

## Baptist Revival To Begin Sunday

Rev. C. T. Whaley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, is to assist our local forces in conducting a revival meeting at Merkel. Rev. Whaley has had much success as an Evangelist and is recognized as one of our very best preachers. He is not a stranger to our Merkel people, having filled the pulpit of the Baptist church here on several occasions and it will be remembered that each time he thrilled our very soul with his earnest Gospel appeal.

We earnestly request the cooperation of the entire Merkel Country in this meeting. All churches of other denominations are urged to assist in leading the lost to Christ. We offer a special invitation to all singers of the town to help in the choir.

All Baptists should be in our Sunday School at 10 a.m. Sunday even though you have not been attending. We are either examples in one direction or the other. Are we pointing our neighbors and friends to Christ? If you want to get much out of the meeting put much into it. May each one pray earnestly that God will send a revival to Merkel and let it begin in me.

W. J. LARGENT,  
Supt. of Sunday School.

## JACKSON AGAIN HEADS LUEDERS BAPTIST GROUP

Walter Jackson, educational director of the First Baptist church of Abilene, was re-elected president of the encampment Friday afternoon.

Other officials elected were: F. G. Rogers, Spar, first vice-president; Ira L. Parrack, Merkel, second vice-president; W. R. Underwood, Albany, third vice-president; J. T. Jones, Olney, fourth vice-president; W. E. Lockridge, Graham, fifth vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Burnam, Abilene, secretary (re-elected) Joel V. Grimes, Avoca, treasurer (re-elected).

Election of the business manager was postponed until Wednesday. A new constitution adopted Friday provides that the elective officers shall form a board of directors, which in turn select an executive committee that will nominate the officers and have charge of the finance committee. All officers will be elected by popular vote except the business managers, who will be appointed by the executive committee.

Members of the nominating committee upon whose recommendations the new officers were selected were: W. T. Hamer, Anson, chairman; Dr. E. B. Atwood, Abilene; W. R. Underwood, Albany; Mrs. Alvis, Haskell; Mrs. C. C. Stuckley, Stamford.

## LOCAL MASONS ARE EXAMINED FOR CERTIFICATE

At an examination held in Abilene by a committee on work on last Friday, July 13th, Messrs. C. L. Boswell, M. C. Graham and Andy Shouse successfully stood examination and were told that they would be granted a certificate at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Mr. Boswell, whose membership is being transferred from Blooming Grove lodge, he having recently moved to our city, had very faithfully and generously conducted a school at the local hall for several months prior to the examination and expected to have a number of local members take the examination, but most of them were unable to attend at this time, and will probably be examined later. Mr. Boswell has held a certificate for seven years and was granted a three year renewal by the committee.

Mr. Graham has held a certificate for several years and was given another one-year renewal. Mr. Shouse is a member of Trent lodge and will receive his first certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes returned last week from their extended visit to relatives in Hunt county and other East Texas points. While away they visited their old home sites in Hunt county and, although they had a fine time with watermelons, peaches and old friends, they were surprised to find so many changes in general. From what we hear, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes went on their week's vacation among their younger days, but found it impossible to find just where the "old gentleman" was who were claimed in his younger days, and a home after just one



REV. C. T. WHALEY, Sweetwater

## PALACE THEATRE TO REOPEN SOON

With Mr. G. B. Overton, formerly with the West Texas Utilities Company merchandising department, in charge as manager, the Palace Theatre in this city will soon reopen under new management. Complete announcement will be made in our next issue.

Mr. Overton is an experienced picture show man, and states that the show will have ample backing, and will offer the people as good as the best in the motion picture business. Watch for his opening announcement.

## General Obregon Assassinated By Religious Fanatic

MEXICO CITY, July 18.—In a signed statement tonight President Calles declared the assassin of General Obregon had admitted the motive of his crime was religious fervor.

The president said, too, that authorities investigating the crime have gained much information "complicating directly clerical action."

It was reported tonight that police had arrested five men suspected of being involved in the conspiracy to assassinate General Obregon.

Calles concludes his statement with an appeal to the Mexican people to maintain peace and a statement that the government will continue to abide by the principles of the constitution and the revolution—a statement that is construed as signifying the president will not attempt to succeed himself.

Police headquarters tonight semi-officially announced that the assassin had been identified as Jose de Leon Toral, an art student, age 23 years, a native of Lagos, in the state of Jalisco.

He is said to have lived at Guadalajara but to have come to Mexico City six months ago seeking work. Police said they found upon him a Rosary and other religious emblems.

## WILL SPEAK HERE NEXT TUESDAY FOR R. Q. LEE

Mr. Frank Killough, of Eastland, will speak in Merkel next Tuesday night in the interest of R. Q. Lee, candidate for Congress.

Every one is cordially invited to hear him.

## LITTLE GIRL INJURED WHEN RUN OVER BY HORSES

The little two and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs, who reside three miles southwest of this city, was seriously injured last Sunday when knocked down and run over by some horses that were being turned into the pasture. For a day or so it was thought that the little child would not recover, but she is now improving and will likely soon be up again.

John West, Booth Warren, W. H. Laney, F. C. McFarland and a bunch of Bills made a flying fishing trip to the Concho river near Paint Rock, where they claim they caught some big fish and plenty of them in one night. The other Bills making the trip were: Bill Cox, Bill Saddler, Bill Sheppard and Bill Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet and family, returned first of the week from a pleasant trip to Glen Rose, Texas.

## John Raskob, Democratic Chairman, Wants Home Liquor

BOSTON, Mass., July 18.—A system which would make intoxicating liquor available for home consumption is advocated in a letter sent by John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National Committee to committeemen throughout the country and delegates to the Democratic convention at Houston. The letter was made public here Saturday as members of the Massachusetts Democratic Committee met for reorganization.

"Social conditions throughout our country have reached a state of decadence that demands correction. My feeling is that a scheme of control of the manufacture, sale, transportation and consumption of intoxicating liquor, under which it may be had for home consumption, and prevent the return of the saloon, which was the medium through which the use of liquor was abused, in such communities as voted therefore under a local option law, would be welcomed by all.

"All right thinking people are for temperance, law and order, but we must have respectable laws if we expect them to be respected.

"All must agree that there is a wide lack of respect for the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead act, so that it behooves all of us to endeavor to secure such modification of existing laws as will result in the restoration of respect for ourselves, our law and our great Constitution.

"I would appreciate having your views on this important question after reading the inclosed copy of letters to P. H. Callahan."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 18.—John J. Raskob has indicated his willingness to resign from the Union League here if his membership in that organization, which has always been Republican and which has endorsed Secretary Hoover's candidacy for the presidency, should prove an embarrassment to the club because of his acceptance of the chairmanship of the Democratic national committee.

Speaking at his summer home near Centerville, Md., he said to questioners: "I have no desire to embarrass the Union League. I shall be guided by the advice of the officers, and if it is found that continuance of my name on the rolls is embarrassing to the membership I shall be glad to resign.

"About ten years ago, when I became a member of the Union League, I let it be known that I had voted for Woodrow Wilson. I have never been officially affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic parties and have never voted at either a Republican or Democratic primary. I have always been an independent in politics.

"Now, however, I see an opportunity of performing some constructive service by helping relieve the country of the damnable affliction of prohibition. Governor Smith has taken a courageous stand on that important question and I accepted the chance to help him.

## SALT BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. McGinnis of Abilene is to be with our pastor, Rev. Willis Taylor, in a ten days revival meeting beginning July 20th. Every one is invited. Please come out and take a part; you are welcome.

## To Let Contract For Paving Gap in No. 1 On August First

The last unpaved gaps between Fort Worth and Sweetwater on state highways No. 1-A and No. 1, the north and south loops, respectively, of the Bankhead highway, will be awarded by the state highway commission at the final meeting of its fiscal year, August 1, according to press dispatches of last night.

The Shackelford county job on No. 1-A will be bituminous surfacing. It will link on the east with No. 18, which is already paved to that point, and on the west with the section from Abilene to the Shackelford county line upon which concrete paving is now being built. This will close the final unpaved portion of No. 1-A, which extends from Metcalf Gap in Palo Pinto County to First and Pine streets, Abilene.

The Taylor county section of No. 1 from Abilene west, for which the grading and drainage structures have been completed, will close the last gap in that highway across this county. The road will be surfaced with concrete.

Construction of concrete paving on No. 1 from ten miles west of Abilene through Merkel and Trent to the Nolan county line is now progressing westward from two and a half miles west of Merkel. Five miles of paving, extending from Merkel east, was opened to traffic yesterday.

## Royalty Sold For \$32,000

J. W. Tiner, upon whose 371-acre farm is located Hucoy and Atkinson and Sandefer's No. 1 Tiner, which is producing more than 400 barrels daily, has just sold half of his royalty under a 320-acre tract he owns approximately a half-mile north of the producer for \$32,000, according to authentic reports.

Mr. Tiner had already sold half of his royalty under the 371-acre tract, and he has now realized more than \$70,000 from royalties and retains half.

## GRAND JURY RETURNS FOURTEEN INDICTMENTS

Fourteen indictments, including three charging misdemeanors, were returned late yesterday by the grand jury for 42nd district court, following three days of work during which 50 witnesses were examined.

Six of the bills charged forgery, two illegal possession of liquor, one was for felony swindling and one for felony theft, in addition to a bill charging A. F. Lewallen with carrying saws into the jail to aid a prisoner charged with a felony.

Five indictments for forgery were returned against Boyd Nanney, who is in custody. Names of others charged in the indictments were withheld pending arrests and arraignment.—The Abilene Morning News.

Messrs. A. H. Brackeen and Robt. Dennis of this city were doing valuable service as members of the grand jury during their deliberations.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grayson and Mrs. Ernest Hill of Burleson are here for a short visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

## New Catholic Church Be Dedicated Sunday

On next Sunday, July 22nd, at 10:45 a.m. will be held the formal opening and blessing of the newly erected Catholic Church in the southwest part of the city. The building is dedicated to the Blessed Mother of Christ.

The Rt. Rev. J. P. Lynch, D.D., Bishop of Dallas, assisted by the Rev. H. Krufer of Abilene, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Y. Rusno of Ranger will be in attendance at the dedication ceremonies and the blessing of the church, and will deliver the sermon for the occasion.

The sacrifice of the Holy Mass will be celebrated by Father Ruano with organ music and singing by the Abilene choir from Sacred Heart Church. The building is a frame structure in the Spanish style on a solid concrete foundation. The inside walls are neatly covered with Celotex.

The public is very cordially invited to this unusual and unique celebration. Rev. H. Krufer, pastor.

## This Paper Will Not Support Al. Smith

In order that our readers and the public in general may know just where we stand with reference to the election of a president of this nation at the coming November general election we want to make our position clear and plain at this time.

First we recognize the legal and moral rights of every American citizen to vote as he thinks and pleases. We concede that right to every man. We do not fall out with him when he differs from us. He has that right. And very good citizen will accord us the right to think and vote different from him. There is absolutely no reason why two good citizens should fall out because they differ in politics. And this paper has the right to support any man or measure it pleases, even if every man, woman and child in the community be in opposition, and no citizen has any more right to fall out with the paper than he has with the citizen.

Well, we will say here and now that we are opposed to the election of Governor Alfred Emanuel Smith, of New York, to the presidency of the United States. The first thing we want to say is that we, or any other person, should not oppose him on the grounds of his religion. For, under the constitution of the United States, he has as much right to his belief in religion as any man in the nation who happens to differ with him. He has a right to run for president, has a right to be elected and sit in the White House—provided he receives the election in a legal and lawful manner.

We have always voted for and worked for the Democratic party. Our forefathers were ALL Democrats. We expect to remain a Democrat in our state affairs (unless legally prohibited from participating). But we do not consider, nationally speaking, that we have a Democratic party, but a combination made up from the "bosses" from Tammany Hall and Wall Street. In fact it seems to us that the national Democratic party is now completely dominated and controlled by the very elements that our greatest leaders, Tilden, Cleveland, Bryan and Wilson fought to the bitter end. Therefore, we shall lend every effort to the support and election if possible of that great statesman and countryman, Herbert Hoover.

## THREE MORE NEW HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Realizing the necessity and need of more homes in this city, Messrs. R. O. Anderson and W. L. Diltz, Jr., recently let the contract to Mr. A. V. Dye, well known building contractor, for the immediate erection of three beautiful new and modern homes to be erected on the lots just across the street opposite the Baptist and Methodist churches. The new homes will be four-room with bath. They be stucco and of the Spanish design.

Miss Margaret Tucker of Fullbright, Texas, and Miss Mildred Lawler, of Deport, Texas, have been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter and other relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and children are spending their vacation touring the western states of New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado.

## Revival Begins At Church of Christ

You are cordially invited to attend the series of meetings to be held at the North Side Church beginning tonight, Friday, July 20th.

Good preaching and singing for an hour, or just a bit over, short and snappy—will not hold you long enough to tire you, but long enough for a good service, and one that will do you good.

Preaching done by Bro. C. M. Stubblefield of Fort Worth at about 8:15 or 8:30, the exact time for the evening service and the day service to be announced later.

Singing is to be conducted by Bro. Nathan Wood, local song leader, with your help we hope to have the best of song services.

Come every time you can. There will be a welcome awaiting you at every service.

## TRADE TRIP TO GOLAN TO-NIGHT

At the regular Tuesday Lions Club meeting this week, which was held at Ed's Cafe, with vice-president Booth Warren in charge, and Dr. R. I. Grimes as toastmaster, after enjoying a splendid luncheon and an interesting program and business meeting, the matter of making a trade trip every week from now until September 1 was discussed and voted upon. It was the unanimous decision of the members present that a trade trip should be made every week so that as many communities as possible may be visited before Sept. 1.

The next trade trip will be tonight, and will be held at Golan, which is located a few miles northwest of the Smith well.

The Merkel band will lead the procession, starting from Merkel about seven o'clock. Every one is cordially invited and urged to go on these trade trips. Especially it is hoped that all business firms will send a number to represent them. The following program has been arranged for the occasion:

Our Trade Trips, Their Purpose and Aim, Booth Warren.

Band music.

The Farmer and the Lion, James West. (3 minutes).

Lion Quartette.

How to Raise a Cat (humorous), by Rufe Tittle. (3 minutes.)

Ladies Quartette.

Fall Attraction Announcement, Dr. Hulsey. (5 minutes.)

Band Music.

Reading selections, Miss Tracy.

Everybody going will please meet in front of the post office promptly at seven o'clock and leave town together. Let's have a representative crowd on this trip.

## Big Fifth Sunday Singing Here 29th.

This paper has been requested to announce that there will be held under the tabernacle in this city on Sunday, July 29th, an "all-day" Singing Convention, to which the public is cordially invited to attend and take part.

A great crowd is expected; many having already signified their intention of coming from various sections. Sweetwater, Abilene and Snyder delegations are expected to attend and bring quartettes. W. W. Wood, formerly of this city, but now of Snyder, will be among them. Also is expected that possibly Virgil O. Stamps, writer and composer of music, known throughout the South, may be here, accompanied by a well trained quartette.

Messrs. Jimmie and Bill Brown and Jay Greenfield, accompanied by their better three-fourths, spent a few days last week outing and fishing on the Concho. Besides an enjoyable outing they were very lucky in catching a number of big fish, one of which when dressed weighed more than 23 pounds.

Mr. Guy Hamilton, of Chickasha, Oklahoma, came in this week to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamilton, and brother Mr. Seth Hamilton, and family.

Mrs. S. A. Farris and child spent the week end with relatives in San Angelo last week.





CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**

Merkel, Texas

CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 1928

RESOURCES

Loans	\$410,836.39
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,544.25
Stocks	90.00
Due from Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
U. S. Bonds	\$ 46,500.80
Commercial Paper	44,000.00
Cash & Exchange	113,524.98
<b>QUICK ASSETS</b>	<b>204,024.98</b>
Total	\$656,101.50

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits (Net)	15,338.71
Dividend Unpaid	2,500.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	588,262.79
Total	\$656,101.50

The Above Statement is Correct.

W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

J. S. Swann, President  
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Herbert Patterson,  
Assistant Cashier

Dallas Scarbrough  
David Hendricks

**WALTER DAMROSCH TO DIRECT  
NEW MUSIC EDUCATION HOUR**



Walter Damrosch (left) and David Sarnoff, Vice President and General Manager, Radio Corporation, completing arrangements for New Music Education Hour.

Arrangements have been completed for a special series of 24 educational orchestral concerts to be broadcast next season, beginning in the fall. The new Music Education Hour sponsored by the Radio Corporation of America will be under the direction of Walter Damrosch, the dean of American musicians, who made the Hour of the past season one of the great accomplishments of radio broadcasting.

In response to the nation-wide demand for an educational hour of music for young people and children, next season's program will be given Friday mornings at 11 o'clock Eastern standard time, so that it can be heard in the schools. It is planned to use 28 stations of the National Broadcasting company and associated stations, covering the entire country between the Atlantic Coast and the Rocky Mountains.

In making the announcement, David Sarnoff, Vice President and General Manager of the Radio Corporation of America, said:

"Since the first days of broadcasting we have confidently looked forward to the time when radio broadcast-

ing and reception would be so perfect that it might be used for universal education as well as entertainment. Millions of dollars have been spent in the development of broadcasting, with the belief that this new means of universal communication would become of great public service, supplementing and augmenting other means of education.

"When Mr. Damrosch came to us some time ago with a plan for inculcating a better appreciation and understanding of good music, we were immediately impressed by its great possibilities. And the many thousands of letters recently received from teachers, parents and educational authorities, from all over the country, following our three experimental lecture-concerts, have confirmed our judgment.

"The time for music education over the air is opportune, because of the perfected state of radio broadcasting. The best music can now be entrusted to the microphone with the full assurance that it will issue forth from the loudspeaker in the school or the home with a true approximation of the original rendition."

**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 "laylock," 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-land 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.

**East Indian Brokers**

**Work Day and Night**

East Indians of every caste and tribe are gamblers by instinct, but the greatest of them all is the Marwari, who must hold the world's record for nonstop gambling, writes an Indian merchant in London Tit-Bits. In the Bombay market the Marwari has established a virtual monopoly—that of a jobber, prepared both to buy and sell, at a (theoretically) slight difference in price, contracts for the future delivery of cotton.

He cannot resist, however, the lure of continuous operations "out of hours," so he resorts to an unofficial market, Kutcha Khandi, which is open practically day and night, its activities being suspended only to allow operators to snatch a little sleep, or to adjourn to the official cotton exchange. These abuses, and others which prevailed in the market, impelled the cotton trade to call for government legislation, and one result was that Kutcha Khandi was made illegal. But, despite police raids on this business "night club," and the spectacle of a group of super-millionaires being haled before a magistrate, the Marwari remained unabashed.

Gambling is the breath of life to the Marwari, and money but a counter. His clothes are a long frock coat of white cotton, elegantly waisted, a shirt, the starched neckband of which serves as a collar, diamond studs, a dhoti in place of trousers, and a silk turban of mauve, pink, yellow or some other bright hue. His office equipment usually comprises a telephone, a pocketbook and an infallible memory.

**Saturday as a Holiday**

Miss Freygang of the New York city department of education, says: "It is my understanding that the Saturday holiday never began in the cities, but in the rural sections of our country. It is my understanding that it originated in the Colonial days, when there were very few Jews in the community. I believe Saturday began as a holiday in schools because the children on the farms had to help with the work, so that Sunday might be observed by the family. They had to bring in provisions for the Sabbath and help in the home so that they might start out to the nearest church which was usually miles away."

**Literary Touch**

Possibly it was the first breath of spring in the air that sent a certain unknown author skipping into the offices of Simple & Simons, book publishers.

"How long should a novel be?" asked the tyro of the first man he saw. It happened to be Mr. Simple.

"There is no statutory limit," answered the latter.

But the would-be author pressed him for some suggestion, and the publisher finally admitted that most standard novels were about eighty thousand words long.

"Thank heaven!" declared the other. "I've finished, then."

**First Aid for Goldfish**

The life of a goldfish was saved recently by artificial respiration similar to that used to revive human victims of drowning, asphyxiation, or electric shock.

On returning to her home one evening a woman found one of her goldfish lying on the floor apparently dead. She held the fish under water with one hand and, grasping it with the other just behind the gills, applied intermittent relief pressure. After five minutes the fish showed signs of life, and at the end of twenty minutes it was swimming about quite normally.

**Humble Seaweed Put to Commercial Uses**

If "weed" is to continue as the name for a plant for which no use has been discovered, then seaweed will have to change its name.

After prolonged research, a process has been found in which seaweed is utilized in the production of alginate and alginates. Algin is a substance similar to starch and gum arabic in its properties, but in many respects superior to either.

With a viscosity fourteen times that of starch and thirty-seven times that of gum arabic, it is of greater advantage than starch in sizing and finishing fabrics, for it fills the cloth better, is tougher and more elastic, transparent when dry, and is not acted upon by acids. Algin will undoubtedly be used in dyeing and color printing and in the sizing and coating of paper.

Seaweed, too, has for sometime been known as a source of iodine.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS  
NATIONAL BANK**

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business June 30th, 1928

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$309,737.80
Overdrafts	1,244.54
Furniture & Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00
Bankers Acceptances and Commercial Paper	\$ 52,316.06
U.S. Bonds (Owned)	116,950.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	143,295.00
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$312,561.06</b>
Total	\$632,855.90

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	13,839.06
Circulation	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	\$537,766.84
Total	\$632,855.90

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

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

Directors

J. T. WARREN G. F. WEST SAM BUTMAN, SR.  
GEO. L. PAXTON BOOTH WARREN

"Never Missed a Dividend—Never Assessed a Shareholder"

**METHODIST REVIVAL GOING ON AT BLAIR.**

Rev. C. R. Hardy, pastor of the Methodist church at Blair, assisted by Rev. A. J. Jones, of Tuscola, is conducting a ten days revival at Blair, which began last Friday evening.

Good crowds are in attendance and the meeting promises to be one of lasting good to the entire community.

Buy a dollar's worth of Jergins Soap and we will give you FREE 6 Water Glasses or a Cannon Bath Towel. Hamm Drug Co.

We have clients anxious to purchase farms worth the money. List with us. Thompson & Boswell.

**MARRIED SATURDAY**

Miss Jeffie Fowler and Mr. Wesley Northcutt were happily united in marriage at the Nazarene parsonage on last Saturday, July 14th, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., the Rev. Miss Forbes, Nazarene pastor, performing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. T. M. Fowler of this city. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Northcutt of the Stith community. The couple will make their home in Merkel.

Don't miss our 98 cent Bedspread Special this week—Boston Bargain Store.

**QUEEN**

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**TODAY Only**  
**Reed Howes**

**"HIGH FLYERS"**  
The aviation picture of today with thrills plentiful!

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The Great Jungle Serial  
**"PERILS OF THE JUNGLE"**  
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A Western that will please you.  
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The Wonderful Serial  
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**"PARTNERS IN  
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The Greatest Comedy Team on the screen; they never fail to make you laugh, so don't miss it  
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**"MOCKERY"**

The Mystery man in his greatest mystery picture. A picture millions will see, and you will be sorry if you don't see it.  
—Also Comedy—  
**"LONG HOSE"**

**THE BIG SINGING**

Remember the big Fifth Sunday Singing meets at the tabernacle in the lovely city of Merkel next Sunday at 10 a.m. Hope all classes will be there on time and be sure and bring your books, so we may have all kinds, and as the leaders are called to the floor

they can use the book they like best. We are expecting most all the professors there. Come and bring dinner enough for yourself and me.

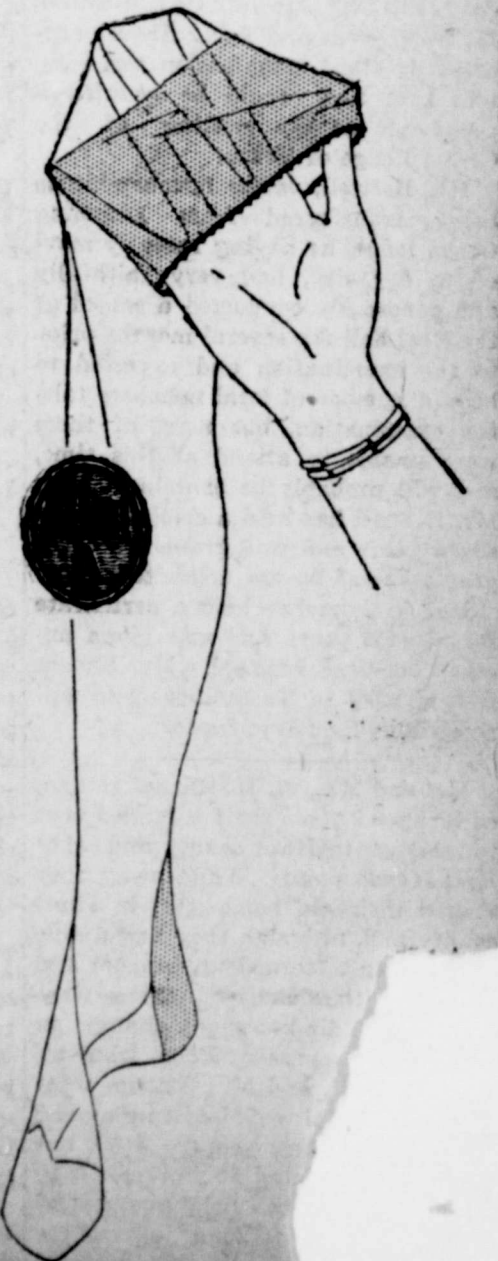
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This lovely new  
**Allen-A Hose**  
with a Picot Edge  
—and smart  
**Allen-A Heel**

Only \$ **1** the pair



You have really never seen a more beautiful hose than this new Allen-A creation. Certainly never at the low price of \$1 the pair.

It is all-silk, of gorgeously clear Service sheer silk. Formed to fit the ankle, leg and knee in creaseless perfection.

Around the top is a dainty Picot Edge in contrasting color. And of final smartness, this hose has the Allen-A Heel—that tapers to a longer point above the heel and makes the ankle appear marvelously slender.

We have this exquisite hose in the season's leading shades. See it while our stock is complete. Style No. 3605. Only \$1 the pair.

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# WATCH FOR OPENING DATE

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### SALE OF AMERICAN CARS ABROAD IS INCREASING

Despite the desire of European automobile manufacturers to keep the business to themselves and regardless of the wish of European motor car buyers to support their home industries, I feel that the great value of the American automobile at its price will break down those sentimental barriers and provide American manufacturers with a steadily expanding market abroad.

This is the home-coming statement of R. H. Grant, vice-president of the Chevrolet Motor Company in charge of sales, who recently returned from a six weeks tour of the leading business centers overseas.

"America's position in the European market has been made possible and fortified by the advanced production methods employed by the industry on this side of the Atlantic," Mr. Grant pointed out. "Our manufacturing facilities are vastly superior to those of European companies.

"This is true especially in the lower priced fields where Europe has only one manufacturer that has developed quantity production methods to any considerable extent. And as we know over here, volume manufacturing has been one of the foremost factors in permitting the industry to offer so much automobile at so low a price.

"By the very virtue of the speed required to attain volume, precision is constantly becoming more of an autocrat in the manufacturing of our automobiles. Parts must be machined to closer and more accurate limits to make this volume possible, and as a result of this precision we get a finer automobile and as a result of the quantity production which precision makes possible, American manufacturers are able to offer the public more automobiles per dollar than any other in the world."

Mr. Grant is keenly enthusiastic over the prospects for export sales and points to an increasing European trade as an important factor in the development of the automobile business generally.

"Unlike the average American, the

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typical European hasn't yet come to the realization that he must have an automobile," Mr. Grant observed. "However the desire to own one has always been there and with economic conditions in better shape now than at any time since the war, the prospective customer over there is in a more advantageous position to satisfy the need."

The wide-spread use of bicycles throughout Europe proved of special interest to Mr. Grant, as a seller of a low-priced car. There are twenty bicycles in operation in Germany for every automobile registered, ten in England and seven in France. More than 27,000,000 bicycles are being operated in these countries alone.

"The vast number of bicycles now being used in Europe provides an accurate notion of the potentialities of the European automobile market and seems to indicate that one of the major sales duties of the automobile industry abroad is to place these 27,000,000 bicycle riders at the wheels of automobiles," Mr. Grant declared.

In the course of his tour Mr. Grant visited England, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland and Denmark. In Antwerp, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris, and London, he addressed meetings of Chevrolet dealers.

In his talks to the dealers, Mr. Grant outlined the selling methods which have made Chevrolet the most popular car in the United States. He advised them not to adopt but to adapt American methods to their own working conditions.

Two years ago, Mr. Grant held dealer meetings in these same cities and expressed himself as gratified to find on his recent trip that so many ideas had been so successfully adapted to European sales requirements.

### UNSIGHTLY SIGNS

In spite of the widely advertised "code of ethics" adopted some time ago by the billboard promoters, their habit of defacing the landscape and encroaching upon residential sections has by no means been abandoned.

Public sentiment has been so aroused in opposition to the billboard nuisance that a national committee for the restriction of outdoor advertising is making a vigorous campaign against the unsightly sign-boards which glare at one on every hand.

Among the organizations cooperating with this committee are the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Garden Clubs of America, the National Conference of State Parks, the American Society of Landscape Architects, historical societies, automobile associations, nature societies and others interested in the preservation of outdoor beauty.

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### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon the heirs and unknown heirs of John Williams, Isabella Williams, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Isabella Williams, Rachel Boykin, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Rachel Boykin, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Taylor County to be holden at the

Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the third Monday in August, A. D. 1928, the same being the twentieth day of August, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of July, A. D. 1928, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6561, wherein B. G. Gray and Sam Hare are Plaintiffs, and Grand Lodge, United Brothers of Friendship of Texas, a corporation, C. H. McGruder, Grand Secretary, Austin Sherman, Deputy Master, A. E. Savage, Treasurer, Gateway City Lodge, U. B. F. No. 189, Abilene, Texas, and the heirs and unknown heirs of John Williams, Isabella Williams, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Isabella Williams, Rachel Boykin, and the heirs and unknown heirs of Rachel Boykin, are Defendants, and said petition alleging: Plaintiffs represent that about March 6th, 1923, defendant, Grand Lodge, U. B. F. of Texas, issued a life insurance policy for Five Hundred Dollars, with funeral benefits of Seventy Five Dollars to John Williams, Certificate No. 4209, Beneficiary Isabella Williams, his wife, payable at the death of John Williams; that thereafter John Williams and Isabella Williams, his wife, were divorced; that said Williams died intestate and without issue or heirs on the 21st day of October, 1927, at Abilene, Texas, and said insurance certificate was in full force and effect at the time of his death and the Secretary of said defendant Grand Lodge was in due time notified of said death and proper proof thereof was made and said certificate was mailed to said Secretary, who now has same in his

care and possession, and demand is made that same be produced on the trial of this cause.

That prior to the death of said Williams, he solicited, employed, and contracted with Plaintiffs Gray and Hare, all members of above Lodge, to nurse, care for, and provide for said Williams the necessities of life, then and during the remainder of his life, as said Williams was in poor health and unable to care for himself; and as a consideration for said services and expenses by said plaintiffs, they should receive at the death of said Williams such property as he might possess and should receive and collect said Five Hundred Dollar insurance policy; that said services were performed by plaintiffs for the said John Williams as requested and contracted; that said McGruder, Secretary of said Grand Lodge, U. B. F. of Texas, was notified by said Williams prior to his death that it was his desire, wish, and order, that said plaintiffs, Gray and Hare, be paid said Five Hundred Dollars insurance policy at the time of his death; that a demand has been made by plaintiffs Gray and Hare on said McGruder, Grand Secretary of said Lodge, for payment of said Five Hundred Dollars; that said Secretary refuses to pay said debt to said plaintiffs, or any part thereof, and is justly indebted to plaintiffs in said sum of Five Hundred Dollars, with interest thereon from date of said notification. That said McGruder, Secretary of said Lodge, has paid the Seventy Five Dollar funeral benefit on said policy. That Rachel Boykin, defendant, is

asserting some kind of pretended claim to said policy, which claim is untrue and unwarranted. That with- in plaintiffs knowledge, after years of acquaintance with said Williams and diligent inquiry thereof, plaintiffs state that said Williams had no issue or heirs at the time of his death.

Wherefore, plaintiffs pray the Court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition and on final hearing they have judgment in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, in-

terest and costs, and for such other and further relief, special and general, in law and equity, they may be justly entitled to receive.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 7th day of July A. D. 1928.

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**Golan News**

The health of this community is not very good at this writing. We are needing a good rain. Most every one is through work.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hooper and family spent the week-end with friends at Pyron. They were accompanied home by Miss Ethel Vernon and Miss Martha Vick, who will spend a few days with them.

Mr. Clarence Thomas visited Lester Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Ollie Skidmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cox and family spent Sunday with their parents.

Miss Letha Davis and Jimmie Faye Cox spent Sunday with Jewel Skidmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Stribling visited relatives Sunday and Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lawlis Sunday.

Miss Hazel Thornton was the guest of Jewel Faye Hill Sunday.

Mr. Conard Dickinson and nephew, Calvin Dickinson of Gonzales visited Mr. I. I. Vancil last week.

Estell Edwards spent Sunday with Cora Mae Lawlis.

Mr. Albert Hertenberger of Roby was here Sunday.

Mr. John Dunn of Roby spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. John Cliff of Boyd Chapel and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Key of Pleasant Hill spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mize and family of Horn visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lane Saturday night.

A number of girls in this community had a picnic on Sweetwater Creek Tuesday. All had a very good time.

Jimmie Faye and Jewel Cox spent Monday night with Mary Lou and Thelma Brown.

**TRENT NEWS**

Mrs. Sam Hitower who has been away for some month or more on a visit to Dallas, Paris and other cities in the east, has returned home.

Mrs. Mable Godwin and children of Oklahoma returned home last Saturday after being here for some time with her mother, Mrs. Sam Jones.

Mrs. Roy Howland is very much improved this week.

Miss Gypsy Eason of Abilene spent the week-end with her cousin, Ruby Johnson.

Mr. B. P. Cozart and family of Scranton visited his son, Robt. Cozart this last week, Mr. Robt. returning with them to visit a few days.

Little Miss Irene Dowdy of Abilene visited the little Misses Dorene and Gean Scott on last Thursday.

Mr. Ben Howell opens up on front street with an up to date sandwich shop this week.

Mr. I. M. Howell of Fort Worth was here a few days this week visiting relatives. On his return home he was joined by his wife and children, who have been here visiting her father, Mr. J. A. McRee, for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reneau and daughter made a short visit with relatives at Winters this week.

Mr. Jno. Barnes and family left Monday of last week for an extended trip to Alabama. Mr. Tanner has charge of his shop while he is away.

Mrs. J. A. Butler and son Claud visited Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Butler of Fort Worth. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler.

Mr. L. E. Adrian and family visited Maryneal Sunday and attended church services there.

Mr. T. L. Stevens and wife made a business trip to their ranch near Andrews last week.

Mrs. Glyn Hamner and children left last week for an extended visit with relatives in the west.

Mrs. Jas. Waters is in Stephenville attending the summer school there.

Mrs. O. S. Bryan and son and daughter, Clinton and Genieve, are off for a few days outing and fishing. They were accompanied by Lowell Vickers and Lawrence Nelson. They went to lake Camp.

Jack Pomroy and Edward Camp left last Tuesday for South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee and two daughters left last Tuesday for a visit with relatives in different parts of

Louisiana.

Master Jack Bowers, who has been visiting friends in Temple returned home last Tuesday.

Barney Howell has returned home from Arkansas, where he has been visiting his sister there for the past month.

Mr. Algie Steen and family accompanied by Sam Estep and Ebin Morris left on last Wednesday headed for the Concho River, where they will fish for a few days.

Little Helen Lee had her tonsils removed this week and is doing nicely. Dr. Maddox of Abilene did the work.

Miss Opal Nally of Mission is visiting relatives here for a while.

Mrs. Jack Kember and children of Amarillo, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Etta Causseaux, for a few days, returned home last week.

Miss Ruby Craig visited her sister, Miss Odessa Craig last week-end.

Mrs. Owens, who underwent an operation at Abilene some few weeks ago, is not doing well yet and is now under treatment of the doctors at Eastland.

Mrs. Howard Oakland of Topeka, Kansas, is here with her sister, Mrs. Roy Howland, who has been quite sick for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burks of Big Spring was here visiting with the latter's brother, E. H. Burks and family, last Sunday. They were on their return home after attending a family reunion at Glen Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally have returned from a two weeks vacation.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

On last Saturday night, July 14, Miss Adra Stephenson entertained a number of her friends at her home in honor of her twentieth birthday and also honoring Messrs. Bill Forrester and Floyd Perkins on their twentieth birthdays. The time was spent in playing games and enjoying victrola music. A delicious refreshment was served of punch and cake. All left feeling as if they were well paid for their coming and expressed themselves as having had a jolly good time. Some nice presents were received by each of the honorees.

**Are Buyers of Low- Priced Cars Smaller Than High-Priced**

Why it is that low-priced cars have always been small, and that the lower priced they are the smaller they seem to be? asks J. W. Frazer, Chrysler and Plymouth sales manager.

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cars are smaller physically than those of higher priced ones is plain foolishness," says Mr. Frazer. "Furthermore, owing to the prevalence of large families among those in more moderate financial circumstances, low priced cars generally carry more persons per car than those of higher price. The former is truly the family car—the only one that family has. It serves both parents and children alike at all times.

"Commensurate to his pocketbook, the buyer of a low-priced car wants and has the right to expect just as much as the manufacturer can possibly give him in size, comfort, distinctiveness, performance, style and luxuriousness, as the man who can afford to pay more. Somehow, everyone seems to have overlooked that until now, when it is brought out forcibly in the new Plymouth.

"Just how much these conveniences are demanded by buyers in the low-priced field is evidenced by the tremendous popularity the new Chrysler Plymouth already has created. Dealers all over the country are reporting that never before have they received such enthusiastic comments over a low priced car as they are receiving about the Plymouth. Buying orders are coming to the factory by the thousands. Such spontaneous enthusiasm can mean only one thing—that the Chrysler Plymouth has filled a definite want of long standing, and that scores of thousands of buyers of low-priced cars are turning to it for their next automobile.

"The Chrysler Plymouth is giving the buyers of low-priced cars the utmost they can get for their money, in comfort, size, distinctiveness, luxury and performance. That is why this new Chrysler-built car already is revolutionizing the low-price field."

**Dora Doings**

There has been several cases of flu around in the city, but all are better at this writing.

Walter Duncan's little boy was carried to Abilene Monday to the Baptist Sanitarium for an operation for appendicitis. That is why this operation fine and was resting nicely when his father left late Monday evening.

The meeting will go on this week. Have had several conversions and additions to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lane of Blackwell attended church here Sunday.

Threshing is getting under way in this section, but grain is awful light.

Douglas Jones, Doyle and Odell Clayton are in Palacios, Texas, in National Guard camp and training. They will be there for fifteen days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Phillips of Sweetwater visited their parents here Sunday.

Dora continues to grow. Alvis Tyrone is erecting a stucco barber shop this week.

C. H. Gregg has been busy the last few days in the adjoining county enforcing the law.

We are glad to see Mr. Rape able to be up and around again.

Another hail storm passed across the west end of the divide last Friday.

A lot of hail fell but in such a way that it didn't damage crops so bad.

Nubia baseball team defeated the Dora Doers Saturday evening at Dora by the score of 13 to 11. Although Dora had defeated Nubia in two games the first of the week.

There is plenty happening but the writer is so sleepy she is cross-eyed so will write more next time. Nance.

**MISS LOIS DRY, OF CLARKSVILLE HONORED AT PRETTY PARTY**

On Friday afternoon of last week Miss Lois Dry of Clarksville was named honor guest at a prettily planned party given by Miss Mary Eula Sears. An harmonious color scheme of yellow and orchid was featured in lovely hand-painted party accessories, card table covers and in the flowers throughout the entertaining rooms.

Auction Bridge furnished happy diversion for the afternoon after which Miss Sears charmingly presented the honoree with an appropriate hand-made gift.

At the culmination of the games Miss Sears assisted by her mother, passed a most delectable sandwich plate served with a fruit punch cooled with pineapple ice, to Misses Lois Dry, Boog Sears, Mrs. W. A. Lowe of Abilene, Misses Lorena Dry, Annie Laurie Smith, Martha Bird, Mildred Matthews, Willie Toombs, Lucy Tracy Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Mona Margaret Jones, Mesdames Jim Sears, Jack Durham, Geo. White, Sie Hamm, Mrs. Amy Sears.

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BURETTE W. PATTERSON  
of Cisco, Texas

## Burette W. Patterson, of Cisco, For Associate Justice

The Merkel Mail is pleased to place in our announcement column the name of Judge Burette W. Patterson, of Cisco, as a candidate for the office of Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals of this district.

Judge Patterson came to Texas when a small boy, from the state of Arkansas, and settled at Breckenridge in 1881 and shortly moved to Cisco, where he was reared and has almost continuously resided since. He received his university education at Baylor and is a graduate of the law department of the University of Texas. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1923 and was administration leader. He introduced one of the chief law enforcement measures and was co-author of the bill creating Texas Technological College, afterward located at Lubbock by a locating committee. He did not offer for re-election to the legislature.

Judge Patterson is not only eminently qualified and fitted for the position of associate justice by know-

## Voters in Democratic Primary Do Not Obligate Themselves to Support National Democratic Nominee For President

ledge of law and mature solid judgment, but his unexcelled courtesy, genial and cordial manners have won for him the esteem of all who know him, says the Ranger Times; while the Eastland County News declares "none speak except in praise and recognition of his exceptional ability. The Gorman Progress says "he is a man of great activity and unbounded energy and if elected to the Court of Civil Appeals the public may be assured that Judge Patterson will give to the duties of this most important office his entire time and attention, and that in him they will find an honorable and able jurist. Being a man of great energy and a believer in doing things the people may also expect that the machinery of the court will move with dispatch and in a business like manner.

A vote for Judge Patterson means a vote for government, and we ask our readers to give his claims due and fair consideration when casting their vote for Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals.

### BLEEDING GUMS HEALED

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In a statement issued last week, Judge James P. Stinson, chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, cited statutes to support his declaration that voters participating in the Democratic Primary election of July 28 will not by so doing obligate themselves to support the national Democratic ticket in November general election.

Judge Stinson stated that many candidates and representative Democrats of Taylor County have, after interviewing hundreds of voters, declared many will not vote in the primary because they are under the impression they would become bound to support the Smith-Robinson ticket.

Judge Stinson's statement follows: At the request of a large number of local candidates and representative Democratic voters I am making this statement giving my views with reference to the pledge which Democrats will accept who vote in the Democratic primary to be held July the 28th.

Many voters seem to be under the impression that voting in the July 28 primary will bind or obligate them to vote the national Democratic ticket in the general election in November.

The primary election of July 28 is for the nomination of a state, district and county and precinct ticket of the Democratic party, for the entire state, from United States senator to precinct offices.

The pledge printed on the ballot to be voted at the July 28 primary of the Democratic party is required by law, and is Article 3110 of the election laws, which article I quote in full as follows: "Article 3110. Test On Ballot—No official ballot for primary elections shall have on it any symbol or device or any printed matter except a uniform primary test, reading as follows: 'I am a— (inserting name of political party or organization of which the voter is a mem-



## To The Voters of Taylor County

On July 28th you will choose those whom you wish to represent you in the various official capacities of the county, and this is to say that, as most of you well know, I am a candidate for re-election to the office of SHERIFF of Taylor County. And let me say first that I have no wild and extravagant promises to make, further than that, as in the past, I will "do my dead level best to make you a good sheriff.

### My Record As Your Peace Officer Is Before You

You alone know whether or not I have served you well. I have done my best, and if elected again will continue to the very best of my ability to serve you in the future as has been my record in the past. I feel that with my past experience in this very important position I am better fitted and prepared to even serve you better than I have in the past. Every one knows that the duties of the sheriff in this county are multiplying and becoming more complicated as the years come and go; therefore I feel that my past experience will be an asset to my qualifications to better serve you in this position.

I most sincerely appreciate the vote of every man and woman who in the past saw fit to cast a ballot for me, and whether or not I have seen you personally during this campaign, I will most certainly appreciate your kind support in the Primary on July 28th. Likewise all others who may be so kind as to extend to me their support at this time.

Yours most respectfully,

# H. T. O'BAR



## Carlos D. Speck

Candidate for

## State Representative

### 116th District

I have heretofore endeavored to render you faithful service as your County Attorney and your County Judge. Your past support has been appreciated and if elected your State Representative I pledge you honest and efficient service in return for your vote.

Among the things I favor are the following measures:

- More adequate labor laws. Farm relief legislation.
- Modification of search and seizure law.
- Protection of water rights—1st for domestic and municipal purposes; 2nd for Irrigation; 3rd for power.
- Law preventing the seeding of Johnson grass on right-of-ways as a protection to adjacent farms.
- Appointment of highway commissioners.
- Proposed State bond issue as outlined by Judge W. R. Ely.
- Reduction and more adequate adjustment of taxes, including reduction of automobile registration tax.
- More adequate support for our public schools and eleemosynary institutions.
- Law with more teeth. Honesty, Efficiency and Economy.

ber) and pledge myself to support the nominees of this primary; and any ballot which shall not contain such printed test above the name of the candidates thereon, shall be void and shall not be counted."

The above test so required by law is printed on the ballot of the Democratic party for the July primary as follows: "I am a Democrat and pledge myself to support the nominees of this primary."

The election of the president of the United States is by electors from each state, elected at the general election held in every state on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November each presidential year.

The electors of the Democratic party in Texas for president were nominated by the state convention which was held in Beaumont in May of this year. The names of these electors so nominated do not appear on the July 28 primary ballot, nor any other name relative to the nomination or election of anyone for president of the United States.

No Democrat voting in the primary election July 28 is bound by pledge or obligation as to voting the national democratic ticket except those who went into the precinct conventions in May, which precinct conventions selected delegates to the democratic state convention held at Beaumont.

We will vote for president by voting for the presidential electors in November, which were nominated at Beaumont and not to be nominated in the primary of July 28th.

A democratic voter who votes in the primary of his party on July 28 is only pledged thereby to the nominees of said primary for state, district, county and precinct offices in Texas.

The election of good men to fill our state, district, county and precinct offices in Texas I believe to be equally as important, if not more than the election of a president of the United States. The election of honest, faithful and capable men to administer the affairs of our state is our only assurance of good government.

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### Court Reporter Recommends Tyler School

Mr. H. C. Sansom, Court Reporter, 77th Judicial District, Groesbeck, Texas, writes a brief directly told story of a splendid success, splendidly earned. In this message from a young man who has proved the value and advantages of a Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, training you will get an idea of what you can accomplish if you will take the same sure, safe road to your future.

Mr. Sansom writes:

"I entered your school direct from high school and, after completing the course in bookkeeping-shorthand, went to work in the office of an attorney here, where I remained until appointed Court Reporter, 77th Judicial District, Limestone County, Texas, which position I now hold. In looking over the field of activity now open to a young man or woman of limited means, I can see no other field of endeavor or place where training for a life work can be produced at anything like the cost of attending your school. You are doing a wonderful work for the young men and women who enter your school, preparing them for a profession at an expense within the means of any ambitious boy or girl. I can and will most heart-

ily recommend your school to any one who contemplates taking any of the courses offered by you."

If you could look forward to such a position as H. C. Sansom holds, you would be very happy. The knowledge that you are going to succeed—that a high position awaits you—that a splendid salary is only a matter of a short time—would change your entire outlook. All questions would disappear—you could proceed confidently.

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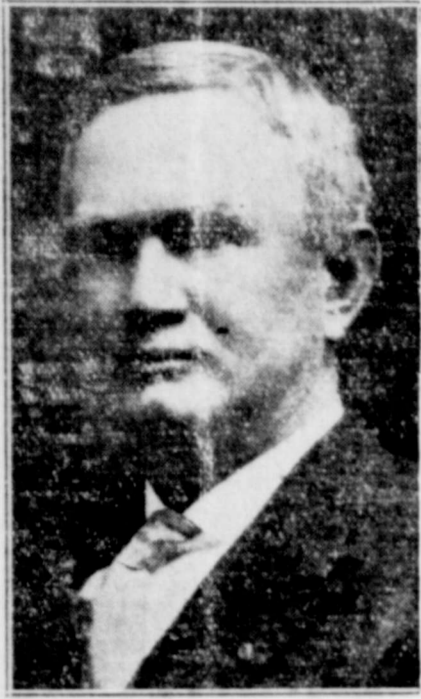
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**Congress**

Will be appreciated and it will not be a vote in vain.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

### THE LOOM OF LIFE

AS YOU sit before the loom of life, guiding the swiftly moving shuttles as they dart to and fro, what sort of material are you weaving?

Peoples of every country on the globe are doing each hour what you are doing, weaving, weaving, weaving, fashioning textures which they must wear through eternity!

Some of the weavers are indifferent in their work, missing threads now and then, thinking that the imperfections will not be noticed by the Great Inspector, who, perhaps tomorrow may examine their handiwork and call them to account.

Oh, what a bungling mess these lackadaisical, listless weavers are producing with thousands of silken filaments misplaced, tangled warp and woof awry, blotches here and there, and the whole fabric lacking shapeliness, beauty and finish.

Every string shows neglect; every cord is knotted and askew, disfiguring and spoiling the fabric for any worthy use.

The clerk, the bookkeeper, the typist, the mechanic and all workers in the busy mills of human endeavor are wreathing and interlacing gossamery texture or coarse stuffs for their own garments, in which they must appear before the eyes of others.

What is the character of your garment?

Does it glint and shine in the azure light and delight the hearts of those who love you, or does it bear the slovenly imprint of ugliness and give offense?

Does its tawdry appearance debar you from participating in the grand affairs of life, or is it so exquisitely, perfectly and beautifully woven that you can stand before kings and win from them sincere admiration and commendation?

# Announcement



To the  
 Voters of  
 Taylor County:

This is my announcement to you of my candidacy for renomination to the office of COUNTY CLERK of TAYLOR COUNTY, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary of July 28. With 10,000 voters in the county, it is, of course, impossible for me to see you individually to render an accounting of my stewardship. I desire, therefore, through the medium of paid advertising to briefly call your attention to the following facts:

Taylor County is a "going concern," a great business organization of the people's funds with assets (property values, 1928) of \$24,043,920. The management of this great enterprise—YOUR enterprise, carried on with YOUR funds—should be, it seems to me, intrusted only to competent executives.

The duties of the clerk are, among others, to record all instruments and keep all records of the County Court and the County Commissioners Court. He might be called the Secretary of the County.

Prior to my election as clerk, I had had 7 1/2 years experience in the office as deputy. Both as deputy and clerk I have striven to serve you capably, and, in the absence of any criticism, I assume that service HAS been satisfactory. On my record, therefore, I solicit your vote for renomination Saturday, July 28th.

Yours respectfully,

## W. E. Beasley

### Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. James of Alba, Texas, is spending an indefinite time with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Pruett of Sedan, Texas, visited Mrs. Pruett's brother, Mr. Emmette Morris, and other relatives of this place the first part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell have as their house guest Mrs. Campbell's sister of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons visited their parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Eli Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore recently.

Mr. Howard Brown and brother, Fred, left for New Mexico first part of the week to visit relatives.

Mrs. Alec Thornton of Merkel spent last week-end with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks and family spent last week-end with Mrs. Meeks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Horton, of Southland, Texas.

We have a client who wants to buy a farm. Must be first class land, worth the money. Has \$30,000.00 to invest. Thompson & Boswell. tf

# Oscar Callaway

OF COMANCHE

# FOR CONGRESS

17th. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS



OSCAR CALLAWAY  
 Farmer, Lawyer, and Stockman

Reared on a Farm in Comanche County—

Made a Record as Prosecuting Attorney at Comanche Upon Entering the Practice of Law.

Served in Congress from 1911 to 1917

For the past ten years actively engaged in farming, on the farm where I was reared and now live, ten miles south of Comanche.

During the past thirty years we have departed from the plan of Government as outlined by Jefferson and the founders of the Democracy and have substituted for Government by law, Government by bureaus and commissions. To these have been delegated the powers which should be exercised by representatives responsible directly to the people. No better illustration of the lack of responsibility to the people on the part of these bureaus can be given than here in Texas where recently the State Board of Water Engineers granted to Samuel J. Insull of Chicago the entire inherent water rights of the citizens residing on the water shed of the Colorado River. I am in favor of abolishing such boards and commissions and restoring these functions of government to representatives directly responsible to the people.

The Federal Reserve Bank must be made to better serve the interests of the agricultural population. As a farmer in 1920 through the action of the Federal Reserve Board I saw the price of my wheat drop below the cost of production and there was no market for my wool at any price, while ruin stared the producer of cotton and cattle in the face. Congress should curb such powers of the Federal Reserve Bank and make impossible the recurrence of such a condition.

By reason of governmental favoritism, Financial America and Industrial America for the past thirty years have prospered at the expense of Agricultural America. In 1920 forty-three per cent of the nation's people lived on the farm. In 1928 only twenty-nine per cent of the population of the United States was agricultural and every farmer must continue to see his boys and his girls leave the farm until some steps are taken for the protection of the farmers interest as well as those of the financial and industrial groups.

Since the organization of the government all tariff legislation has been in the interest of the manufacturing sections. In the adjustment of the tariff I shall

favor the protection of the interests of the sheep man, the cattleman and the farmer.

The Republican administration of the past eight years has been the most corrupt in the history of the nation, reaching its climax in the Teapot Dome scandal which reveals bribery and corruption in high office never contemplated by the founders of this Republic. If elected as your Representative in the American Congress I will do my utmost to check corruption and to continue the fight against waste and extravagance that has been made by former Representatives from this District.

I believe every Democrat should support the nominees of the Houston Convention. Too often we have elected men of small caliber to high office because they have agreed with us on some momentary question instead of choosing men of capacity who had the courage of their convictions and the result has been that the people's welfare has been jeopardized by laws made by men who were too short-sighted to realize the effects of their legislation. I believe the nominees of our party are capable and honest men and though we may differ on some questions let us be tolerant of these differences and give them a support that will result in their election and thus put an end to Republican Corruption.

National Prohibition is a part of the Constitution of the U. S. and will remain a part of it during our life time. Whoever of us is elected must take the oath to support the Constitution and we are all honest men and any one of us will do our best to enforce this principle of our government and it merely becomes a question of who can best serve you in the enacting such laws as will give a satisfactory enforcement of it.

The people of this District should choose that man for their Representative best fitted by his sympathies, experience and capacity as a legislator to accomplish for you a remedy of the evils that confront us and to outline a constructive program for your welfare.

OSCAR CALLAWAY.

## Your Support Appreciated

### WHICH PLACE IS BEST?

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

I'VE seen this land  
 From coast to coast.  
 For I've been ev'rywhere  
 Almost;  
 And some folks ask  
 Me which is best;  
 The North or South  
 Or East or West?

The North has grain,  
 The South has flow'rs,  
 And East and West  
 Their sunlit hours;  
 But this I find,  
 The more I roam,  
 That ev'ry place  
 Is someone's home.

The South has flow'rs,  
 The North has snow,  
 But someone loves  
 The Eskimo.  
 The West has hills,  
 The East has farms,  
 But maids have lips  
 And men have arms.

So, North or South  
 Or East or West,  
 It's plain to see  
 Which place is best.  
 It's where men love  
 And where maids care,  
 And you will find  
 That's ev'rywhere!  
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### Mother's Cook Book

Real Christians do not carry their religion; their religion carries them. It is not a weight; it is wings.—H. E. Foedick.

#### FOODS FOR ANY DAY

THE following are a few every day good things which may be prepared with little expense:

**Yorkshire Pudding.**  
 Take one cupful of sweet milk, one cupful of flour, two eggs, one-half teaspoonful of salt. Mix the salt and flour, add the milk gradually to form a paste; then add eggs beaten, separating yolks and whites. Cover the pan of batter—or if baked in gem pans—with the fat from the roasting pan. Serve with roast beef. Bake in a hot oven.

**Corn Bread.**  
 Take one cupful each of sour cream, brown sugar, flour and corn meal, one teaspoonful of soda, two well beaten eggs and a little salt. Bake in a hot oven.

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Song 193. Prayer. Roll call. Song No. 184.

Scripture lesson 2nd. Peter 15, by leader, Bessylea Church.

Why the Copper Cent is red (July Juniors page 7) Bertie Mae Leslie.

Japan (July Juniors, page 14), by Jeanette Hays.

The Heathen Soldier (July Juniors, page 20), Lois Whiteley.

Song 209. Benediction.

## Never Having Tried To Steal A Car

you probably don't know how easy it is. We never tried either, but we know from looking at the stolen car records that lots of people do try—and get away with it.

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The Red Hair "IT" girl in

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Biggest laugh special of the year!

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Spread as many slices of bread as there are members of the family, cover in a deep dish with a custard, using two eggs to a pint of milk, with a pinch of salt. Pour over the buttered bread after sprinkling it generously with finely-cut or grated cheese. Bake until puffy and the custard firm. Serve at once as it is much like an omelet—it falls after a few minutes in the air.

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Have you tried Z-I-P? Used in the drinking water rids poultry of blue bugs and all other insects. Sold and guaranteed by Hamm Drug Co. p4tf

### 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 for-  
got.

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 doc-  
trines.

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

One of the most interesting miracles  
that the Messiah performed was that  
in which He accomplished the heal-  
ing 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 weak-  
ened 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.

## To The Voters of Precinct No. 2 Taylor County

The time is drawing near for you to select your Commission-  
er to look after your roads and your county as a servant for you  
for the next two years.

I wish it were so I could see each one of you personally but  
on account of the work that I am having done at this time it will be  
impossible. I feel like the voters had rather I would stay on the  
job and see that they get a dollar's worth for a dollar spent.

Have you stopped to think what a Commissioner's duties  
are? Just give it a few moments thought. Look the question  
straight in the face and ask yourself who is the best man for the  
place—a man that has had experience and knows what a road is  
and how to build one and knows everything that has been done  
and has a program started. As most of you know, we have just  
started a program of improving our lateral roads. You voted  
bonds a few months ago to finish your highways in this county  
and to make one of the best systems of lateral roads to be found  
in this part of the state. Infact, can you go to any county within  
several hundred miles that has as much and as good graded roads  
as we have in this precinct at this time.

Yet we have just started to make real first class highways  
out of our most important roads so the people that don't live on the  
highways will have a good road leading to it. We have at this time  
the road from Merkel to Mt. Pleasant almost finished. Drive out  
and look it over, and see if you think it is improved from the one  
some years ago.

Now with my work of three and one-half years before you,  
also the record of the County Auditor and County Treasurer open  
to the public, I ask you to make any inquiry as to the way the taxes  
that you pay have been spent, before election day. It is a matter of  
business—you owe it to yourself and to your County.

Are we going to carry out the program that you voted the  
bonds to do? My appeal to you is to think the matter over carefully  
before election day, then go to the polls and cast your vote for the  
man you know can and will carry out the program that we have  
started at this time.

## P. A. DILTZ

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

# To The Voters of Taylor County

Presuming that every voter in Taylor County is at least interested in politics  
to the extent that they wish to know of every one who is aspiring to represent you in  
the government and control of the affairs of the County, and that you are aware of  
the fact that I am a candidate for the office of COUNTY CLERK, one of the most im-  
portant official positions in the county, I wish to present to you my claims for election  
to that important office.

Two years ago I made the race for this office and lacked only a small margin of  
reaching the goal. And two years later I am asking your support, believing that ev-  
ery man and woman is aware of the fact that there are those who are equally as well  
fitted to fill the positions of honor and trust as those holding such positions, and it is  
upon these qualifications that we are basing our claim for your suffrage in the com-  
ing July primary.

I would have you remember that I am not making the race on any default or  
short coming of my opponents, but upon my own merits of being able to serve you ef-  
ficiently, courteously and honestly as County Clergy of Taylor County.

In Taylor county there are more than 10,000 voters, and it may be that I have  
not had the pleasure of meeting personally every man and woman voter, however I  
earnestly solicit and shall appreciate your vote just the same.

In the Merkel precinct two years ago I was accorded a very much appreciated  
vote, for which I sincerely thank you. In the coming July Primary I hope that you  
will again honor me with your support, assuring you that if I am elected you will  
never have cause for regret. I small also appreciate every new vote given me in any  
precinct throughout the county. I am not running on the demerits of my opponents  
and I promise you that if I am elected I shall use all the mental and physical powers  
that I possess to make you the best, most courteous and painstaking County Clerk  
for Taylor County has ever had.

Yours Sincerely,

## W. P. BOUNDS

The reply of the Messiah was "If  
thou canst believe, all things are pos-  
sible 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 in-  
tended 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 el-  
ements of success and advancement.

If we do not have confidence, which  
is only another name for belief in our-  
selves, 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 re-  
liance.

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 win-  
ning 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 ex-  
haustion 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 wil-  
ling 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 be-  
lief we are useless to ourselves and  
to everybody else.

Believe in yourself. Do not overbe-  
lieve. 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 re-  
sources, until you have exhausted ev-  
ery 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.

Sleep good tonight—use Cenol for  
mosquitoes. Hamm Drug Co. tf

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Lying is a fault in a boy, an  
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a married man and a duty to a  
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The Treasury offers a new  
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The new bonds will bear  
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Interest on Third Liberty  
Loan Bonds surrendered for  
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to September 15, 1928.

Holders should consult their  
banks at once for further de-  
tails of this offering.

**Third Liberty Loan Bonds  
mature on September 15,  
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bear interest on that date.**

A. W. MELLON,  
Secretary of the Treasury.  
Washington, July 5, 1928.



# Jesse R. Smith

...FOR...

## STATE SENATOR

Re-Election  
Second Term

SERVICE NOT POLITICAL

for the tax money of the people and scandals that shamed the state.

Fraud and graft and corruption and abuse of privilege driven from power.

A dollar in value received for every dollar expended.

Public confidence again restored. More miles of all-weather highways built in the last 18 months than in any like period of the history of the state.

A sum of two and a half million dollars more for the development of lateral roads than counties have ever before received in the division of the automobile tax fund for the use of lateral roads.

More has been done for education in the past 18 months in Texas than in any like period of its history.

And the public school system has been better supported than in any past administration.

More important than all, the children of Texas received last year and will receive next year a \$15 per capita apportionment and this means a million and a half more for the public schools this year and next.

Town and city schools have long had a six months term or better. This year and next every rural school which qualifies for rural aid has and will receive a full six months term.

Children living in school districts that did not have a high school are given an opportunity by an act of the last legislature to attend high school in some adjoining district at state expense.

Prior to the enactment of this law, thousands of boys and girls were denied the opportunity to secure a high school education except at their own expense.

An amendment to the textbook law requires that textbooks be sold to this state at the lowest wholesale price, a which the publishers sell their books at their factories.

A low tax rate, the lowest since that of Thomas M. Campbell, has been given the people and every debt and obligation of the state will be punctually met and every department and institution properly supported.

For a long time the Texas law on manslaughter was a monstrosity. An amended law abolishes manslaughter and makes all voluntary killings murders.

Newspaper libel laws reformed in order to make possible the publication of the truth.

Court of Civil Appeals made accessible 12 months in the year whereas they used to be in vacation about one-

# Just a Word

To My

## Taylor County Friends

While it is my pleasure to make the race this year as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Clerk without an opponent, I shall appreciate every man and woman participating in the July 28 Primary throughout Taylor County casting their vote for me. As you well know, since my election to this office the duties of same have more than doubled because of the addition of a new District Court and the general increase in court procedure in this county, has made it next to impossible for me to make even an attempt to undertake a thorough campaign over the county; therefore if by the fact that I have remained in my office to properly care for the duties incumbent upon me, I have been unable to see you personally and solicit your vote it has not been that I will not appreciate it.

I have to the very best of my ability tried to serve you honestly, faithfully and efficiently in the past and shall endeavor to so discharge my duties in a like manner in the future. The District Clerk's office, like all other such positions of trust, belongs to the people, and I am your servant, and as such when re-elected shall make every effort possible to serve you more efficiently in the future.

In closing allow me to sincerely thank every one who in the past so kindly gave me their support and vote, and may it be my lot that you will again be so kind to me in the coming July Primary.

Most Sincerely,

## Belle Wellborn

For Re-Election

DISTRICT CLERK

### MOODY'S RECORD SHOWS UP MANY ACHIEVEMENTS

(By Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald)  
UNDER WHICH FLAG? This is the paramount political issue in the state of Texas. There is the banner of the governor who is serving his first term. There is the flag of Ferguson and Carter, for political purposes mostly based upon hatred.

Now 90 per cent of the men and women of Texas when fully informed, open their eyes, think for themselves and demand honesty in government and the rule of law in the courthouse at all time. They are concerned with the way in which their tax money is expended and the calibre of the men who are appointed to fill the offices and disperse the public fund.

There is a primary election coming on July 28. There should be called out the largest vote in the history of primary elections in the commonwealth of Texas. No candidate for office deserves a second term unless he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the people that he richly

merits a second term.

Those who are familiar with the achievements of the Moody administration point with pride to pledges that have been fulfilled, promises that have been redeemed and loyalty to oath of office that has not been dishonored. They invite comparison with the predecessors of Moody and the achievements of men who have held the office of governor in recent years. Never mind the flimflam pabulum that has been passed out to the public by flimflam sheets either daily or weekly as to the achievements of the administration or the high qualifications for office of the man who is steering the ship of state. Now what is the record?

More and better roads have been built at lower cost.

Better schools and longer terms than ever before.

Rural education better supported than in any past administration.

Paid \$3,685,070.96 of debts left unpaid by preceding administrations.

State tax rate the lowest in many years.

Prison system self sustaining and saving money instead of a rat hole



## To The Voters of Taylor County

Notwithstanding the fact that I have no opponent in my race for re-election as your Tax Collector, I shall greatly appreciate your vote in the coming primary on July 28th. It has been my hope and desire to meet personally every voter before the campaign shall have come to a close, but the ever increasing and pressing duties of the Tax Collector's office have kept me closer than I expected, hence there may be many whom I have not met personally to solicit your vote, having been busy in the performance of my official duties; however, I will be proud to receive the vote of every one, promising the best of honest service.

### LOOK OVER MY RECORD OF SERVICE

My record the past two years is well known to most of the people of the county. You know whether or not I have filled the position in a manner that is proper and satisfactory. I have done my best to render you honorable and efficient service, and feel that with my past experience and knowledge of the affairs of the office, I will be better fitted and qualified to make you even a more capable and efficient public servant than has been my past record, and in this I promise you my best efforts.

In closing let me say that I appreciate the vote given me by every one, and especially do I appreciate the extra large vote accorded me in the Merkel country.

## Earl Hughes

Candidate for re-election  
Tax Collector

fourth of the year.

In the expenditure of public money the public given a dollar's value for a dollar spent and never a question raised concerning the integrity of a single expenditure.

An impartial enforcement of all laws in the courthouse of Texas, never an abuse of the pardon power, furloughs granted to deserving convicts, these are some of the achievements of the 18 months since Moody became governor of the commonwealth of Texas.

There has been no power behind the throne. There has been no deputy governor. He has been the governor of all the people regardless of creeds or politics and neither the pleadings nor the threats of patronage seekers or pardon seekers who boasted of their influence and told how they could use it to advance his career or destroy that advancement, has ever swerved this native son of Texas from doing his whole duty to the people according to his lines.

A constitutional government has been his aim.

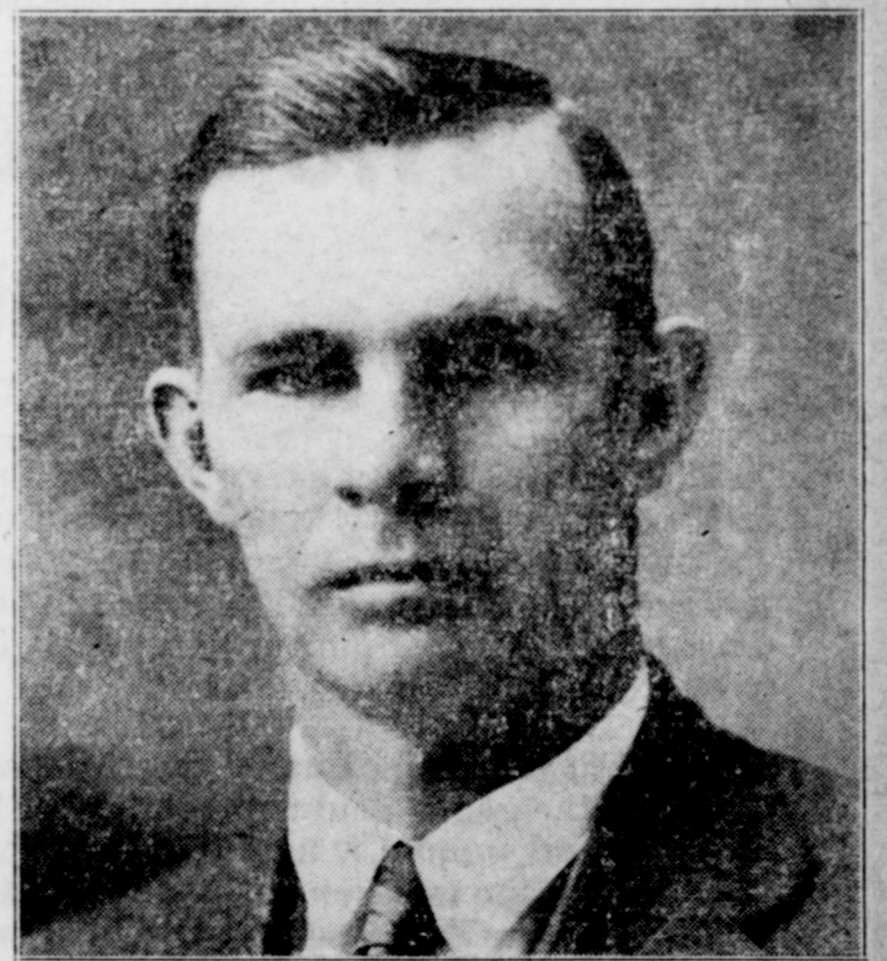
Honesty in government his practice. Justice to all regardless of color or condition his ideal.

Equal opportunity for all a great fundamental truth, has been his guide and loyalty to the fundamentals and the ideals of the fathers have marked his course and stamped his footprints in the highest breeze in the gift of the people.

Again, UNDER WHICH FLAG? That of an unbossed and righteous governor of all the people or the bannerette flaunted to the breeze by Ferguson and Carter?

Return the verdict at the place where the ballot is the thing, on July 28, and return it for the Texas of today and not the Texas of yesterday.

—From The Abilene Morning News.



## James H. Bratton

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK

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I have never before asked the voters of Taylor County for an office and the office I am now asking for is a very responsible one, and nothing but competent persons should be elected to fill it (yet there are hundreds in the county that could fill it), and for my part I would just as soon it required an examination to get the office, and the high man get the place—that is how I feel about my qualifications.

I believe that the office of County Clerk should be kept open the noon hour for the benefit of the public in general, if elected it will be.

A progressive business administration, together with efficient service and accommodation at all times to the promise.

If you don't know me, ask some one that does. I cover up; I have tried to live right.

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JAMES H. BRATTON, Candidate

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# For STATE SENATOR Vote For Oliver Cunningham

He is honest, capable and well qualified to represent this district in the

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Born and raised in Taylor County, let's make the vote for him unanimous, in this county.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good gentle pony. Just the thing for boy or girl. Call at the Merkel Mail office. tf

FOR SALE—200 feet of 3/4-in. and 1-in. pipe at half price. G. H. Tucker, Merkel, route 4. 1tp

FOR SALE—Nice eight weeks old pigs for immediate sale. See or phone Lee Baker, route 1, phone 9004F3. 1tp

FOR SALE—Good gentle pony, also good bridle and saddle, for child. See A. J. Canon. 1t

FOR SALE—We have a few good Used Cars to sell on fall time. Come and get one. Maverick Motor Co. 1t

FOR SALE—Sandwich shop and grocery at highway tourist camp on the Bankhead highway, going good business. C. W. Hudson. 1tp

FOR SALE—My home, 5 rooms, bath and porch. Arranged for two apartments. Concrete cistern and cellar. phone 177W. 1tp

FOR SALE—5-room residence and 6 lots, located on Bettis Heights. Some cash and good terms on the balance. See V. N. Ellis. 20t2p

FOR SALE—4-room house on south side, 4 blocks from T. & P. Station. Half cash, balance easy terms. See Herbert Patterson. 1t

### WANTED

WANTED—Three hustling young men to sell the well known Watkins Products. It's easier to sell Watkins than it is to compete with it. See me at once for vacant locations. W. A. Whiteley, Merkel, Texas. 1t

WANTED—If you have hogs for sale see Collins Brothers or Baker and Wheeler at Market. 1t

SALESMAN or saleslady wanted for rural sales work to sell best line of stock and poultry remedies and disinfectants. Commission basis. Address National Plant Food Co., Abilene, Texas. 20t2

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms. Has south bed room with plenty of windows, in new home. Phone 101. 1t

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bed room with private entrance and access to private bath. Mrs. Fred Guitar. 1tp

FOR RENT—The Boney Service Station, located on highway. See Marvin or W. O. Boney. 1t

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—On the streets of or roads near Merkel, a billfold containing papers of no value to any one else. Suitable reward for return to Lee D. Williams. 20t2p

Mr. Tom Case, of Slaton, was here this week for a short visit with his cousin, Mr. Eli Case.

### The Sum and Substance

of being a subscriber to this paper is that you and your family become attached to it. The paper becomes a member of the family and its coming each week will be as welcome as the arrival of anyone that's dear. It will keep you informed on the doings of the community and the bargains of the merchants regularly advertised will enable you to save many times the cost of the subscription.



Bob Steele, the "movie" star, has been trained since childhood in outdoor activities which go to make a star worthy of the name. Both his father and mother were well known on the legitimate stage when he was a youngster. Now, just twenty-one years of age, Bob will play his first starring role in "The Mojave Kid."

### For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

### NOT BREAD ALONE

JOHN RUSKIN, in the fifth volume of his "Modern Painters," in the chapter on Peace, writes: "No amount of pay ever made a good soldier, a good artist or a good workman. Examine your writers and artists; for ten pounds you shall have a 'Paradise Lost,' and for a plate of figs, a Durer drawing. For love of country, or their duty, men will fight steadily; but for massacre and plunder, feebly."

Three motives may control one's actions in life. Pleasure, power and service. "Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die" is the spirit of the first. The testimony of many of those who have made this their life's motive is that there is nothing in it. The peril of the second motive, self-preservation first, is that it inevitably ends in failure. Success in life cannot be inspired by a motive which subjects higher spiritual ends to material needs. The deepest satisfactions and most enduring successes are realized only as we give ourselves in sacrificial and altruistic service to others.

Altruism, however, alone will fail. A person cannot give of his poverty. He must first possess before he can give away. The motive of service presupposes that we possess something that will be of help to others. Service requires possession.

Bread acquired for the purpose of "Being merry today for tomorrow we die," is an epicurean philosophy of life, which, it has been demonstrated many times, brings only tragedy and failure. Bread acquired for the mere sake of solitary possession, which is power, also ends in failure. John Holland in his little volume, "Katherina," writes: "Of all dead, dull weights man ever bore, sure none can haunt the soul with discontent like the consciousness of power unused." Service means that we acquire that we may give—succeed that we may help others to succeed—make such an investment of character that the world shall be enriched by the contribution which we shall have made.

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### Too Bad

Restaurant Owner—Doesn't it seem too bad that this little lamb had to die for us.

Customer—Yeah; mighty tough!

### THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says eugenic marriages are undoubtedly the wisest, though some young people get married without a cent and get along all right.

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# Special Prices

Almost all of our prices sound like Specials when compared with prices at which these same goods are usually sold, but there is a reason—we could not sell at these prices either if we charged them, but the cash will buy the same high quality groceries which we have always sold, but at much lower prices.

You are justly entitled to the best your money will buy at the lowest price obtainable, why not pay cash and save this difference—it is yours. Then too when you spend your money here you have the privilege of waiting on yourself as we have a self service store. And to those who prefer self service you will find just what you want here—every thing priced in plain figures. But for those who prefer to be waited on, our entire force is ready and willing to serve you—so our store is arranged to please our customers.

Start trading with us—paying cash, and you will continue with us. We give quality and service at lower prices.

# M. G. SCOTT

CASH Grocery Store  
Trent, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp have moved back to this city from Trent, where they had resided for the past year or more. Their friends welcome them back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks and son, Ben Robert, left first of the week for a visit with Mrs. Hicks' parents at Wills Point, Texas.

Messrs J. M. and R. A. Hunter, with their families, from Fort Worth, and Mr. H. L. Hunter and family of Dallas, were guests of their brother, S. M. Hunter, and family, this week.

Don't miss our 98 cent Bedspread Special this week—Boston Bargain Store. 1t

Mrs. H. E. Petty, of Dallas, is here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tipton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard and son Sterling left first of the week for a few days vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott and daughter, and Mrs. Loyd Elliott left first of the week for Austin, where they will visit relatives.

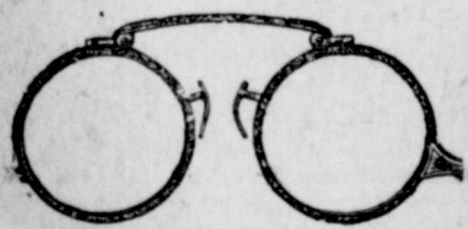
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## Uncommon Sense

By John Blake

### EXPERIENCE

A GOVERNMENT attorney in a large American city is noted for the success he has had in prosecuting lawbreakers.

His staff is composed almost entirely of young men, some of whom are only a few months out of law school or college.

Occasionally these young men make mistakes which a lawyer of greater experience would not make. One of them did, in fact, do just this at the trial of a famous lawbreaker.

After the trial was over I asked the government attorney why he did not employ older men.

He said: "The government gives me only a few thousand dollars for each of my subordinates. Consequently I can pay them only very small salaries."

"For such a small amount I can get older men who have not been successful attorneys and who are willing to work for little pay."

### Air Mail Saves Bankers Large Sums in Interest

Seattle.—By using the air mail service between the Pacific coast and New York, bankers have been able to save thousands of dollars monthly in interest, it was announced recently. All checks in excess of \$500 are sent by air mail and arrive at the Eastern terminus two days after mailing, or three to four days sooner than by fast train service. Return credits are also hurried west by plane so that actual time for collection of large remittances is less than a week. Thus far currency shipments have not been trusted to the air mail.

### 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.

### Counted Out

Jacqueline Spencer, was told by her old-fashioned grandfather, who once followed the sea, that she must walk to school herself every morning on her two legs and must rely on nobody else—that to bank on being offered a lift in the motors of neighbors and acquaintances was a cheap and unbecoming policy for a Spencer.

"Rely on nobody else," finished the old man, an expert at weekday preaching.

"I can rely on two people," quoth Jacqueline.

"Who?"

"On God and myself."

"What about your parents?" asked he, fishing.

"Oh, they're 'else.'"

### Schools in Old Prisons

School is being held in old Spanish fortresses as the first step in Americanization processes being carried on by the United States in Porto Rico. Cells where once prisoners paced to and fro now contain desks. Many of the classes are conducted behind barred windows and heavily grated doors. Installed more than 400 years ago, and the somber walls are decorated with modern blackboards. American officers are learning to speak Spanish and Porto Ricans, who are also enrolled in the Sixty-fifth Infantry regiment at San Juan are learning the English language. The schools are maintained in El Morro and San Cristobal fortresses.

### Motor Police Seen as Most Efficient

Swampscott, Mass.—The way to efficiency in the small town police department lies through a completely motorized force, says Walter Francis Reeves, chief of the Swampscott police.

Chief Reeves is trying to put his idea into practice here and points out that the town's force has shrunk from twenty-one patrolmen and officers to fifteen men. With the decrease and diminished expenses have come motor equipment, and, the chief asserts, a far more efficient police service.

Reeves believes that every town in the United States should motorize its force. His plan would banish the old-time "sidewalk pounder" and would put all policemen except traffic men in well equipped vehicles, automobiles or motorcycles with sidecars.

A criminal, he said, can keep tabs on the old-time patrolman, but he cannot tell when the motor-mounted policeman may show up at any given spot. In suburban and thickly settled town districts alike, he says, police are needed who can be sum-

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### - In Behalf Of -

## PHILIP A. DILTZ

During a period of strenuous business competition, it often develops what are termed "KNOCKERS". Subtle insinuations and comparisons are made to befog the public mind, rather than meet honest competition in the open and on the level.

The burden of proof rests not on the party attacked, but squarely up to the one attempting to create a false impression. In the open field of competition every one can and should check carefully and thus know with whom they are dealing and spike all unfair tactics.

In our political campaigns it often happens some candidate makes charges of incompetence and insinuations against those in office. The strange part of it is that very often enough voters will follow such leadership and good men are dropped, permitting disturbing elements to get into offices of public trust.

If the voters generally would put the matter squarely up to the candidates, making insinuating statements, and calmly check up for themselves how things actually are, it would soon lift our municipal, state and national offices out of a manipulation of petty politics. Then, and then only, will we get increased efficiency rather than a slipping in our progress. If qualifications and devotion to duty will elect our County Commissioner for the next term, we believe Phillip A. Diltz is the man. He has proven his courage and ability without question.

Get in your car and start in any direction in precinct No. 2 and compare the condition of our country roads now and four years ago. Consult the records of the Commissioner's Court, also the State and County Auditor's records and be not misled.

He has been conscientious and square in all his dealings and undertakings. We believe that every duty and task which he undertakes is given fair and impartial consideration and is carried out to the interest of the County, Precinct and every individual concerned.

Ladies and gentlemen voters, he has made us a good commissioner and is due your consideration. Go to the polls the 28th of July and cast your vote to the interest of the County, Precinct, and for better roads, and we will re-elect Philip A. Diltz County Commissioner for the next term.

Know well upon whom the burden of proof rests, and it will determine your choice between wise leadership as against unwise. As a people, we are not obliged to find the burden of proof in our regrets—for then it is too late. Let's re-elect him, we need him far more than he needs the office.

THIS AD SUBMITTED AND PAID FOR BY HIS FRIENDS.

### 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 negated.

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

### T.E.L. CLASS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. L. B. Scott entertained members of her Sunday School class on Wednesday afternoon of this week. The devotional was led by Mrs. Earl Lassiter, after which a business session was held with the class, president, Mrs. Ann Wall Brown, presiding. Two clever and original contests were the next features of entertain-

ment and Mrs. E. Yates Brown frantically entertained with piano selections. A refreshing ice and sandwich course was passed to Mesdames Mose Cauthern, Bill Haynes, Edward McCrary, F. C. McFarland, Earl Lassiter, A. R. Booth, T. E. Collins, M. D. Angus, J. J. Toombs, E. Yates Brown, A. D. Fulton, Joe Owens, W. B. Stevens, T. A. Bearden, Earl Teague, W. H. Derstine and L. B. Scott.



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**Monument at Springfield with Beacon for Aviators Is Suggested**

Springfield, Ill.—A Lincoln tomb and monument 500 feet high, to be surmounted with a powerful searchlight which would serve as a beacon for aviators in Illinois, has been suggested in a carefully worked out plan by Herbert Wells Fay, custodian of the Lincoln tomb and monument here.

Fay's plan would put to an end a charge that the state has been unappreciative of its great statesman as far as building a suitable memorial for him is concerned.

Fay asserts that the present memorial is sadly in need of repairs and entirely inadequate, considering the prodigious increase in the number of tourists who visit it daily. In its place he suggests the construction of a 500-foot monument which would be visible for 20 miles, to serve as the air traffic beacon.

Statue 200 Feet High.  
 Fay's carefully worked out scheme calls for a competition between architects for a gigantic statue of the emancipator 200 feet in height mounted on a base 300 feet high. The structure would be surmounted by a powerful searchlight to make it visible, at night, especially to air pilots.

The grounds owned by the state, totaling nine acres, are adequate for such a monument, according to Fay. Around the base it would be possible to build a memorial hall to match the proportions of the monument and accommodate Lincoln memorials.

The present tomb and monument were erected in 1874 at a cost of \$350,000. The memorial at Washington completed a few years ago cost nearly \$3,000,000.

Fay, in presenting his suggestion, declares that 400 people visit Lincoln's shrine daily whereas five years ago the number each week hardly equaled that. Last year 150,000 tourists signed the register at the tomb, whereas in 1920 but 30,000 signatures were attached. It is claimed that recent works on the life of Lincoln, coupled with a general increase in tourist travel in the Middle West, accounts for the increase.

**Outlines His Plan.**  
 Fay, in describing his plan for the monument and memorial, says:

"Make three circles of rooms. On the outer wall arrange to record the principal events in Lincoln's life, especially from the cradle until he went to Washington. In frames on the walls and in show cases put pictures of every spot he ever visited, letters and speeches he wrote, things he said, stories he told, friends, documents and surveys he made. A systematic arrangement of all these would give a patriotic thrill to every visitor, American or foreign.

In this exhibit could be shown a copy of every letter, speech, survey or document he made in chronological order. Pictures of every person mentioned and place visited could be shown. There could be shown all publications about Lincoln, authors of books, photos of the scenes and everything. Make it answer every question asked about Lincoln. Have every county of the state represented.

"In the center circle reproduce his birthplace, probably exact size, showing its surroundings. Build in miniature the contour of the country and make it show all the places he frequented in Kentucky.

"Then in the next room faithfully reproduce the Indiana home and vicinity. In adjoining rooms of the center circle show a miniature of the Decatur home of Thomas Lincoln, the Coles county home, and reproduce the New Salem log cabin village. One room could be devoted to the Black Hawk war, showing the contour of each county traveled.

"Rooms could be set aside showing Vandalia, the campaign for congress, Lincoln-Douglas debates, battles of the Civil war, the assassination and funeral. Another room could be set aside to the Lincoln memorials erected in his honor.

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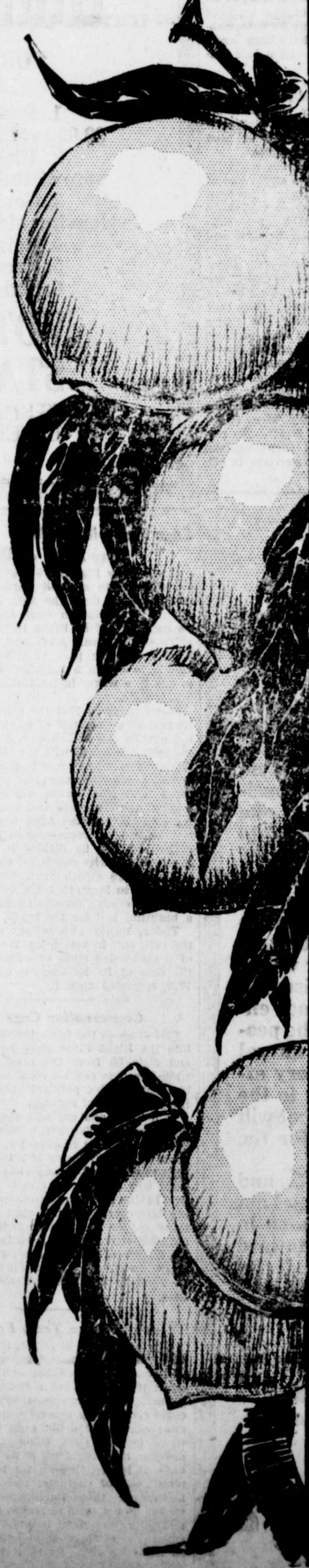
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## Uncommon Sense

By John Blake

### EXPERIENCE

A GOVERNMENT attorney in a large American city is noted for the success he has had in prosecuting lawbreakers.

His staff is composed almost entirely of young men, some of whom are only a few months out of law school or college.

Occasionally these young men make mistakes which a lawyer of greater experience would not make. One of them did, in fact, do just this at the trial of a famous lawbreaker.

After the trial was over I asked the government attorney why he did not employ older men.

He said: "The government gives me only a few thousand dollars for each of my subordinates. Consequently I can pay them only very small salaries."

"For such a small amount I can get older men who have not been successful attorneys and who are willing to work for little pay."

## Air Mail Saves Bankers

### Large Sums in Interest

Seattle.—By using the air mail service between the Pacific coast and New York, bankers have been able to save thousands of dollars monthly in interest. It was announced recently. All checks in excess of \$500 are sent by air mail and arrive at the Eastern terminus two days after mailing, or three to four days sooner than by fast train service. Return credits are also hurried west by plane so that actual time for collection of large remittances is less than a week. Thus far currency shipments have not been trusted to the air mail.

## 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.

## Counted Out

Jacqueline Spencer, was told by her old-fashioned grandfather, who once followed the sea, that she must walk to school herself every morning on her two legs and must rely on nobody else—that to bank on being offered a lift in the motors of neighbors and acquaintances was a cheap and unbecoming policy for a Spencer.

"Rely on nobody else," finished the old man, an expert at weekday preaching.

"I can rely on two people," quoth Jacqueline.

"Who?"

"On God and myself."

"What about your parents?" asked he, fishing.

"Oh, they're 'else.'"

## Schools in Old Prisons

School is being held in old Spanish fortresses as the first step in Americanization processes being carried on by the United States in Porto Rico. Cells where once prisoners paced to and fro now contain desks. Many of the classes are conducted behind barred windows and heavily grated doors. Installed more than 400 years ago, and the somber walls are decorated with modern blackboards. American officers are learning to speak Spanish and Porto Ricans, who are also enrolled in the Sixty-fifth infantry regiment at San Juan are learning the English language. The schools are maintained in El Morro and San Cristobal fortresses.

## Motor Police Seen

### as Most Efficient

Swampscott, Mass.—The way to efficiency in the small town police department lies through a completely motorized force, says Walter Francis Reeves, chief of the Swampscott police.

Chief Reeves is trying to put his idea into practice here and points out that the town's force has shrunk from twenty-one patrolmen and officers to fifteen men. With the decrease and diminished expenses have come motor equipment, and, the chief asserts, a far more efficient police service.

Reeves believes that every town in the United States should motorize its force. His plan would banish the old-time "sidewalk pounder" and would put all policemen except traffic men in well equipped vehicles, automobiles or motorcycles with sidecars.

A criminal, he said, can keep tabs on the old-time patrolman, but he cannot tell when the motor-mounted policeman may show up at any given spot. In suburban and thickly settled town districts alike, he says, police are needed who can be sum-

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## 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.

## T.E.L. CLASS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. L. B. Scott entertained members of her Sunday School class on Wednesday afternoon of this week. The devotional was led by Mrs. Earl Lassiter, after which a business session was held with the class president, Mrs. Ann Wall Brown, presiding. Two clever and original contests were the next features of entertain-

ment and Mrs. E. Yates Brown graciously entertained with piano selections. A refreshing ice and sandwich course was passed to Mesdames Mose Cauthern, Bill Haynes, Edward McCrary, F. C. McFarland, Earl Lassiter, A. R. Booth, T. E. Collins, M. D. Angus, J. J. Toombs, E. Yates Brown, A. D. Fulton, Joe Owens, W. B. Stevens, T. A. Bearden, Earl Teague, W. H. Derstine and L. B. Scott.



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The burden of proof rests not on the party attacked, but squarely up to the one attempting to create a false impression. In the open field of competition every one can and should check carefully and thus know with whom they are dealing and spike all unfair tactics.

In our political campaigns it often happens some candidate makes charges of incompetence and insinuations against those in office. The strange part of it is that very often enough voters will follow such leadership and good men are dropped, permitting disturbing elements to get into offices of public trust.

If the voters generally would put the matter squarely up to the candidates, making insinuating statements, and calmly check up for themselves how things actually are, it would soon lift our municipal, state and national offices out of a manipulation of petty politics. Then, and then only, will we get increased efficiency rather than a slipping in our progress. If qualifications and devotion to duty will elect our County Commissioner for the next term, we believe Phillip A. Diltz is the man. He has proven his courage and ability without question.

Get in your car and start in any direction in precinct No. 2 and Compare the condition of our country roads now and four years ago. Consult the records of the Commissioner's Court, also the State and County Auditor's records and be not misled.

He has been conscientious and square in all his dealings and undertakings. We believe that every duty and task which he undertakes is given fair and impartial consideration and is carried out to the interest of the County, Precinct and every individual concerned.

Ladies and gentlemen voters, he has made us a good commissioner and is due your consideration. Go to the polls the 28th of July and cast your vote to the interest of the County, Precinct, and for better roads, and we will re-elect Philip A. Diltz County Commissioner for the next term.

Know well upon whom the burden of proof rests, and it will determine your choice between wise leadership as against unwise. As a people, we are not obliged to find the burden of proof in our regrets—for then it is too late. Let's re-elect him, we need him far more than he needs the office.

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Fay asserts that the present memorial is sadly in need of repairs and entirely inadequate, considering the prodigious increase in the number of tourists who visit it daily. In its place he suggests the construction of a 500-foot monument which would be visible for 20 miles, to serve as the air traffic beacon.

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The grounds owned by the state, totaling nine acres, are adequate for such a monument, according to Fay. Around the base it would be possible to build a memorial hall to match the proportions of the monument and accommodate Lincoln memorials.

The present tomb and monument were erected in 1874 at a cost of \$350,000. The memorial at Washington completed a few years ago cost nearly \$3,000,000.

Fay, in presenting his suggestion, declares that 400 people visit Lincoln's shrine daily whereas five years ago the number each week hardly equaled that. Last year 150,000 tourists signed the register at the tomb, whereas in 1920 but 30,000 signatures were attached. It is claimed that recent works on the life of Lincoln, coupled with a general increase in tourist travel in the Middle West, accounts for the increase.

**Outlines His Plan.**  
 Fay, in describing his plan for the monument and memorial, says:

"Make three circles of rooms. On the outer wall arrange to record the principal events in Lincoln's life, especially from the cradle until he went to Washington. In frames on the walls and in show cases put pictures of every spot he ever visited, letters and speeches he wrote, things he said, stories he told, friends, documents and surveys he made. A systematic arrangement of all these would give a patriotic thrill to every visitor, American or foreign.

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Peking.—After being held in bondage for 550 years, the descendants of the Mongols who conquered China in the Fourteenth century and who have been kept in a state of virtual slavery ever since in Chekiang province, south of Shanghai, have been freed by formal edict of Gen. Chiang Kaishek.

From the year 900 to 1127 the Sung dynasty ruled China undisturbed. Then, at the time of the Crusades in Europe, when Russia also was being overrun by Mongol tribes, the Mongols descended from the north and west upon China.

After a long period of civil war and chaos the Mongols founded the Yuan dynasty, with Peking as their capital, in the year 1280. This dynasty lasted less than a century, being superseded in 1368 by the Ming dynasty, which in turn was overthrown by the Manchus in 1644, the later holding the throne until the republic was founded in 1911.

When the Mongol dynasty collapsed in 1368 and the Imperial Yuan family retreated northwestward to Urga, about 30,000 Mongol garrison troops in Chekiang province were cut off. An Imperial edict issued by the first Ming emperor made these Mongols all slaves and, though they have not been subject to personal sale for some hundreds of years, they have been harshly oppressed for five and a half centuries.

For 500 years these marooned Mongols have been officially listed as an "inferior race." They have been barred from taking part in civil service examinations and have not been permitted to hold public office.

So strong has been the prejudice against them that not a single case of intermarriage with a Chinese has been recorded. In occupations they have been limited to chair bearers, rickshaw pullers, firemen, barbers and shoemakers.

Today these Mongols number about 20,000 at Ning-Po, where they are nicknamed "lazy men;" 200,000 live at Chu-Chow and Wen-Chow, where they are called "cheap men," and others distributed throughout the province number 130,000 more and are known as "the nine degenerate families."

Under the new mandate all trades and professions are thrown open to these Mongols; their children may be educated with Chinese children (when and if the war lords release any revenue for educational purposes), and the ban against intermarriage is officially abolished.



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## TO THE VOTERS IN PRECINCT NO. 2

I am coming before the voters in Precinct No. 2 asking that you elect me as your County Commissioner for this precinct, believing that I can make you a servant and Commissioner you will be proud of. I have lived in this precinct twenty-seven years, know most of the people personally, and know the roads and their needs. I believe in the people of this precinct and would like to serve them in the fairest and most honorable way that I know how. And if the people have confidence in me and elect me I will not betray them in the least or greatest official act. I will serve you in a good business and constructive manner. Infact I think there is only one way for any man to live and that is the Right Way, "doing unto others as you would be done by," and I appeal for the support of all who believe in honest, fair and efficient administration of good government, so that if I am elected I will be free, without strings, to serve ALL the people, with prejudice toward none, but justice to one and all alike, and not under obligation to the man seeking special favors and a "rake off" out of the public funds. In other words a representative of all the people. And if elected I promise you that I will be just as conservative with the public (your) funds entrusted to me as I would with my own bank account. You (the people) have some time ago voted bonds with which to build lateral roads in your precinct, and if I am elected I shall bend every effort to spend the balance of that fund, should there be any to the credit of said fund when I am inducted into office, in a way that will give you as many miles of as good roads that can be built for the amount of money at hand.

I believe in good churches, good schools and good roads, and good people, and all that I have is located in this precinct, and I am interested in everything that is good for all the people located in this precinct, and shall devote my time, energy and ability toward serving you to the best advantage. I am proud of the wonderful support and encouragement already expressed in my behalf over the district, and wish to sincerely thank each and every one thus supporting me.

Yours very respectfully,

# C. R. Tittle

- Candidate for -  
**Commissioner, Precinct No. 2**

### Saw Possibilities in Tiny Stalk of Wheat

In the early Eighteenth century the congregation in a small German village realized that the bell in the church tower was so small its tones no longer could be heard in the outskirts of the town. A second bell was wanted, but the poor villagers were unable to obtain a sufficient amount to buy it, a writer in the Kansas City Star relates.

One Sunday in 1721 the schoolmaster noticed a tiny stalk of wheat growing outside the church wall and was suddenly impressed with the idea that this stalk could be made to produce a second bell. When the plant was matured and the grain ripened he plucked the six heads and sowed the grain in his garden. After a year or two he had not room enough for the entire crop, so he divided it among the farmers, who continued the sowing until the eighth year, when the crop was so large that the sale of it produced enough money to purchase a beautiful bell for the tower.

Today, nearly two centuries later, the bell, still in use, bears the image of a six-headed stalk of wheat, with the date of its birthday, October 15 1729, engraved upon it.

### Conservative Cuss

"What about the feller that sneaked into the Right Place store yesterday and stole \$6 from the cash drawer while the boss and his clerk were out in front, arguing politics?" asked old Riley Rezzidew of Petunia.

"I hain't found out who the scoundrel was, but I've got a clew," answered Constable Slackputter, the famous sleuth. "I figger he's the same cuss that slipped in and stole \$6 the same way about a year ago. I know who I think he is, and I've been watching him ever since. He ain't done a thing out of the way from then till now, but if rascality is born in a gent it's liable to break out sooner or later, and when it does, I-gorry, I'll be right on hand to nab him!"—Kansas City Star.

### Intelligence Tests Fail

I do not believe it is yet, if it ever will be, possible to test general, and still less, native, ability, and I even doubt if there is such a thing as the former. Educators once thought they could give a truly general culture, but most of us now doubt even whether there is any such thing. Psychoanalysis has taught us, if we did not know it before, that all the main determinants of character and conduct lie deeper than intelligence. The testers do not seem to realize that the mentality they test is only a very small part of the soul, and that their so exclusive devotion to it tends to make, and keeps, psychology super-

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