Perovich said, recently he hurried back to their cabin and found three men there. He asked for his clothes and other belongings. Answering, the men drew knives and started to attack him. He was six feet tall, weighed 205 pounds and was toughened by months of hard labor. Seizing a huge board, he fought them off and finally obtained his clothes.

A few days later he was arrested on a charge of assault. He was given to understand an assault charge meant little in Alaska.

Accused of a Murder.

While he was in jail pending the outcome of the assault charge, he declares the three men accused him of the murder of an old prospector at a wood chopper's camp to which Perovich had moved after the fight. These witnesses, he declared, produced clothing said to have belonged to the old man and accused Perovich of having burned and the accusers Perovich had murdered him. Perovich had burned the cabin to conceal

Perovich knew what it was

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As you have been previously informed we have turned our entire stock over to the SIMS SALES SYSTEM of Dallas, Texas, and we have given them definite instructions to sell it all, every item to the bare walls, by December 24th, regardless of cost or former values.

We want to thank you for your splendid patronage and the loyal support that you have given us throughout the 11 years we have been in business in Merkel, and it is with deep regret that circumstances urge us to take this step.

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SOVIETS HIT AT HEAD OF MOSLEM

Russians Attack Islam in Samarkand, Quaint City of Central Asia.

Washington. — Samarkand, venerable city of central Asia, has been the scene of a series of recent clashes between the Soviet apostles of modernism and the conservative religious leaders of Islam.

The quaint city with the melodious name lies about 250 miles southwest of Tashkent, Turkestan, on the Trans-caspian railroad.

Perhaps nowhere in the Moslem world, except Mecca, could the Russians have invaded a more hostile territory to attack Mohammedanism, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society. According to ancient legend, Samarkand was the head of Mohammedanism and Mecca the heart. Two Arab missionaries visited this region. Hungry, they cut up a sheep and put it on the fire to roast. While the meat was cooking they planned their work. They agreed that the one drawing the sheep's heart from the pot should go to Mecca, and that the one drawing the head should remain at Samarkand.

Samarkand is more than 6,000 years old and once had a population of more than a million. Today it has fewer than 60,000 inhabitants. The Persians once called it the hub of the universe. When Alexander the Great destroyed it, in 329 B. C., it was a prosperous city surrounded by a nine-mile wall, pierced by nineteen gates.

Famous Public Square.

After the Russians took the city in 1868, they built a new city outside its western limits. A long, wide boulevard, shaded by tall poplars, now separates the two settlements.

The native city is a labyrinth of narrow, crooked, dusty streets, bordered with dirty mud walls of courtyards and one-story houses. In the business blocks cluster dilapidated booths, cluttered with edibles and garments. Bearded men and veiled women crowd the streets, dodging camels, donkeys, droskies and high-wheeled carts, all mud-brown from the dust, while peasants, laden with produce from their farms and gardens, plod along to the public square.

Samarkand's registan, or public square, is one of the most famous in the world. It is the market place, parade ground and meeting place for the inhabitants for demonstrations of rejoicing and protest. Paved with cobblestones, it is inclosed on three sides by mosques where young Moslems are educated. The huge polychrome tile facades and melon-shaped towers, flanked with minarets 175 feet high, are splendid examples of Arabian architecture. Surrounding the courtyard inside each mosque are schools in whose cloisters, 10 by 12 feet, the students live with their instructors.

The fourth side of the square is occupied by ramshackle booths of odd pieces of lumber or tin, or strips of canvas on tall poles. They are filled with vegetables, fruits and other commodities. Near by are other booths where squatting natives sip coffee, smoke cigarettes, and gossip. As a public information bureau the oriental cafe serves the purpose of newspapers. Fortune tellers, professional letter writers and peddlers ply their professions where they find a shady place to sit. The registan also is the Samarkand employment agency.

Brilliant Garb of the Men.

From an elevated position above the surging mass of humanity the riot of color suggests that the natives vie with the rainbow and each other. A man will go hungry for a single garment of brilliantly colored material. Green, red, purple and yellow in all their hues will be seen on the same garment.

In a secluded spot in the old city, perhaps a half mile from the registan, is the tomb of the mighty Tamerlane, conqueror of Asia. It is an architectural gem, its graceful peacock blue dome rising above the dusty treetops.

A large park in the center of the Russian quarter is the hub of the new city, from which wide, well-shaded streets radiate in all directions. They are all paved to the city limits. Then they become mere trails in the desert. Some pass through masses of ruins of Samarkand when it was at the height of its prosperity. One of these roads leads to the citadel, situated on a hill between the two cities. Its wall incloses a subterranean prison, an immense dark chamber about 30 feet deep. Prisoners were let down by ropes and it is said no one ever came out of it. Grooves worn by the ropes can still be seen. The Russians abolished the old-fashioned method of punishing the offenders and have built clean, wholesome and well-ventilated jails.

Blocked by Mere Men.

Knoxville, Tenn.—An attempt of woman members of the board of education to equip a beauty parlor in the vocational school here was so opposed upon by male members of the board that the move has been abandoned.

Buried Two Days.

Chisholm, Minn.—Buried two days of ore and earth for two days and believed dead, Nick Bozenick was found alive in the Bruce mine. Fellow workers who had been digging for his body 46 hours.

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BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are entering into the last month of the calendar year and soon 1927 will be another page of history. In this last month we may add a few paragraphs that will change materially the record of the year.

All departments in our Sunday School will be reporting the last quarters work of the year and will make application for standard awards for another year based on the records of this year. If there is a weak point in our work anywhere we have this month in which to bring up that point.

Our regular Christmas program for the Sunday School will be held in the main auditorium of the church Saturday December 24th at 7 p. m. A program committee is already at work and other committees will help to make this an interesting and profitable hour for every member of the Sunday School.

All regular services Sunday with a special training school during the week. This training school will be for officers and teachers in the Young People's and Adult departments. Our standard for 1928 requires a new book as the departmental book in these departments and every officer and teacher in these two departments must have this book before these departments can apply for the standard again. We will meet each evening at 7 p. m. and hold a two hour session closing at 9 p. m.

It is earnestly hoped that every officer and every teacher as well as assistant teachers and if possible every class officer in these two departments will attend this school during the week. Remember this is a required point and the failure of a single officer or teacher to come along with the others will cause delay and inconvenience to the whole department and to the whole Sunday School. You who have been so loyal in every undertaking will surely come along now and help make this training school 100 per cent.

On account of this training school, we will not have our regular Wednesday night prayer meeting but will begin our sessions each evening with a devotional period and invite all who will to come to this part of the service every evening during the week. In fact, we invite all who will to attend the class during the week even though you do not enroll as a member and do not take the examination at the end of the study. Strangers and visitors are always welcomed to our services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject—"The Story of a Dreamer."

1. "Joseph Hated by His Brothers"—Allyne Davis.
2. "Joseph's Two Dreams"—Margaret Miller.
3. "Jacob Sends Joseph to See His Brothers."—Sarah Sheppard.
4. "The Brothers Plot Against Joseph."—Hollis Huddleston.
5. "Joseph Is Sold as a Slave."—J. W. Adcock.
6. "Potiphar Buys Joseph."—Dot Swafford.

Messrs Leron and Vernon Chaney who are attending John Tarleton College, were home for a visit with their parents during the past week.



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An enjoyable hour was spent sewing and embroidering, after which a short business meeting was held. The Scripture reading and songs were omitted to allow for discussion of plans for our Christmas Program.

The hostesses served very welcome refreshments of ice cream and cake to 10 class members and 3 visitors.
Class Secretary.

MARRIED SATURDAY

On the evening of November 26th at 7 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage Mr. Zebbie Sumpter and Miss Eva Horton were happily married. Pastor Parrack officiating with that brief but earnest ceremony that helps those entering this solemn compact to realize its true import.

These young people are of good families and are both popular among their many friends in and about Merkel. May theirs be a happy and prosperous voyage on the sea of matrimony.

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Intermediate League Program

Subject—"The Life That Fits For the Second Advent."

Leader—Orion Tittle.
Song—Prayer.

Scripture—(Titus 2:11-15; John 3:1-13)

Talb—Leader.

"Religion The Life That Fits For the Second Coming of Christ."—Margaret Turner.

"Our Goal is Something Beyond This World."—W. A. Whiteley.

"Soberly, Righteously and Godly in This Present World."—J. T. Dorsey, Jr.

"We Are To Look For The Glorious Appearance of Our Lord in The Paths of Life That Are Provident."—J. E. Boaz.

League Benediction.

CARD OF THANKS

After sixteen days in the Sanitarium am at home and will soon be up. We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their help, kindness and flowers.

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Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City was a guest of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams on Thanksgiving Day.

SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject—"The Place of Friendship In the Life of Youth."

Leader.—Mrs. Floyd Dowell.
Scripture—(Samuel 18:1-4; Proverbs 18:24;27:9)

Part 1. "Youth is the Friendship Forming Period of Life."—Anna Lou Russell.

Part 2. "Friendship With the Past."—Mrs. Touchstone.

Part 3. "Friendship in the Home."—Coralee Hulsey.

Part 4. "School Friendships."—Tom Allday.

Part 5. "World Friendships."—Mrs Tom Allday.

Business.
Benediction.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

"The Manners of a Christian."
1. Introduction by Verna Lee Beasley.

2. "Different Kinds of Manners"—Vera Ritchie.

3. "Christ, Our Example."—William Sheppard.

4. "Why We Should Consider Manners."—J. R. Easter.

5. "Famous Characters."—Orion Tittle.

6. "The Reward of Manners."—Missie Dye.

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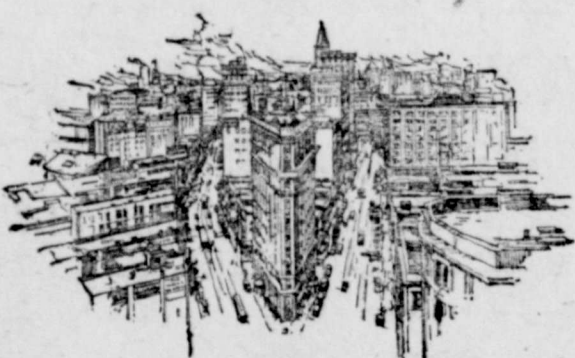
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Pine Dresser Finally Got Back to America

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Dogs Lived Eight Days Without Food or Water

The tenacity of animal life is an interesting subject if it is tested by accident and not by design; and it has had a test by accident in Wales. Two dogs, a sheep-dog and a spaniel, which had succumbed to the temptation of rabbit hunting, were missed for nearly nine days. Then a little girl, hearing curious sounds underground in a lonely place, brought a party of rescuers to the spot, and the dogs were dug out of a rabbit hole from which they had been unable to extricate themselves. They must have been without food and water for eight and a half days, yet they seemed little the worse. Evidently the dog has lost, if it ever had, the instinct of burrowing toward the open air, which the underground animal possesses.

Many Tomato Varieties

The ground cherry, musk tomato, strawberry tomato or winter cherry grows wild in the Mississippi valley and in other parts of the world and is a member of the tomato family. It is known as the blue tomato by truck gardeners. It grows in a small husk which if left on will preserve the tomato through the winter. Although this tiny vegetable, which is only a little larger than a small cherry, may be eaten raw, it is at its best when preserved. This is only one of the fifty-odd varieties of tomatoes. There are red tomatoes, white tomatoes, blue tomatoes and yellow tomatoes of every imaginable size and shape. Because of their shapes, there are tomatoes that are known as the pear tomato, the peach tomato, the cherry tomato, the plum tomato, the grape tomato and the currant tomato.

Water Power Long in Use

The oldest water power site in America, more than 100 years old, is on the Piscataqua river at South Berwick, Maine. It was established on the site of the present Burlingame blanket mills in 1820 by Ferdinand Gorges, who obtained a grant from the English crown giving him the right to settle and develop the territory from sea to sea lying between forty and forty-eighth parallels north latitude. The grant, however, required him to develop water power, and accordingly he constructed a log dam, erected a grist mill and sent the meal to England as proof that the terms of the charter were being lived up to. The water power site has been in continuous use ever since.

Had Odd Accomplishment

Earl Russell has this anecdote in his book, "My Life and Reminiscences": "My grandmother, Lady John Russell, was a great favorite with Queen Victoria throughout her life. Not alone, of course, because she had the peculiar and unusual capacity of wagging her ears like a dog. But this accomplishment intrigued the queen and she suddenly called on Lady John to show it off to an ambassador. My grandmother was so taken back that she lost for a long time the power to move either ear, and only ultimately regained her power to move one, which she occasionally did for my edification."

Presumptuous

A newly rich man once invited Beau Brummell, the famous fop, to dinner, and asked him to name his own party. He accepted, and chose to the number of eleven, including himself. "That," said his host, "will make just an even number." "An even number?" queried the beau. "How is that?" "Your friends, ten; yourself and myself—twelve in all." "Good gad!" said Brummell, affecting surprise. "You surely don't mean you are going to be one of the party!"

Hottest Spot on Earth

The latest official records show that the hottest spot on earth is at Azizia in northern Africa. It is on a plain almost equivalent to a desert. The thermometer at Azizia has gone to 136.4 degrees in the shade. The average temperature during the whole year is more than 70. Previously the hottest known spot was at Greenland ranch on the edge of Death valley, Calif. The highest temperature recorded there was 134 degrees.

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By H. IRVING KING

DIVINING BY BOOKS

A RATHER common practice with those who "seek for a sign" is to open the Bible at random and find their answer in the passage upon which their thumb rests as they part the leaves. In pagan times this divination was accomplished by placing the finger at random on a passage of Homer, Virgil or some other great author. Virgil was an especial favorite in this connection and the practice of consulting him continued down to modern times, though the Bible is the book generally used. During the Middle ages the historic Virgil became so enveloped in a mist of tradition and superstition that he was alluded to by the uneducated as "Virgil the Wizard"; and in the unpopular estimation the chief value of the Aeneid was as an oracle. As late as the time of Charles I the Bible had not entirely supplanted the Aeneid for purposes of divination, as is evidenced by the well-known story of how that monarch learned his fates by the "Sortes Virgilianae," as it was called. This practice of divination by books is said to have "originated in the respect and veneration of certain books arising from their wisdom and reputation"; and it is easy to comprehend the psychology which induced the people of the Middle ages to consult "Virgil the Wizard" and leads men of a superstitious trend of mind today to turn the Bible into an oracle. But the incipency of the idea dates back to the first introduction of letters when, to the common mind, there was something supernatural in the power of a few marks made in a certain way to convey from one person to another not merely ideas but whole speeches, word for word; a feeling which is displayed today by remote tribes of savages when they see, for the first time, the use of the printed or written word in communications. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Court Backs Satan

Protection to Satan is now legally given in Poland. A priest was tried in a Bromberg court for preaching an irreligious sermon, in which he "denied the existence of the devil." He was sent to prison for 50 days. It is believed to be the first occasion for many centuries on which the devil has been recognized by a European law court and protected against scoffers.

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paper ever had so competent and faithful list of contestants as did the Mail upon this occasion, and to them we owe the praise for the success of the contest, and the large circulation we are now able to boast.

The contestants continuing from beginning to end were: Mrs. George T. Moore, successful in winning the New Chrysler Coach; Miss Winnie Brown of Trent; Mrs. Ruby Faye Johnson; Mrs. Sam Mashburn, Miss Mae Melton and Mrs. M. D. Fowler; Miss Irene Perry and Mrs. Jay Greenfield withdrawing from the race before the close. And to each and every contestant, the management of the Mail extends profound and sincere thanks for their respective parts in making the contest a success.

We also wish to thank every subscriber and person, who in any manner aided and helped in same. And to you we pledge our best efforts in making the Mail the best newspaper of which we are capable of producing. We are proud of our town and country; proud to live among the most excellent citizenship of same.

And last, but by no means least, we extend our thanks to Mr. R. D. Wiley, the capable and courteous contest manager, for fair and able manner in which he conducted the same. We found Mr. Wiley to be an honorable gentleman and a most capable contest manager. He and his good wife, made their home with the Editor and family while in our city, and we found it a pleasure indeed to be associated with them.

We thank you again and again.

AT THE NORTH SIDE CHURCH

There will be preaching at the 11 o'clock hour next Sunday at the North Side Church, also singing in the afternoon, and preaching service again at the evening hour. Everyone cordially invited. W. G. Cypert.

CARD OF THANKS

To every one who so kindly helped me during the Merkel Mail subscription contest, I wish to extend my most sincere thanks and appreciation. I enjoyed the contest very much and am perfectly satisfied with the outcome of same. Again, let me say, "I appreciate very much the faithful and loyal support given me by my friends." Mrs. Ruby Faye Golladay Johnson. It

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A nine pound baby girl was born on November 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker. They are very happy over this good fortune and have christened her Annie Earline.

Miss Virginia Potts of Hillsboro is the guest of Miss Christine Collins and Iva Bragg this week.

TO MY FRIENDS

Although I did not win in the Merkel Mail Contest, I take this method of expressing my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped me in any way during the campaign.

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Merkel Mail Subscription Contest Proves To Be Great Success

The Merkel Mail's Subscription Contest came to a close at six o'clock on last Saturday evening. It was a grand success in every particular. The main object in the beginning was to materially increase the paper's circulation, and in this respect we must say that expectation was more than realized. Also the management is happy to say that every pledge and promise made to the contestants was carried out to the letter. A better and more costly car was given the winner than was announced. And for this, let us say the Maverick Motor Company, which company sold us the handsome Chrysler car for the winner, is responsible, they being unable to procure the type of car agreed upon, very generously furnished the better type at the same price. But Kirby Beckett, the hustling and genial manager of the Maverick Motor Company never does things by halves, and may be expected to step over the line to make good his word at any time or upon any occasion.

While we are not yet able to state definitely the exact number of our circulation, the same will not miss the 2,000 mark far; a circulation seldom ever had by a paper in a town the size of Merkel. All of which makes the Merkel Mail without any doubt of contradiction, the best advertising medium for Merkel and her trade territory. We are very proud of this and feel sure that our advertisers likewise appreciate the same. The Mail has at all times maintained a large circulation, better than usually found in the small town, but now the same stands even above many small town daily papers. Not only will this increased circulation be of great benefit to the advertisers, but will be a benefit and stimulant for making the Mail one of the best allround newspapers in all West Texas. The only thing needed to make this certain being the necessary advertising patronage, and there is but small doubt that this will be accorded, as the business men of this city will not be slow to realize the importance of having the opportunity to use the columns of a paper that so completely covers the trade territory by its circulation.

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By EVELYN GAGE BROWNE

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Who boasts how he'd have done it, And criticizes the way, The Doer of Deeds is working— Who counts in the world today.

It's the man who's in the struggle, Whose face is grimed and worn, Who keeps on fighting bravely, Though battle-scarred and torn.

He may fall—but gets up gamely, And, striving, never heeds, The ones who sneer and slander, But dares to do the deeds.

He gives himself, unsparing, And never counts the cost; But knows the joy of fighting, Although his cause is lost.

To him belongs the credit, And the victor's laurels, too; For the world today is needing The man who dares to do!

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

THE LOGICAL SEX

ABOUT the oldest tradition in the world is the one that describes the "race of men" as the logical sex. The masculine human being is convinced that he solves his problems by reasoning with himself about them.

On the other hand, he is convinced that the female of the species is simply guided by instinct.

This is in spite of the fact that all over the world, from China to Peru, when it comes to the question of feminism, the men lay down a general proposition and then proceed to evade it.

In a word, women and men are "equal." But man's prejudices must not be interfered with. He still reserves to himself the right to protect and regulate the other half of humanity.

Women have the right to vote at elections all over the continent of North America. They may be admitted to the bar and plead before the courts. But the question whether or not they should be allowed to sit on juries is not yet settled in most of the states.

Various reasons are given by those who oppose the change.

When it is examined the opposition is found to be based on the theory that the gentle sex must be regulated as it has been in the past.

An interesting example of masculine logic is supplied by the German republic.

In the constitution of that state it is provided explicitly that men and women have the same rights and, apart from fighting, must perform the same duties.

Yet when the proposal to make women eligible for jury duty came up before the federal council in the form of the proposed draft of a law, it was negatived.

The explanation given by Herr Von Preger, the Bavarian representative, ought to be framed and hung up in every woman's club in the world as an example of how not to reason.

"The Bavarian government," he said, "maintains the principal standpoint that women are not suited to judicial office. The admission of women would result in a softening of justice, which is most undesirable just at this time."

So it all comes to this: Women may elect those who make the laws; they may expound the same laws, but they are not fit to decide simple questions of fact arising in connection with the administration of the laws.

When Mrs. Poyser made the tart generalization that the women were made fools "to match the men" she was really unnecessarily severe on the long suffering sisterhood.

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What Does Your Child Want to Know ?

Answered by BARBARA BOURJAILY



WHY DOES A CAT'S FUR STAND UP WHEN SHE IS FRIGHTENED?
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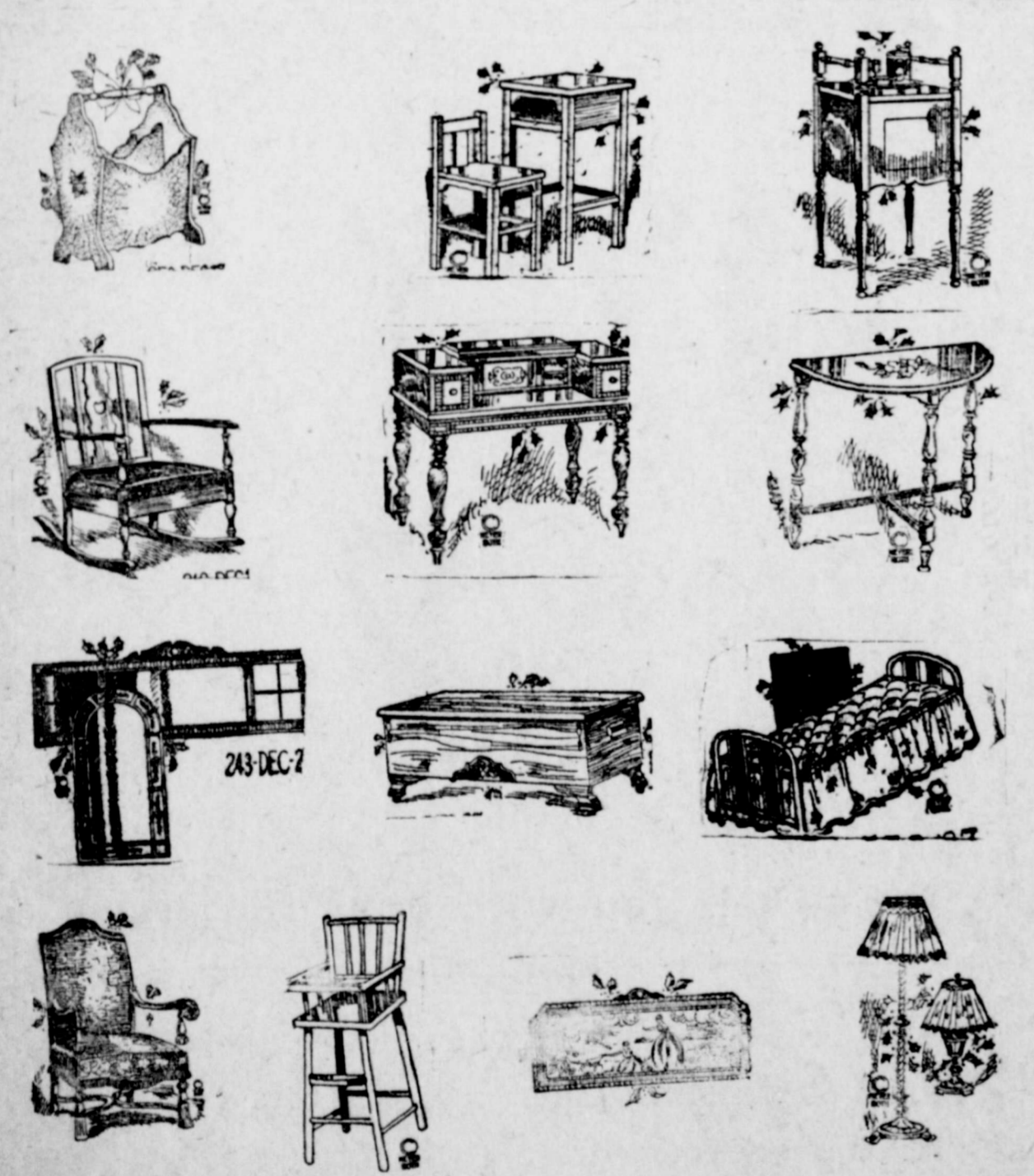


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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Taylor county, a copy of the following notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To all persons interested in the Estate of L. R. Bishop, Deceased, you are hereby notified that Mrs. Nonia Bishop, has filed in the County Court of Taylor county, an application for Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of said L. R. Bishop, Deceased, and an application to probate the last will and testament of the said L. R. Bishop, deceased; that the said Mrs.

Nonia Bishop has been appointed temporary administratrix of said estate, which appointment will be made permanent at the next regular term of this Court by issuance of permanent letters testamentary or of Administration unless the same is contested after service of citation, all of which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in December, A. D. 1927, the same being the 19th day of December, A. D. 1927, at the Court-House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so, and you are hereby cited to appear and contest said application and appointment at the time and place aforesaid should you desire so to do. Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of November A.

D. 1927. (SEAL) W. E. BEASLEY Clerk County Court, Taylor County, Texas

By Vivian Fryar, Deputy. File No. 1605. In the County Court of Taylor County, Estate of L. R. Bishop, Deceased.

CITATION ON APPLICATION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY Issued 29th day of November, A. D. 1927.

W. E. Beasley, Clerk By Vivian Fryar, Deputy. Published in Merkel Mail December 2-9, 1927.

Come to "Brown's Quit Business Sale" if you want to make a big saving. Brown D. G. Company.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones had as her guests for the Thanksgiving party Messrs Buster Bray and Maxwell Stone of Big Springs.

"The Lone Eagle" Big Show this Week at the Palace. A Gripping, powerful story of war in the clouds, Friday and Saturday.

H. A. Deavers returned recently from a visit to his son, Milton H. at El Paso, who is there for his health, and reports his son getting along nicely.

How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

"CAT O' NINE TAILS"

THE whole idea of corporal punishment is fast going into the discard. Yet we still hear children threatened, on occasions, with the "cat o' nine tails," for centuries the accepted medium of punishment wherever whipping was the order of the day. As late as the first half of the Nineteenth century, we are told, in our own navy, delinquent sailors were lashed to a gun and whipped with the cat o' nine tails. In the parlance of the sea, this form of chastisement was jocularly known as "Marrying the gunner's daughter." It was only in 1850, when congress abolished corporal punishment, that this practice ceased.

For the origin of the form of the "cat o' nine tails" itself, we must go back further to the days of the Inquisition, that prolific progenitor of methods of torture and abuse. In those days it was the conventional weapon of the jailer and the executioner, its strands numbering nine, because the number nine was credited with having supernatural powers in bringing about confessions and repentance of offenders! (Copyright.)

Did Without Music

The choir at the Swedish mission at Muskegon, Mich., did not sing during a revival campaign. Because the members were dressed in fashion, with short skirts, rouge and bobbed hair, they were forbidden by the evangelist to take part in his services. Indianapolis News.

Bagpipes in Spain

Specimens of bagpipes are found on old Spanish manuscripts. In the beautiful volume of the "Cantigas di Santa Maria," which was made in the Thirteenth century of King Alphonso the Wise, there are 51 separate figures of musicians. These form an introduction to the canticles. There are three pipers among them with bagpipes. Another Spanish manuscript of the end of the Fifteenth century, illustrated by a Flemish artist for Queen Isabella, shows many musical instruments, among which are bagpipes.

Moore-Horton Wedding Solemnized

Wedding bells rang merrily on Saturday, November 26th for Miss Edna Moore, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and R. B. Horton, the handsome son of Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

These two young people are very popular in the society circles of Blair.

The mother of the groom entertained with a very delicious luncheon, Sunday, honoring the happy couple.

Among those present besides a host of relatives were: Mrs. Alice Wilson of Belton, Miss Ruby Bailus, Abilene, Miss Ruth Kingley, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Mayfield, Misses Nola and Belle Provine, Misses Mae and Maurine Melton and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton will be at home to their friends on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, west of Blair after December 5th.

The many friends of this happy couple wish for them a long life of prosperity and happiness.

Mr. J. R. Swann, of Alvarado, was here recently for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Sidney Coats.

Mr. J. M. Garrett left yesterday for Kirk, Texas to attend the funeral of Mr. Garrett's father, W. H. Garrett who died Tuesday, at Campbella, S. C.

NOTICE! All keys are now out. Please bring them in by Wednesday, December 7 and get your portable. C. E. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wendland, of Killeen, Texas, joined their little daughter, Bobby Lee, in a few days visit with Mrs. Wendland's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Mahew.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Mahew of Abilene were visitors with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Mayhew, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Mayhew is successfully coaching the Abilene Eagles this season.

Mr. C. R. Title and family recently visited relatives in El Paso.

Mr. C. P. Church and Mr. C. A. Collins were among those taking advantage of the Excursion rates to El Paso recently to attend business matters in that city.



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AMON C. CARTER, President.

Miss Mary Campbell, who is teaching in the Canyon Schools, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Miss Marie Davis of Abilene visited Miss Hazel Thomas this week-end.

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Thanksgiving Season gave inspiration for a very delightful party at the home of Mrs. Luke Huddleston on Wednesday afternoon.

The guests were assembled in rooms made very attractive with large bouquets of Chrysanthemums and other fall flowers.

After a number of very interesting contests, including an apple race, Mrs. C. B. Gardner delighted the guests with a very beautiful and appropriate piano selection.

Mrs. Huddleston assisted by Mrs. Earl Lassiter served a very delicious salad plate to the following club members and guests:

Mesdames I. L. Jackson, Oscar Buford, Len Sublett, Stanley King, Frank Golliday, Tye Sublett, George Woodrum, Earl Thornton, Herbert Patterson, Nathan Wood, Ellis Bean, T. E. Collins, C. B. Gardner, C. K. Russell, Sam Swan, A. R. Booth, Earl Lassiter.

T. E. L. CLASS

Mrs. Coats and Mrs. Conder were hostesses at a business and social meeting of the T. E. L. Class Friday afternoon in the basement of the church with nineteen members present.

Mrs. Andy Brown opened the session with Sentence Prayers. She then read the 12th chapter of Romans, which was enjoyed by all.

After a short business session, Mrs. Booth adjourned the group for a social session.

At the tea hour, refreshments were served to Mesdames Jackson, Miller, Toombs, Fulton, Brown, Derstine, Morrison, Dye, Bland, Mayfield, Lassiter, Pogue, Huddleston and Prather.

"The Lone Eagle" Big Show this Week at the Palace. A Gripping, powerful story of war in the clouds, Friday and Saturday.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society had a very enthusiastic meeting last Monday afternoon. A program from the Missionary Voice occupied the first part of the meeting.

The District Meeting being held Friday at Abilene was announced and plans arranged for the report of this Auxiliary at the meeting. Plans were also made for raising funds to meet the local expenses of the Society.

The Vanishing Luncheon plan was adopted and the first of a series of luncheons was held Thursday evening at the church with Mesdames Brown and Armstrong hostesses and ten members of the Society as guests.

Next week, these ten guests will be hostesses to 3 guests each. If you do not understand this Vanishing Luncheon, come to the regular meeting next Monday and learn about it.

A business meeting and the election or re-election of officers will occupy next Monday's meeting. Come at 2 o'clock.

HEBRON NEWS

The party at the home of Armond Bayless was attended and thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of people from the Hebron community.

Miss Bessie Lou Pannell was a guest of Miss Winnie Bayless last Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Clark, Sr., and family were visitors in Merkel last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pannell of Merkel on Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish through the columns of the Mail to express my sincere thanks to every one, who in any manner assisted or helped me during the recent Merkel Mail subscription contest. I am grateful to all my friends and the public in general, and can say that I really enjoyed the contest. I also wish to say that I appreciate the manner in which the Merkel Mail and those in charge treated me. Mrs. Sam Mashburn.

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Thanksgiving Party

The party given in the home of Mrs. Harry Cookston by Mesdames Cookston, Price and Durham on Friday evening, November 27 came as a grand climax to the numerous lovely Thanksgiving affairs given here this season.

The Bridge games were preceded by a delicious four course dinner, elegantly served and complete in every detail of the proverbial Thanksgiving Menu.

The place cards, nut cups, table appointments for the games and even the house decorations, stressed the Thanksgiving Motif in pleasing harmony. The guest list included many out of town guests who helped to make the evening especially happy for the members of the Idlewise Club.

Guests of the Club were Misses Virginia Potts of Hillsboro, and Mary Eula Sears of Abilene. Messrs Robert Waystaff and Poke Pool of Abilene, Buster Bray and Maxwell Stone of Big Springs and Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet of San Angelo.

Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Evelyn Hamm, Melba West, Johnnie ears Vennie Heizer and Boog Sears, Mrs. L. R. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Charlie Jones, C. B. Gardner, A. H. Brackeen, C. B. Gardner, R. I. Grimes, Mr. MByers Petty.

Club Members present were: Misses Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth Lucy Tracey, Ruby Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White, Roy Largent, W. S. J. Brown, Emmett Grimes and the hostess and hosts. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cookston, Jack Durham and Tom Price.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Cullen Tittle, Leader. Instrumental Music, No. 36. Lord's Prayer in Unison, led by leader.

Song No. 198. Scripture Reading, Bessylea Church Talk by Superintendent. Song No. 66. League Benediction.

Mr. James Harris spent the week-end at home.

Miss Jewell Skidmore spent Friday night of last week with Miss Gladys Copeland of Merkel.

Miss Gertrude Eason, after spending the past few days visiting friends and relatives in this community has

returned to her home in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Blackwell visited their daughter, Mrs. Hubert Harris last Sunday.

Little Miss Vivian Douglas, who is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and going to school, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. E. C. Douglas.

Mr. Melvin Gunter, Mr. H. A. Mullins and Miss Gladys Mullins were visitors in Buffalo Gap on Sunday of last week.

Mrs. Willie Douglas spent last Monday with Mrs. Alton Taylor of Merkel.

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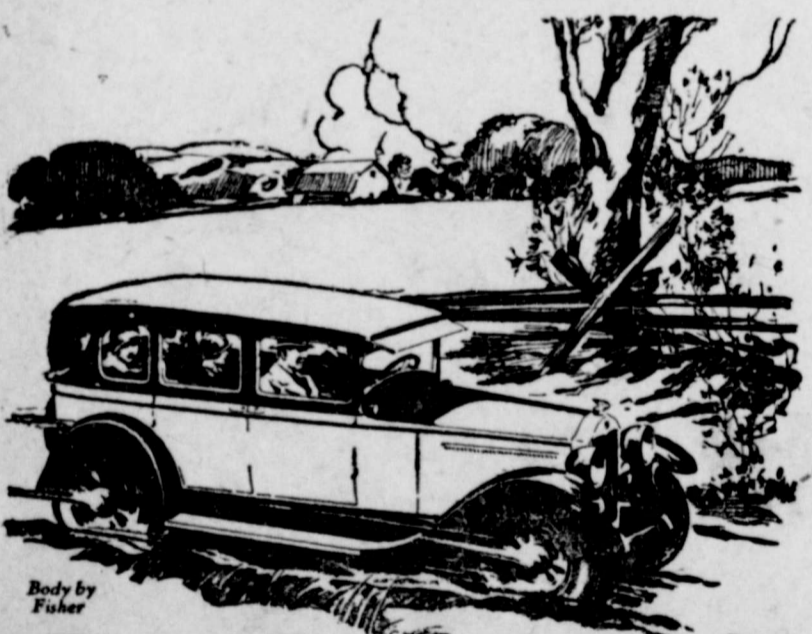
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EVANGELINE'S EDEN ENGULFED BY FLOOD

Acadians Again Driven From Their Homes.

Washington.—The United States' sixth Great Lake, the Lake of the Mississippi, larger than Ontario or Erie, has engulfed the Evangeline country.

When it broke the Atchafalaya river's west dikes, the flood lake rolled its shores over and beyond St. Martin and St. Landry parishes.

"Again the Acadians have been driven from their homes," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society from its Washington headquarters. "And the disaster is greater, by number of sufferers, than that visited upon Evangeline's people in her time. "Only 8,000 Acadians were expelled from Nova Scotia in 1755 by Massachusetts and British bayonets to be scattered over the earth from Detroit to Corsica and Cayenne. Fifteen hundred of them found their way to New Orleans; many pushed on to Bayou Teche, 150 miles west. There they increased to some 150,000, occupying 15 parishes, or counties, when the flood spread over their homes, towns, and lands.

Beautiful is the land, with its prairies and forests of fruit trees; Under the feet a garden of flowers, and the bluest of heavens Bending above, and resting its dome on the walls of the forest.

They who dwell there name it the Eden of Louisiana. All year 'round the orange groves are in blossom; and grass grows More in a single night than a whole Canadian summer.

Turn to Stock Raising.

"For a poet, Longfellow's geography is fairly good. Basil, the Acadian blacksmith, has become a herdsman in 'Evangeline.' Most of the refugees in 1755 did turn to stock raising with a few cattle given to them by charitable French merchants of New Orleans. Descendants of the Acadians gave up stock raising for sugar cane when Etienne de Bore, a Louisianian, discovered how to crystallize sugar from cane syrup. They have helped to make Atchafalaya valley the Sugar Bowl of Louisiana.

"The route over which Longfellow takes Evangeline serves very well for a visitor today. Fifteen miles below Baton Rouge, where,

Sweeps with majestic curve the river away to the eastward, They, too, swerved from their course; and entering the Bayou of Plaquemine, Soon were lost in a maze of sloughish and devious waters.

"This bayou admits to the 'lakes of the Atchafalaya,' where 'water lilies in myriads rocked on the slight undulations,' and rocked for years until the Mississippi broke through, threatening to make the Atchafalaya river its real mouth instead of an abandoned one.

"How Evangeline got to Bayou Teche, the poem does not clearly relate. Many swamp lanes communicate. The Bayou Teche parallels the Atchafalaya, but it is a true river out of the reach of swamps and bordered by Druid oaks. The two early centers of Acadian settlement were Opelousas and St. Martinsville on the banks of the Teche. Now the flood has reached St. Martinsville for the first time in history and swirls at the foot of the 'Evangeline' oak where her boatman landed. An Acadian descendant gave the Evangeline oak, with 150 acres of land, for a state park.

"While to readers of 'Evangeline' the inhabitants of southwest Louisiana are still Acadians, to Louisianians they are 'Cajons' or 'Cajuns,' a corruption of Acadian; Four kinds of Frenchmen inhabit the state: the Creoles, natives of French and Spanish descent; Frenchmen, who were born in France; the San Domingan Creoles, and finally the Nova Scotian Acadians, the 'Cajons.'

"The typical Creole frequents the city; the 'Cajon' remains a countryman.

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"Under the sad banners of Spanish moss waving on 'Evangeline's' oak at St. Martinsville, one hears a different ending to the story Longfellow has given us in verse.

"Evangeline's real name was Emmerline Labiche, 'Cajons' say, and Gabriel was Louis Arconoux. They were deported on separate ships, but Emmerline landed in Maryland. Emmerline heard that Louis was in Louisiana, so she set out to reach him, and after many hardships came to St. Martinsville.

"Gabriel had gone, according to Longfellow, but Louis was there. In fact, local legend holds Emmerline rushed to Louis, the first person she saw at the landing. Louis told her, gently, that he had despaired of seeing her again. He had married. When she heard this her arms slipped from his neck. Her mind became blank. Emmerline lay by day grew more frail. She drooped and died. This is the 'Cajon' story.

"They buried her in the little churchyard near the tree where she found Louis; the little churchyard where water now laps at the ancient graves. She has slept there undisturbed beside the bright bayou where bloom acres of sky-blue water-hyacinths in years when there is no flood."

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Leaping Scribe Lures

Bear to Death in Pit

Rock Springs, Wyo.—With an eye to detail acquired in a newspaper office, Robert S. Wilson, Rock Springs newspaper man, recently told a bear story that makes all other similar tales appear no more exciting than crop reports.

And since he had no eyewitnesses Wilson silenced scoffers with steak from the bear he caught inadvertently with the aid of his feet and one of Wyoming's canyons.

Wilson's bear epic started when he covered his typewriter and went to the nearby mountain for a day of peaceful fishing.

He hardly had cast his first fly, Wilson said, when the bear sauntered up. He looked hungry, Wilson added.

So Wilson, remembering how he had evaded the left tackle when he was a football star at the University of Wyoming years ago, took to his heels.

The bear gave chase. Wilson kept just ahead of the animal's teeth for about a mile, more or less.

Ahead loomed a small canyon approximately 100 feet deep. Wilson couldn't stop. Momentum and the bear wouldn't let him. So he leaped and landed safely on the other side.

The bear couldn't stop either. But he wasn't so lucky as Wilson. He landed with a crash at the bottom of the chasm.

The bear's carcass, except for the steaks Wilson cut from its flanks, was left at the place where it fell.

Maggies Know When

Poison Is in Food

Del Norte, Colo.—It has been observed that after a spell of poisoning magpies there follows a period of about three weeks when none of the robbing, death-dealing birds are killed. This has raised the question in the mind of Extension Agent T. G. Stewart of Rio Grande county: "Do magpies forget?"

For a time at the beginning of the campaign, magpies take arsenic readily. Then there is a period of abstinence, followed by a renewal of results. Stewart believes that another flock of magpies coming from a new locality where news of the arsenic has not reached are responsible for the renewal of deaths. Those versed in bird lore, however, say the new victims probably are members of the old flock who have forgotten the fate of the other birds, and pay with their lives for this slip of memory.

The United States biological survey has declared war on the devastating magpie family.

Tears Are Disinfectants

London.—Dr. Alexander Fleming of St. Mary's hospital in London has discovered that tears are a splendid disinfectant. One single tear will at once kill millions of microbes if put together in a basin.

Chipmunk Kills Rattler

Then Dies From Poison

Bellefonte, Pa.—A chipmunk, weighing scarcely half a pound, thwarted the plans of foresters near here to witness a battle royal between a rattler and a black snake.

Capturing a rattlesnake 4½ feet long the foresters decided to hold it until a black snake—traditional enemy of the rattler—could be found.

Unable to locate a black snake, the foresters placed a chipmunk in the rattler's den to provide the reptile with a meal. The chipmunk had other plans and, taking the aggressive, literally bit the snake in two.

The chipmunk was bitten during the struggle and died of the poison from the rattler's fangs, but not until it had lived to see its enemy die.

Gulf Stream's Width

Put at Fifty Miles

The Gulf stream flows out of the Gulf of Mexico between the coast of Florida and the Bahamas, and then northeastwardly along the American coast. Its width, in the narrowest portion, is about fifty miles, and its depth some 2,000 feet. After it has passed between the Bermudas and the coast of Carolina it is divided into several streams, about 100 fathoms deep and altogether 150 miles wide. Its temperature up to this point is several degrees warmer than that of the surrounding ocean.

Beyond the 40th parallel of north latitude and the meridian 60 degrees west, the Gulf stream can no longer be distinguished from the rest of the ocean drift by temperature, position, color, saltness or otherwise. It has no further separate existence, but is lost in the general drift of warm water from the southwestern Atlantic toward Europe—a general phenomenon having little or nothing to do with the Gulf stream proper.

Electric Cash Counter

Money flows like water in the Bank of England, in London, where a novel electric machine sorts and counts silver coins and discharges them into bags hung beneath. Amounts of from £5 to £100 sterling are automatically allotted to the proper receptacles, says Popular Science Monthly. Far more rapid and infallible than a human hand, the device measures out the equivalent of \$500 in an hour.

PLANTS ALSO HAVE DISEASE CARRIERS

Leaf Hopper Found to Spread Yellow's Disease.

New York.—Just as yellow fever is due to an invisibly small germ or virus carried from person to person by an insect so are some of the most serious and destructive illnesses of plants due to invisibly small germs carried from plant to plant by an insect.

In a report to the Engineering Foundation Dr. L. O. Kunkel, plant pathologist at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Yonkers, tells how a little gray insect, the aster leaf hopper, spreads the yellow's disease of asters by first biting sick plants and then, after the virus has had ten days to incubate in its interior, biting healthy ones and planting the infection in their tissues.

Carries It to Fifty Others.

The same leaf hopper that transmits yellow's to the China aster also carries it to more than fifty other species of wild and cultivated plants. Lettuce is one of the most important hosts of aster yellow's. On this plant it has long been known in the Southwest as the Rio Grande disease and in New York and other eastern states as the white heart disease. In the winter yellow's lives on perennial weed hosts. During the summer, when the carrier leaf hopper is very active, it spreads rapidly to susceptible annual plants, such as the China aster and lettuce.

Spread of aster yellow's and its host range depend largely on the likes and dislikes of the aster leaf hopper. The African marigold is quite susceptible but seldom takes the disease even when grown adjacent to yellowed aster plants. The leaf hopper does not like the marigold and seldom feeds upon it when other plants are available. If confined in a cage containing only marigold plants hunger drives it to feed upon them and they readily take the disease. It is fortunate that although wheat and other cereal crops are favorite hosts of this leaf hopper they are immune to the yellow's.

Disease Known Only Here.

The aster leaf hopper is thought to have been accidentally introduced into the United States from Europe fifty or more years ago. Although it is prevalent in Europe and the Orient, where the China aster is extensively grown, the aster yellow's disease is known only in America. Thus a disease which is apparently endemic in America has been rendered much more serious through the importation of a European leaf hopper, and of an oriental plant, the China aster. No satisfactory means is known of controlling the aster leaf hopper, but the yellow's which it spreads can be held in check by digging out all infected perennial weed hosts in the vicinity of the field to be protected and by destroying all diseased annuals as soon as observed. A yellowed plant is a menace to nearby healthy plants just as a malaria patient is a menace to a healthy community in a region infested with the Anopheles mosquito.

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