

Choral and Glee Clubs Broadcast At Five Saturday

The original hour for broadcasting over WBAP, Fort Worth, has been changed from Friday to Saturday, from five to 5:30 o'clock, when the combined Choral and Glee Clubs of Merkel High School will render a thirty minute musical program with Miss Collins directing and Mrs. Yates Brown at the piano.

CITY COUNCILMEN ARE RE-ELECTED

In the City Election last Tuesday a week ago Messrs. R. O. Anderson, Booth Warren and W. H. Frazier were re-elected as Councilmen without opposition, and will continue to do their "bit" with the assistance of the other members of the present administration, to push the city's best interests onward and upward.

HOME TALENT PLAY AT STITH SATURDAY NIGHT

We are requested to announce that there will be a play entitled, "Civil Service Play," at Stith next Saturday night, April 14, presented by the young people of Tye. The proceeds of the play will go to help pay out the church at Tye, according to the directors.

Every one is cordially invited to attend and enjoy a good entertainment and at the same time help in a worthy cause.

The Badger Weekly

The Badger Weekly is published each week and sponsored by Mrs. Young. The officers are:

- Addie Fae Patterson, Ed-In-Chief. Norma Shannon, Literary Editor. Patsy Lewis, Society Editor. Gladys Watts, Misc. Editor. David Cannon, Humor Editor. Paul Causseaux, Sport Editor.

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SENIOR PICNIC

Last Friday evening the Seniors went on a picnic. Several of the Seniors did not go, and they surely missed a treat. The class assembled at the High School at 7:30.

Mr. Jackson spent most of his time while out there teaching the boys how to play leap frog, while the girls talked over their school affairs and affairs. The boys got a great kick out of teasing Miss Bird about her Chevrolet. Miss Bird told them her Chevrolet would make 70 miles an hour, but they seemed to doubt her word.

Of course the most enjoyable time was "time to eat". Every one expressed himself as having a good time. We sincerely hope that next time a Senior picnic is announced every member of the class will be present.

JUNIOR PICNIC

The Juniors were given a half holiday last Friday, this we spent picnicking. After many attempts to get ways to go and to stay together, we finally started. Following a lot of car trouble, we at last got to a beautiful place on Mulberry. Here the afternoon was spent climbing hills, kooking and playing games. Sandwiches, fruit, potato chips and "pop" were enjoyed by the following: Mrs. Young, sponsor; Addie Fae Patterson, Euna Lee Gilmore, Lola Shelton, Vivian Berger, Norma Shannon, Patsy Lewis, Elsie Richie, Ruby Patton, Velma Walker, Helen McCormick, Bernice Lassiter, Lester Patterson, Blanton McLean, Ruskin Smith, Robert Riney, Raymond Earthman, R. E. Cole, William Sheppard, Roy Kelso, Horton Williams, Norman Sloan and Finus Cade.

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Presbyterian Revival In Progress

The revival meeting which began at this city last Sunday, has been growing in both interest and attendance. Evangelist J. W. Joiner is delivering great Bible messages at each service, which are being held twice each day, at ten a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

The pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, very cordially invites the cooperation and attendance of the members of all churches, all singers and members of other choirs have an urgent invitation to attend and assist in the song services.

VOTERS ELECT THREE NEW SCHOOL TRUSTEES IN SATURDAY ELECTION

In the election for three members of the Merkel Independent School Board last Saturday, Messrs. O. J. Adecock, A. J. Canon and Eli Case were elected. The other members on the board are, R. O. Anderson, president; W. O. Boney, secretary; S. D. Gamble and Herbert Patterson.

These gentlemen are all live, wide-awake men, interested in giving the community the best school possible with the financial means at hand. The reason we say this is there are a number of things that should be done in our school, things that the board is anxious to do, but they have not the equipment and means to do some of these things. However, let's give them our sincere cooperation in their efforts to do the best they can.

Baptist Church

All regular services Sunday except the evening service that is called off on account of the revival meeting in progress at the Presbyterian church. Our people are urged to attend the meeting not just on Sunday night, but through the week as well. We were not able to have our meeting this spring then the next best thing is to get into another meeting.

Quite a number of our people plan to attend the state Sunday School convention at Corsicana next week. They plan to drive through in cars Monday, so as to be there for the entire convention that lasts three days, beginning Sunday. Mr. Willie Joe Largent, general superintendent of our Sunday School, will head this delegation and will bring back at least one banner, that offered for the first Sunday School in Texas to reach the Advanced Standard. Some twelve or fifteen have already signed up to go and it is hoped that a number of others will decide to go.

At least three Merkel people are slated to appear on the program of the Corsicana meeting. Mr. Willie Joe Largent is to tell how the local Sunday School reached the advanced standard, Miss Valerie Dye will tell them how the Merkel workers do things in the Young People's Department, and Mrs. Pick Allen will preside at the conference on Home Department work and tell them how she leads her department in meeting standard requirements.

Any member of the church or Sunday School is entitled to attend the convention and we will be glad to have others decide to go along. Bed and breakfast can be had for one dollar per day in private homes, and other meals can be secured in nearby eating houses. Or where people prefer to camp, the various tourist parks in Corsicana afford splendid camping facilities.

Any one deciding to go along to the convention please report to Mr. Willie Joe Largent as early as convenient. Some three or four cars have already been promised for the trip, one or two others might help out in giving ample transportation for all who might wish to go.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Brian for some nice grape fruit and oranges which came to them from their son-in-law in California. They were very large and of splendid flavor.

Joe Winter 5 Has Fishing Job; First Pay Missed, Is Said

Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 5 Joe Winter, east offset to Phillips' No. 5 W. Joe, in the northeast extension of the Noodle Creek field, has apparently missed the regular Phillips pay at 2,460-2,500 feet, an official report indicates.

At a total depth of 2,615 feet without pay, a fishing job is now delaying further drilling in quest of the second producing formation, found in two wells of the field at 3,035 feet. Twenty feet of cavings have covered a string of tools dropped in the hole.

Midwest Exploration Company's No. 1 Mrs. Sarah Phillips, east offset to Phillips' No. 1 Pomroy, which opened the northeast extension, was drilled Wednesday morning at 2,289 feet.

The Sarah Phillips is one location north of No. 5 Joe Winter, which is a diagonal southeast offset to No. 1 Pomroy.

MR. ANDERSON ATTENDS KANSAS CITY LIFE MEETING IN DALLAS

After a week-end visit of their daughter, Miss Flora Frances, who is a student at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson accompanied her on her return to Fort Worth, and Mrs. Anderson visited her daughter and the University while Mr. Anderson attend a convention of representatives of the Kansas City Life Insurance Company in Dallas.

He reports a large attendance from several states and a most excellent time.

MR. AND MRS. PARTRIDGE RESIGN POSITIONS WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY

After many years of faithful and efficient service with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as managers in this city, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Partridge announce their resignation with this company, to take effect at the end of this week.

Their many friends regret their action, and wish them success and happiness wherever they may cast their lot.

"STITH SAND STORM" NO. 2 IS OFF THE PRESS

Volume 1, Number 2, of the "Stith Sand Storm," a four-page, three columns by ten inch school paper published by the student body of the Stith Public School, was issued on April 9th, and not only was it newsy and well gotten up, but also carried advertisements from various merchants at both Stith and Merkel.

Miss Mattie Church is Editor-in-Chief, Stiles Watson assistant, Marvin Holloway holds the position of Joke editor and Annie Price is critic. There are also reporters and a "Secret Service Man" on the staff.

READ BARROW FURN. CO. AD IN THIS PAPER

In this paper will be found an interesting announcement by the Barrow Furniture Company. Don't fail to read it. You'll regret it if you miss it.

District Methodists Meet At St. Paul's, Abilene, April 14th

Two hundred and fifty women of the Abilene District, Northwest Texas Conference, are expected to attend the all-day meeting to be held Saturday at St. Paul's Methodist church in Abilene. There are twenty-eight charges in this district, including the churches of Merkel and Trent on the west, Bradshaw, Ovalo and Tuscola on the south, Baird and Putnam on the east, Anson and Avoca on the north and interlying districts.

Representatives are expected from the 28 churches, including the First and Oak Street Methodists of Abilene. The women of the three societies of St. Paul's church, the Missionary Society, the Bass auxiliary, and the Mary Martha circle are to donate, prepare and serve a lunch to all attending the meeting.

Miss Elizabeth Claiborn, who has recently returned from missionary service in China, will appear on the program in Chinese costume, and will tell of her work there. She will have on display a number of curios.

Mrs. Walter Jennings, district secretary, will preside at the meeting, opening at ten o'clock. Prayer retreat will be given by Miss Claiborn, and words of welcome will be said by Mrs. Thomas E. Hayden, Jr., with Mrs. W. H. Myatt of Nugent, making the response.

Echoes from the conference held at Seymour this week will be brought by Mrs. E. E. Traweek and others. A discussion, "Our Historic Goal," will be led by Mrs. Thos. Durham of Merkel. An important business hour will be a feature of the morning meeting.

Mrs. E. A. Hendricks of Abilene, will give the devotional opening the afternoon meeting, with Mrs. Walter Jennings having as the subject of a talk, "New Paths for Old Purposes." Miss Claiborn's talk will be followed by piano and violin music given by Mrs. Ryce Pierson and Mrs. R. B. Blankenship.

Zone recognition will be given during the meeting. Mrs. Nat G. Rollins district president, will talk on "Love Concretizing Itself." The meeting will close with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTS OFFICERS

At a meeting of the local Fire Department Monday night the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Booth Warren; vice-president, John Sears; secretary, Robert Dennis; Treasurer, Carlton Dennis; Chief, N. A. Dowell; assistant chief, Pete White; and the following including Chief Dowell were elected as delegates to the State Firemen's meeting which convenes in Denton in June: Chester Hutcheson, Pete White and Carlton Dennis.

Merkel is proud of her fine Volunteer Fire Department, and rightly so, and will give full cooperation and support to the newly elected officers.

Miss Delphine Moore is now a student at Draughon's Business College at Abilene.

Mrs. E. H. Scott of Abilene spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Sloan.

Annual Recital Of Piano Class

On Friday evening, May 4th, at eight o'clock, there will be presented to the public at the Grammar School Auditorium the pupils of Mrs. Ann Wall Brown's piano class. This will be the annual recital of the class, at which time all of the pupils of all grades of music will entertain their friends by showing their accomplishments of the year's work.

Misses Ida Mae Derstine, Louise Booth, Himalaya Swafford, Mattilou Largent, Margaret Canon, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Elizabeth Duncan Briggs, Wilma Gardner, Sarah Sheppard, Thelma Matthews and Maryzoe West will give selections from first to fourth grade studies, and more difficult numbers will be given by Ima Gene Mangum of Trent, Mildred Hamm, Rebba Demere, Nadine Tippet, Holley Perry, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Thelma Leach, Melba West and Mona Margaret Jones, vocal soloist.

Throughout the entire program there will be a diversion of piano selections, piano duets, vocal selections and choruses.

The public is cordially invited, there being no admission charge.

NEW SCOUT TROOPS WILL ATTEND CAMP TONKAWA

Abilene, Texas, Apr. 12.—Executive Ed Shumway, of the Boy Scouts of America, who has jurisdiction over the territory of the Chisholm Trail Council, expects by June first to have more than fifty scout troops in the seven counties of the Chisholm Trail Council. New troops are now being organized in Rule, Weinert, O'Brien and Sagerton in Haskell county. Three new troops are under way in Coleman County at Cross Plains. Rapid progress in scouting is being made in Clyde and Tuscola.

Last year at the Boy Scout Camp, Tonkawa, more than two hundred scouts took part in the well organized scout program and this year more than three hundred scouts are expected to attend the scout camp. Red Cross life saving will again be a feature of the program but many new features are being added daily. The Boy Scout Camp is under adult leadership and the program one of Scout advancement. New scout tests now being added to the program include Animal Industry, Beef Production, Corn Farming, Farm Home, and its Planning, Farm Layout and Building Arrangement, Farm Mechanics, Farm Records and Bookkeeping, Fruit Culture, Hog and Pork Production, Nut Culture, sheep farming, soil management.

CHRYSLER MAKES FINE RECORD ON 2,000 MILES

In speaking of the excellent quality and durability of the Chrysler car, Mr. F. E. Church, salesman for the local Chrysler dealers, the Maverick Motor Company, stated that he, accompanied by his wife, his brother W. C. Church, and their sister, made a trip to Sedalia, Missouri, and return in Mr. W. C. Church's Chrysler 70 sedan, a distance of nearly 2,000 miles, in 21 hours, which is five hours quicker than the fastest train to that point from here. They made an average of better than 21 miles per gallon of gas for the entire trip, with quite a bit of bad muddy roads. On the trip of nearly 2,000 miles only \$22.10 was spent for gas and oil, Mr. Church stated.

In speaking about car production for last month, Mr. Church also stated that Chrysler sold and delivered 25,000 cars while Dodge sold 22,000 and Buick 18,000.

MR. J. A. SEARS UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mr. J. A. Sears, the hustling and popular proprietor of the Sears Variety Store, was operated on last Monday for appendicitis at a sanitarium in Sherman, Texas, and is reported getting along nicely at this time.

We join his many friends here and elsewhere in the sincere hope that he will soon recover and regain his former good health.

Mrs. M. D. Lucas left Wednesday for Tyler. Her son, who is in school there, will accompany her home.

Misses Vera and Brooksie Justice of Abilene Christian College spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice.

Sunday School Day To Be Observed At M.E. Church Sunday

On next Sunday at the Methodist Church there is going to be an old-time Sunday School Day. The entire eleven o'clock hour being given over to this service. Let every member of the Sunday School be present and all others who will be in attendance. A good program has been arranged by the different departments, which will be as follows.

- Song No. 238. Devotional by Bro. Graham. Prayer. The Sunday School ship, Clyde Sears. Motion exercise by Beginners. Song by Primaries. Reading, Thelma Patterson. Playette, "The Spirit of Love." Special Music, the Banner Class. Reading, Loreta Cox. Trio, by The King's Daughters. A Good Example, Primary Dept. Quartette, Baraca Class. Reading, by Francis Church. Piano solo, Mary Grace Dunn. Playette, Radio Class. Special Music, by the Philathea Class. Reading, by Nell Hughes. Sunday School and its Purpose, by Rev. W. J. Mayhew.

ROSE HILL CEMETERY

A town that looks after the care and beauty of the grounds in which rests its dead is always attractive to those who visit it and the people of Merkel are to be congratulated for caring for and beautifying Rose Hill Cemetery.

J. H. Witcher has been sexton in charge for the past year and the writer in company with another citizen inspected his work last Tuesday and found the grounds and graves in better condition than they have ever been. There was not a weed to be found and all graves were rounded nicely, bespeaking something more than ordinary care. In fact we could not help but feel that more than brawn entered into his work as we looked over this beautiful spot.

Our cemetery faces the leading highway in America and it should be the desire of every one in and near Merkel to make it one of the most beautiful spots to be seen by the thousands of travelers who monthly pass this way. To do this will take funds, at least a thousand dollars annually, and this amount should be subscribed and paid in at once. Every one should desire to have a part in this work and the names and amounts of subscriptions will be published in the Merkel Mail. Let no citizen of Merkel fail to subscribe something and all those who live elsewhere, but who have friends or relatives resting in Rose Hill, should be glad to have a good share in caring for this sacred spot. Make checks payable to L. R. Thompson, Treasurer, who can always be found at his office, and you will be receipted for the amount. Let us make this up without delay, as the best work can be done now.

MISSIONARY WOMEN ATTEND ANNUAL MEET AT SEYMOUR

Rev. W. J. Mayhew, pastor of the Methodist church, accompanied by Mrs. Mayhew, and Mrs. Thos. Durham and Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, left Wednesday morning for Seymour, where they will attend the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference Methodist Woman's Missionary Society, which is in session there this week.

They were also accompanied by Misses Cora Lee Hobe, Emma Lou Russell, Gladys Milliken and Opal Patterson, who will represent the young ladies missionary society, the Belle Bennett Missionary Society of the local church.

Don't fail to see our Sheet Special Saturday. Boston Bargain Store.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent were happy to have their son, Billy, a student at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, as a guest.

Mr. J. W. Tipton, formerly an excellent citizen of this community, but residing at Lamesa, was here last Saturday on business and visiting with friends and relatives. While here J. W. had us send him the Mail for the next year.



TRENT NEWS

Little Luther Burnie Hester died on April the 4th. He was only 5 days old. Bro. Watson conducted the funeral services at the Trent Cemetery on last Tuesday. The mother, Mrs. D. Hester, is doing nicely at this writing. May the Lord fill the vacant place of the little one in their home.

Mrs. Dunn and little daughter of Brownfield are visiting Mrs. Tom McLeod this week. Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. McLeod were old school chums in Simmons College when they were girls.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Parks of Miles have moved to our city to make this their home for a while. Mr. Parks is with the Phillips Petroleum Company, and they have rooms with Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

Mrs. Billings visited her daughter at Santa Anna over Sunday.

Mrs. Will Craddock of Cisco visited over with Mr. F. G. Boyd and Mrs. Clarence Reid several days last week.

Mrs. J. P. Cashion who has been visiting friends in Strawn for the last two weeks, has returned home. Mr. Cashion drove down for her on Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phillips of Big Lake, formerly of Trent, announces the arrival of a baby daughter on the 9th of April. Ivy Lou is her name. The mother and baby are doing fine. Miss Ruby Campbell of Goldsboro is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harvey Jones this week.

Bro. and Sister Ledger of Sudan, Texas, were in our city last Wednesday evening shaking hands with old friends. They are visiting their son, Morris, who is teaching in the Blair school this year.

Dr. Dingle and wife visited over night with Mr. F. G. Boyd on Tuesday of last week. They were enroute home after attending the doctor's mother's funeral last week. They live at Fort Casey, Washington.

Little Miss Dorene Scott visited her sister, Mrs. Robt. D. Martin of Lorraine last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse of Merkel spent Monday with his mother, Mrs. W. E. Shouse, and sister, Mrs. Jno Payne.

Mrs. O. S. Byron and children accompanied by Mrs. Byron's brother, Murl Mangul, motored to Seminole, Oklahoma, on last Friday to see relatives there, returning Monday.

Miss Grace Washburn left on East bound train Tuesday to visit her sister who lives in Caddo. Miss Clea Vessels joined her at Abilene to make the visit with her.

Blondy Vickers and Pat Coyn left for Cisco Monday where they will be with the Phillips Oil Company there for a while.

Mr. Arthur Goode and Mr. Jim Gosnell made a business trip to the Plains this week.

Mrs. Watson attended the missionary meeting at Seymour this week.

Euna Jean McRee returned home Wednesday from Roscoe where she had been visiting Mrs. Aultman since Sunday.

Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel assisted the Baptist ladies in their Easter Bazaar last Saturday. The weather was so bad they did not do as much as they expected, but realized some 15 or 16 dollars. Thanks

to all. Mrs. Dr. Currie and son made a trip to Quanah this week.

Mrs. V. Payne and children of Sudan visited her sister, Mrs. Pete Rutledge the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle have returned home, they having been away for some time connected with a Gas Company near Beaumont.

Mrs. E. Howell is at this writing, Thursday, in Abilene Hospital for treatment.

Mr. J. M. Camp of Merkel visited with his son here on last Wednesday. Dean Stroud of Merkel visited our town Wednesday.

The Baptist prayermeeting was very well attended last Wednesday night. Plans were discussed for the coming meeting, which begins next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The Methodist meeting closed last Monday night, after running two weeks. Bro. Morris of Dallas did the preaching, and we had a real soul-stirring revival that we will feel the effects of in years to come. The church is greatly benefitted by the meeting in different ways; there were some 30 or 40 conversions and many reclaimed and about 15 additions to the church and more expected to follow.

Methodist Missionary Society
The Womans Missionary Society met Monday afternoon, April 9th, at the usual hour. The remainder of the book, "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow," was finished. Chapter 4, "The Compass," by Mrs. M. G. Scott, Chapter 5, "Companions of the Way," Mrs. R. B. McRee; chapter 6, "Unto the Perfect Day," Mrs. Jno. Gafford.

Those who miss these lessons miss a treat. They deal with the foreign mission along with an educational view of the conditions of the common people. All who study this book in every land is asked to pray for the other groups of women who will also be studying and praying. Together let us step out into the future with courage and with a great love and a steadfast faith, for, "It is the Way the Master trod; should not the Servant tread it stall?"

Every woman of the town is invited to attend these meetings and join the good thereof.

The special prayer by Mrs. McRee closed the program. Those enjoying Monday afternoon's meeting were: Mesdames J. K. P. Winn, Kearby, McRee, Payne, Gafford, Scott, Watson and Mangum.

Picnic for Fifth and Sixth Grades.

Mrs. Hosie Winn entertained the 5th and 6th grades with a picnic Saturday, April 7, 1928.

Those present were Oneda Bell, Naomi Rogers, Louise Watson, Mural Jones, Thelma Nalley, Sarah Julia Johnson, Marjorie Adrian, Jean Terry, Elizabeth Winn, Sallie Freeman, Florence Boyd, Jack Bowers, Chaney Hutcherson, Hubert Bright, Charles Bright, W. L. Boyd, Earl Margain, Charley Reid, Toots Eorn and Mr. and Mrs. Hosie Winn.

A delicious lunch was served, and the journey home was started.

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SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader, Gladys Milliken.
Subject: "Seeing Life Whole."
Song. Scripture, Luke 12:13-21.
What is Education, Cyrus Pee.
Mistakes in Education, Rose Laney.
The Christian Teacher, Hallie Pike.
Religious Education, Mrs. Floyd Dowell.
Song. Benediction.

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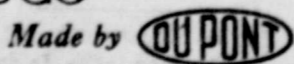
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Overdrafts	772.85
Furniture & Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Banker's Acceptances	\$ 73,524.08
Commercial Paper	91,500.00
U. S. Bonds (Owned)	116,300.00
Bills of Ex., Cotton	30,735.56
Cash & Sight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

LIABILITIES

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

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VAUDEVILLE AT PALACE WEDNESDAY AND THUR.

Wilson's Road Show, said by many to be one of the most mystifying vaudeville attractions, is billed to play at the Palace Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday. One of the feature acts on this program is called "The Burning of She", in which "she" will be burned alive on the stage. Who is "she"? And how does it all happen? A number of other vaudeville acts are also on the program. In connection with this vaudeville a good picture program will be shown. "Alias The Deacon" is the title of the picture and features an all-star cast in one of the funniest comedy dramas ever filmed.

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MARRIED SUNDAY

On last Sunday morning, April 8, Mr. Melvin Montgomery and Miss Ruby Blackburn, both popular young people of the Nubia community, were united in marriage, the Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of The First Baptist Church officiating, and the ceremony taking place at the parsonage.

MARRIED

Mr. Thos. Vinson and Miss Edith Cummings, of near Abilene, were united in marriage by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Baptist pastor, on last Monday afternoon, April 9, at the Lula Belle Parsonage.

Mrs. A. D. Hicks returned to her home in Fort Worth Sunday morning after a week's visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Collins.

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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 poll; 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 1860: '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 \$496.72 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."

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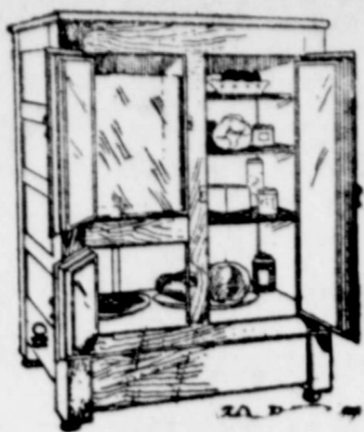
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Latin husbands are queer. They spend great sums building and furnishing homes and then expect their wives to stay in them. Latin wives are queerer yet—they stay in them.

To prove that you have a true sense of humor, laugh at yourself once in a while.

Almanac Traced to the Ancient Saxons

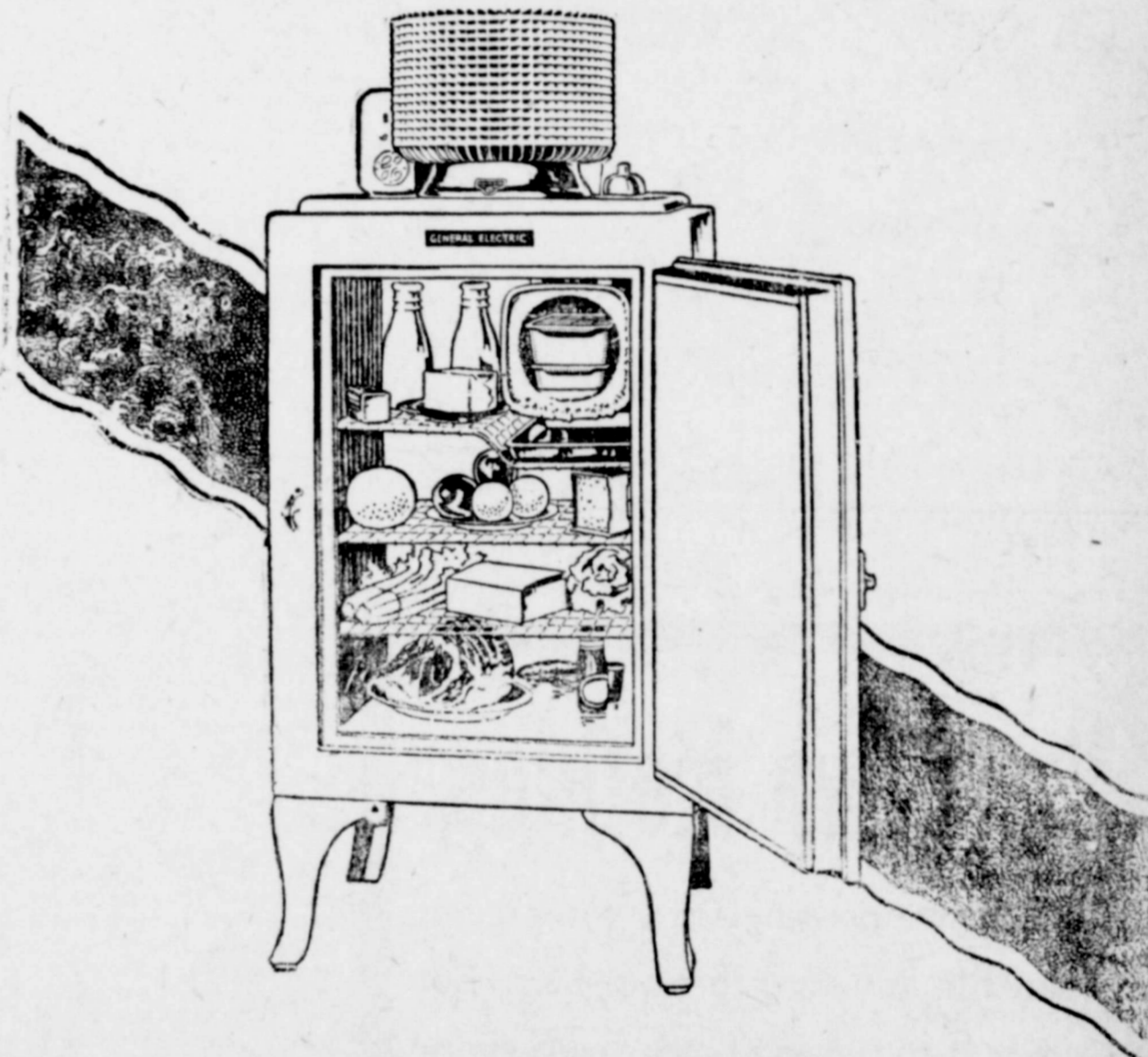
In the early days of Greece it was customary to announce the first day of the month either through a herald or placards pasted on the city walls. These placards were known as kalends, or koitades from the Greek, "I call or proclaim." The book of accounts referring to the days of the year was known as a calendarium, hence the word calendar. Excavators at Pompeii have discovered a square block of marble that served the Greeks as a calendar. Each side served as a record of three months. Each month was headed by the proper sign of the zodiac, and contained astronomical, agricultural and religious information. Versteegan, early lexicographer, tracing the origin of the word almanac, says:

"Our ancient Saxon ancestors used to engrave on certain squared sticks about a foot in length, sometimes more, sometimes less, the courses of the moons of the whole year, whereby they always certainly tell what new moons, full moons and changes should happen, as also their festival dates; and such a carved stick they called al-mon-acht; that is to say, al-mon-heed, to wit, the regard or observation of all the moons, and hence is derived the name almanac."—Detroit News.

Lilac Always Blossom of Love and Lovers

The lilac is an oriental blossom coming to us originally by way of Turkey and Spain. It is supposed to be the flower of love and lovers, marking the heyday of spring. The love lore of the "lilylock," to give it an Old-world name is varied and pleasant. A spray of white lilac, buried on the eve of a May moon, is a mid-hand charm which maidens practiced, believing that by the time the lilac died they would have the heart of the man they desired. If as many lilac petals as composed the name of a lover were strung on triple threads of white silk, and worn in a little bag next to the heart, before next lilac time came the lover would be won by this secret charm. If you have lilac in your garden no ghost can enter your house; if white lilac grows beside your door you will never be without love and luck; if you pluck a spray of lilac without your lover's knowledge when walking with him, put one of its petals in his drink; if he swallows it, he is yours forever and a day. A "luck lilac," usually found on white lilac, has five divisions of the petal instead of four. If you are in love, look for a luck lilac, swallow it, and your loved one will be faithful for all time! Thus love and lilac are irrevocably related.

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A striking illustration of the time-saving influence of modern inventions in business transactions was given recently when the purchase of an automobile was started in California and completed in Detroit while the buyer was making a four-day trip from Los Angeles to New York, according to advices just received by the Maverick Motor Company, local Chrysler dealers.

The buyer was Fred A. Church, mechanical engineer, designer and builder of amusement devices which attract throngs to amusement parks in many American cities. Speed has always been one of his hobbies. When hurried calls summon him from one part of the country to another in the past, nothing but extra fast trains and limiteds measured up to his idea of rapid travel.

Despite his reliance on fast railroad schedules, Mr. Church has been impressed by the fact that business associates who bade him goodbye as he boarded a train would frequently be waiting for him at his destination in another city. One of his associates took him for a drive in a Chrysler one day and he found the answer to this mystery. Thereupon he made up his mind that he would have a Chrysler for himself.

He was in Los Angeles when the decision was reached. A call on the Greer-Robbins Company, Chrysler distributors for Southern California, enabled him to select the model and type he preferred and a wire from the distributors to Detroit assured its delivery as soon as he could reach the factory. He had an important appointment in New York on March 14th, but urgent business prevented his leaving Los Angeles until Saturday, March 10th. There seemed to be no way of getting across the continent in time for his New York appointment, let alone stopping off in Detroit to take delivery of a car, but some one suggested the air mail and a new conception of the meaning of speed began for Mr. Church. At 8 o'clock Saturday morning, March 10, he boarded the government air mail plane and was the lone passenger on

its east bound trip.

Even for the speed loving engineer, the air journey was a revelation. The plane bucked a head wind through the mountains and across the Mojave Desert but Salt Lake City was reached at half past two that afternoon. By evening Cheyenne was behind the pilot and his passenger as they streaked eastward along their beacon-blazed sky trail, and at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, 15 hours out of Los Angeles, the pair dropped down thru a fog to the landing field at Omaha.

A break in the mail plane's routine was made necessary at this point because of the fog's density and a few hours sleep were snatched. At 10 a.m. Sunday the flyers once more took to the air. To find clear sailing they were forced to an altitude of eight or nine thousand feet for the rest of the voyage, and the fog was still below them when they felt their way down to the Chicago airport to take a desperate chance as they dropped thru to the ground.

"It was the greatest thrill I've had in many a year," said Mr. Church in Detroit. "When we came out of that fog and saw a thousand feet of clear air under us. I was afraid the fog went clear down to the ground, and if it had we ran a grave risk of smashing up in trying to land. But as it turned out everything was rosy and we finished in fine shape, landing on Maywood field, Chicago, three hours and forty minutes after we left Omaha.

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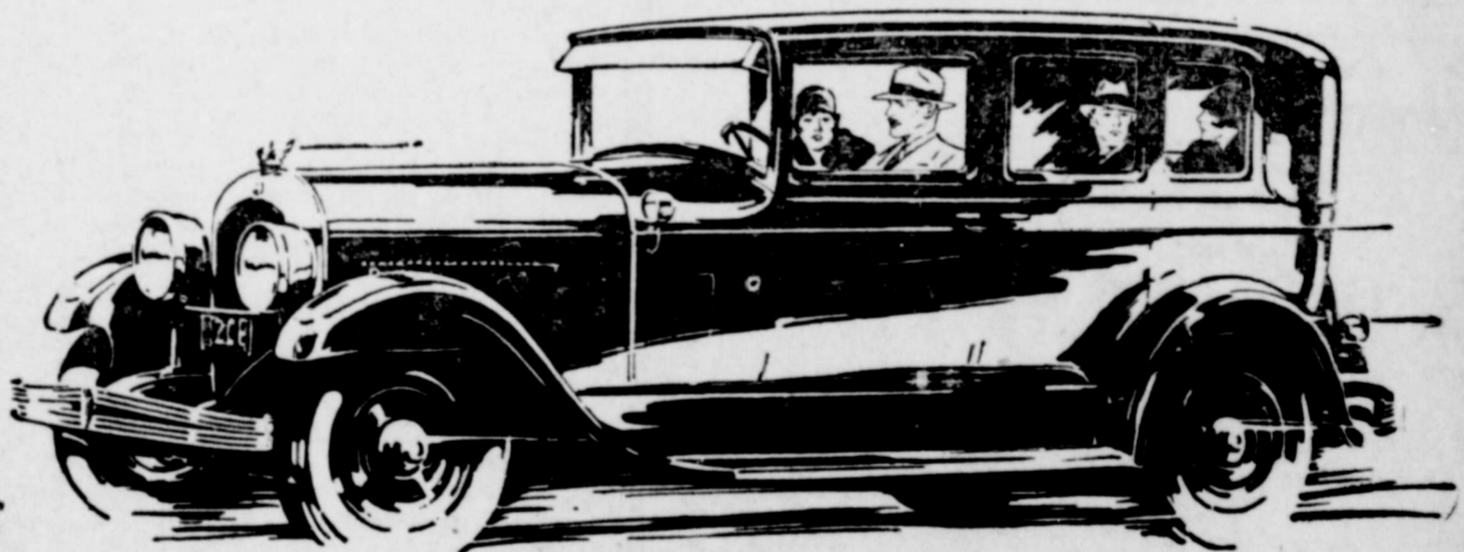
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He may fall—but gets up gamely, And, striving, never heeds, The ones who sneer and slander, But dares to do the deeds.

He gives himself, unsparring, 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."

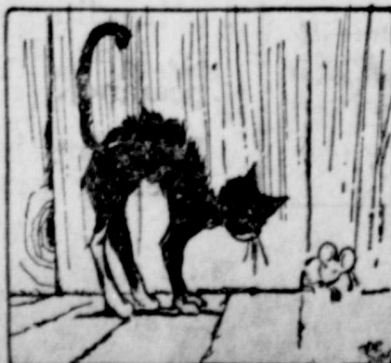
So it all comes to this: Women may elect those who make the laws; they may expound the same laws, but they are not fit to decide simple questions of fact arising in connection with the administration of the laws.

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.

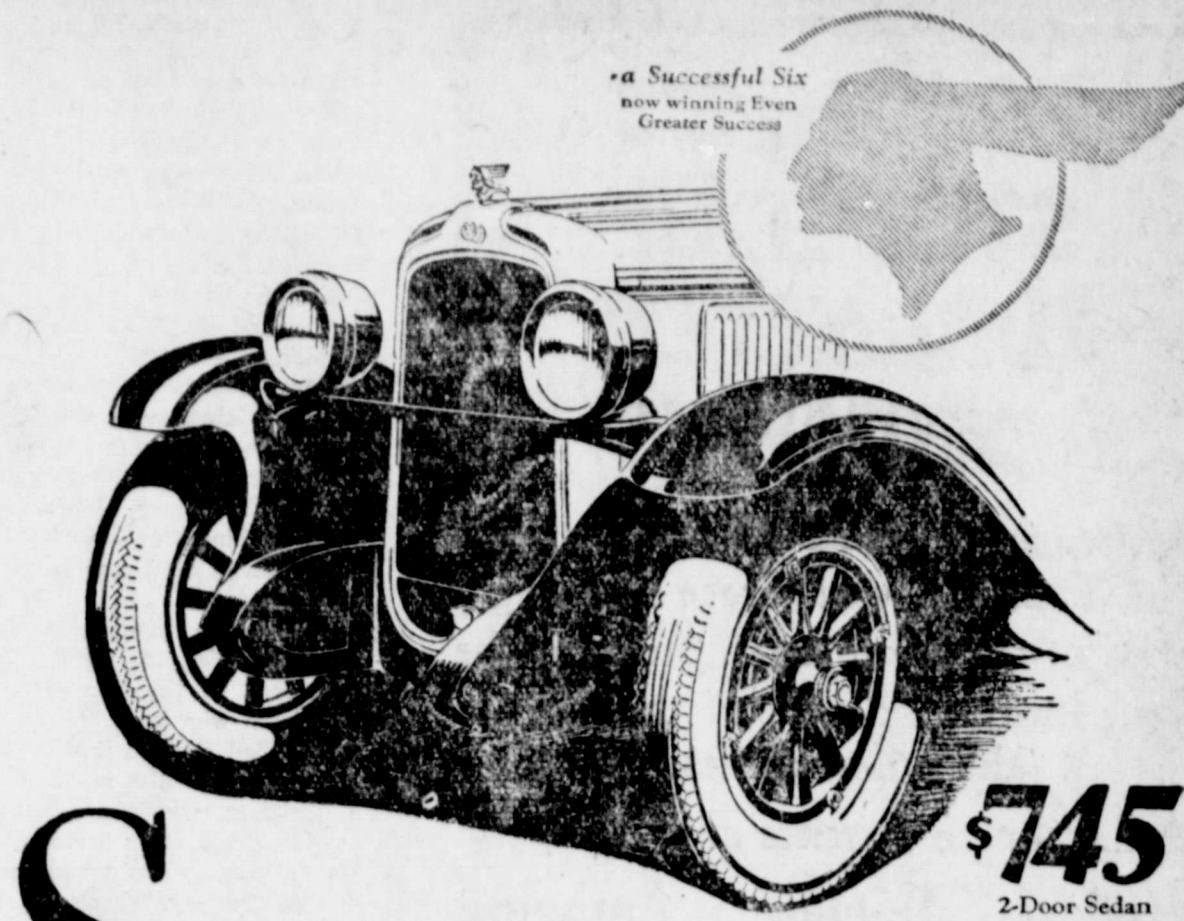
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What Does Your Child Want to Know?

Answered by BARBARA BOURJAILY



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The regular third Sunday singing will be held at the Trent Church of Christ Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Every one is invited from every town and community in reach of us. Let's everybody sing and enjoy it. Come!

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Expanding and growing impressively since its beginning a few years ago, the West Texas Utilities Company has forged into the forefront of public utility companies of the Southwest. It stands today as a leader in the public utility field in Texas.

In five years, from early in 1923, to the present time, the West Texas Utilities Company has increased the number of communities served from eight to 102, which have a population of more than 200,000; its electric customers have grown from a little more than 6,000 to 49,087. In addition it serves 7,603 gas customers and 4,695 water patrons.

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This company is offering for sale \$6 cumulative preferred stock (no par value) at \$96 per share. These shares are fully paid and non-assessable; they are preferred as to assets and as to cumulative dividends of \$6 per share per year. Dividends are payable quarterly on the first days of January, April, July and October, each year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Turner, of Rule, spent last Sunday with the former's uncle, Judge W. W. Wheeler, and family.
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Roger Babson, eastern financial writer and statistician, recently joined the ranks of big bankers and business men who, from a long distance, give advice to farmers. He closed his essay with the following:

"Personally, I can not imagine a better life than to farm in the north from April to November and spend the winter in California and Florida. Only the farmer has a business where such ideal life is possible."

This was too much for the Oakland (Iowa) Acorn. The editor came back with the following questions which show he knows what real farm life is:

- Say, Roger, did you ever—
- Sit up all night with a brood sow about to farrow?
- With a bunch of ewes at lambing time?
- With Bossie when she was expecting the arrival of a wobbly-legged calf?
- With old Luce, the one mare on the place, when a colt was expected?
- Did you ever clean out a stable at 5 o'clock in the morning and take the harness from a tired team at 9 p.m.
- Did you ever try to drive a pig from one pen to another?
- Did you ever clean out the hen house?
- Did you ever teach a hand-fed calf to drink from a pail?
- Did you ever try to drive a skunk out of the poultry house?
- Did you ever try to pay \$10 an acre rent out of 25-cent corn?
- Or 30 cent oats?
- Did you ever wade a feed lot eight rods wide and twenty inches deep?
- Did you ever drive Lizzie to town through Iowa mud?
- Did you ever work seventeen hours a day through haying, harvesting and corn-husking time?
- Did you ever "stow-away" hay in a red-hot barn?
- Did you ever work at the "tail-end" of a threshing machine?
- Did you ever "caponize" a flock of chickens or lambs, or a herd of pigs or calves?
- Did you ever dehorn a herd of steers?
- Did you ever milk a "kicky" cow?
- Did you ever live on a farm?

Where did you get the idea that farming was the greatest snap that ever happened?
Who would run the farm if the farmer and his wife spent the winter in Florida or California?
How could the farmer go to California when he has all he can do to hang on where he is?
What are you talking about anyway?

MORE LAUGHS THAN EVER FROM BEERY AND HATTON

Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton are once more on the screen at the Queen, on Monday and Tuesday, in their latest laugh opus, "Wife Savers." This is their fifth in the series which started with "Behind the Front." Like this last named fun maker, the boys are in uniform but the action takes place after the armistice is signed.

In the old days back home in Brooklyn, Beery is a head waiter in a restaurant and Hatton is one of his awed assistants. The war puts their positions in the reverse and Hatton is a cocky lieutenant while Beery is a lowly kitchen mechanic. Hatton being quite a man with the ladies annexes a village pippin named Colette, while the best that Beery can do is the town husband-seeker.

Hatton is called away to another town and he leaves his Colette with Beery and in order to safeguard her properly he (Beery) marries her. Complications arise and the fun begins.

TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

"A place for everyone and everyone in his place" is our slogan for next Sunday. Dear friend, you will find a place of welcome at all of our services.

- Bible Study 10 a.m.
- Sermon 11 a.m., subject, "On The Lord's Side." Communion 12 m.
- Singing at 3 p.m.
- Children's Class 7:15 p.m. Young People's Service 7:15 p.m.
- Church Narrow?"
- Sermon 8 p.m. Subject, "Is The Carl A. Collins, Minister.

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Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know they appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers. tf

Stith News

Misses Nelia Hudson, Mary Kate Lightsey and Annie Price were guests of Misses Mattie and Clara Church Sunday.

The Stith B.Y.P.U. is doing splendid work and the members are glad that Mr. West their director, will be able to be with them Sunday.

Little Miss Hattie Mae Dwiggin's spent Sunday with Mary Helen Mashburn.

The Stith Epworth League is doing good work. This League is leading in the Central Union, according to the points in the contest.

A surprise dinner was given by Mrs. W. E. Bradley in honor of Mr. W. E. Bradley's fifty-seventh birthday.

Mrs. Elkins, a teacher in Stith School, spent the week-end on her ranch near Snyder.

Mr. Walter Ford and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Dwiggin's.

Mr. A. M. Adkinson and family spent the week-end at Hawley.

Mr. C. L. Daniels is in Cisco at the sanitarium.

Mr. J. S. Varner of Stith spent the latter part of the week in Temple.

"The Heroine of Ava" is to be given at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday evening. The cast is as follows: Ann, Mary Kate Lightsey; Rebecca, Hazel Arnwine; Mary, Inez Dishman; Abby, Marjorie Bradley; Rice, Willie Lightsey; Miss Hasseltine, Angie Bradley; and Mr. Hasseltine, Royce McDonald.



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Blair Items

Mr. Roy Vavette and children, and Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin of Sweetwater, Mrs. Purl Sanford and children of San Antonio, Texas, are the past week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavett, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson of Wichita Falls is visiting this week with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan, and other relatives.

Miss Marcella Picketly visited her sister, Miss Ruth Picketly, Friday.

Rev. Stutts of Abilene dined with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osburn Saturday.

Master DeLoise Grayson visited his sister, Miss Effie, one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Billie Wilson of Baylor county are spending the week-end with their son, Arthur, and wife.

NOTICE

There will be a church rally at the Blair Baptist church Saturday evening at seven o'clock the 14th. Ice cream will be offered for sale, and cake will be free. Every one come and bring some one with you. 1tp

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AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance entitled "PROHIBITING DAMAGE TO STREET MARKERS."

Be it and it is ordained by the City Council of The City of Merkel, Texas:

That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive a motor vehicle or any other vehicle in any manner so as to strike, run over or in any way damage any street marker in any street within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, Texas.

Any person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars.

That there is no ordinance providing for the protection of traffic markers creates an emergency. The rule requiring ordinances to be read at three separate meetings is hereby suspended and this ordinance shall take effect after its passage and publication.

Passed this Second day of April A.D. 1928. H. C. WEST, Mayor. PAULINE JOHNSON, Secty.

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Dora Doings

The Easter weather was real Christmas, with snow white and deep. Herman Russell and J. L. Jones are the newly elected trustees of our school.

E. H. Ensminger and Ed Elliott went to San Antonio Monday to visit their brother, who is sick.

Mrs. W. L. Rotan's sister from Missouri surprised her by driving in to see her last Saturday. They had not seen each other for twenty-seven years.

Dora High School defeated Butman in baseball Friday twenty-six to four.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallis and daughter are visiting Mrs. G. W. Hawkins in Stanton for a few days.

Prof. Dunnagin and family spent the week-end in San Angelo.

Some thirty or forty had birthday dinner at Mrs. W. L. Rotan's Sunday. Baked chicken and all the good side lines that go with it were served in honor of her daughter, Osie, and Miss Thelma Oliver and Miss

Ima Joy Wright's birthdays. Otis Moore and family were shopping in Sweetwater Saturday.

Our little city continues to grow. Grandad Oliver is erecting a nice little bungalow home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lynn announce the arrival of an 8-pound baby boy. Health in this community is very good at this writing. Nance.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader, Mollie Frank Touchstone. Scripture reading, Matt. 23:14-30. Prayer, by superintendent. Lesson story by Mary Grace Dunn. What are our talents, by Mildred Richardson. Song No. 144.

Our responsibilities by Cullen Tittle. Disuse means decay, by Imogene Middleton.

How to be happy, by Nell Hughes. Song No. 291.

Forming habits of usefulness, by Duncan Briggs.

Piano solo, by Alice Church. League meets at 2 o'clock.

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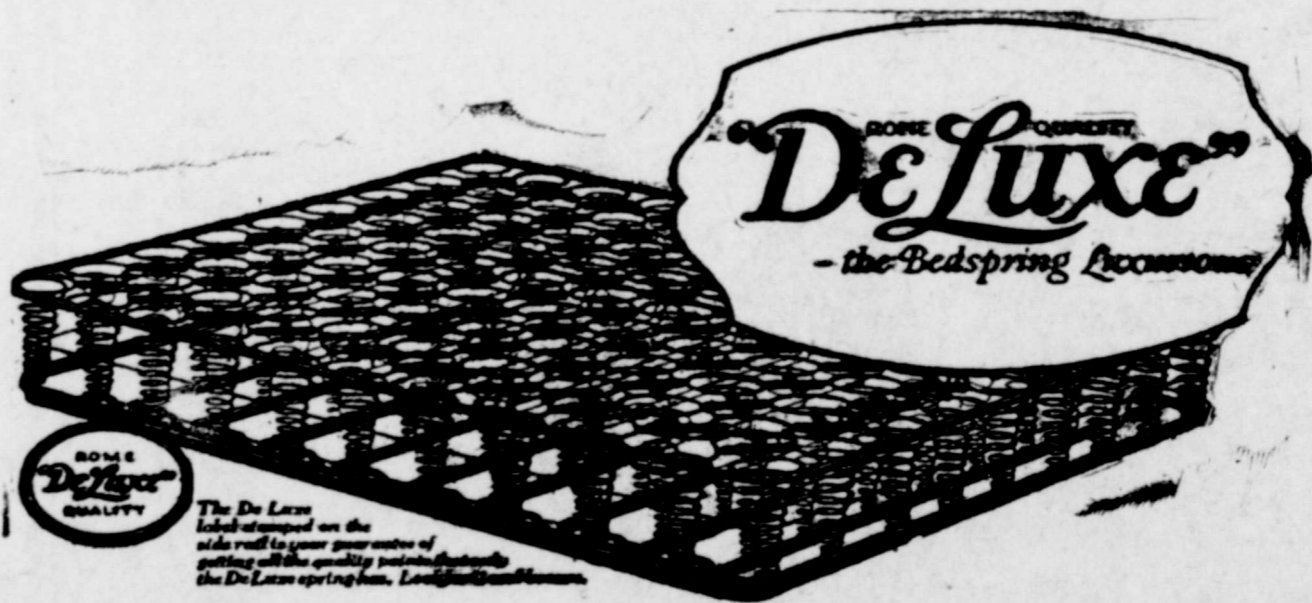
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FOR SALE—Have sold out 200 bushel lot of the Mebane Early Triumph Cotton Seed from Lockhart, Texas. More calling for seed and have ordered 200 bushels more; will be here by the 10th of April. Same price, \$1.75 per bushel. See E. F. Vantrees or A. J. Canon at Farm Bureau Gin. tf

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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 1898, 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 register, 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 register 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 register, 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 Man

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

Buried Two Days

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

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We save you money on Meats every day in the week. Why pay more elsewhere? Save the difference. Clarence Saunders Market. 13t2

Out of Gas? Got a Flat? Call No. 19. We hurry! tf

Miss Fannie Pearl Moore, of Groesbeck, Texas, was here last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Moore, also other relatives.

Don't fail to see our Sheet Special Saturday. Boston Bargain Store.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!
Now is the time to get your trellises and lattice work. Friday and Saturday of this week we are going to sell all trellises at HALF PRICE. Friday and Saturday only.
BURTON-LINGO COMPANY
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USED CARS
"with an OK that counts"

Because we are delivering more new Chevrolets than at any other time in our history, we are offering a number of exceptional values in reconditioned used cars.

Our used cars carry an official O. K. tag which is reproduced on this page. Attached to a used car by a Chevrolet dealer it signifies that every vital part of the car has been inspected, properly reconditioned

Reasons why you should buy your used car from a Chevrolet dealer

- 1—Chevrolet dealers have been selected by the Chevrolet Motor Company on the basis of their financial responsibility and dependability.
- 2—Chevrolet dealers offer used cars on a plan originated and endorsed by the Chevrolet Motor Company.
- 3—Chevrolet dealers have the necessary modern tools and equipment to properly recondition used cars.
- 4—Chevrolet dealers desire the good will of used car buyers the same as they enjoy from new car buyers.

This Car has been carefully checked as shown by v marks below

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- Fenders
- Finish

OK

A few of our exceptional Used Car values "with an OK that counts"

1926 OAKLAND COUPE
Good balloon rubber, good paint, a mighty good car for the money. If you want a real value look this one over.
WITH AN O. K. THAT COUNTS

1926 FORD COUPE
Motor overhauled, good rubber, A-1 condition, new paint, priced right. Don't buy until you look this one over.
WITH AN O. K. THAT COUNTS

1925 FORD TOURING
Motor overhauled, new top. This car will give you some real service.
1926 FORD COUPE
Good condition and priced to sell.
WITH AN O. K. THAT COUNTS

These cars are for sale by Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Company and may be seen on their floor at Merkel.

1925 CHEVROLET TOUR.
Absolutely the best car for the money we have ever had in the house. Original paint like new, good top and rubber.
WITH AN O. K. THAT COUNTS

1927 FORD ROADSTER
New paint, good rubber, priced right. A real bargain in a 1927 Ford.
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BRACKEEN-HUGHES CHEVROLET CO.
MERKEL, TEXAS

Dependability, Satisfaction and Honest Value

REMEMBER This Number 56

JOT it down on a card and place it in one of the side pockets. It is the number that will bring to your immediate assistance a road-side service, day or night, in the event you should ever need it. Charges always moderate. No tipping. Remember the number—56.

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HOP WITH GLEE

"Sole Owner" has it Today and tomorrow will be the same
That gleeful feeling comes to new baby, the vacation time and us all when we save our money last, old age. What then if the and have the extra dollar to spend. Comes Christmas, the HIGH PRICE man has gotten your money?
"Sole Owner" Prevents every Calamity like this—
He's Your Best Bet.

PRICES FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

ORANGES sweet, juicy large size PER DOZ. **.49**

BANANAS with \$1.50 purchase of other merchandise (not meats) per doz. **.23**

HERSHEY'S breakfast cocoa regular 25c size **.14**

Malted-Milk CHOCOLATE CHURN FREE 1 lb. can **.53**

CORN Delmonte No. 2 per can **.13**

Post Toasties large pkg. **.10**

BACON Sugar Cured Fancy Sliced PER LB. **.35**

Mr. E. R. Foster and Vernon Ely are both recovering from severe attacks of pneumonia. Mrs. Clarence Howard, who now has pneumonia, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayhurse have moved into this community from Plainview.

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

We sell only choice young baby beef. Our Meats are the Best obtainable. Clarence Saunders Market. 1312

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MRS. SPURGIN HOSTESS

Mrs. J. M. Spurgin entertained a number of young people in her home Sunday with a dinner in honor of her daughter, Miss Wanna, who celebrated her birthday. Those present were: Misses Vera Justice, Eunice Bird, Lucille Harris, Odelle Sloan, Brooksie Justice, Mildred Williams and Lila Mae Bird; Messrs. Norman Sloan, Finus Cade, Lester Beene, C. R. Williams, Hollis Irvin and Vessie Justice.

Don't fail to see our Sheet Special Saturday. Boston Bargain Store.

Mr. B. M. Black has been quite sick at his home in the south part of the city for the past ten days, but is reported improving some at this time.

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 your self, 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 you 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 bagging 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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MUSICAL TEA

Miss Christine Collins extended hospitality to the patrons of her Glee Clubs on Tuesday afternoon, presenting a number of her voice pupils and the Choral and Glee Clubs in a pleasing program of music in her studio.

The Glee and Choral Clubs sang for the first number "Absent," by Metcalf, and "The Millers Wooing." The next number was a solo, "Wake Up," by Altha Howard, followed by "Cartelle Terry." Carlos Montandon sang rissima, and "The Rosary," by Es—"Roses of Poardy," which was followed by "Sweet Summer Days," in duet arrangement for Estelle Terry and Helen Compton. "I Hear the Bees A' Hummin'" by the Glee Club; "The Old Road," by Ralph Duke, and "Winter Lullaby," by Helen Compton climaxed by "Italia Oh Italia," from the opera Lucia, sung by the Choral and Glee Clubs.

A dainty sandwich plate served with frosted punch, was passed to the guests.

Don't forget our Fresh Barbecue daily. Best in town. Clarence Saunders Market. 11

Mr. W. J. Bicknell has just returned from Arkansas where he attended the funeral of his father.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail Try a Classified Ad in the Mail



A LITTLE SURPRISE is forthcoming when we quote statistics which show that there were 2,134,256 accidents last year, which does not include 3 cases where telephone operators got the right number at the first attempt. Statistics show that INDIA Tires have set a new record for serviceable performance. When you buy a tire consider the essentials of quality and you will buy Indias. Ask the man who uses them!

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Speaking of accidents, you know a lot of them happen because of poor Brakes. Don't you hate to have to push down on the pedal with all your might and then hit the curb like a ton of brick? If you have been laying off to have your brakes adjusted, bring your car to us. Or perhaps they need new linings. Any way, we can fix 'em so you can stop on the spot. We can adjust your 4-wheel brakes accurately.

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