

State Inspector Pays Annual Visit To Merkel Schools

On Monday, April 16, Miss Margaret Cotham, a representative of the State Department of Education, made her visit to the local school. Since the important work of classifying and affiliating all schools is in the hands of this department it is significant and important that the people of any place take seriously the report of these visitors. Miss Cotham's recommendations are given below verbatim. I wish to call the attention of the school patrons to these recommendations.

The report:
To the Superintendent:
I take pleasure in enclosing the official report of the supervisor who recently visited your high school. A copy of this report is also sent to the president of the school board for his information. As this report is official it should be filed for future reference. The Department of Education is very anxious to render real, constructive service to the high schools, and any requests or suggestions from teachers or school officials will receive very careful consideration. Thanking you for your cooperation in the improvement of the schools of the state, I am,
Very truly yours,
A. M. BLACKMAN,
Chief Supervisor of High Schools,
April 16, 1928.
State Dept. of Education,
Austin, Texas.

Report of School Supervisor on Merkel High School. Superintendent, Irvin L. Jackson. President of Board, R. O. Anderson. Supervisor, Margaret Cotham.

The work of classifying and accrediting the public schools of Texas is under the direction of the State Committee composed of six members chosen by the public schools and six by the colleges. This committee determines the conditions upon which high schools are classified and accredited for the purpose of establishing educational standards, encouraging the schools to attain these standards, and certifying those that have attained them so as to facilitate the transfer of students to any other school or college.

The regulations as prescribed by this Committee are administered by the State Department of Education through high school supervisors. In the visit of the supervisors and in their reports to school authorities, recommendations are offered in the spirit of cooperation and helpful suggestion, with the earnest desire that all authorities will join with the State Department of Education in their efforts to maintain the necessary standards of secondary education in Texas.

In order that the schools may be properly certified it is essential that minimum requirements be met. To that end the supervisor who recently visited your school makes the following recommendations:

1. That a standard encyclopedia be provided for the library.
2. That before school opens in the fall, gas be installed in the Science laboratory.
3. That the course in English history be replaced by an entire year of Civics.
4. That the school authorities and citizens give serious consideration to the need of additional room for high school use. An auditorium, study hall, additional class rooms and additional blackboard space are much needed. Class rooms are small; because of small rooms seats are of necessity too close together for comfort. None (except two) have sufficient blackboard space.
5. Failure to make adequate physical provision for efficient carrying out of work will result in a lowering of standards and a subsequent endangering of the credit now held.
6. That all material submitted from the school for the purpose of securing additional credit receive the careful consideration of the examiners.
7. That the school be commended for the good class work being done.
8. The courtesy extended the supervisor by members of the faculty rendered the visit with the school a very pleasant one.

The president of the board has a copy of his report. I would like to call your attention to this report by referring to paragraphs Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.
In No. 1 you see we need \$100.00 to spend on the library. Will you fur-

Open House at Fire Station Tonight

We would again call the attention of our readers to the fact that Merkel's new Fire Station and City Hall is now complete, and that there will be open house from eight to nine o'clock tonight, when the citizenship of the town and community will have the opportunity of being shown thru this new and handsome building.

Members of the Fire Department will be present and take delight in showing all who come through the building.

CEMETERY FUND GROWING; EVERY ONE IS URGED TO CONTRIBUTE

The drive for the annual budget for the upkeep of the Merkel Cemetery is well under way; many, continue to send in contributions, and yet the amount received is far below that needed to keep the cemetery in the fine condition it is to be found in at this time, and in which condition the association managers desire to keep same.

Therefore, if you have not as yet made a contribution to this one of the most worthy causes any people was ever called on to lend aid and help to, do so at once. Below will be found a list of those contributing last week and this week.

Last week's contributions:

Mrs. S. C. Keith, Meridian	\$5.00
W. A. Harris	5.00
Liberty Hardware Co.	10.00
J. T. Warren	12.00
C. P. Church	10.00
Farmers State Bank	12.00
John Sears	10.00
Mrs. S. W. Johnson	5.00
J. M. and Otto Soseby, Anson	5.00
Pauline and Ona Johnson	5.00
L. R. Thompson & C.L. Boswell	5.00
Mrs. P. D. Penn	1.00

This week's contributions:

Miss Amanda Curtis	5.00
E. H. Cordill	5.00
H. H. Toombs	10.00
Ira Moore	5.00
Joe Winter	15.00
W. L. Diltz Sr.	5.00
J. S. Thomas	2.50
Bryan Dunnagin	2.00
Collins Brothers	5.00
A. J. Barbee	10.00

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hobbs on the 21st a bouncing baby boy, weight, eight and a half pounds.

nish the money?
In No. 2. Gas, which is available, can be furnished the Science Laboratory with a small cost.

No. 3. English History is losing its place in all high school curricula. We have the one-half unit in Civics, and planned to make it a whole unit.

No. 4 needs no explanation. We need the building; will the people of Merkel sit idly by and see the school go in need of such physical equipment?

No. 5. Miss Tracy is asking the State Department to accept her work in public speaking, and affiliate it. The inspector was kind enough to say she thought we would get it.

No. 6. The one that the faculty was anxious to get. We felt we were doing well, but we wanted an expert's opinion upon our work. The people of Merkel are fortunate to have a faculty upon which a state supervisor would pass such complimentary opinion. We had much rather have the opinion of an expert who visits us, than the opinion of a person who doesn't know—and especially one who has never set foot inside a class room during school hours. We have heard of the unfair things some uninformed and misinformed people have said. And it caused us some worry—for fear we didn't know what we were doing—but when the state supervisor says we are doing very satisfactory work and commends us to the State Department, we feel like we have discharged our duties.

Take this thought along. You have a good school—in a good town. Don't let a few disgruntled "achers" spoil it for you. Cooperate with the school. Do not want it to remain so. Do not—Boost. Come out and see for yourself—"Judge not, lest ye be judged."

Line up "for"—not "against"—the things the supervisor recommended and you will have a better school. Don't tie the hands of the school board and faculty—get behind them and push.

Yours for an improved school—improve it each year.

IRVIN L. JACKSON.

Meeting to Organize Poultry Assn. Thursday Night

This paper has been requested to announce that there is to be a mass meeting of all citizens, men and women, who are interested in the poultry business in the Merkel community, to be held in the vacant building just across the street opposite the post office, on next Thursday night, May 3rd, at 8:00 o'clock.

Every one, whether in the poultry raising business or not, whether residing in the country or city, business man or farmer—all interested in the poultry raising business are urged to be present. It is also expected that one or more prominent and successful poultry experts will be present to address the meeting.

This is one of the most important meetings that has been planned for this community in many days, and this paper hopes that every one interested will be present and partake in the affairs of same.

Baptist Sunday School Awarded Standard Again

Pastor Ira L. Parrack, accompanied by Mrs. Parrack and a number of members of his church, attended a meeting of the State Baptist Sunday School Convention, held at Corsicana last week, where the First Baptist Sunday School of Merkel was again awarded the honors of being the only school entitled to what is known as the "Advanced Standard Banner," throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Those attending were: Rev. Parrack, W. J. Largent, superintendent of S. S., Mrs. Parrack, Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mrs. Pick Allen, Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. Nannie Causseaux, Mrs. Twyman Collins, Misses Valeria Dye and Maggie Banner, Mesdames Largent and Allen and Miss Dye were among those having places on the program and the pastor was called on to preside at the Wednesday afternoon session.

A. C. Browning of Big Spring was here this week for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs. Mr. Browning reports his city growing by leaps and bounds as the result of the big oil fields near there.

Mrs. Britt Baker In Piano Recital

On Tuesday, May 8th, at eight o'clock p.m. Mrs. T. T. Earthman will present her pupil, Mrs. Britt Baker, in piano recital at the Stith Baptist Church.

The following program will be rendered:

1. a. Biography of Stephen C. Foster, Mrs. Baker.
- b. Quotation, Juanita Dunn and Evelyn Robertson.
- c. Song, "Souvenir of Stephen C. Foster, by Buster Horton, Bill Hays, Paul Pannell, Bernard Clark and class.
2. a. Valse Caprice—Newland
- b. El Troratore (Verdi)—Dorn Mrs. Baker
3. (1) Duet, "Turkish March", L. Van Beethoven.
- (2) Minuet (from Symphony in E Flat), Mozart.
- Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Earthman
4. Trio, "Tripping Over the Lawn," Rand. By Mrs. Baker, Bessie Lou Pannell and Mary Grace Dunn.
5. Valse Brillante—Concone
- Madrillena—Walchs Mrs. Baker.
6. Duet (a) "Melody in F", Rubenstein. (b) "Joyous Return," Ringuet. Mrs. Baker and Earthman.
7. "Old Maid's Tea Party." Annie Price, Bernice Clark, Margaret Dean, Blanche Carey and Gladys Petty.
8. "In The Procession," Hewitt. Mrs. Baker, Thelma McAninch Kathleen Mashburn and Nelia Hudson.
9. Duet, "Lustspiel Overture," Keler. Kela. Mrs. Earthman and Baker.
10. Presentation of Diploma, Rev. J. B. Smith.
11. Duet, "Witches Flight," Russell. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Earthman.
12. Polka Des Polka, Wallace. Mrs. Baker

Dr. J. D. Sandifer Lions Club Guest

It was an interesting and well attended meeting of the Lions Club at the Woodrum Hotel last Tuesday at noon. A. Morton, chief clerk at the Texas & Pacific Railway station, was the interesting toastmaster, presenting a most excellent and appreciated program.

Mrs. E. Yates Brown delighted every one present with a beautiful piano selection, and Dr. J. D. Sandifer, who with his son, J. D. Sandifer, Jr., the former from Abilene and the latter a successful oil operator of Breckenridge, were guests of the club on this occasion. Each of these gentlemen made an address which was indeed inspiring and uplifting to every Lion present. Dr. Sandifer and his son are members of the Lions Club in their respective cities, and their remarks on the worth and good to be accomplished by the Lions Club in any town gave the entire membership new pep and enthusiasm for their future work.

President L. B. Scott was present and presided over the business session of the organization, and stated that arrangements were being perfected to soon have some high official attend some future meeting when the club's charter would be officially presented. The club also voted to make the occasion "Ladies night," or Lionness night, with some special entertainment features.

JONES DRY GOODS RE-MODELS BUILDING FRONT

A new and modern front has this week been placed in the building occupied by the Jones Dry Goods Company of this city, which adds much to the attractiveness and comfort of this splendid store, and gives them two nice show windows.

Mr. P. A. Douglas was the contractor making these excellent improvements.

ABILENE NEWS OFFERS NEW BARGAIN RATE

This paper has received announcement from the Abilene Morning News to the effect that a new Bargain Day "Special Election Offer" for the daily and Sunday Morning News, as follows:

Daily and Sunday from now until September 1, 1928 for \$1.75

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SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE OF BAPTIST ASSN. MEETS IN SWEETWATER

The Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. Institute of the Sweetwater Baptist Association will convene with the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, Texas, Sunday, April 29, 1928. The program will be as follows:

- 11:00 a.m. sermon, topic: "Go Forward," Rev. Ira L. Parrack of Merkel.
- 1:30 Devotional.
- 1:45 Special music by University Church of Abilene.
- 2:00 Greater Prayer life in B.Y.P.U., Foy King.
- 2:15 The B.Y.P.U. as an evangelistic force, Curtis Owen.
- 2:30 Special Music, by Blackwell Church.
- 2:40 The Associational Standard of Excellence for Sunday School. I. Its Importance, Walter Jackson.
2. Chart explained, C. D. Owen.
- 3:35 Business Session.
- 3:45 Awarding Banner.

REGULAR MEETING P. T. A. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

There will be held at the High School auditorium on next Wednesday afternoon the regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association.

This will also be the occasion for the election of officers for the ensuing year, therefore a very important meeting, and all parents are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. M. D. Fowler, splendid local building contractor, reports just having finished building for Mr. W. M. Carey a fine 7-room bungalow home on Mr. Carey's farm on route two.

Democrats Urged To Attend Precinct Conventions May 5

In a telephone communication yesterday to the Merkel Mail, Hon. Jas. P. Stinson, chairman of the Taylor County Democratic Executive Committee, asked this paper to urge every Democrat to go to the precinct conventions to be held on Saturday, May 5th, and there exercise their right and privilege of electing delegates to the County Convention, which will be held in Abilene the following Tuesday, May 8th, at which time delegates will be elected to the state convention to be held at Beaumont later in the month, and at which time and place delegates will be elected from this state to the Democratic National Convention to be held at Houston June 20th, when the Democratic party will nominate a candidate for the presidency of the nation.

Judge Stinson also stated that while every one participating in the precinct conventions would be required to sign a pledge agreeing to support the nominees of the party, there was no reason for any loyal democrat to stay away and not participate. In fact, he stated that every one should attend and take part and then they would have a voice in the platform and selection of a presidential candidate.

In fact, as this paper sees the matter, there is but one thing for every true Democrat to do, and that is to go to the precinct convention and make indorsements as to platform and candidates according to the wishes of the people of each respective precinct. It's a cinch that you will not have a voice if you fail to participate—it is the only way to win. Let's all be there. Let every Democrat, man and woman, be present.

Mr. Stinson stated that the hours for holding precinct conventions was between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and that the Precinct Chairman would announce the exact hour in our next issue. Watch for it.

School Play At The Palace May 3

The Speech Arts class will present the three-act play "Seventeen," by Booth Tarkington, on the evening of May the third, at the Palace Theatre. The cast has been working on the play for some time and are planning to make this one of the best plays that has been given in Merkel.

Those who have read the book will especially enjoy the character of Willie Baxter, which is cleverly played by W. A. Whitley. Mary Lou Brown brings to life the adorable Jane. Elizabeth Harkrider and Clark Mundy are equally as attractive as Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, while Venice Bell has the roll of Lola Pratt, the baby-talk lady. John D. Coats, Max Roberts, D. J. Neil, Harold Boney and Carlos Montandon bring the young sweetheart-days atmosphere on the stage in contrast to the bored Mr. Parcher, played by Wyatt Miller. Mildred Hamm, Elsie Richie and Berdelle Adcock are all charming young girls of seventeen. Fannie Belle Boaz brings comedy in the role of Ethel Boke, and Bessie Westenhover truly lives the negro character of the well remembered Genesis.

Musical numbers will be furnished by the Choral and Glee Clubs.

Proceeds from this play will help the Seniors with the annual fund. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy an evening of home-talent entertainment.

REVIVAL METING IN PROGRESS AT UNION RIDGE

Rev. J. F. Watson of Trent is this week engaged in a revival meeting at the Union Ridge Methodist Church, which will continue through the coming Sunday.

Two services are being held daily, at eleven a.m. and eight p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all who will attend. Good crowds have been attending throughout the past week.

Misses Eunice and Nina Belle Russell, of Canyon, and Mr. J. J. Russell Jr., were called to the bedside of their father, J. J. Russell, Sr., last week, after he had been confined in an Abilene Sanitarium and considered dangerously ill. However, we are glad to report that Mr. Russell is now improving nicely following a surgical operation.

Sudden Demise of Mrs. Comer Haynes Mourned by Many

All Merkel and surrounding communities were shocked and grieved at the word that spread over the whole countryside last Saturday at noon that Mrs. Comer Haynes had passed to her eternal home. In all our community there was not a more choice spirit. As a girl she was an obedient child and a sweet sister. As a young lady she was a loving dutiful wife and a devoted mother. Indeed her's was a beautiful life. To know her was to love her, her friends were numbered by her acquaintances. Mrs. Haynes was born November 23, 1908. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff. Converted early in life she united with the First Baptist Church of Merkel, and her devoted Christian life is an evidence of the truth of her conversion. On January 20, 1924, she was married to Mr. Comer Haynes, and two sons, Billie and Jack, had come to bless their home.

She leaves to mourn her departure her heartbroken husband, her two sons, her father and mother, three sisters and three brothers. The sisters are Miss Selena Teaff of Merkel, Mrs. Clyde White of Baird, and Mrs. Ernest Neff of Seymour. Her brothers are Holland, Nim and Willie, all of Merkel.

The question naturally arises, "why did she go away?" We cannot answer the question. There are some things that we cannot understand. Though we cannot understand we are asking the Lord to help all of us to trust Him even in this trying experience. We are reminded again that "here we have no continuing city." Heaven is brought nearer to many of us because Winnie Muri has gone there to live. Though earth is sad at her going, Heaven is brighter because she is there. In making the bouquet for Heaven it is fitting that some flowers at their best would be gathered. We think of her beautiful life as going on and being a blessing in the glory world even as it had been here. We will strive a little harder to live up to our ideals because we knew her.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Merkel last Sunday afternoon. The house would not hold the throng of people that gathered for the service. The floral offering was wonderful. The music was appropriate and touching. The pastor brought words of comfort and hope from the Holy Bible. After the service at the church the body was tenderly laid to rest in the Rose Hill Cemetery where the grave was completely hidden beneath the flowers that friends and loved ones had brought. May the Good Father comfort the hearts of all the bereaved and may He help them to bear their loss as true Christians should. May their sorrow not be as the sorrow of those who have no hope, but may they live in the full assurance of that good day when Jesus will come bringing with Him all them that sleep in Jesus, when He shall call us to come with Him and with them to enjoy Heaven forever.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Merkel.

POSTMASTER ADCKOCK ATTENDING CONVENTION OF POSTMASTERS

Hon. O. J. Adcock, our very accommodating and efficient Postmaster, accompanied by Mrs. Adcock and two little sons, left last week for Brownsville, where they went to attend the Annual meeting of the Texas Postmasters' Association, which convened in that city first of this week.

Mr. Adcock and family are expected to return home the last of this week, and in the meanwhile the affairs of the office are going along satisfactorily in the care of the accommodating assistants, Messrs. J.A. Collins, Castle Ellis and Wade Darsey.

HOME FROM SANITARIUM

Mrs. John W. Cox, mother of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, following a serious operation at Fort Worth some weeks ago, returned to this city last Friday with her mother, and is now reported as improving nicely at the home of her parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner spent several days last week with relatives at Rotan.

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Dora Doings

Bro. Quinlin filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church last Sunday.
 Mrs. Thos. McCoy is at the Grogan Sanitarium for treatment for rheumatism this week.
 The concert put on here by the V. O. Stamps quartette was enjoyed by all. If you could laugh at all you would certainly scream at this program.
 R. L. Porter of Wellington, Texas, will preach at the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday, April 29.
 Mrs. Rosie Perry was thrown from a horse Friday and sustained a broken ankle from the fall. She is suffering quite a bit of pain.
 Mr. and Mrs. Sie Dennis were called to Decker Saturday morning to the bedside of Mr. Jesse George, who suffered a stroke of paralysis.
 Laura Wallis and Modina Whitaker spent the week-end with Morris Whitaker at Butman.
 Mrs. Hanks is visiting her son, Rev. Hanks, in Sweetwater, this week.
 Mr. Hardy's new store is nearing completion and he hopes to move into it this week.
 E. P. Perry is on the sick list this week, we are sorry to report.
 Some of the farmers think spring has come and are planting some the last few days.
 Jim Cook made a business trip to Sweetwater Thursday. Nance.

TRENT CHURCH of CHRIST

Our large tabernacle is being arranged for our summer's work and we shall make good use of it the first hot Sunday. So remember that whether the day is hot or cold you will always find a comfortable place and a hearty welcome. You are never a stranger here but once. Last Sunday was a great day with the interest running very high. We are looking forward to and praying for even a greater day next Lord's Day. Come and study the Bible with us. You will enjoy it.
 Bible Study at 10 a.m. Sermon at 11 a.m. Subject, "Sowing and Reaping." Communion 12 M.
 Children's Class 7:15 p.m. Young People's Service 7:15 p.m.
 Sermon 8:15 p.m. Subject, "The Jewish Tabernacle."
 Wednesday night Bible study 8:15.
 Carl A. Collins, Minister.

Golan News

The health in this community is not very good at the present time.
 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Douglas of Hebron were the guests of Mrs. Ollie Skidmore Sunday.
 Mrs. John McClung and family, and her father and mother of Abilene were week-end visitors.
 Mr. and Mrs. Holton Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dawson McCain.
 Mr. Coll Edwards visited relatives in Tahoka last week.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Duncan visited Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Stribling of Trent Sunday.
 Miss Ruby Skidmore spent Saturday night with Annie Laura Lane.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox and Carl Thompson of Merkel visited their father, Mr. D. R. Thompson Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Douglas spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hooper Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson and Mrs. J. L. Lane visited relatives in Roby Monday.

LOYALTY A CHARACTERISTIC

When a friend or relative from a far off or nearby community visits you and says his town is the best town on earth, agree with him. Be glad that for him it is so, and admire him for standing up for his own, in the face of what ought to be a reversed judgment on your part.
 If there were not people—in fact many, many people, in every city, town, village, hamlet or rural district who think their community is the garden spot of the world, this country could not prosper, and happiness would be a-begging.
 The business of Merkel people is to see that we receive its full share of this common loyalty from among our citizens, by making it one of the best communities on earth, as well as saying so to the rest of the world.
 Merkel prospers when human aspiration continues to go upward. It prospers when its own people develop it from within to the extent that it attracts the rest of the world from without. Civic loyalty precedes every good project—Civic apathy precedes every wrong public result.

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EIGHT MILLION MODEL "T" FORD CARS STILL IN USE

Detroit, April 26.—The manufacture of replacement parts for the millions of Model "T" Ford cars still in daily use continues to demand nearly one third the production capacity of Ford plants here.
 Ford officials estimate, from reports of dealers all over the country, that there are still approximately eight millions of the model "T" cars in constant use in the United States. Some of these cars are many years old. Every now and then there are reports of Ford cars of the old brass-bound radiator types of twelve or fourteen years ago, still running after more than a hundred thousand miles of service.
 The newest of the Model "T" Fords is now nearly a year old, for the production of assembled Model "T" cars

was suspended in May 1927 to make way for the new Model "A".

This suspension of assembled Model "T" cars did not affect the production schedule of Model "T" replacement parts, however. Throughout the past year the manufacture of Model "T" parts continued to occupy about one third the production capacity of the Ford plants.

A few days ago newspaper correspondents here asked Henry Ford how long he expected to continue making parts for Model "T" cars.
 "Until the last Model 'T' is off the road," Mr. Ford replied promptly. Then he added: "That may be ten years, but we do not intend to allow any Ford car ever to become obsolete as long as it can be made useful with reasonable replacements."

Ford engineers, from tests and observations made over a long period of years, have estimated that the average useful life of a Model "T" Ford car is about seven years.

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Not, how did he die? But, how did he live. Not, what did he gain? But, what did he give? Not, what was his station? But, had he a heart? And, how did he play his God-given part? Not, what was his church? Nor, what was his creed? But, had he befriended those in need? Not, what did his sketch in the newspapers say? But, how many were sorry when he passed away?

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HOUSECLEANING TIME FOR AUTO OWNERS

The automobile has been called "the extension of the home."

This is spring housecleaning time in the home. Why not also in the automobile? In many ways the two operations are somewhat similar. The storm doors and storm windows are being removed from the home. So should the winter fronts from automobiles.

Many residences are being repainted and similar attention would improve a lot of automobiles. Residential interiors are being cleaned and refurnished. The cushions and floor rugs of the automobile deserve similar attention. This also is true of the engine interior. Carbon should be removed and the valves ground.

In fact there are many small attentions which both a house and an automobile usually require in the spring. This is particularly true of the automobile which is so designed that it will operate at maximum efficiency under widely varying conditions of temperature and climate.

A slight turn of the adjusting screw will give the carburetor a leaner mixture. The rate of generator charge should be reduced to meet the smaller drain which longer hours of daylight impose upon the battery. These adjustments should be made only by a competent automobile service man. And don't forget that a thorough oiling and greasing is an excellent spring tonic for your car.

I mention the most obvious thing last—the cooling system. It should be drained and flushed with running water while the engine is operating. Incidentally here is a tip for the glycerine adherents. The glycerine which you take out of your radiator will not deteriorate. Save it for next winter.

USE OLD AUTO TIRES TO MAKE NEW SHOES

Saloniki Peasants Use 50,000 Casings a Year.

Washington. — Discarded American automobile tires that once were dispatched to rubber salvaging plants now are being made into shoes for peasants of Saloniki, Greece. It is reported that 50,000 casings are imported annually to meet the demand. Each tire makes three shoes.

"Saloniki is famous as a city of refuge," says a bulletin from the Washington (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society. "That fact accounts for its enormous peasant population to whom the new footwear is a luxury."

"When the Spaniards persecuted the Jews in the Fifteenth century, some of them fled as far east as Saloniki and their descendants now help make up the city's large Jewish population, which numbers nearly that of the Greeks. And in recent years a human deluge of Greeks who were driven out of Turkey swelled the census figures from about 150,000 to more than 200,000.

"The original 'Salonikians' are lost in the shuffle of nationalities represented among the inhabitants," continues the bulletin. "On any busy corner one will see nearly as many different races as sit in a session of the League of Nations. There are Greeks from all parts of the peninsula, Albanians, Italians, Russians, Germans and natives of every Balkan state. Some of their families are among the oldest inhabitants, human remnants of the early occupation of the city when it was a foothold in the hands of empires, including the Macedonians, Saracens, Normans, Romans, Venetians, Bulgarians and Turks.

Rival of Constantinople.
"Even with such a mixture, Saloniki has maintained its prestige as one of the most important ports of southeast Europe. When the Balkan states are at peace and the port is used as an outlet to the sea, it rivals Constantinople.

"The fine buildings which form a solid wall on the land side of the quay, pierced only by streets leading up into the city, give Saloniki a modern appearance. Here and in the commercial district there are shops, coffee houses and a few fine old residences. The westerner at once notices a lack of parks and other open spaces, but a peep through an open door to a courtyard in a narrow side street reveals that most of Saloniki's beauty is hidden behind high walls.

"On the hills beyond new cottages of former refugees indicate that Saloniki has assimilated many of her newcomers from other lands, but thousands of them still live in the squalor of the Saloniki slums.

"In the dirty streets barefoot women plod the rough cobble with loads of wood tied to their backs that one might hesitate packing on a donkey. Smiling, ragged water boys and girls in tatters carry their heavy jugs. Milkmen, too poor to own carts, are weighted down by two five-gallon cans resting upon their backs until their bodies are at right angles with their legs.

Use American Street Cars.
"But with all its squalor and poverty Saloniki can boast of a glorious past. Several cities have been built on the site since it was founded more than 2,000 years ago. The present one is named for Thessalonike, a half sister of Alexander the Great. Cleero lived there for a time; Nero and Trajan decorated the city; it was once the temporary home of three emperors and it became famous in the Christian world as the place to which St. Paul addressed two of his letters.

"Successive fires and pilferings have destroyed historic landmarks. One of its oldest existing antiquities is Varder street, which cuts across the city. It was a part of the old Roman highway from the Adriatic to the Bosphorus, which earlier still was the Royal way of the Macedonia kings. Where the Roman legions, the phalanxes of Alexander and the immortals of Xerxes trod its surface, an American street car rumbles, driven by a modern Greek or Spaniard. In its course it runs under an old Roman arch.

"Some of the Saloniki churches survived the fury of the Middle ages and are the finest remains of the past.

"The Greeks have suffered by remaining in Saloniki under foreign regime, but one source of inspiration to them has been the sight of Mount Olympus towering among the hills to the southwest."

Find Way to Unroll Brittle Manuscript

London.—The aid of ultra-modern chemistry has been invoked to salvage another relic of the remote past.

An ancient leather roll of Egyptian writing had lain unopened for 50 years in the British museum because it was so brittle that no one dared unroll it. Experiments with a broken fragment of the leather in the museum's laboratory, however, finally gave scientists a clue as to how to handle the mysterious manuscript.

Several thin coatings of celluloid were soaked into the pores of the leather, after which it was cemented with strong celluloid on to a piece of celluloid-treated cheesecloth. In this way it was unrolled without a break and pressed flat between two glass plates to dry. It remained perfectly flat after drying and now he could

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Old man Jones hobbled down the street one day,

He met old man Smith stepping blythe and gay.

Said Jones, as he leaned upon his sticks,

"How did you get rid of your rheu ma-ticks?"

Said Smith, "That Chiropractor here I've found

Knows how to take the kinks out safe and sound." (COPR. J. T. HUNTER)

(To Be Continued)

Ella Cinders, Ambrose Potts and Mutt and Jeff will be at the Zander-Gump wedding. 2042

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There really are only two, yes just
two causes of divorce—man and wo-
man.

Time changes but the old adages
live forever. The wolf at the door
today is an automobile.

Scuffers who doubt there was ever
an age of miracles should watch the
station attendant slip twelve gallons
of gas in a ten-gallon tank.

Another headline says: "Walska
Admits Singing Incognito While in
Dallas." We've never heard it, but
we'll bet it's just as good as "No
Bananas."

"Slays three, then himself," says
a headline. It's an old story. If a
man must kill he would save others
a lot of trouble by picking on him-
self first.

An exchange wants to know what
has become of the old fashioned girl
who set her cap for a fellow and
never gave up 'till she got him—Well,
our answer is, she's still settin' her
cap, but it's pa's limousine radiator
cap.

A REAL SERMON

The expression "Ain't Nature
Grand!" means more than its origi-
nator intended. There is no time of
year, no season, when the lover of the
out-of-doors does not find objects and
conditions that really satisfy.

Whether hunting, fishing, travel-
ing, or engaged in the various other
sports and games, there are plenty of
diversions to please the most discrim-
inating. The fellow who first said
"Ain't Nature Grand" may be excus-
ed for his grammar, because he ac-
tually put "ain't" into the correct use
while the three words formed into a
sentence constitute a real sermon.

Think it over, reader, and see if we
are not correct.

Home Town Helps

BE SELFISH ABOUT IT

The appeal to you as citizens of
Merkel to buy in your home town, is
not so much an appeal to your loyal-
ty and civic pride and spirit, as it is
to your selfishness. Perhaps you never
considered it in this light when you
read or heard of pleas to spend your
money at home.

You make your money in Merkel,
and therefore you enjoy the advanta-
ges or suffer the disadvantages of
this city as a place in which to live.
You earn your living here, in the
form of wages, salary, commissions
or income from business. More busi-
ness is what makes the town prosper,
makes it able to afford those things
which make it good to live in, and
more business helps everybody's
income in the long run. Directly or in-
directly, every step in growth must
affect you in a more or less material
way. And if all the money that goes
out of this town every year, to this or
that mail order or other out-of-town
business concern or merchandise that
can be purchased here just as well,
were spent here, that alone would be
a considerable item in the money that
circulates here. Be selfish about it—
spend your money at home.

DOOR POUNDERS

The peddler will tell you, naturally,
and with all sincerity, it appears, that
your local merchants are overcharg-
ing you, that you are not getting
value when you trade with local
stores. He will hand you an arm load
of commercial "apple-sauce" about
saving you money and giving you the
advantage of wonderful bargains and
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In nine cases out of ten, you'll find
as good or better merchandise in Mer-
kel stores for less money.

Compare. Satisfy yourself.
Nobody is asking you for charity.
Merkel merchants aren't begging. It's
a straight forward business proposi-
tion, and while your local merchants
appreciate your patronage and solicit
your future trade, they also expect
you to pay up promptly. If you buy
of the peddler you must pay cash. Do
the same with your home town mer-
chants and they'll sell for less, be-
cause they can buy for less with
ready money. Trade at home and
save.

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

IT DOES PAY TO ADVERTISE

To those who believe that adver-
tising is not necessary, we will point
to the case of a certain motor com-
pany. We do not have to mention
names, either. If there is a product on
the market today which needs no ad-
vertising to sell it, we would most
certainly name (?) car. Yes, you
guessed it.

It is almost a safe wager to say
that almost every 10-year old boy in
this town knows what the word (?)
means, knows that when one mentions
this car he refers to an automobile.

And yet the owner of this vast
growing concern announces that mil-
lions will be spent for advertising his
products, so universally known, and
for which there are so many orders
being booked now, and that at no
time during the past year was it pos-
sible for this company to catch up
with these orders. Yet the company
keeps on spending millions to "ad-
vertise" its product.

WHERE IS THE DEADLINE?

A good deal of talk is heard just
now concerning several of the pros-
pective candidates for the presiden-
tial nomination, as to their eligibility
owing to advanced years. Some of
these sticklers for tradition are even
saying that so-and-so is too old to
make the race.

But history of the United States
States and other modern nations is
filled with instances of men promi-
nent in public life when they are well
along in their 70's and 80's.

We have in mind a candidate who
is only 67 years of age, and if he
were elected to the presidency and
served two terms, he would still at
the end of his second term be nine
years younger than one of the justices
of the supreme court today. This jus-
tice is 87 years of age now, and is
one of the most alert and even mind-
ed men in that distinguished court.

No, we claim a person aged 67 to
70 is just the right aged man for
president, for that is only what we
term mature youth.

THE BANKER, HIS SERVICE

"Banker Saves the Day"—a Head-
line. How often the banker comes to
our aid and on many an occasion he
has been our savior. Yet there are
many of us who do not fully appre-
ciate the great value of the bankers
of this community.

Many a community undertaking
would collapse and be a financial
failure without the personal and fi-
nancial backing of the banks.

The banker's name usually is the
first to head a subscription paper
and he stands back of practically ev-
ery enterprise worth while, and of
value to the people of our town and
community.

Of course, there is a direct relation
between the success of a bank and
the people of any town—neither can
prosper singly, but the live banker is
personally interested in local affairs
and takes interest and pleasure in
their solution. Our community needs
the bankers and their services—we
would not grow or prosper without
them.

America has eight autos for every
railroad car. But the railroad cars,
with the assistance of careless driv-
ers at grade crossings, will be able
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Presbyterian Church

The pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, of
the Grace Presbyterian Church, re-
quests this paper to announce that
there will be no services at that
church next Sunday morning or even-
ing, on account of the big Fifth Sun-
day meeting to be held at Comere
Presbyterian Church, to which meet-
ing every one is cordially invited.

Rev. Walker also stated that any
one desiring to attend the services at
Comere who did not have any con-
veyance, would be provided a way if
they will get in touch with either W.
M. Elliott or Rev. Walker.

**FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING
AT STITH**

The Mail is requested to announce
that the Fifth Sunday Singing will be
held at Stith on next Sunday, April
29th. All singers and the general pub-
lic are cordially invited to come and
enjoy the day. Every one is urged to
bring a well filled basket and all en-
joy dinner on the ground.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughters,
Misses Mary Eula and Boog, drove to
San Antonio last week, where they
attended the "Battle of Flowers."

**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:
EARL HUGHES

FOR Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD
FOR Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS

FOR County Attorney:
FRANK E. SMITH
CARL P. HULSEY

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

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FOR County Clerk (Jones Co.):
W. F. WRIGHT

FOR School Supt. (Jones Co.):
T. R. FRANCIS

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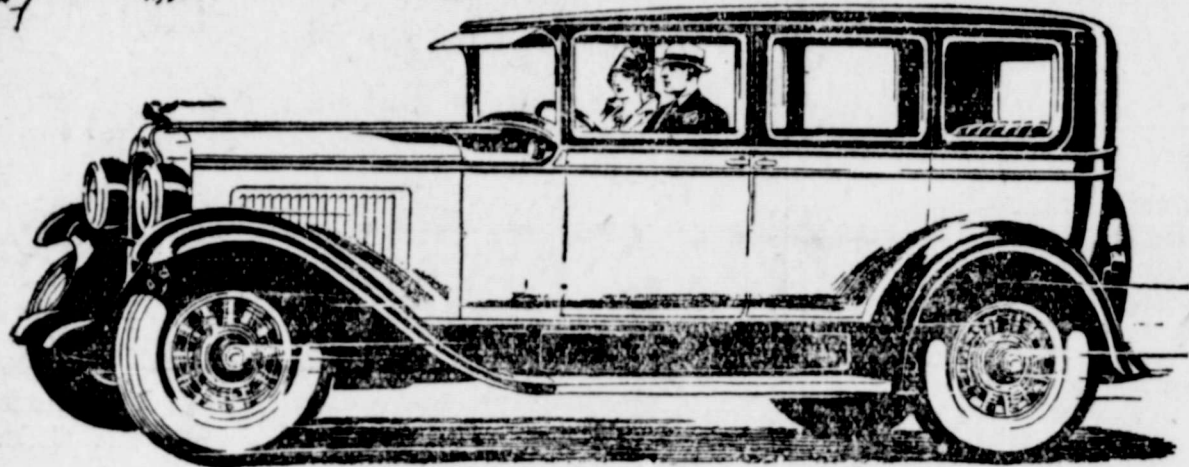
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WANTED—Farm and ranch hand. Sam Butman, Merkel, route 5. tf

WANTED—Men to grub and clear land ready for the plow. Sam Butman. tf

"Lawmi"—Try a sack of Lawmi Sweet Feed. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

City Bills Payable At Secretary's Office

The removal of the City Secretary's Office to the Fire Station will necessitate some changes in the way of collecting city accounts.

In the future all taxes will be paid at this office as usual. And in addition all other accounts of every nature may be paid there also.

Statements of water rent will be mailed each customer on the first day of the month and it will be expected that these bills will be paid by the 10th of the month. Failure to do so may result in a discontinuance of service in which case a charge of one dollar will be made when service is restored. Those who desire city water may get same by payment of \$15.00 for tapping main and a deposit of \$5.00 on meter. Where service lines are already run a meter will be set for \$5.00 deposit and \$1.00 setting same. All persons desiring service restored or discontinued should report to the secretary's office.

All bills for civic service will be due and payable at this office. A monthly charge of 75 cents will be made. All of these bills paid before the 10th of the month will be subject to a discount of 25 cents. All bills not paid by the 10th of the month will remain at the 75c charge. All those who subscribe to the salary of the night watchman are also requested to include such amounts in with their regular bills.

These arrangements have been made for your convenience and we hope everyone will appreciate our position and help us in our efforts to give you maximum service with the least amount of trouble and a minimum of expense to the City. H. C. WEST, Mayor.

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Come around today and see the Great Big Savings we have for you. Clarence Saunders. 1t

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LOST—Ladies Purse on road between Union Ridge and Trent. Finder please return to Merkel Mail office or William Pannell. 1tp

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GOING OUT OF BUSINESS
And will sell from now until the first of May all casings, tubes and accessories on hand at Wholesale list price. Thanking one and all for past patronage, I am yours truly,
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National Officers of Woodman Circle in Abilene Meeting

Drill teams from Stamford and Abilene honored the National President of the Woodmen Circle, Mrs. E. La Rocca, of Omaha, Nebraska; National Secretary, Mrs. Dora A. Talley, also of Omaha; Mrs. Etta Davidson of Houston, State Supervisor; and Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker of Stamford, who attended a special meeting of the district Woodman Circle at Abilene last Friday.

Dinner was served in the hall to all visitors present.

At 2:00 o'clock the meeting opened with the guardian of Abilene Grove introducing the National Officers. Mrs. Mary E. LaRocca presided, putting on the initiatory work initiating a large class of candidates, after which the Stamford team put on the floor work. This team has the honor of holding the state medal.

Nineteen circles were represented at the meeting, there being fourteen members from the Merkel Grove in attendance.

Each of the National Officers spoke at the night session held in the Crystal room of the Hilton Hotel.

Mrs. La Rocca talked of the Woodman Circle from a fraternal point of view.

New life insurance certificates were described by Mrs. Talley, National, National secretary.

The State Supervisor spoke of the Home to be erected in Texas for aged members and orphans.

HEBRON NEWS

Oscar McMorris, of Anson, who has recently returned from a Dallas sanitarium, was able to visit his sister, Mrs. Albert Mullins. His family and Mr. Harris accompanied him, and he was glad to find his sister able to be up after two months illness.

Mrs. Luther Gunter, who has been quite sick for three weeks is not much better at this writing.

There will be singing at Hebron Baptist Church every first and third Sunday. Everybody invited.

FARMERS—We have just received a car of Oats. Also Corn, Corn Chops, Bran and Cotton Seed Meal. Hamilton & Case. 1t

C. of C. Convention At Fort Worth June 18, 19 and 20

The registration fee for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at Fort Worth, June 18, 19 and 20, will be \$2.50, and as soon as the badges arrive can be paid to L. R. Thompson, local secretary, who will deliver the badges and all those who will attend will be relieved of the necessity of registering on their arrival at Fort Worth. These badges will entitle the holder to participate in free admission to Panther Park to witness a game of League baseball between Fort Worth and Waco, and Fort Worth and Shreveport; admittance to at least one good show in Fort Worth; admission to the pageant at T. C. U. stadium, and to any dance under the auspices of the general arrangements committee, including the official ball.

Other courtesies will be added and with the badges will be issued a coupon book, showing every courtesy that the holder's badge entitles him.

This will be the largest attended annual meeting since the organization of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and Fort Worth is going to try and surpass in entertainment anything she has ever done for any of her guests.

Merkel can make this convention very profitable to Merkel by a large attendance with every business firm represented, having in mind the single purpose of advertising the town and trade territory.

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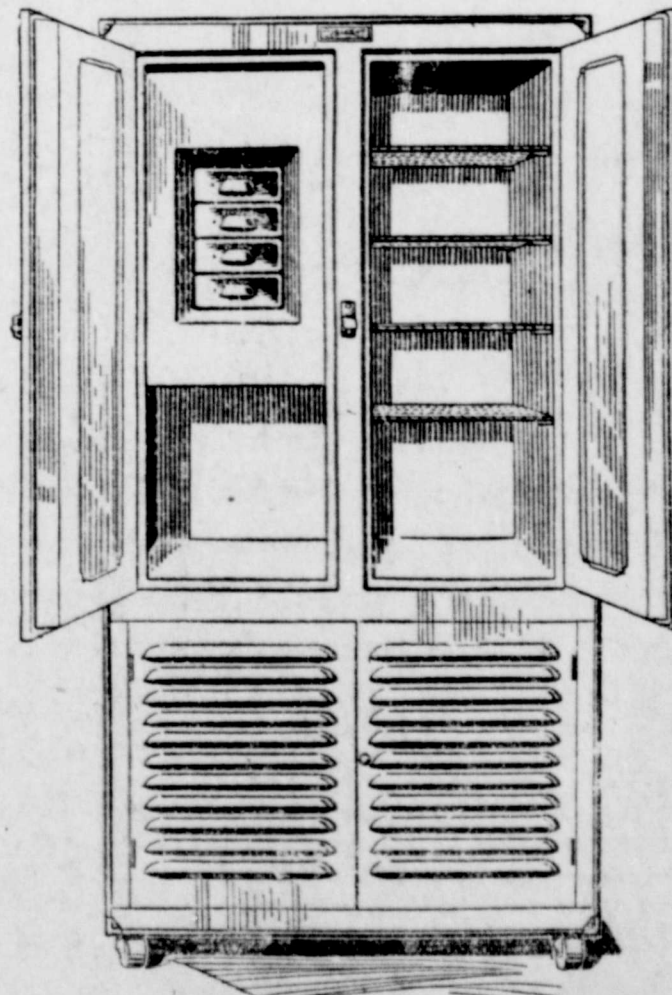
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San Francisco.—Growth of a super-wheat that reached maturity in 13 weeks with neither soil nor sunlight was announced here by the University of California. Wheat, under field conditions, often requires five months to mature.

The announcement follows completion of lengthy research in a laboratory on the university campus by Prof. A. R. Davis of the division of agriculture chemistry and Prof. D. R. Ronzani of the division of plant nutrition.

The experiment is recognized by these scientists as of the widest possible import.

The wheat was grown. It was revealed, in a greenhouse laboratory, where artificial light was furnished by means of 12 argon-filled lamps of 300 candlepower each and where jars of water containing the chemical elements necessary for plant growth replaced the soil which ordinarily contains them.

The quality of the wheat at maturity, the professors declare, was much higher than that raised under field conditions and could be classified as being of a "supernature."

The fact that the wheat was grown to maturity in 13 weeks, a previously unheard-of achievement, demonstrates, according to the investigators, that the length of the light period is important to growing plants.

The lights applied to the wheat plants were turned on for 16 hours a day, and this kept them growing rapidly. With the doubling of the light exposure the plant development was multiplied by four, the professors revealed, and when the light was applied for a full 24-hour day the growth was "astounding."

Previous experimenters in these pioneer fields were troubled by the infrared, or heat, rays from the lamps and used a water screen to solve the problem. But this was an unsuccessful solution, and Professor Davis found the correct one. He circulated air through the glass chamber by means of an electric fan.

It was established that the sun rays which contribute to plant growth were present in the electric light rays, even to the longer ultra-violet rays.

Asiatic Monkey Aids Yellow Fever Research

New York.—Man's study of yellow fever, the mysterious tropical disease that once took heavy toll in the western hemisphere, has been expedited by the achievements of a little band of scientists now at work in West Africa.

The yellow fever commission of the International Health Board, Rockefeller foundation, has found an Asiatic monkey, similar to the familiar companion of the organ grinder, that is susceptible to the disease. Working with this primate, the commission has already made several important contributions to knowledge of the fever.

The experts have been able to transmit the virus consistently to the monkey, known as Macacus Rhesus, both by inoculation and by the primary infective agent, the mosquito. It has been found that the serum from recovered cases of yellow fever will protect monkeys against virulent blood, an important discovery because it indicates the possibility of treating human patients in like manner.

Cat and Mouse Play

Salford, England.—A cat in the dispensary for sick animals has made a companion of a mouse she caught a year ago.

Warns Against Buying Seed Corn Carelessly

Washington.—Unless the buyer knows that the seller is reliable and can supply the kind of seed he offers, extreme care should be exercised in purchasing seed corn, the Department of Agriculture warns.

"Unfortunately," it says, "there are likely to be many individuals who will offer to sell crossed seed at a high price when the seed is little more productive, if any, than ordinary seed corn."

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Natural Gas Convention in Dallas

Dallas, Texas, April 26.—Piping of natural gas into Merkel and other Texas cities and towns will be discussed at the convention of the American Natural Gas Association in Dallas May 7 to 10. During the past year more than 150 Texas towns have added natural gas to their public utilities. This phase of Texas growth is of especial interest to gas men of the North and East.

Other achievements of Texas gas industry to be discussed will be the conquering of the Texas rivers with their quick sand bottoms by erecting bridges for gas mains by the company engineers and the building of compressor stations to "step up" by means of gas power, the gas pressure so that every consumer will have sufficient fuel. There are 20 such compressor stations in the 26 fields belonging to one big company.

Probably the most interesting problem of all to be discussed by men from out of this section will be the long distance piping of gas into towns such as Merkel from the gas wells that are some times many miles away.

One of the longest mains in the state and adjoining states is that from the Texas Panhandle to Wichita

Kansas, where it joins the Kansas City lines, so that the Panhandle furnishes fuel for the homes of Kansas City. Another huge project is now under way, connecting the Panhandle with Denver.

Because of the wide awake progress in natural gas industry of this section, the eyes of the entire country are turned this way and it is expected that Dallas convention will be the largest ever held by the association. Exhibit spaces in the great Manufacturers' building in the Texas State Fair Grounds already reserved assure the largest gas appliance exhibition ever held in a convention. The convention proper will be held in the Fair Park auditorium which seats 5,000 persons.

WE NEVER KNOW

An Oklahoma editor tells of an old Indian who came into his office to subscribe for the paper. The editor took the money and the Indian demanded a receipt. He got it, all right, and was asked to explain why he was so anxious and persistent in demanding same.

The Indian said: "Me die some time. Go to big gate and St. Peter ask if I been good fellow. I say sure. He say, did you pay all your debts? I say, yep. He say did you pay the editor for paper? I say sure. He say where is receipt? If I no have it, I have to run all over h—for you to get it."



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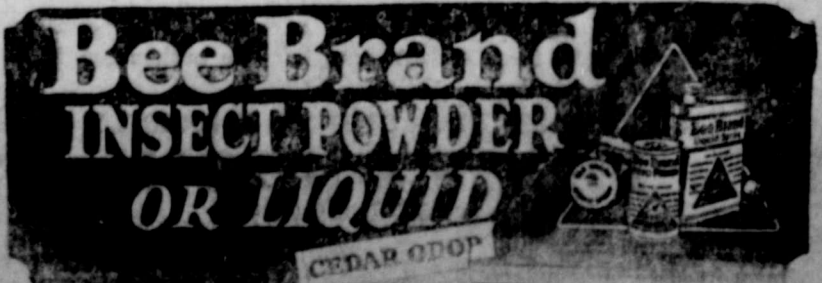
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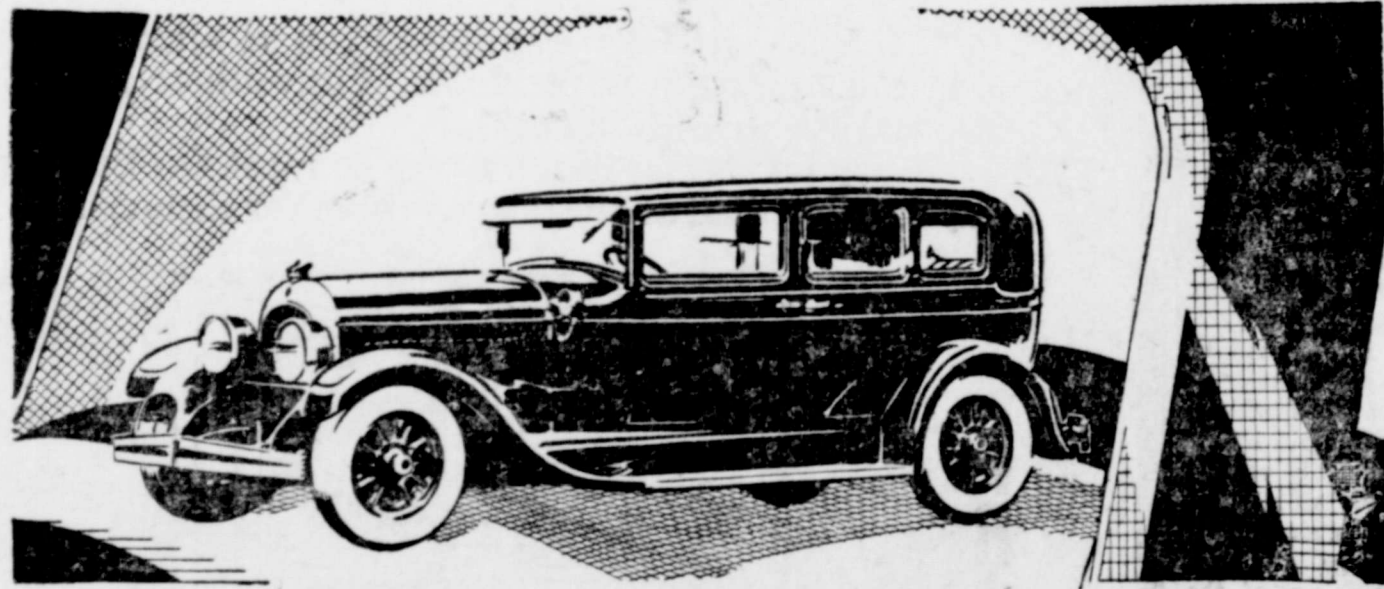
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Photo-Electric Cell

Holds Record for Size
Urbana, Ill.—What probably is the largest practical photo-electric cell—an instrument that is perhaps the most sensitive to light of any of man's creations—ever to have been constructed has been built in one of the physics laboratories at the University of Illinois by L. T. Garner, graduate research assistant, and will be one of a battery of four similar cells as the essential part of a television machine to be displayed at the coming university electrical engineering show. It was announced here recently.
Garner, an expert in glass blowing and a student of the building of such delicate mechanisms, describes the cell as "the largest cell of its type built for practical work." The inside diameter of the globe is 11 inches as compared to 7, the size used in the experimental work carried on by the General Electric company. The more common globes of this size are about 3 inches in diameter.
Several new departures from common construction are incorporated in this giant tube. The most important is the fusion of two small glass tubes in one side of the globe that may be opened and an air pump attached in order to increase the vacuum within the globe should it go down for any reason. Heretofore it has been necessary to puncture the side of the globe at the risk of losing all of the vacuum if anything happened.

Taxless Paradise
Stockholm, Sweden.—A taxless paradise is Orsa parish. Revenues from forests more than pay parish expenses. This year the townsfolk are getting free seed from the profits.

Walt and Skeeix will be at the Zander-Gump Wedding. 2012

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Berlin.—Like Benjamin Franklin, three young German scientists have gone fishing in the clouds to catch lightning and tame it.
They hope to release atomic energy with the help of the terrifically high electrical voltage which they drag down from the thunderstorms in the skies with a huge wire net strung between the peaks of Mount Generoso in Switzerland.
So far, the only promising efforts to demolish the atom have been made by means of radium on a small scale. But the Germans will attempt demolition of the atom in a wholesale manner, with the aid of 5,000,000 volts of electricity coaxed from the clouds.
This audacious dream stands within a few months of realization, according to the belief of the young scientists, Doctors Lange, Brasch and Urban, all under thirty and students at the University of Berlin.
If this be true, the young wizards may present the world with an immeasurably powerful and mysterious force, or ray, which will revolutionize things material.
These modern gods of thunder and lightning have searched out the locality in the Swiss Alps visited most frequently by natural electrical discharges.
Last summer with the help of all the discoveries of learned scholars since the time of "Poor Richard" and his kite, the Germans found that 2,000,000 volts could be controlled by their method.
Their "lightning tamer" was a fairly simple device, merely an enormous spread of wire mesh provided with bristling points. It was suspended on a cable between peaks with three sets of insulators and a complicated apparatus for measuring the current.
From a tiny, lightning-proof hut, the young wizards watched as the lightning struck the points of the net again and again.
They plan to return to the lonely hut on the rocky cliff to renew their experiments as soon as the snow melts. They are certain that they will be able to control 5,000,000 volts by improving their devices.

Sword of De Soto's Expedition Is Found

Carters, Ga.—Traces of Hernando De Soto's expedition through north Georgia were believed discovered near here, when a hilt, guard and part of a blade of an iron sword were unearthed in an Indian mound by Dr. Warren K. Moorehead, head of the department of archeology of Phillips academy, Andover, Mass.
The part of the sword was found amid a score of skeletons and ceremonial relics which Doctor Moorehead declared were of a pre-Columbian age, which he considered most significant.
The sword was found beside the skeleton of a warrior and stuck straight up in the ground, where it probably had been placed after the brave had been buried, Doctor Moorehead said. This relic of the white man's invasion of north Georgia measured about six inches and was made from iron, a strong indication that it came from De Soto's band, Doctor Moorehead declared.
In addition to the sword, many "war points," fine arrowheads used in battle, were found at the right hand of the warrior, who was buried alone. At the feet lay a spade of delicate green granite, perforated and highly polished, which the Andover scientist said was a symbol of the tribe's respect for its religion, as it was too frail for actual usage.
The skeleton was found in what apparently had been a hut made of posts of cedar and pine that were in an excellent state of preservation considering the centuries they had been buried.

Take Clerk's Pants
New York.—Solomon Weisman, a clerk in the Kaufman hat store, was held up recently in the store at the point of a revolver by two men who took \$61 from the cash register and a watch valued at \$50. Then, to prevent Weisman from following them, they took his trousers and fled.

Prehistoric Survivor
London.—The plesiosaurus, estimated by scientists to have lived one hundred million years ago, may not be extinct, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle thinks. He believes he saw one himself off the coast of Aegina some years ago.

Eat Pet Lamb
Angora, Turkey.—Wolves, descending from the mountains upon the capital of Turkey, devoured the pet lamb of the minister of finance.

Good Eyesight
New Rochelle, N. Y.—In her one hundred eighth year Mrs. Ida Goldberg threads a needle without using glasses.

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TRENT NEWS

Mr. Virgil Evans of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Milton Welch this week.

Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. E. Howell who has been in the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene, returned home last Sunday. She is much improved and has many nice things to say concerning the hospital force.

Mrs. J. Leeper Gay of Coleman has returned home after a week-end visit in the home of her cousins, C. T. Beckham and family.

Mrs. Stagner of Brownwood visited with her daughter, Mrs. Craig, over Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Donley visited the latter's father, A. N. Gordon of Snyder last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson of Hebron community left last Tuesday for an extended trip to California.

Mr. Flemming and children of Goodland spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilkerson Thursday night. They were on their way to Cisco.

Mrs. Neely Spradling has returned home after visiting with her daughter Mrs. Odis Hudson of Comper some two weeks.

Mr. O. L. Howell of New Mexico was in town last Thursday and Friday, spending the time with relatives, also writing insurance. He and his family are moving to Abilene the first of June, where they will have charge of North Park School for the coming term.

Miss Edna Causseaux and Mr. Joe Lowrey were united in holy bonds of matrimony on last Sunday evening at three o'clock at the Methodist parsonage, Bro. Watson officiating. The bride is the well loved daughter of Mrs. Etta Causseaux of White Flat community. The groom is a promising young man and at this time holds a position with the Trent Oil Company here. They left immediately for Sweetwater and Wastella, where they spent the time until Monday with Mr. Lowrey's parents. These young people have many friends here and they join ye scribe in wishing for them a happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Donley had in their home as guest a few hours last Saturday, Mrs. Donley's grandmother Mrs. M. S. Wyatt. Also her aunt, Mrs. W. D. Cowden and family. They were enroute to Snyder.

Mrs. Wesley Johnson of Abilene and daughter Westell visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd last week-end.

Mr. Bill Kelly of Putnam visited his uncle, Gus Brewer, on Saturday night and over Sunday. Also Mrs. Kelly, an aunt of Mr. Brewer's, and her daughter, Mrs. Mays, visited with them Sunday, all returning the same day.

A most touching program was rendered at the Baptist Church last Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour. Bro. Balkin, the financier of the West Texas Hospital at Abilene, together with Bro. Sanders, the superintendent of the Hospital, his wife and two sons and a few others. They surely did bring us some wonderful messages. Mrs. Sanders and sons sang some beautiful specials. Bro. and sister Sanders soon will leave for Dallas. We regret to give these people so much.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry motored over to Anson on last Monday and visited a while with relatives, Mr. J. F. Huie and family.

Twice beaten but not left for dead on Thursday of last week, some teachers of White Flat school motored over to our ball grounds with a bunch of

their boys to match our boys with a game. Well they matched up alright and beat our boys 18 to 12. Too bad then on Monday two teachers of the same school, Mrs. Causseaux and Johnson came over with White Flat's second team and put it over again 18 to 14 in favor of White Flat.

Mrs. R. B. McRee had as dinner guest Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson, Misses Fern and Pearl Martin, Burnadine Sorelle, Mr. Dave Reese and Mr. Alex McRee.

Mr. Riley and family of Shiloh community left last Saturday moving to Arizona. We regret to see them leave.

SURPRISE DINNER

A number of friends gave Doctor and Mrs. Currie a pleasant surprise last Monday, meeting at the church they all went in a body after preaching to their home and began to blow and whistle. The family was busily engaged in cleaning house, washing quilts, etc, making preparations to move shortly, but the doctor managed to take time to peep out to see what in the world could be the trouble. And indeed they were very much surprised when the guests began to pile out of their cars and crowd in the house. Hollis made the remark, "Mama, they have come for dinner." But as it happened we had our dinner with us. The men began immediately to make us a table of planks in the yard and dinner was spread and Grace was said and what a feast it was. Pictures of the scene were made before eating and after eating. As lunch was about finished, Mrs. Currie was called to the telephone just to get her inside where a number of the women had gathered. On entering the room she found a table loaded with handkerchiefs. Each one had brought with them a handkerchief for her. There were 66 in all. Those enjoying this affair were: Bro. McGinnis and family, Miss Cynthia Eavens, Uncle Terrel Winters, Mrs. J. Leeper Gay, Miss Alice Bigham, Grandmother Wright, Mrs. H. Wheatley, Mrs. G. Howell, Mr. E. Massey and family, Mrs. W. Woods, Mr. A. Williamson and family, Mrs. Bud Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chambliss, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Neil, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Mrs. Tom McLeod and daughter, Helen, Mrs. Homer Terry and son, Mrs. Ed Burks, Mrs. Churchwell, Mrs. J. B. Winn and son, Mrs. A. J. English, Mrs. Pruitt, Misses Mattie and Cora Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and Mrs. Billings.

Nazarene Church

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Regular services, Sunday School 10 a.m. Preaching 11 a.m. N.Y.P.S. 7:15 p.m. Preaching at 8:00 p.m. Prayermeeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Subject for services Sunday morning, "The Holy Anointing." Subject for evening service, "The Great Day." A hearty welcome to all.

Mrs. A. T. Sheppard was called to Lamesa last week to attend the bedside of her sister, Miss Harkrider, who was at that time dangerously ill. However, her condition improved to the extent that Mrs. Sheppard was able to remove her to the home of the former in this city first of the week.

Expecting car Forney Hay—genuine Forney Hay is better. Swafford, Phone 44. It

STRAYED—Brown mare mule with trace chain on left front foot. Notify Doyle Pogue. Itp

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Mr. R. E. Dillard, of Tuscola, was here first of the week, guest of Mr. B. C. Gaither and Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.

Quay Hamblet of Breckenridge was up last Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The following is an outline of the lesson for next Monday afternoon, using the third chapter in the Study Course, "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow." The lesson topic is "The Broader Outlook," which we gain through books, magazines, papers and pictures. The mission fields need this broadening influence. Our responsibility is furnishing this need.

- These topics will be discussed:
 1. Some of my life experiences with books.
 2. A question and answer period.
 - (1) What are the facts about literacy in foreign lands?
 - (2) As so few read why concern ourselves about literature for them?
 - (3) Why can not these people supply their own reading matter?
 - (4) What kind of pictures do the missionaries like to use?
 3. The Optimist has a message.
 4. "Give ye them to read," a sketch in two scenes.

Baptist Church

All regular services Sunday and throughout the week. Sunday school at 10 a.m. with all departments having own opening worship. At 11 a.m. there will be a report of the recent Sunday School convention at Corsicana. Those who attended the convention bring back a glowing report and it is hoped that we will all get some of the spirit of the convention by hearing these reports. It is hoped that a large delegation from our Sunday School and from our B.Y.P.U.'s will go to the association meeting at Sweetwater Sunday afternoon. A number of our workers are planning to prepare lunch and go right from our morning service to some convenient place on the Sweetwater road where they will eat and go right to the meeting at Sweetwater. Any one that can go is urged to help swell the Merkel delegation. A cordial invitation is extended to all who will to come to any of our services.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

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B. C. Gaither returned first of the week from a pleasant visit with his daughter at Tuscola.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, the able and energetic pastor of the First Baptist Church, is assisting the pastor of the Sweetwater Baptist Church in a revival meeting in that city this week. Bro. Parrack will be away over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case and son Milton spent Sunday with relatives in Sweetwater.

FARMERS—We have just received a car of Oats. Also Corn, Corn Chops, Bran and Cotton Seed Meal. Hamilton & Case. It

PREACHING AT UNION

Elder W. G. Cyper will preach at Union next Sunday at eleven o'clock. He will preach at the North Side Church of Christ Sunday night at 8:15 o'clock. Come and hear him.

Mr. R. A. Martin of the Bob Martin Grocery Company, returned yesterday from a visit with relatives at Stanton, Texas.

Come around today and see the Great Big Savings we have for you. Clarence Saunders. It

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