



# EXPERIENCE IS COSTLY

Success is won by him who tries,  
 Who uses the experience his neighbor buys.  
 The man who always knows it all,  
 By his own research, is sure to fall.  
 Your banker has the inside dope  
 On many a scheme intended to rope  
 An honest customer out of his dough  
 Without his having a ghost of a show  
 The Farmers State Bank will give you advice  
 On questionable schemes; goldbrick to dice.

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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### FROM NUMBERS, B. C., TO THE U. S. CENSUS

#### First Counting of Noses Was Done by Moses.

Washington.—All Turkey stayed at home one Friday recently while 50,000 officials took the first census of the Ottoman empire.

"Turkey has made up for tardiness by asking questions far more thorough than appear in the famous first census of history," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names every male by their polls; from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel."  
 "Thus spoke the Lord to Moses, and Moses, with Aaron's assistance, collected the figures for the first census report, which may be found in practically every home and hotel room. It is appropriately entitled 'Numbers,' the fourth book of the Bible.

"By its breadth of scope the census William of Normandy ordered for his new kingdom of England, resembles modern surveys. He commanded his minions in 1085 A. D. to record every lord and peasant, every acre, every ox, every mill, every manor, every weir and every plow, the value thereof and—this is forward looking—the natural resources, woods, fields and streams capable of development and revenue. The report to William the Conqueror became the Domesday Book, unreadable today except by scholars, yet protected in the public record office at London as one of the most precious possessions of England.

#### Russia's First Count in 1897.

"The United States, although a newcomer in the ranks of civilization, was one of the first nations to establish the modern periodic census. Sweden took the lead before our first census in 1790, but England, France and Prussia did not see the necessity of regular counting of noses until ten or twenty years later. Russia took no census until 1897.

"Deeply religious settlers of America nearly upset our first census when they harked back to another less fortunate Bible census. 'Satan stood up against Israel,' our ancestors pointed out to the marshals, 'and provoked David to number Israel from Beersheba, even to Dan.' What happened? 'God was displeased; therefore he smote Israel. The Lord sent pestilence upon Israel; and there fell of Israel 70,000 men.'

"Fears that our first census would bring similar destruction upon the nation did not materialize, so the marshals delivered their reports to President Washington within nine months for all the original states, except Vermont, Rhode Island and South Carolina. Vermont and Rhode Island entered the Union later. The marshal of South Carolina found workers scarce at \$1 per 150 heads counted.

"Today a visitor at the census bureau may see the names of famous Americans and the answers given to the first census takers' simple questionnaires. John Hancock's family consisted of two 'free white males of sixteen and upward,' three white females, seven other persons (servants no doubt) and no slaves. Progress in 70 years presents a contrast with data for Abraham Lincoln collected in 1850: 'Age, fifty-one, married, lawyer, value of real estate \$5,000—personal estate \$12,000, Kentucky, place of birth.'

"From one census every ten years the census bureau has increased to 104 censuses, in addition to many special surveys such as that made to supply data to congress for immigration quotas. One census collected every week shows the number of babies born. Using these figures the bureau sets up its large calculator at an exhibit and every 20 seconds announces to the world that the millions of Americans has been increased, for example, by baby No. 118,972,331.

#### Statistics About Buying.

"Not content with counting men, women and children, where they work, whether they are in school and if so, how long; not satisfied with tabulating the value of wheat grown and tons of manganese ore dug out of the ground; not resting even with summing up the business of hats and hammocks, shoes and sulphuric acid manufactured in the United States, the census bureau proposes to 'complete the picture.' To finish the portrait in figures of the whole United States, it is necessary, they say, to have a census of distribution. That means an accounting of what is sold to the housewife over the grocery, drug and meat counters, and of what the wholesaler sells to the retailer.

"Recently the census bureau released its first experimental distribution survey for which Baltimore served as a laboratory specimen. The weavers of figures found that in Baltimore 283 people are required to support one neighborhood grocery; that Baltimoreans spend \$456.72 per year in stores; that the department stores take the most; that Baltimore spends more on automobiles than on furnishing its homes and that in the average family purchasing budget food requires 31 per cent, clothing 20 per cent and the family automobile comes next with 9 per cent. The same survey has been extended to ten other cities: Chicago, Atlanta, Denver, Fargo, N. D.; Kansas City, Providence, San Francisco, Seattle, Springfield, Ill., and Syracuse, N. Y. Some day it will be extended to the whole nation."

### WASHKOWSKY'S OLD SHOE

We call the attention of the American Bankers Association to the case of Mr. Washkowsky of Brooklyn. Mr. Washkowsky is hard working and thrifty, but like so many of us his education is defective; who is to blame for that we don't know. Mr. Washkowsky has been saving a part of his weekly wages for a long time, but hadn't told Mrs. Washkowsky where he was depositing his nest egg. That was a mistake, probably, but an inquiry into it belongs to another branch of education with which it is probable the bankers association cannot be held to have any concern.

But with Mr. Washkowsky's depository it has. He chose for that purpose an old shoe. He kept the shoe and its mate in his closet, and up to the other day had tucked away in one of them savings amounting to \$350. On that same other day Mrs. Washkowsky, rummaging Mr. Washkowsky's closet like a good housewife, seeking what she could throw away or transfer to another place where Mr. Washkowsky couldn't find it, as is the habit of good housewives, found this same pair of old shoes. We suppose she said to herself, Mr. Washkowsky not being present to have it said to him, "Isn't that just like a man?" and acting thereupon just like a woman she sent the shoes to the cobbler to be repaired. It was either that or the ash barrel for them, and being frugal and Mr. Washkowsky paying the cobbler bills anyway, she sent them to the cobbler.

A distraught man was Mr. Washkowsky when he next went to make a deposit in his old shoe. "What new

#### Good Reason for Stopping the "Abuse"

Caroline Ticknor, in "Glimpses of Authors," gives us a peep at Longfellow as a business man as well as a poet. In November, 1855, soon after "Hiawatha" had been published and was selling madly all over the country, a Boston paper dared to criticize it adversely. Soon criticisms concerning the source of "Hiawatha" and accusations of imitation were made by newspapers from coast to coast.

Longfellow's publisher—Fields—was greatly annoyed. One day, bursting into the poet's study, he exclaimed:

"These atrocious libels must be stopped."

Longfellow said quietly: "By the way, Fields, how is 'Hiawatha' selling?"

"Wonderfully! None of your books has ever had such a sale."

"Then," said the poet calmly, "I think we had better let those people go on advertising it."

## STATEMENT of CONDITION The Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank

Merkel, Texas  
 Close of Business February 28th, 1928

#### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$265,989.56
Overdrafts	772.85
Furniture & Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Banker's Acceptances	\$ 73,524.08
Commercial Paper	91,500.00
U. S. Bonds (Owned)	116,300.00
Bills of Ex., Cotton	30,735.56
Cash & Sight Exchange	123,621.07
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$435,680.71</b>
Total	\$711,455.62

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	37,979.39
Circulation	6,250.00
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$617,226.23</b>
Total	\$711,455.62

STATE OF TEXAS }  
 County of Taylor }

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

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

#### Directors

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

SENIOR B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM  
 Subject: "The Place of Vision in Human Lives."  
 Leader, Mrs. Dovie Stephens.  
 Introduction, by leader.  
 1. Why Zaccheus climbed at tree, Eunalea Gilmore.  
 2. Jacob's vision of Heaven, Miss Lucy Tracy.  
 2. (3) The vision results in a vow, Miss Heizer.  
 3. (1) Vision Quickens Faith, Mr. Gilmore. 2 (3) Mr. Blackeby.  
 4. Noah's vision and covenant, Bill

Haynes.  
 5. Do we believe God's Promises? Miss Lassiter.

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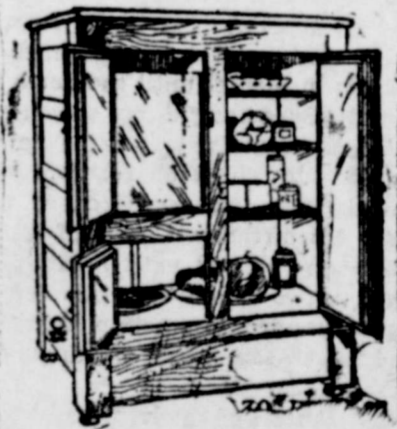
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We will have ten extra specials and more than twice that many other items at reduced prices.

A visit to our store will benefit you and help us to serve you more completely.

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Mr. J. D. Sheppard and family of Dallas were here first of the week for a few days visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheppard and other relatives and friends.

We appreciate your business, large or small, and endeavor to merit your patronage by always giving courteous service and quality meats. Beker & Wheeler Market.

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ABILENE, TEXAS

### Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Let's have a good attendance.

Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. by the pastor.

Rev. Joiner will be here Monday, coming from Ballinger. All Christian people of the town and community are invited to take part in the revival. The singers of the other churches are especially invited to have a part in the song services.

Let's expect a meeting and do our part in making it possible.

Wm. Elliott, Supt. S. S.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their help, kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our dear father and grandfather and for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bayless, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bayless, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bayless and grandchildren.

### DISTANCE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

I KNOW a house where two reside,  
Two hearts a thousand miles divide.

And then I think of you today,  
Perhaps a thousand miles away,  
But when I think of you, my dear,  
It seems that you are almost here.

This brings us near or takes us far;  
Not where we are but how we are,  
How long the miles would lengthen out

If I had any cause to doubt,  
How many miles the miles would be  
To you, if you had doubt of me.

Ah, there are other women, too,  
Who stay at home, as I must do,  
I pity them, but more

The weary woman waiting for  
Not someone's step but someone's sign,  
Some word to make her day divine.

And I would rather have you there,  
A thousand miles, and have you care,

Than have you here, your vows forgot,  
Not caring whether here or not,  
Distance is not some mile that parts;  
It is the space between two hearts.

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### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

#### BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

ARE you a believer?  
That is a question about yourself, not about your creeds or doctrines.

Do you believe in yourself and is that belief sufficiently well founded to be a reliable mainstay in your endeavors?

One of the most interesting miracles that the Messiah performed was that in which He accomplished the healing of the boy who was an epileptic.

It is especially interesting because the first appeal was to the disciples who wholly failed in their efforts. The father of the child was a little weakened in his faith by this failure and when he applied to Jesus for help he did so with some evidence of doubt as to the results.

The reply of the Messiah was "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." And when His followers asked Him why they had not been able to perform the healing they were told that it was their unbelief that hindered them.

Of course this belief was not intended to have been in themselves or in their personal powers but in what Jesus often called to them "The Truth."

It is in the belief in the truth about ourselves that we should, and that the wise man does, find the basic elements of success and advancement.

If we do not have confidence, which is only another name for belief in ourselves, we are not likely to get far in accomplishment. But that belief must be based on fact, on the truth, on the realities which exist in us and upon which we can call with faith and reliance.

Believing in oneself is absolutely necessary to any successful action.

The man who does not believe in himself cannot make a speech worth listening to, he cannot write a book worth reading, he cannot run a winning foot race nor even successfully plow a furrow.

He is like a smooth-shod horse on a glare of ice.

If you ever saw one who know how he struggles to gain a footing and shortly lies still, panting from exhaustion and trembling with fright.

His driver scatters sand or puts down his brags upon which he might get a toe hold. But the horse has lost his CONFIDENCE, he believes that he cannot get up and nothing short of punishment with the whip will make him even try.

So long as he had confidence, so long as he believed in himself and his ability to get on his feet he was willing to keep making the attempt.

When the belief was gone, he was unwilling to make further trial. He was done for.

We are all like that horse. So long as we believe in ourselves we have the heart and the courage and the ambition to keep on trying.

The minute we are without the belief we are useless to ourselves and to everybody else.

Believe in yourself. Do not overbelieve. Attempt only what you have good reason to think you can finish.

Do not cease to believe in yourself until you have gone the limit, until you have tried every one of your resources, until you have exhausted every bit of your energy.

Failure, if it is honest failure, is no disgrace.

Giving up while there is still a chance to succeed is to your discredit. Fight it out to the end.

Go down with your colors flying. If you do that you will prove your belief in yourself and establish yourself as a worthwhile man.

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## Warm Days Will Soon Be Here

Prepare to take care of your milk, butter, eggs, cheese, vegetables, etc. by letting us sell you a Refrigerator. Our refrigerators are as good as the best, with prices that you can afford to pay. Also ice is cheaper this year. We also have Ice cream Freezers, Electric Fans, Oil Stoves, Gas Ranges and other things that will add to your comfort through the summer months. Buy now and get full benefit throughout the entire warm weather.

We have a few incubators left at attractive prices. A few implements left. Let us figure with you. Plumbing and Plumbing Supplies, Pipe and Windmills, and the windmills are Aermotors, too. Ask any Aermotor owner about them if you are in need of a windmill.

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We want your Hardware business.

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#### CARD OF THANKS

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Mr. and Mrs. Mack Buzbee.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins and family.

A 25c classified ad often bring surprising results.

Misses Doris and Tommye Durham who are students at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, after spending

several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham, returned Wednesday to Denton, accompanied by their brother, Wrenn Durham.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

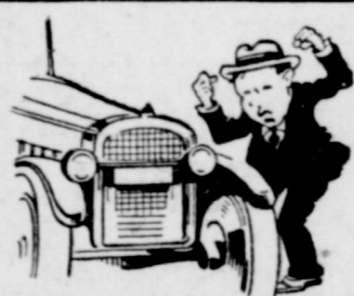
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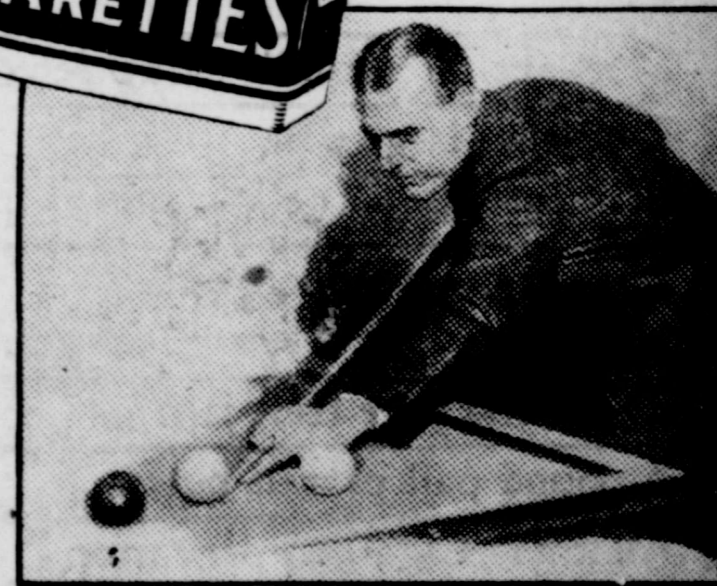
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## on Men's and Young Men's Spring Suits

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all \$30.00 Suits, sale price \$24.75  
 " 25.00 and 22.50 suits, sale price 17.50  
 " 20.00 suits, sale price 15.00  
 " 15.00 suits, sale price 12.50

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Blue label brer rabbit syrup per gal.	.93
Rex Jelly, large pail,	.88
Maxwell House Coffee, 3 lb. pail	1.43
Pure Georgia ribbon cane syrup, per gal.	1.08
4½ pound pure fruit jam	.94
5 pound pail peanut butter	.98
All kinds Cigaretts per carton	1.28

# M. G. SCOTT

## Cash Grocery

Trent, Texas

## THE MERKEL MAIL

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 IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas as second class mail.

### WARREN NEWS

Colds and influenza have caused lots of sickness in the past week in this community.

Those who have had the flu are: Misses Lena Maye Chancey and Helen McCormick and Mrs. R. V. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jones of Salt Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Himu Jones, Comper, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Chancey spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Ethel Witeman. Mr. W. R. Sumpter and Robert Sumpter spent Sunday with Mr. Z. M. Sumpter.

Miss Helen McCormick, who attends school at Merkel is at home this week on account of having the flu, but is better at this writing.

Mrs. H. C. Chancey spent the afternoon with Mrs. A. J. Hartley Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens spent last Thursday night with his folks.

Jack Higgins visited Wayne Dyess Tuesday evening.

Mr. E. H. Jones, Mr. Truman Jaynes and Mr. Calloway Chancey spent Tuesday in Abilene on business.

Mr. Fred Whiteman who is working at Albany, Texas, spent the weekend at home, returning to Albany on Monday morning.

Bro. and Sister Parrack took supper with Mrs. Hartley and son, Joe, on Thursday evening of last week.

Miss Artie McCormick spent Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Lee Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones visited their daughter in Merkel Sunday evening.

Warren school is progressing nicely due to our fine teachers, Miss Nora Foster and Miss Alyne Riley, also the students are fine.

Miss Foster had to cover Cleo Chancey and Bennie Hobbs up with a quilt the other day to keep them from disturbing her pupils with their "funny faces".

Mrs. Powers visited our school Tuesday evening.

The State Inspector and county superintendent visited Warren School on Wednesday.

Mrs. Powers and her mother, Mrs. Cook, visited Warren school on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Sumpter went fishing Wednesday and had "fisherman's luck". They all got away.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse of Merkel.

FOR SALE—Special price on genuine Kasch Cotton Seed while they last. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

If you have hogs or cattle to sell, see Patterson Brothers. 1tp

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Political

For Congress, 17th District:  
 R. Q. LEE, of Cisco.

T. P. PERKINS of Mineral Wells

FOR District Clerk:

MISS BELLE WELLBORN

FOR County Clerk:

W. E. BEASLEY

J. H. BRATTON

W. P. BOUNDS

FOR Sheriff:

H. T. O'BAR

FOR Tax Collector:

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FOR County Judge:

TOM K. EPLEN

FOR County School Supt:

M. A. WILLIAMS

**Precinct Announcements**

FOR Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

PHILLIP A. DILTZ

JOHN J. TOOMBS

C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE

FOR Public Weigher:

THOS. A. BEARDEN

**JONES COUNTY OFFICES**

For Commissioner (Precinct No. 4):

W. C. BAKER

W. T. RAINWATER (re-election)

For County Clerk (Jones Co.):

W. F. WRIGHT

For School Supt. (Jones Co.):

T. R. FRANCIS

## ALATHEAN CLASS

Mesdames Ash, Allen and Ashby entertained the Alathean Class in the home of Mrs. Ash Friday evening. Mrs. Polly read the 3rd chapter of Colossians, followed by a prayer by Mrs. Pence.

Principal discussion of the social hour was what charity work to do next. Scarfs for the Baptist Sanitarium were finished and handed in.

A reading by Mrs. Holden was enjoyed very much. In the rabbit drawing contest, Mrs. Holden received first prize. Mrs. Polly was second and Mrs. Daugherty got the booby prize.

Misses Floy Ash and Dorothy Higgins served ice cream and angel food cake to the following class members: Mesdames Polly, Bradshaw, McDonald, Griffin, Porter, Hamm, Daugherty, Holden, Pence and Jones, and visitors, Mesdames Martin, Hulsey, and Wells.

### NOTICE

Miss Leota Fain of the View school gets first on stories from rural schools and is entitled to choice of any \$5.00 Parker Pen in stock at Grimes-Smith Drug Store. Watch next week's Merkel Mail for her story. SWAFFORD, phone 44, Merkel, Texas. 1t

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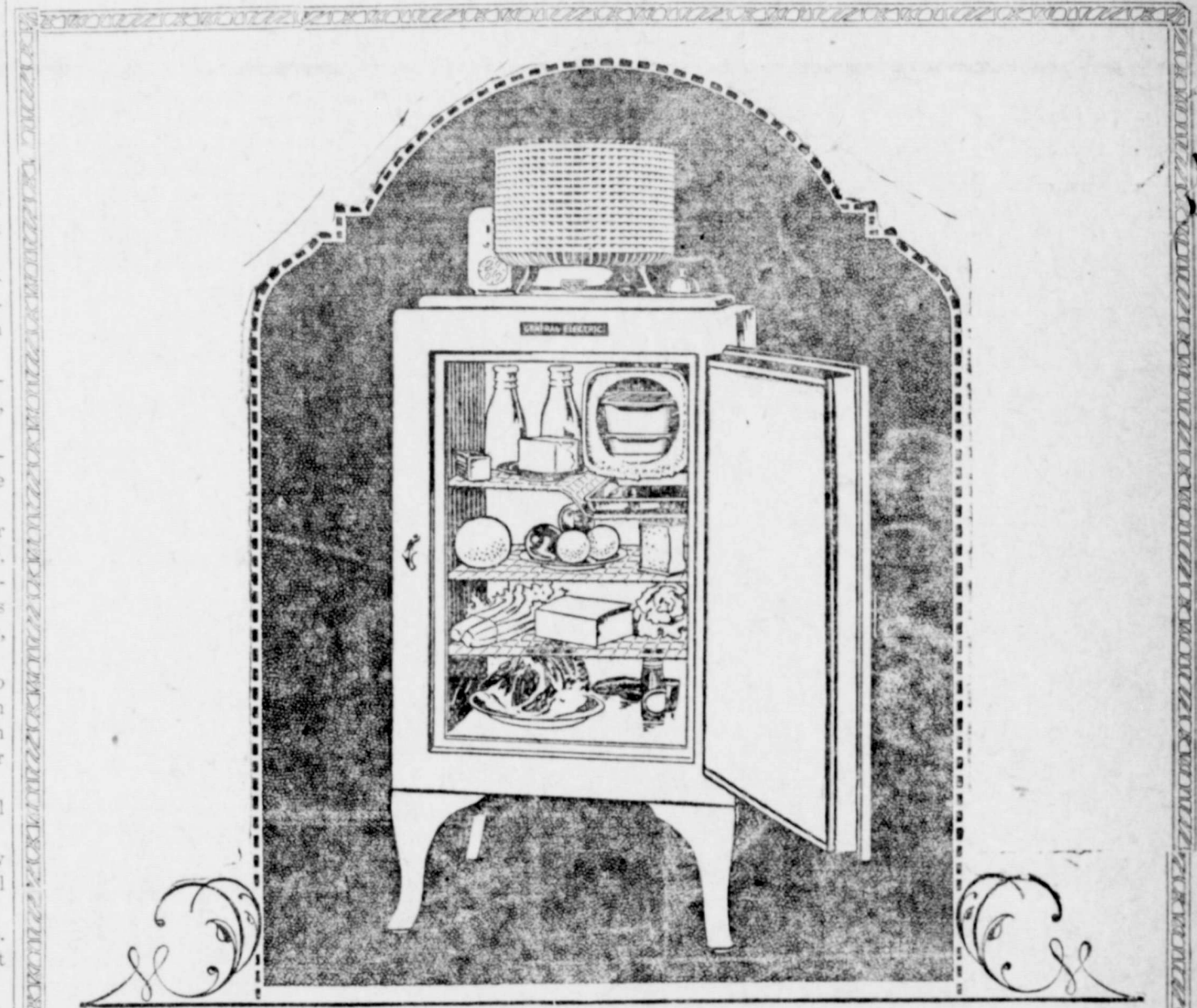
If you are in the market for property—town or country—state your wants and I will find it worth the money. If you have property to sell I will find a purchaser.

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Two Giant Bottles of Vanilla  
EXTRACT

we will give FREE a  
1-lb. Can of Baking Powder  
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For Baby Chicks—It's Better and costs Less!  
ALSO, I can help you to become a happy,  
prosperous Watkins Dealer. See me—

**W.A. WHITELEY**  
MERKEL, TEXAS



## JUNIOR B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM

Subject: "The Story of a Pile of  
Stones."

1. Introduction, Kathleen Harmon.
2. The order to cross the Jordan, by Sarah Sheppard.
3. The River is high, by Margaret Miller.
4. Joshua orders the lint of March, by Harry Boaz.
5. A wall of water and dry land, by Clara Frances Largent.

6. The twelve stones, by Johna Jones.
7. The monument in Gilgal, by Thelma Patterson.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject: Easter, a Time to be Glad.  
Leader, Mary Grace Dunn.  
Prayer by superintendent.  
Scripture reading (Mark 16:1-3),  
by leader. Song 231.  
Christ has risen, by Mildred Rich-

ardson.  
Lesson story by Superintendent.  
Roll the Stone of Self Away, by Cullen Tittle.  
Song 98.  
Piano solo, Mary Grace Dunn.  
The real meaning of Easter, by Nell Hughes.  
Piano Solo, Alice Church.  
Talk by Superintendent. Song 87.  
League Benediction.  
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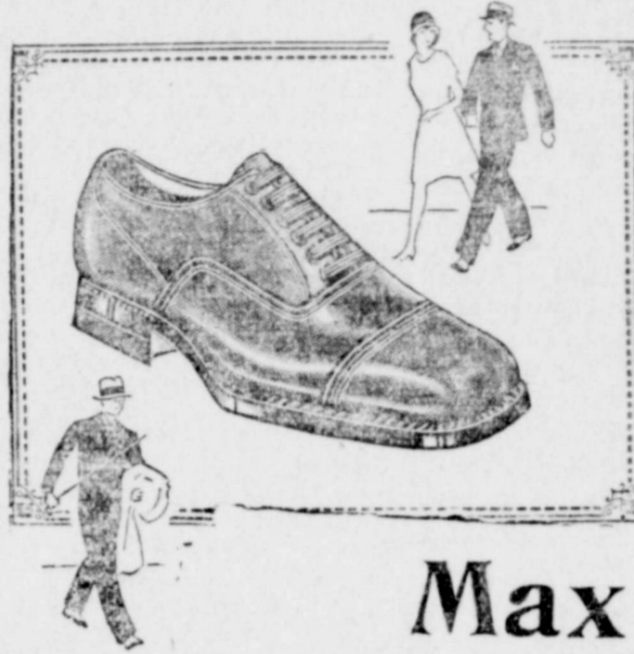


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Sunday School at the regular hour 10 a.m.

We did not have as large attendance last Sunday as usual, but were absent on the account of sickness. Bro. Parrack preached here Sunday. We are always glad to have Bro. Parrack. There will be no more Saturday morning preaching as the busy time for the farmers is coming on.

There is lots of flu just now in the community. Chester Lucas and wife have been in bed with the flu. Little Joyce Stanley had the flu. Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sherrell's little son had the flu. Clyde Davis has been pretty sick with the flu, but we are glad to learn he is improving.

Miss Floyk McKinney is staying with her sister, Mrs. Harvey Allred, who has been very sick.

Mrs. Walter Clemmer have adopted a little baby girl, 8 months old. The babe will surely have a good home.

This old world would be much better off if there were a few more of such kind-hearted people as Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer.

Uncle Bill and Aunt Dora Tarpley are visiting their son, Ernest this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall went to Coleman Saturday after Mr. Marshall's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Visited with Lee Stanley and family Monday.

Mr. Clarence Foster reported his Brother, Earle, who lives in the Noodle community as getting along fine just now. We were glad to get the good news. Mr. Foster had the flu, it developed into pneumonia, he certainly has been a sick man.

We are sorry our school will be out in just two weeks. Some of the children can not make their grade and when the child fails to pass they get discouraged and quit school.

We will be glad when this district reaches a seven months school.

Mrs. T. F. Davis entertained the sewing club in her home Wednesday. After a social hour angel food cake and lemonade were served to Mesdames Outlaw, McNut, Marshall, Lucas, Wylie Outlaw, Misses Sap, Marshall, Outlaw.

There will be singing at Comper Sunday evening. Mrs. M. D. Lucas spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Atkins were visiting the sick Sunday.

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### ABROLHOS ISLANDS MENACE TO SHIPPING

#### Princess Mafalda Added to Long Toll of Wrecks.

Washington.—The Abrolhos, or Santa Barbara Islands, off the coast of central Brazil, near where the Italian liner Princess Mafalda recently went down in one of the worst marine disasters since the sinking of the Titanic, is the subject of the following bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society:

"The Abrolhos Islands are the above-water apex of one of South America's 'Grand Banks,'" says the bulletin. "Off the coast of Brazil, south of Bahia and north of Rio de Janeiro, this great bank or underwater plateau stretches to sea for more than 100 miles. The Abrolhos Islands are not the bank's only danger points. In many places it rises to within a fathom or two of the surface, and at some points rocks are just awash at low water. Many of these obstructions are of coral formation.

**Pass Near Obstruction.**

"One of the principal shipping lanes between Europe and South America, and the lane from North American ports to Brazil and Argentine, touch both at Pernambuco and Bahia and then skirt the coast southward to Rio de Janeiro. These ship routes pass just outside the Abrolhos islands and their clustering shoals. On Santa Barbara, chief of the islets, is a lighthouse to warn ships to keep to the eastward.

"Because these islets, rocks and reefs lie so close to frequented ship lanes, they have taken a heavy toll. Several of the more important shoals are named from ship, that have met disaster on them, as La France shoal, on which the steamer La France went aground in 1884, and California shoal, struck by the ship California in 1891.

"The isles are approximately 30 miles off the nearest point of the mainland, Bahia or Baleia point. The shoals and reefs stretch 12 or 15 miles farther seaward. Just as North American fishermen frequent the Newfoundland banks, so the Abrolhos bank draws the fishermen of Brazil. Scores of fishing boats are usually to be found near the islands, many of them from Port Seguro, 100 miles to the north. This little port was the landing place in 1500 of Cabral, on whose exploit hung the claim of Portugal to the great land that is now Brazil.

**An Isolated Section.**

"This has remained an isolated section of the Brazilian coast. The nearest town to the scene of the sinking of the Princess Mafalda is Caravelias, several miles up the river of the same name, and a few miles down the coast from Baleia point. The population of the town is about 4,000. It has a short railway running inland to gold mines, but it is not connected with other coastal towns. The nearest sizable towns are Victoria, 200 miles to the south, and Bahia, 350 miles to the north."

#### "Leave It to Me," Said Jimson, and Made Good

"I've nothing in particular special to do tonight, so I think I'll fix that clock," decided Jimson Skupper. "I'll show the people in this house whether I put off fixing it because I didn't know how, or merely because I didn't have time before!"

And he looked at the handsome eight-day clock on the mantel, and after a half hour's concentration, removed the back. Dusting off the jewel-mounted ditchy spring with the end of his handkerchief and pouring oil on the revolving gadgets and snimpwinders, he screwed the back on again, wound up the clock and then shook it.

The clock continued in a state of innocuous inactivity.

"Humph!" Jimson Skupper exclaimed to himself, and this time took the face off and squirted eau de cologne into the left porthole. Then, after breathing a prayer on the hands and rubbing it in well, he returned the clock to its face and shook it again.

It remained in a condition of non-committal somnolence.

"Heck!" swore Jimson Skupper, and hurled the blamed thing forcibly into the stove fireplace. Instantly it began ticking with sensible industriousness.

"Leave it to me!" said Jimson loftily and placed the clock back on the mantel and lit his pipe with the air of somebody who really was somebody.—Providence Journal.

#### Senate Slow to Part With Historic Relics

The gavel in use today in the senate was used to call the Continental congress to order and by every presiding officer of the senate since the days of John Adams, the first vice president of the United States, points out Winifred Mallon in an article in Liberty.

"The gavel is small, but highly effective," writes the author. "Carved from an elephant's tusk, it is yellowed with age. It is shaped like an hourglass, and without a handle, either end fitting comfortably into the hand."

Visitors to the senate chamber in Washington, the author continues, are also shown other historical possessions, including the sand sifters. These are small glass bottles with perforated tops, in size and shape like the ink-bottles beside which they are fitted into the top of each senator's desk.

#### Religious Faith No Secret in Jerusalem

In Jerusalem, the little city of great things, religious observances play a part in daily life unknown in other capitals. Since it is the center of three great faiths and all their subdivisions, can it be wondered at if each faith and branch thereof jealously guards rights and rites acquired throughout centuries, often through famine, siege and untold hardship?

In a modern city, one meets people daily for years without knowing their religious beliefs. This is impossible in Jerusalem. Be he occidental or oriental, every man's religion is known to all and also the fidelity with which he carries out the obligations imposed by his faith.

The religious festivals bring their own pageantry to the city. There are Moslems with their adherents from northern Africa, India, Afghanistan, Bokhara, Arabia, and the Sudan; Christians of all denominations; Latins, including many of the religious orders and the Uniate churches which acknowledge the supremacy of the pope; the eastern churches, which comprise the Orthodox, the Armenian, and Syriac, Copts, and Abyssinians; the Anglican church; the Jews, divided into Ashkenazim, Sephardim, Karaites, Yemenites, Georgians, and Bokharans. — National Geographic Magazine.

#### Cartoon in Japan Not Inspired by Politics

In Japan, apparently, the cartoon did not have the democratic beginnings of its occidental counterpart. Here in America the cartoon was originally used in magazines and newspapers as a political weapon, but the Japanese cartoon was more than eight hundred years old before the first issue of the Yokohama Mainichi Shinbun, first of the Japanese dailies, appeared in 1857.

The first Japanese cartoonist was a lordly person, a Buddhist monk, Kakyu, abbot of Toba, who was born in 1653 A. D. He employed most of his eighty-seven years laughing at the follies and vanities of the decadent Kyoto court and at pretentious low-brows everywhere. His influence over that branch of Japanese art was as great as that of Shakespeare on the English drama. In fact, for centuries the only Japanese name for the cartoon was "Toba-e"—"Toba Pictures." No cartoons appeared in Japanese newspapers until a few years ago, but now they have become so popular that in all the large cities they are printed as daily features.

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Mr. Will Eoff was complimented with a birthday dinner Sunday at his home near Noodle. Much to the surprise of Mr. and Mrs. Eoff, their children began to arrive about the noon hour with well filled baskets of good things to eat. Dinner was spread on a long table in the yard. The birthday cake with its 71 blue candles had its place in the center of the table. It was baked by Mrs. Clarence Eoff. Those enjoying this dinner were: Elder and Mrs. Cypert of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harkins and two children of Roscoe, Mrs. Clarence Eoff and two children of Merel, Mr. and Mrs. Will Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. Naylor Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff and little daughter, all of the Noodle community. Also a sister of Mr. Will Eoff, Mrs. Morgan.

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Mr. John Howell of Abilene was looking after business here last Friday.

Mr. R. B. McRee, Sr., and family have purchased a new Dodge sedan recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKeown and baby of Cisco spent the week-end with Mr. McKeown's sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Bryan.

We failed to make mention last week of grandpa Apprice's death and funeral, which occurred on Sunday, March 25th at his home in Eskota. He was 73 years old and had many, many friends. He is survived by one daughter who lives at Haskell. He was buried Monday evening at Playa. Bro. Watson conducted the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Mounts of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lester Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop are visiting relatives at Waco this week. They are trying out that new Chevrolet car perhaps.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Reynolds of Caddo visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds last week-end.

Quite a few of our girls that are in school at Abilene visited home folks Sunday. Among them were: Mary Boyd, Forest Forrester, Evelyn Hogue, Lucille and Rita Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham, accompanied by Mrs. Tom McLeod, were visitors in Wichita Falls a few days this week.

Mr. Bob Weaver is home to be with his family a while.

Miss Pearl Martin, who is teaching school at Hermleigh visited over Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mrs. J. E. Bowers.

Mr. Gosnell from Haskell is visiting his son, Jim Gosnell.

C. T. Beckham was in Abilene Monday, while there he called on Bro. and Sister Humphreys.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gafford had in their home as guests the latter part of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anthony of Brookfield. They were accompanied by Ray and Clarence Duke, brothers of Mrs. Gafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod and family visited relatives here last week-end. Mrs. McLeod and children remaining over for the week to visit with her mother, Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

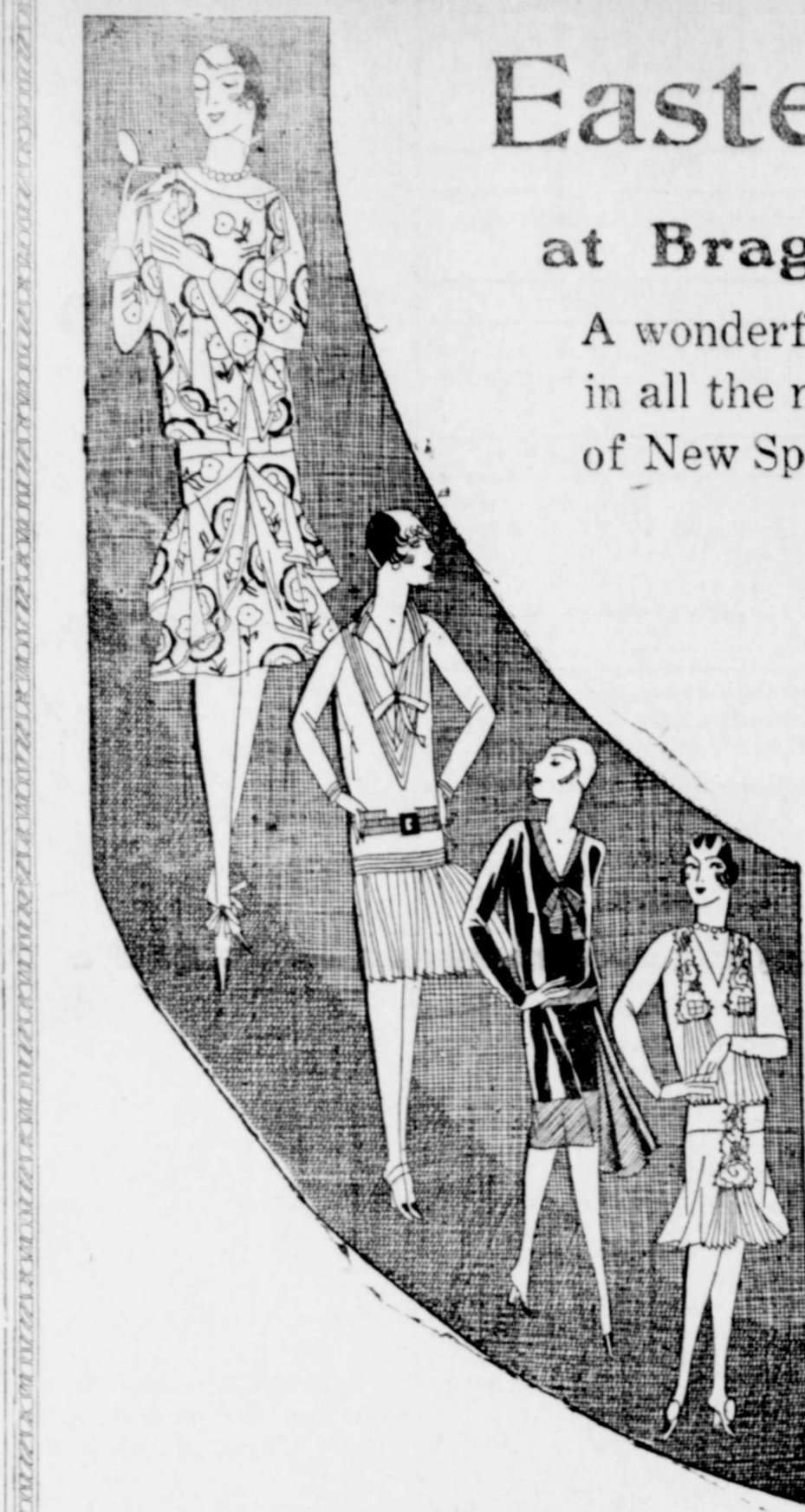
Mr. O. S. Bryan and James Waters left last Tuesday for Slaton, where they are to erect some buildings for the Acme Lumber Company. They will be away two or three weeks.

Mrs. Hamitt of Dublin is visiting her son, Robt. Hamitt for a while.

Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter visited in Fort Worth a few days this week.

Mr. Murl Mangum, also Mr. Bill Scranton, who is working for the Phillips Company at Cisco, is with home folks a few days.

Those attending the funeral of Mother Dingle which took place last Sunday six miles north of Cisco, at



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Pisgha cemetery, where her husband was laid to rest many years ago, were Mr. Marvin Murdock and wife, Finton and Dave Boyd.

Mr. Cliff Smith of Sweetwater was in our town on business last Wednesday.

The meeting is growing in interest and attendance. Every one who attends reports a great blessing. Every-

body is invited to attend. Mr. J. O. Armstrong and family have moved to Salt Branch community. We regret very much to give them up.

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY**  
The Womens Missionary Society met Monday at the usual hour and rendered a very interesting program. A book, "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow," was used as the theme. Mrs. E. L. Mangum discussed the condition of Child life since 1914.

Mrs. Jno. Payne gave the topic of the Starting Point of the home. Mrs. J. K. F. Winn talked of reading "The Broader Outlook in Foreign Fields."

The society delegate, Mrs. Watson, secured a final report before going to Seymour to the annual conference. Mrs. Jno. Gafford was a welcome visitor at our meeting.

The W. M. S. is planning to give a dinner on Election Day. They appreciate your patronage and hope you enjoy their efforts. A Parcel Post Sale date will be announced soon.

**Blair Items**

Mrs. Abb Tittle and children of Brownfield, Texas, are spending an indefinite time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Reeves, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spears of Valera, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Hodges and family of Shilo, Mrs. Ira Stanley of Stith, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Spears of Merkel spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mrs. John Belt and children, Armarete and Imogene and little Misses Auldrege of Sweetwater, Mrs. J. W. Bayless and children, Jack, Mildred and Christine of Abilene, were the guests of Mrs. Hugh Campbell one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott and grand daughter little Dorothylee Jacob, of Trent, were seen in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomie Patterson visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks Sunday.

Mr. Jim Moore left Tuesday for Dallas to visit relatives at that place. Mrs. Tom Melton, Mrs. Claud Doan Mrs. Ladeen Balew visited Mrs. R. B. Horton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grayson of Merkel visited in our midst Sunday.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell graciously extended hospitality to a number of

friends with a slumber party in her home Friday night. At the breakfast hour Mrs. Claud Doan assisted the hostess in serving delicious hot biscuit, sausage, cake and cocoa to each of the following: Misses Rosa Cozart, Ruby Bayless of Abilene, Ruth Pinckley, Effie Grayson, Nola Provine, Wynona Patton, Opal Johnson, Clara Phillips, Vernice Owens, Ada Mae Rosson, Mae Melton, Ruby Patton.

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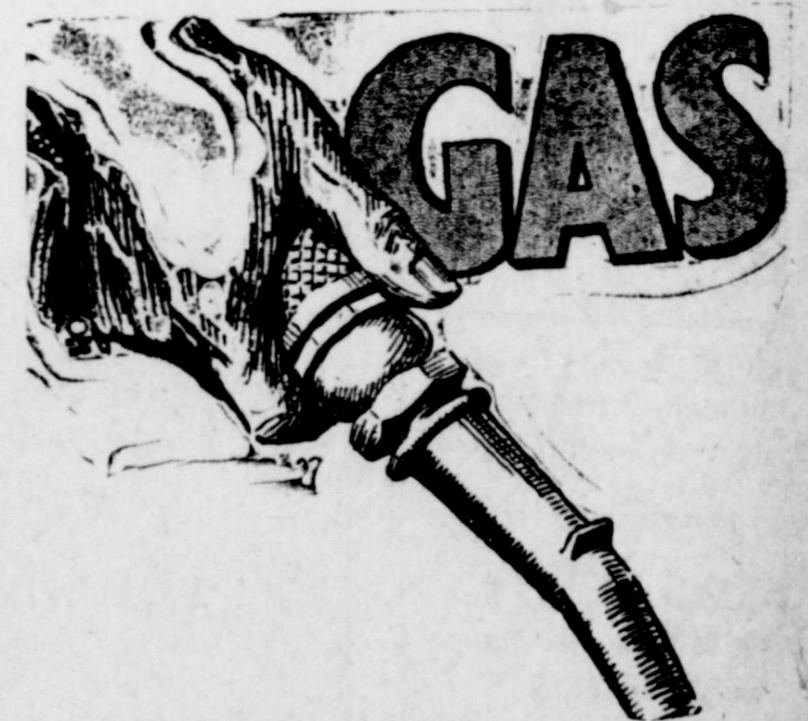
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