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## Here In HICO

This column will sponge on some of the firemen's banquet speakers for ideas this week. Those speakers paid tributes to the fire boys that might have sounded too eulogistic to those who snooze away in their beds on cold nights, comfortable with the thought that the fire bug would be squelched in his tracks if he invaded their homes. But to one who has been with the fire fighters on freezing nights, who has seen them ruin clothes, break into their night's rest, and suffer much material loss,—all without a cent of pay,—to such a one there are few tributes too high for Hico's volunteer fire department.

Imagine yourself in the midst of a pleasant dream just as the 1 o'clock hour rolled around. The siren shrills forth its song, which means that someone's home or business life is in danger. You jump out of bed as if the lives of your own loved ones were at stake. You snatch a few clothes, possibly your Sunday-go-to-meetin's, and go forth in the freezing air. You hop on one of the fire engines, face a stiff wind that cuts your very marrow, and grab a cold nozzle. Because the water pressure is low, you must stand almost against the blaze in order to play the water stream upon it.

The flames suck farther into the house. Almost desperately you venture too near, roast your face, pray for a stronger water pressure, and then go home happy when the fire is at last put out. What matter if your suit is almost ruined, and will need to be sent to the cleaner's? What matter if you have lost the major part of a night's rest. You have saved a neighbor, a friend, hundreds of dollars and the place he calls home. Payment comes in the self-admitted assurance of work well done.

Perhaps that is an extreme example; but its counterpart has been unfolded more than once in Hico. It takes a real man to be ready at all times to protect his neighbor's property, and life without remuneration except a few words of thanks.

Did you know that the fire department here has hung up a state record? It has. In more than 20 years of existence it has not allowed a fire to go beyond the house in which it originated. That speaks louder for the fire fighters than all the writing that could be done between now and doom's day. With that last glowing record in mind, here in Hico pays homage to the men who protect their neighbors because they believe the Golden Rule is more than an axiom.

The Review Club is making plans for its annual better yard contest. This is one of the most worthy undertakings of the year. Beautiful yards make a pretty town. A town is known to spring a summer tourists by the yards she keeps. Just as a woman in lovely clothes attracts attention whether she is beautiful or not, so does a well kept yard, blossoming with roses and petunias, violets and cannas, draw the eyes of passersby. An old house, adorned with the architecture of 30 years ago, can be made a segment of beauty if vines and flowers shrubs and well trimmed grass are planted to drown the harshness of angles and out-of-date lines.

It is time now to begin your yard planning. To wait until warm winds are playing hide and seek around your yard may be to lose one of those prizes when awarding time comes. Hico is already the best town in the state for its size. Let's all frame up with the goddess of beauty and make it the town with the best kept yards.

## \$600 in Prizes to Be Given Growers of Ed Kasch Cotton in 1929

In order to encourage the planting of better cotton and to develop leadership in its production, as well as to demonstrate the superior qualities of Kasch pedigreed seed, direct from originator, Ed Kasch of San Marcos is offering \$600 in prizes to growers of the 1929 crop. Announcement of this offer has been received by G. M. Carlton Brothers & Company, local handlers of the seed, who expect much interest among the farmers of this section in the contest.

Every grower of Kasch cotton who has bought or who buys this year is eligible to enter the competition. Six prizes will be given, as follows:

- For the best group of three stalks of Kasch cotton—\$200.
- For the best individual stalk of Kasch cotton—\$125.
- For the second best individual stalk of Kasch cotton—\$100.
- For the third best individual stalk of Kasch cotton—\$50.
- For the fourth best individual stalk of Kasch cotton—\$25.
- For the list of gin tickets covering an entire crop of Kasch cotton grown in 1929 showing the highest average per cent of lint in connection with good acreage production and good staple—\$100.

Rules and regulations governing these prizes may be had upon application to Carlton Brothers' local store.

## Firemen Attend Annual Banquet Friday Evening - Chief Smith Presides

### Miss Mingus Leaves Local School; Fred Wilson New Teacher

Miss Charlotte Mingus, who has been teaching English in the Hico high school for one and one-half years, left Monday to assume teaching duties in the Abilene high school. She was notified of her election to the position Friday, and took charge of her new work Monday morning. Miss Mingus is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mingus of this town, and attended the local schools before entering the College of Industrial Arts of Denton. She is a graduate of the North Texas school.

Fred Wilson of Dallas, who was chosen by the board to teach high school English, took charge of his classes Monday morning. He is a recent graduate of the North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton, where he distinguished himself both as a student of literature and as a writer. He has had newspaper and magazine writing experience as well as school room experience.

### George Cain, Killed In Cleburne, Buried In Cemetery at Hico

George Cain, who was killed at Cleburne Saturday, was buried in the Hico cemetery Sunday afternoon. He is survived by his wife and several children.

It is reported that Mr. Cain and a Mr. Perryman had trouble last fall and had since been at odds. It is said that as Mr. Cain with his three older children were in the J. C. Penney store in Cleburne Saturday, Mr. Perryman entered, stabbed him, then trampled him in the face. In the meantime, it is reported, Mr. Cain drew his revolver and fired at his assailant. Mr. Perryman was wounded seriously, and late reports are that he may not live. Mr. Cain died shortly after the altercation from knife wounds.

Mr. Cain was well known in this and the Iredell communities.

### Bryan Pastor Will Be In Baptist Pulpit for Annual June Revival

When the Baptists annual revival, whose dates were set some time ago at June 9-23, begins, Rev. Roy S. Holloman, pastor of the College Avenue Baptist church at Bryan, will be in the pulpit. He will be assisted by Charles O. Cook, singer, who is musical and educational director of the Coggin Avenue Baptist church of Brownwood. Both men are among the outstanding church workers in the state, and are expected to lead many souls into the Kingdom of Christ, according to Rev. Clarence Allen Morton, local pastor. Twenty-one additions have come into the church since the beginning of the association year. The policy of the church is to carry on a spirit of evangelism the year around. There were four additions to the church in January.

Rev. Morton announced the complete church program for February last Sunday. Sunday, February 3, will be observed by the local church in conjunction with eleven million other Baptists, as "Baptist World Sunday." Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lane, members of the Hico church, were messengers to the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto, Canada, last June.

The mid-week program each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock will be around the general subject of "Stewardship," this being stewardship year among southern Baptists. Regular church conference will be held February 6, followed by a program, by A. A. Fessell, who will discuss "The Stewardship of Possessions." February 13, "The Stewardship of Talents" will be led by Will Russell. February 20, "The Stewardship of Time" will be led by Mrs. M. J. Pierson. February 27, "The Stewardship of Vocation," directed by Mrs. J. P. Rodgers, Jr.

The Men's Bible class, taught by the pastor, has under way its annual banquet plans. One of the greatest speakers among the laymen of Texas will be present to deliver the principal address.

An object lesson on "The Parable of the Postage Stamp" will be brought by the pastor at Sunday school February 10. At the B. Y. P. U.'s Sunday evening, February 24, he will bring a lesson on "The Parable of the Penny."

The sermonic program for the month follows: Discourses at the morning hours consecutively: February 3, "The Plan of the Bible"; February 10, "The Structural and Doctrinal Divisions of the Bible"; February 17, "Baptist and the Bible"; and the closing sermon, "The Key to the Bible." The general topic for the Sunday evening sermons is "Notable Biblical Conversions." The themes will be: February 3, "The Conversion of the Publican"; February 10, "The Conversion of Zacchaeus"; February 17, "The Conversion of Timothy"; February 24, "The Conversion of the Chief of Sinners."

Members of the Hico volunteer fire company answered the biggest alarm in 12 months Friday night when they gathered, with a group of guests in the Midland hotel dining room to put out blazing appetites with constant streams of turkey, fruit salad, hot coffee, and other delicacies of a perfect menu.

After the boys had done all the damage possible to the table decorations and replaced blazing appetites with smiles, Chief Alex Smith was still under the impression that the annual banquet was not complete. So he took advantage of the situation and called on the guests to give their reactions to the fire boys' abilities to save appetites as well as houses from destruction.

First on the program came Rev. Clarence Allen Morton, pastor of the First Baptist church. The preacher typified himself as primarily a fighter of fires in another world, but paid a glowing tribute to the men who make Hico safe from the fire fiend, by day and by night.

Miss Fannie Wood, manager of the local Gulf States telephone station, told of the vital connection between the work of the fire fighters and that of the telephone office. Since the alarm is sounded from her office, the burden of receiving and broadcasting fire news rests almost entirely on her shoulders and those of her assistants. She urged the cooperation of citizens in Hico and nearby communities in turning in alarms fully and definitely. When a fire alarm is turned in, every other connection, both local and long distance, is virtually broken, and 10 minutes or more is usually required to answer all calls in regard to the fire, Miss Wood said.

Attorney E. H. Persons outlined the advantages of the new water system to the Hico fire department. He said that the added pressure would make it possible for the firemen to fight fires at a safe distance, where falling walls, scorching flames and high would not so endanger their lives. He pictured the disappointment of a fireman called in the middle of the night to save the home of a citizen as Hico's assurance of minimizing the danger of fires at all times.

The town's key insurance rate will be reduced from 70 to 40 cents due to the new water system, according to the mayor. Another two cent reduction is also possible, which will give Hico one of the lowest rates among small towns of the state.

Rev. Paul W. Evans, Methodist church pastor, spoke of his first impressions when he arrived in Hico. Although a comparative newcomer, the minister avowed that he was already a native among the foothills, the people with welcomes in their voices, and the thriving community industries. From the very first hint he ever received of the existence of Hico, he was favorably impressed with the town and its people, he stated.

J. C. Smyth, editor of the News Review, called the firemen Hico's most heroic and self-sacrificing group of citizens, and pledged the support of the home paper to every enterprise launched by the organization to which they belonged.

The present fire department, organized 21 years ago next March, holds a state fire fighting record, according to Chief Smith. In the entire time since its organization it has never allowed a fire to spread from the building in which it had its inception, and no other town with a fire department of any kind can lay claim to such a record.

## Passerby Sees Blaze, Warns Man of House - DAMAGE IS REPAIRED BEFORE NIGHT Without Alarming Family; Fire Extinguished

As R. L. Davis was riding horseback to his ranch southeast of Hico last Friday morning, he saw a stream of smoke coming from the roof of C. W. Russell's residence, five miles from town. Knowing that three members of the Russell family were sick, and that two were so low with pneumonia that a nurse had been obtained, he dared not rush into the house and give a general alarm.

But when a neighbor's house is afire and you are the only one who knows about it, something must be done. Believing that precaution was the better part of valor, Mr. Davis went to the door, called Mr. Russell, and told him that the roof above his head was burning.

Without anyone else in the house being aware of the blaze, the two men armed themselves with buckets of water, mounted the stairs, and threw water on the blazing singles, flue and ceiling until the fire was extinguished.

It was cold Friday; and sick folks must be kept warm.

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## PLANS BEING MADE TO HAVE CHAPTER OF LIONS IN HICO

Plans looking toward the organization of a Lions Club in Hico are being made by local business and professional men, and it is expected that definite announcement of a meeting will be made next week.

Many local citizens are of the opinion that a Lions Club will serve a more useful purpose than a Chamber of Commerce, and cite the examples of neighboring towns whose Lions have made possible rapid strides in industries and every other phase of community progress. The Chamber of Commerce has held no meeting for some time, and since the president, who moved to Waco recently, has called no session, it seems to be the consensus of opinion that that body should be superseded by a Lions Club.

Tentative plans for the new organization include the securing of more purebred stock for this section, the promoting of all community enterprises, and the assistance in every way possible of farmers, poultrymen and other producers. Extensive advertising of the town of Hico is expected to form a large part of the Lions' work.

Should the club be perfected, its members would meet once each week at the lunch period to have an hour of fellowship and plan making for the good of Hico and surrounding territory.

Every business and professional man in Hico should be interested in the proposed club, according to forward-looking citizens who see in its beginning the beginning of extensive publicity for the untouched possibilities for progress here.

### Mrs. M. E. Connally Victim of Flu Monday

Mrs. M. E. Connally, 80 years old, who had been ill with the flu for the past two weeks, died Monday night at the home of her son, Nepp, with whom she has made her home for the past 25 years. The body was taken to Moody, where funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon by the same pastor who conducted her husband's funeral 25 years ago. Interment was in the Naylor and Connally cemetery at Moody.

Mrs. Connally leaves four sons to mourn her departure. They are: Dr. Price Connally and Ben Connally of McGregor, and Edd and Nepp Connally of Hico.

### Several Truckfuls of Rig Equipment Come

Reports from the derrick recently erected near Duffau on the Robertson place state that several truckloads of equipment have arrived and are being placed on the location.

It is said that an unusually full outfit, capable of sinking the rotary bit as fast as possible, is being installed. Hico people and farmers living in the Duffau country continue to be enthused over the prospects for a huge gasser. The company which is forming a new block adjoining the Boone tract, on which drilling is now being done, is rapidly clearing up all land titles, it is reported. The block of about 4,000 acres is practically complete.

Five men who are now members of the organization were charter members, the chief stated. These are, besides Mr. Smith, J. R. McMillan, Joe Runion, W. H. Howerton, and W. D. Gage. The number of members has remained invariable at 25 men.

A new engine added three years ago brought the department to a leading place among small town fire fighting outfits, with two modern engines, full equipment, and well trained men self-sacrificing enough to serve without pay. Hico undoubtedly is better able to combat fires than practically all other places of its size in the state.

## Hico Power Plant Will Generate Electricity for Hamilton--17th Town

### Improvements Made By Petty Brothers; In Hico for 36 Years

Although their store was established in Hico in 1893, the Petty brothers are not depending on their prestige alone to keep their business progressive. Extensive improvements are being made from one end of the mercantile company to another, which will add to the display of dry goods, groceries, hardware and furniture, and to the customers' shopping convenience.

The rear room is now being used almost exclusively for the display of implements. Painters have been busy in all departments, making the shelves attractive for spring buyers. General repairs are also extensive.

Petty Brothers have been called "the four W's" in the Hico business world. Three of the four—Wallace, Watt and Will—are employed in the Hico store, and another, Walter, of Brownwood, who visited here last week, is interested in the business.

### Mrs. W. L. Simpson Hostess to Mt. Zion Home Demonstrators

Mrs. W. L. Simpson delightfully entertained the Mt. Zion home demonstration club Monday afternoon. Miss Myrtle Gaines, Bosque county home demonstration agent, was a guest.

Roll call was answered with a 1929 resolution. Demonstrations and discussions of bed and table linens, and of fancy stitches were conducted during the afternoon.

This meeting marked the club's second birthday. Refreshments of English plum pudding with hard sauce and hot chocolate were served to Misses Jim Luckie, Jim Chaney, Frank Hatcher, and W. L. Simpson; Misses Stella Ross and Meder Cole.

### Name of Church Is Painted on Cornice

The stewards of the Methodist church took advantage of the presence in Hico of Sign Painter White and had the name of their church placed in attractive letters on the two sides of the cornice of the church porch.

Pastor Paul W. Evans states that the sign makes a useful and appealing improvement to the church, and passersby this week have noted the innovation with pleasure.

### IT'S GOOD FOR THE LAWYER, FARMER, THE BED RIDDEN

Attorney A. C. Johnston can't get along without the News Review, even if he does have his mind on the judicial steering wheel of Hico. He subscribed for another year Monday.

Mrs. J. R. Russell of Hico, route one, subscribed for the News Review when she was in town Monday.

Marketing sausage and paying another dollar for the home town paper were B. S. Washam's chief missions in Hico Friday. He lives on route one.

Mrs. T. J. Eubanks subscribed for the News Review for her son, L. A. Eubanks, last week-end. Mr. Eubanks is head of the Retail Merchants' Association at Big Spring, where he is doing splendidly with the organization.

Although confined to her bed in Waco, Mrs. J. L. Clark wants to read all about Hico and vicinity; so she subscribed to the N. R. She is the sister-in-law of S. A. Clark, a local resident.

T. H. Hargus, of Jayton, was here last Thursday on business matters and came in the Review office to renew for another year. He spent the past few months at Austwell, and has purchased a farm at Jayton. He will look after this until about the middle of March, when he plans on moving back to Hamilton county.

C. F. Young, in town from his route two place Tuesday, paid his subscription dollar, although his time does not expire until late in February. He had some good sausage to sell while here.

D. H. Hapner, Fairy-land postmaster, believes in keeping the Hico paper coming. "Lots of folks in my country are subscribers," he said.

John M. Aiton, former publisher of Hico's newspaper, handed in the necessary change for the extension of his expiration time Wednesday.

The town of Hamilton will be supplied with electricity from the Hico power house when a high line now being surveyed is complete, according to Sam Jones, local manager. Adding of Hamilton to the towns on the Hico plant's circuit makes a total of 17 municipalities that receive power from the central Hico plant.

A crew of 30 or 40 men is expected to begin actual construction of the line in about two weeks. The new section will be 15 miles in length, seven miles of the complete distance being already constructed and in use supplying other towns.

An 2300 volt extension is being made this week by a crew working out of Hico, to the Keeney hatchery. The new line extends from Carlton, one and one-half miles from the hatchery, and will eventually serve not only the Keeney place but four farms along the route.

The huge power plant here was installed about two years ago, and its territory has been rapidly extended to include 17 towns. When the Hamilton connection is made, the local plant, aided by a booster plant at Clifton, will supply not only Hico, Hamilton and Carlton, but these towns also: Iredell, Walnut Springs, Meridian, Valley Mills, Crawford, Gatesville, Whitney, Blum, Covington, Rio Vista, Kopperl, Morgan, and Glenrose. Gustine will probably be added to the list in the near future.

In order to care for the new lines constantly being built, another unit, equal in horsepower to both units now in use, will be installed in the Hico plant soon. The two units now being used are 600 horsepower each, while the new one will be 1200 horsepower, making a total of 2400 horsepower.

Mr. Jones states that completion of the line into Hamilton will make the Texas-Louisiana supplied towns in this section form a loop which extends east towards Iredell, circling, with several short branches, back to this town through Hamilton. Finishing of the circuit will insure only one town being without power at a time in case of a breakdown or other unavoidable delay, according to Mr. Jones.

### Divorces in County Increase; Marriage Figures Rise Also

Nineteen divorces were granted in Hamilton county during the two terms of district court in 1928, according to the records in District Clerk L. A. Morris' office. That is an increase of five over the 1927 figures and of 10 over the 1926 figures. No figures for marriage licenses issued during the past year have been obtained, but state records show that 116 licenses were granted in 1926 and 120 in 1927.

Hamilton county divorces have increased slightly more than those of the average county in the state, but her marriages keep pace with the general average, as the following figures, released by the department of commerce, will show.

There were 74,042 marriages performed in Texas during the year 1927, as compared with 69,902 in 1926, representing an increase of 4,140 or 5.9 per cent. In 1916, there were 54,103 marriages performed. During 1927 there were 17,290 divorces granted as compared with 15,472 in 1926, representing an increase of 1,818 or 11.8 per cent. There were 115 marriages annulled, or declared void by order of courts without either party to the contract applying, in 1927, as compared with 103 reported in 1926.

The estimated population of the state of Texas on July 1, 1927, was 5,397,000, and on July 1, 1926, 5,313,000. On the basis of these estimates, the number of marriages per 1,000 of the population was 13.7 per cent in 1927, as against 13.2 per cent in 1926; and the number of divorces per 1,000 of population was 3.20 in 1927, as against 2.91 in 1926.

In the entire United States 1,200,694 marriages were performed in the year 1927, as compared with 1,202,574 in 1926. These figures represent a decrease of 1,880 marriages, or about one-fifth of one per cent. Divorces granted in 1927 totaled 192,037, as compared with 180,853 in the year 1926, representing an increase of 11,184, or 6.2 per cent.

### Boy Scouts Plan to Present Play Soon

"Fingers," a play whose plot and action are said to be equally as attractive as its title, will be presented in the near future by Boy Scout Troop No. 660. D. L. Adair, scout master, states that practices are being carried forward regularly, and the stage presentation will first be made about the third week in February.

Carlton, and possibly other nearby towns, will probably be privileged to see the play also, the director states. Scout troop No. 60 has done outstanding work in many ways since its organization here. During warmer months of last year extensive hikes were made, camping trips were enjoyed, and scouting afield and at home was taught in all its phases.

Cold weather and the influenza epidemic have kept most of the work indoors during the last several weeks, but extensive plans for outside trips, as well as for the play, are being perfected.



# BABY CHICKS

We have recently installed a 52,000-egg capacity SMITH INCUBATOR, which is now in operation. Baby chicks of all popular varieties for sale every Tuesday. We specialize in CUSTOM HATCHING. Bring your eggs Friday or Saturday. Our pleasure is to please you

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## Shadowland Hatchery Member of Campaign For Better Chickens

The Shadowland Hatchery, of Hico, is a member of the Baby Chick Campaign which is sponsoring the present \$10,000 prize contest for the best letter on "Why It Pays to Buy Chicks from a Hatchery," according to Lyle Golden, proprietor.

This contest, which closes February 28, 1929, is open to everyone, with the exception of hatchery operators, their employees, and families, Mr. Golden said. It provides a rare opportunity for rural residents and farm people generally because they are already familiar with poultry and poultry raising, he pointed out.

Prizes offered are as follows: First prize, \$5,000; second prize \$2,000; third prize, \$1,000; fourth prize, \$500; fifth prize, \$250; sixth prize, \$125; the next ten prizes, \$50 each; and the next twenty-five prizes \$25 each.

Letters must not exceed 500 words in length, and must be on the subject, "Why It Pays to Buy Chicks From a Hatchery." The letters should contain the writer's ideas upon the subject, written in simple, straightforward language. All letters must be mailed on or before February 28, 1929, to Contest Editor, Campaign Headquarters, 705 Third National Building, Dayton, Ohio. Original thoughts contained in the letters will determine the winners, rather than excellent literary style.

"The hatcheries in this Baby Chick Campaign are united for the purpose of insuring fair treatment and quality stock to their customers," Mr. Golden said. "Reliable hatcheries and members of allied industries throughout the entire country are a part of this organization, members of which display the slogan, 'Hatchery Chicks For Greater Profits.' This \$10,000 prize contest was sponsored in order to obtain direct from users of baby chicks, their ideas as to why hatchery chicks are a profitable investment. Prizes are to be awarded about March 31."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Lampasas were here Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rhodes and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Phillips.

Mrs. F. E. Ragsdale, accompanied by Mrs. Bob Shirey of Stephenville, is in Dallas doing spring buying for the Carlton stores here and at Stephenville. They will meet buyers from the other Carlton stores in Dallas Saturday, and some of them will go on to St. Louis, to complete their marketing.

## Bosque Has 10 Live Clubs For Its Women

Bosque county can boast of 10 of the liveliest, most progressive women's home demonstration clubs to be found anywhere, according to the Meridian Tribune. They have closed a most successful year's work and have their yearbook being published and soon will be off the press, according to Miss Myrtle Gaines, Bosque county's efficient home demonstration agent.

For the year that is just beginning there will be four entries in the state living room contest. Last year the clubs of Bosque county held a county contest. The winner, Mrs. J. M. White, Cayote, also won first place in the district in Class 1 of the living room contest, and was an entry in the state contest.

Four members of as many clubs will be demonstrators in yard beautification—that is, they will beautify their yards according to a plan, and each one is asked to have her club to meet with her when her yard is at its prettiest so that all may see the results of her work.

Another goal set for 1929 is a 12-month garden for each club member. At the present, after several freezes, there are collards, turnips, winter squashes and evergreen onions in some gardens. A 12-month garden is a possibility.

Plans for the county club work are made by the county council with the assistance of the home demonstration agent. Mrs. W. C. Thomas of the Meridian Creek club, is chairman of the Bosque county council, and Mrs. Otto Johnson of the Mustang club secretary.

Miss Gaines, home demonstration agent for Bosque county, is doing a wonderful work among the women of the county, especially in the rural districts. Under her guidance and the inspiration she gives, these women are learning to beautify their homes at little cost and are providing themselves and their families with many of the comforts that town and city people enjoy. Their work is equal to that of other sections, for besides Mrs. J. M. White's winning in the district living room contest, Mrs. Henry Schwartz of the Cranfills Gap club won second in the state butter judging contest the past year.

Miss Gaines not only carries on club work among the women, but she has a number of clubs among the girls of the county. They learn to do fancy work, sewing, cooking and other things along the culinary line, and many things that pertain to home-making. During the year of 1928 there were 47 girls in the county who completed a year of work.

## Review Club to Again Sponsor Better Yard Contest for This City

Plans are being made by the women in the residential, and by the business men at filling stations, the light plant and other places where there is room for flowers or shrubbery of any kind, to be ready for the judging in the early fall when prizes will be given by the Hico citizens for the prettiest yards, most attractive flower plants, most beautiful lawns, and other points attractive about the home and business establishments.

This is sponsored by the Hico Review Club, and comes annually. Now is a good time to make the soil preparations and plan the landscape. The world is awakening to the fact that beauty and satisfaction have real value, the Review Club women believe. No matter who the reader may be, he remembers with fondness certain trees that grew around his childhood home. The very remembrance gives pleasure of a kind that can not be obtained with money.

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When the Review Club started this plan, its members realized that a club of any kind could create greater interest in civic improvement than individuals, and they have made great efforts in time and expense to make Hico a beautiful place in which to live.

They desire the cooperation of the entire town in putting on this campaign. Not many people see the wall paper and furniture in your home. Those who pass by judge you largely by the appearance of the grounds around your house. Why not have them beautiful?

## Dublin Farmer Uses New Clover System

(Dublin Progress)  
A. R. Delay has worked out a system of growing sweet clover in rotation with other crops which is adaptable to all of the black land in the country and any other land which will grow any of the small grains.

Mr. Delay plants clover in alternate rows with corn or any of the grain sorghums. After gathering the corn, milo, etc., he pastures the fields for a few weeks. Then he cuts the stalks, also running between the clover rows with a pulverizer, if necessary. Then he drills in the small grains. In late winter and early spring, this mixture of clover and small grain furnishes more pasture. He takes stock off in time for the grain to mature. After harvesting the clover makes enough growth to furnish still more residue to be turned under in the summer or fall. The land is then ready for cotton or some other crop for the third year. It can thus be seen that he has worked out a three year rotation of corn (or grain sorghum), small grain, and cotton and at the same time have a soil improvement legume crop on the land during two of the years.

Mr. Delay says that he can notice an improvement in his land where he has grown the clover besides the fact that it furnishes some of the best pasture his stock has ever had and improves the feeding and fertilizing value of the straw. Of course this method is not recommended for extremely poor land. On such fields it would be better to plant the clover in three foot rows and let it occupy the land for three or four years.

## One Cow to Every 10 Acres Said to Be Need

"If the landowners of Texas would give their tenant farmers one cow to every 10 acres of land they are tilling," says R. M. Kleberg of King Ranch. "It would be the best investment they could possibly make."  
"The only requirement the landowner need impose upon the tenant is that he return to the soil all the fertilizer from the cow. Then tenant will realize more net profit from cows than he will from other work he can do on the farm. The fertilizer from the cows will enable him to make more cotton or any other crop he wishes to grow. He will have plenty of milk and butter from his cows, cash money from his milk sales and from the sale of calves, as well as a constant building up of his herd with those desirable heifer calves which he wishes to keep."

These observations of Mr. Kleberg come after many years of active contact with farming conditions in this state. Probably no one man is in better position to prescribe a remedy for the improvement of the lot of the Texas farmer than Mr. Kleberg, who is in charge of the dairy division of King Ranch, and who is president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.—Texas Opportunities.

## Farmers Need Cheap Home Grown Feeds

Cheap home-grown feed helps to lower the cost of growing cotton and to increase the cotton grower's profit. Corn is the best feed crop in the corn belt, but many farmers neither have plenty of corn nor do they produce it cheaply.

Although the southern farmer is planting a large acreage to corn, he must buy feed, because his average crop of corn is only 17 bushels per acre. Because of this low yield the cost of corn per bushel is high.

This low yield can be increased at a profit. The cost studies made by the United States department of agriculture show that on farms where higher yields were obtained, corn was produced at a lower rate per bushel, for although it cost more per acre to produce the larger yields, there were more bushels to share the cost.

A good mule should have 75 bushels of corn during the year. If the yield is 13 bushels per acre, about six acres of corn, at a cost of \$100, would be required to feed a mule. If 41 bushels per acre are grown, two acres would supply the corn at a cost of \$49.

As considerable idle land is available for crops, it might seem that the farmer should increase his acreage in corn in order to grow sufficient feed.

A better way is to fertilize more liberally the acres now under cultivation and thereby get not only more corn but cheaper corn, because it costs much more to cultivate the additional acres in corn than to buy fertilizer sufficient to produce the necessary feed on the acres now in corn.

Under usual conditions the application of a complete fertilizer at planting time gives the best results with corn. This may be followed when the corn is knee to waist high, by an application of nitrogen in readily obtainable form. On thin land two applications of available nitrogen are sometimes made, the first being applied when the corn is knee high, and the second when the corn is bunching to tassle.

From 200 to 400 pounds per acre of a commercial fertilizer, such as 10-4-4, applied at planting time, followed by a side dressing of 150 pounds of nitrate of soda or nitrate of lime, or of three-fourths this amount of sulphate of ammonia will produce more corn at a lower cost per bushel. Under average conditions, the applica-

tion of 100 pounds of nitrate of soda or its equivalent in nitrate of lime or sulphate of ammonia should give an increase of six to three bushels of corn, according to the soil improvement committee, the national fertilizer association.

The largest percentage of foreign white population in Texas is Mexican. Next come the Germans.

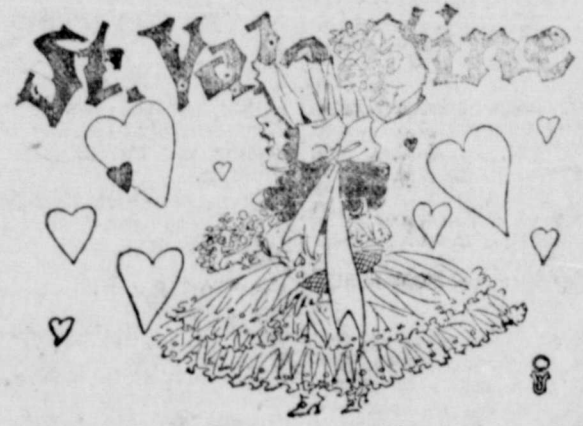
In 1744 Texas had a population of only about 1,500, centering largely about San Antonio. In 1806 the population was estimated at 7,000. In 1831 it was about 20,000, increasing to about 50,000 in 1836 when Texans voted for the first president of their republic. The greatest percentage of growth was between 1870 and 1880 when the population increased 94.5 per cent.

## Iredell Pioneer Dies At Age of 84 Years

(Uncle) Charles Gordon, 84 years old, who has resided in the Iredell community for the past 60 years, died at his home there Wednesday, and funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at the Iredell Methodist church, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, and burial made in the Iredell cemetery.

Two daughters and six sons survive. They are Misses Frances and Mittie; Jim Gray, Willie and George, of California, and Edd, Charles and John, of Fort Worth.

The deceased was an uncle of J. W. and George Autrey of Hico.



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Balanced rations for crops are just as necessary for best growth. It is not difficult to observe when plants in a field are starving to death, and each summer many fields are seen where the plants are dying for lack of plant food. In other fields it is apparent that the crop is receiving plenty of some plant foods but lacks others—an unbalanced ration. A balanced ration would be a fertilizer containing the right proportions of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, according to the soil improvement committee, the national fertilizer association.

The progressive dairymen are always looking for cows of large capacity, cows that can eat large amounts of feed, for he looks on them as a sort of factory and takes the cheap raw feeds, such as hay, silage and grain, and changes them into a more valuable product—milk. As a rule, the more feed a good dairy cow consumes the more milk she will produce, and the more profit she will make for the owner.

The grower of field crops, the cotton grower, for example, should look on his cotton crop in much the same way. The cotton plant takes cheap raw materials, which are called plant food, and converts them into much more valuable cotton lint and seed.

As a rule, if it is a good variety of cotton, grown under favorable conditions, the more plant food the cotton plants use the more cotton will be produced and the more profit will be made.

Experiments conducted by agricultural authorities in many states have definitely shown that cotton, and other crops as well, make most vigorous growth and are less likely to be seriously affected by disease when fed liberally with well balanced plant food. Complete commercial fertilizers of various analyses are manufactured to supply balanced rations for crops on different soils. The use of the proper fertilizer will result in a better crop and a more profitable production.

#### NEWS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE

El Paso—\$1,500,000 contract has been awarded for construction of pipe line and telephone line in Southwestern Texas and Southeastern New Mexico.

El Paso—Copper refinery is now under construction here for Nichols Copper Company. It will be the largest of its kind in the world.

Plyote—New highway will be constructed between this place and Grandfalls in the near future.

El Paso—Temporary trestle for new international bridge across Rio Grande is now under construction.

San Marcos—Fifteen modern tourist cottages are being built on Post Road.

Quitaque—Construction has started on a \$50,000 Hotel Quitaque.

Gorman—Burned Strand Theatre will be replaced with a new building.



Lubbock Chamber of Commerce recently appropriated \$12,000 to South Plains, Inc., to be used for advertising South Plains district.

The Plains Telephone Company will improve the Levelland exchange.

Blue Ridge—Two oil wells have been completed in this field.

### How to Raise Poultry

By Dr. L. D. LeGear, V. S., St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. LeGear is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, 1892. Thirty-six years of veterinary practice on diseases of live stock and poultry. Eminent authority on poultry and stock raising. Nationally known poultry breeder. Noted author and lecturer.

#### SAVE THE SOREHEADS

Simple Measures Applied Early May Ward Off Disaster From Chicken Pox, Says Dr. L. D. LeGear, V. S., of St. Louis, Mo.

"Go to bed with the chickens? Most certainly not!" exclaimed a well known radio entertainer in mock indignation. "No, indeed, I'd rather be able to sleep on those sticks the way they do." For more reasons than one, I am inclined to sympathize with this gentleman's point of view. Nevertheless, I firmly believe that, short of literally going to bed with them, the man who comes nearest to living with his chickens is going to get the greatest profit out of them. He will do so because he knows his flock both individually and collectively. The slightest change in their habits or appearance will immediately attract the attention and if disease threatens he is able to nip it in the bud long before it reaches the danger point.

Of course, not every one can give full time to the care of his fowls, nor is it altogether necessary. There are certain times every day when they must receive attention for feeding and the like. Then, scan each fowl as closely as possible and single out for closer examination any that show the slightest signs of possible disease which may crop up at any time, more especially in the fall of the year, is chicken pox or sorehead. As this disease may be carried by mosquitoes, your flock may become infected no matter how careful you have been to keep your own houses, yards and runs in a sanitary, healthful condition.

A number of eruptions or nodules varying from the size of a pinhead to that of a pea or hazelnut appear on the comb, wattles, eyelids, ear lobes, beak or nostrils, and sometimes on other parts of the body, such as the neck, legs, wings, the rump, under the wings and about the vent. On the body the nodules become larger than on the head. The nodules begin as small, red or reddish gray deposits with a shiny surface. They gradually enlarge, becoming wart-like in appearance, while the color changes to yellow or dark brown. As these nodules increase in number and the inflammation extends large areas around the body will become thick and covered with hard, dry crusts closing the nasal openings and eyelids, often making it difficult to open the beak.

If the attack is mild the eruptions are limited to the head, the nodules are distinct and small and the general health is not affected. The nodules seem dry, heal and shrink, the crusts become loose and recovery is rapid. But in malignant cases the eruption is more general, the nodules are large and there is considerable inflammation and thickening of large areas of skin. When the crusts are rubbed off there will be a watery discharge from the ulcerated surfaces, which will later thicken, become thick and yellow and will give off a disagreeable odor. In this type of the disease there is fever, rapid loss of flesh, prostration and death.

At the very first sign of this disease give the whole flock large doses of epsom salts, once each week for two or three weeks at least. Mix one pound of epsom salts in a small tempting wet mash feed for each one hundred leghorns, or one pound for each 75 of the heavier breeds. For half-grown stock give one-half the amount. Put the mash out in long troughs so they can all get to it and eat it up in a few minutes. If wet mash feed is not being given, the epsom salts can be put in the drinking water. But in a wet mash it is much more effective. Remove all affected fowls to a separate location well removed from the poultry flock. Then make a thorough clean up of all the houses, coops and feeding equipment.

#### Real Pasture Makes Cheap Feed for Dairy

Real pasture provides the cheapest dairy feed. It produces more milk than any other ration at one-tenth of the cost. Quite true, a cow cannot hold enough pasture feed to provide all required nutrients and some concentrates must be supplied.

This statement, made by J. P. LaMaster, chief of dairying of Clemson College, South Carolina, was inspired by the fact that he found that many dairy farmers are making the mistake of feeding cows almost exclusively on grain or concentrates, and according to the survey made by economists of Clemson, are often burning them out so they can be milked only three years.

LaMaster points out that the fact is overlooked that a cow is adapted to use large quantities of roughages. Roughages can be produced more cheaply than concentrates, and that feed is the greatest cost in milk production.

In addition to pastures, properly seeded and fertilized, LaMaster suggests a greater acreage of legume hay and silage.

The various experiment stations of the south have worked out proper seed mixtures for various conditions and soils. For instance, one of the several mixtures recommended by the North Carolina experiment station is for well-drained soils of sandy loam type of the coastal plain, and calls for eight pounds per acre of red top, seven pounds of tall meadow oat, seven of orchard grass, five of mammoth clover, and three of white clover; or 13 of orchard grass, eight of red top, five of Japan clover, and four of white clover; or seven red top, nine orchard grass, seven tall meadow oat, four Albion clover and three white clover. Other mixtures for bottom lands in the coastal plain section to be sown in the spring, and for lowlands in the hilly, mountainous sections are given out by the North Carolina station and county agents. Similar mixture recommendations may be obtained by farmers by writing their own experiment stations or consulting their county farm agent.

Heavy applications of well-rotted barnyard manure, supplemented by commercial fertilizers, are good for pastures.

The city of New Braunfels was established by German colonists in 1845.

## WHAT - KNOTS

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Published in the interest of the people of Hico and vicinity.

Yes, sir, there's no place like home. Where else can a fellow trust the hash?

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The Boss: "Robert, I hope you try to save half of what you earn."

Office Boy: "I do not get that much, sir."

We can buy cheaper merchandise in almost every line we handle. But to the customer who buys it, it wouldn't be cheaper. We have found it pays to stick to standard merchandise. Our customers prefer it. We just want to enumerate a few brands of materials we handle, the qualities of which you are all familiar: Certainteed Roofing, Long-Bell, Esco, and R. W. Weir's lumber, "Fifty Year Shingles," American and Ellwood Fencing, DuPont Paints—

and many other standard brands of materials. The trouble seems to be that there is not room in a driver for both horse sense and white mule.

Customer: "Waiter, what's wrong with this chicken?"  
Waiter: "It's been in a fight, sir."  
Customer: "Well, take it back and bring me the winner."

There's nothing the matter with life, and the sunshine never is dim. For the man who's in love with his wife, if his wife is in love with him.

Barnes & McCullough  
HICO, TEXAS

Alpine—Prospects are bright for oil wells in this vicinity.

Plainview—Road improvement program is underway here.

Alpine—School facilities of this place will be improved in the near future.

Dalhart—Plans are underway for an 18-hole golf course at Dalhart Golf Club.

Austin—State of Texas will receive \$4,531,162 as federal aid in the construction of highways during the fiscal year beginning next July.

Mason—Sheep and goat population of Mason County trebled in the last five years, due partly to the extermination of wolves, wildcats and foxes.

Alpine—Street paving project will be started shortly.

Woodsboro—A new hotel building is under construction here.

Cooledge—Mexia highway construction is progressing steadily.

A modern gymnasium will be built for the high school at Celeste.

Improvements are planned for Victoria mine, fourteen miles south of Sierra Blanca.

Bank deposits in Corpus Christi have increased more than \$2,000,000 during the past year.

Seguin—Pecan growers of Guadalupe County have sold three carloads of pecans cooperatively.




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Hico, Texas, Friday, February 1, 1929

**Column for Readers to Be Started**

When the political campaign was at its height, newspapers received carloads of letters from readers concerning Al Smith, Herbert Hoover, and the issues at stake. Most of these letters, sorry to say, were bitter in spirit, biased in judgment, and resulted in good to neither their writers nor their readers. Heat from the political stove warped men's neighborliness and good fellowship, progressiveness and contentment much of the time.

Now that the political stove is at an even heat, and the fireplace or coal stove has taken its place, why cannot farmers' merchants, and everyone else who can handle a pen or pencil, write occasionally about his fellow man in a kindly spirit?

The News Review believes there are few men or women in this section who do not have original ideas that would benefit their neighbors. So strongly is it convinced of this fact that it is throwing its columns open this week to letters from anyone on any subject that affects the welfare of people in Hamilton and adjoining counties. If letters from subscribers come so thick and fast that other matter is crowded off the editorial columns, then the editorial page will become a people's page. Of course no such rush is expected, but a ready response is expected and hoped for.

This is a thinking age. A person of any accountable age who sits back and lets someone else do his thinking is back number. Thoughts put into print are usually much more effective than spoken ones because they reach more people. The News Review is glad of the opportunity to give its readers a chance to put their thoughts on paper.

The most welcome letters will be those dealing with problems of farmers, dairymen and poultrymen in this section. It is hoped that some letters will be written that will help solve some of the questions facing our neighbors and friends.

Send in your letters if you like his suggestion. Your idea may be the very one that will save your neighbor money or help him to a better understanding of the attitudes of the people among whom he lives.

**Facts to Prove It**

This time it is insurance. It pays to buy anything and everything from the home town merchant, but people seldom think of buying in terms of anything except food for their tomach, tools for their hands, and their material things, that it is worth while to call the attention of the community-minded reader to the front page article concerning the fire near Hico last Friday.

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**Our Buyers**

Miss Zella Mirn Duncan and T. A. Duncan, have just returned from

**MARKET**

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that paying your neighbor merchant for an article, for insurance, or for good will, is a paying proposition. Once the buy-it-at-home movement was a selfish one on the part of the merchants, because they had neither the goods nor the service to compete with the out-of-town seller. Now it is the only movement that can build a community. It is the only movement by which every Hamilton county man or woman can help every other Hamilton county man or woman.

In the words of another editor: "Trust your business upon the local merchants and force them to prosper, that they, prospering, will make the community prosper and bring more prospering merchants and buyers in through competition reduce the prices, and increase quality and stocks from which to choose."

**What Makes People Busy**

What draws customers to a modern American store, anyway? Low price, courteous service, good materials—what?

A writer in the current issue of the American Druggists recently made a survey of drug store customers to get the answer to that question. Here is what he learned about why people trade at certain stores in preference to others:

Cleanliness and attractiveness of appearance ranked as the chief reasons. Next came the promptness of service and quickness of delivery of ordered goods. Pleasant employees and courteous service were linked in third place, size of assortment of goods ranked fourth, and low prices came last.—Santa Anna News.

**Converts Neighbor To Better Farming**

Austin, Jan. 31.—After demonstrating the value of terracing, crop rotation and use of good seed for 15 years, H. A. Nauert, who lives near here, has at last convinced a skeptical neighbor that these practices pay. For last year Mr. Nauert gathered 37 bales of cotton from 48 terraced acres planted to pure first year seed, while the neighbor took in but 11 bales from 50 acres. More than this, the former cotton stapled one and one-eighth inches, while the smaller crop measured only seven-eighths inch in staple length. The income from the well handled 48 acre field was more than three times that of the similarly situated and slightly larger neighboring field.

"It all goes back to 1914," says Walter E. Davis, veteran county agent, "when Mr. Nauert began a terracing program which resulted in every acre being protected from soil erosion four years ago. Since then he has plowed early and deep, never burned any crop residues, and scattered all the manure he has on the farm. He rotates his crops and uses the best obtainable seed to get uniformly good crops year in and year out."

**Draperies Made by Students at Tech**

Lubbock, Jan. 24.—Draperies for display purposes are now being made by juniors and seniors in the department of textile engineering in Texas Technological College. The seniors are making blue, green, slate, and orange draperies of cotton warp with gold, blue, and rose rayon fillings. The draperies being made by the juniors are of blue, brown, and white cotton, with white rayon fillings; juniors are also weaving red and black double plain cotton cloth. All yarns are being dyed by the seniors, while both classes are doing the spinning.

Philip Hyatt, who is now attending Baylor University and who will graduate this spring, has made the highest scholastic record so far of any student ever attending the institution, and the school is nearly 84 years old. Mr. Hyatt's record is as follows: 26 A pluses and six A's.

The value of products of home demonstration club women in rural communities in Hunt county last year reaches a total of \$220,813.03, according to a report just issued by Miss Myrtle Miller, county home demonstration agent.

**NEWS FROM IREDELL COMMUNITY**

By MISS STELLA JONES

Mrs. Don Cunningham and children of Fort Worth, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery.

Mr. Tom Davis and daughter, Eunice, were in Hico Saturday.

Tom Davis was in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Mrs. Tom Boone of near Fairy was the guest of Mrs. A. A. Pike Tuesday.

Donald McGregor, the manager of the carnival of which was here last summer, passed through here Monday, en route to his home in Fort Worth.

Jim Davis was in Fort Worth Monday, returning the following day.

Rev. Mr. Hardwick and sons of near Meridian, visited Mr. and Mrs. During Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon the high school boys and girls of Morgan came and played a game of basket ball with the Ireddell high school girls and boys. The score for the girls was Morgan 34 and Ireddell 4. The boys game was Ireddell 22 and Morgan 13.

Mrs. Bud Mitchell and Mrs. Nance were in Cisco Monday to see Mrs. Mitchell. They returned Wednesday. They also visited in Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Doyal of California are here visiting his sister, Mrs. A. R. Parks and other relatives.

Walter Chaffin and family moved to the Charlie Mitchell house this week, which is one and one-half miles south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Mal Parks, who lived east of Dallas, came in and will make this their home. They are living in the house which is owned by Dan McKinney.

Mrs. Emma Arington, of Lamesa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. R. Parks here.

Rev. Grass delivered two fine sermons to his church Sunday morning and evening.

This last week, while the DeWolfe Dixie shows were here, Mr. DeWolfe gave a fine talk to the school on Friday morning at the school auditorium.

Ireddell has another grocery store which is run on the plan of Piggy Wiggly and is owned by Mr. Shaffer of Waco, but is managed by Mr. Sloan of Comanche.

Mrs. U. T. Locker has been very ill with the flu for some time.

Mrs. John Tidwell, Misses Eugenia Pike and Eddie B. Laurance, were ill with the flu last week but are recovering now.

**WHAT'S DOING IN WESTERN TEXAS**

One of the major projects of the Rock Springs vocational agriculture class is the construction of kid shelter boxes for ranchmen. This is done with no expense to the ranchmen provided they supply the desired amount of material.

The building of the new modern two story brick Masonic hall at Ralls is under way, the corner stone having been laid recently. The building is to cost \$20,000, the upper story to be used exclusively for lodge activities and to include lodge rooms, banquet rooms, kitchenette, and modern conveniences.

Guy Powell is the new Wise county agent, according to the Decatur News. He has had practical and college experience in every department of farm and rural life, having graduated from A. & M. He was manager of the first cow testing association organized in Texas.

The work of remodeling and enlarging the show room for the Morgan Chevrolet Company at Olney has just about been completed, and the new arrangement will more than double the floor space. A hundred foot frontage completely enclosed in plate glass is one of the features of the building.

A swimming pool to cost approximately \$20,000 is one of the objectives of the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce. Visiting engineers assure the city of a supply of water that will be as pure as drinking water. This will be the initial step in the building of a large recreation center.

A \$75,000 school building program is now under way at Stamford, and will be completed March 1. A manual training building, a home economics department, a new elementary school, and a keeper's cottage are being erected on the campus. An addition is also being built on the high school.

Work is to start on road paving in Fabens, according to County Judge E. B. McClinton and County Engineer Fred Wilson. The paving will extend from below the Fabens Compress through town, and to the Hansen road on the Island.

Because there were no destructive fires last year Moran was granted a three per cent reduction in fire insurance key rate the first of the year. Moran also has a fire marshal and an active fire department.

FOR SALE—Two 600 Buckeye incubators and one 400 Queen incubator, in good condition. See Robert Hancock, Hico.

**RURAL GROVE NEWS**

The health of the community is improving and the farmers are preparing their land for future crops. The young people enjoyed a singing at the church Sunday night.

Misses Beatrice and Lora Royal are spending a few days with her brother, Clary Royal near Walnut Springs. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kilgo and daughters, Nethe and Theima Kilgo, visited relatives near Hamilton Sunday.

Several of this community attended the party at Clark Royal's Saturday night, and report a nice time.

Rev. M. Shannon filled his regular appointment, at Jourdin, Sunday.

Joe Hudson, Rev. M. Shannon and M. Webb and wife, were in Dallas on business Tuesday.

John Hudson took his sister, Mrs. Sills to Cleburne Sunday. She has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bob Shannon.

**COMING SOON**

Watch for the date of the play, "FINGERS" which will be presented here by the Boy Scouts Troup 60. Benefits will be used for equipment for the Scouts.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

T. A. Duncan and Miss Zella Mirm Duncan spent the first of the week in Dallas, buying spring merchandise for Duncan Brothers Store here. They were accompanied by C. R. Duncan, of Clifton, who will market for the Duncan Brothers Store at Clifton.

Misses Evelyn and Nell Haynes and Ollie Davis spent Sunday in the Bob Murworth home near De Leon. Ollie's mother, Mrs. Maggie Davis, accompanied them home.

Gardening season is here. We have plants, bulk seeds and package seeds. Leach Variety Store.

Miss Annie Mae Turner, who is teaching at Iredell, spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. B. F. Turner. Miss Bessie Lee Mitchell of Iredell, was Miss Turner's guest over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitt Pittman, of Dublin, were here Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. A. J. Jordan.

Make your plans to see the play "Fingers," which the boy scouts will present here soon. Watch for date.

Mrs. Tom Boone and daughter, Miss Lois, visited in the Henry Burden home at Fairy Sunday.

Mrs. T. A. Evans has returned to her home at Houston, after a visit with her father, W. R. Higgins, and other relatives.

Miss Thelma Turner spent a part of the week in Waco with relatives.

See our line of bulk garden seed. They come cheaper. Leach Variety Store.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boustead and children, of Goldthwaite, were here Sunday, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruby French and children, of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Eakins of Cisco, and Mr. and Vernon French of Fort Worth, were guests here Sunday in the P. French home.

Clinton Leeth, who is employed in the Ferguson Creamery at Clifton, was here Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Leeth.

"Fingers" will be presented here soon by the boy scouts, troop 60, and benefits will be used for equipment for them. Watch for date.

W. R. Higgins, who has been ill for the past several weeks, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Diltz and daughter, Miss Etoile, spent Sunday in Clifton with relatives.

White Bermuda onion plants at 10 cents per hundred. Leach Variety Store.

Mrs. Laura J. Johnston, of San Antonio, is here on an extended visit with her son and wife, attorney and Mrs. A. C. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Welch, of Stephenville were here Sunday, guests in the Clinton Richbourg home.

Frost proof cabbage plants, 25 cents per hundred. Leach Variety Store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Doyle, of Long Beach, California, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ike Langston. Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Langston are cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tumlin and daughter, Nadine, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brummett, at Fairy.

"Fingers" is coming in play form, presented by local boy scouts. Be present and help a worthy cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy French and children have rented the downstairs of Mrs. R. W. Purdom's home and are moving into it this week. Mrs. Purdom and daughter, Mrs. Birdie French, will occupy an apartment upstairs.

Mrs. Hattie Norton sold her residence here in the east part of town last week to Mrs. M. A. Blair, and the latter with Mrs. Munnerly will move into same this week.

Tom Walker and family, Bulus Walker and family, and Robert McKeage and family, who live in nearby communities, were here visiting their father, Alex Walker, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Farmer spent Sunday in Stephenville, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dine Farmer.

Miss Lola Mae Williamson spent the week-end in Hamilton, guests of Miss Mary Sikes.

We are headquarters for bulk garden seed. Leach Variety Store.

Arthur Talley and sister, Miss Vivian, of Fort Worth, spent the week-end here visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Driskell. Their mother, Mrs. Effie Talley, returned home with them.

Bernard Ogle, of Walnut Springs, was here Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ogle.

Miss Bernice Wren spent the week-end in Iredell with her mother.

Miss Hattie Mae Gray, of Clifton, was here Sunday, guest of Miss Pauline Driskell.

Plant flowers and buy your flower seeds at Leach Variety Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Harris and children, of Albany, came over Sunday and spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Chandler and son, Pat.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Broyn and Mrs. Anna Driskell were in Dallas the first of the week, where Mr. and Mrs. Brown were buying spring merchandise for their Ready-to-wear Shoppe here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Woodward, of Plainview, were here over the week-end, guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Woodward.

Mrs. Henry Burden, of the Fairy Community, was here Monday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Leeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roddy have returned home from Paris, where Mrs. Roddy underwent a nasal operation. She is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Calhoun, and sons, of Hamilton, were here Sunday visiting friends.

Mrs. Frances Tunnell, accompanied by Mrs. Williams of Hamilton, left Sunday for Dallas to attend the style shows and do marketing for their ready-to-wear stores.

Our ample stock of dresses and dress accessories comprises a variety of styles from which each may choose in accord with her wishes. You must see our new spring line of women's wear.—The Vogue.

Real reductions in cost of women's wear at the Vogue. As usual, quality is of first consideration when buying, so we guarantee that.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCullough and daughter, Mary Ella, spent the week-end with their parents at Goldthwaite.

Mrs. Susie Sloan of Cameron, who will be in charge of the millinery and ready-to-wear department at Petty Brothers store, is in the eastern markets purchasing spring merchandise for the firm.

**Powers-Faulk**

The marriage of Miss Ilda Powers and Mr. Melvin Faulk occurred Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage, the Rev. Paul W. Evans officiating, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Lampasas, Mrs. J. H. Whittlesey, Mrs. Paul W. Evans and Rev. J. A. Dosier.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powers of Hico, and Mr. Faulk is a son of Mrs. Jim Faulk, both families being residents of Hico. The couple will make their home here, as Mr. Faulk is employed at the City Tailor Shop. They have rooms at Mrs. R. V. Stockon's.

**Review Club Holds Interesting Meeting**

Mrs. Lawrence Lane was hostess to the Review Club Saturday, January 26. Mrs. C. L. Woodward conducted the program, the subject of study being "The Art of Florence."

Roll call was answered with quotations from some poet inspired by Italy's beauty. Three minute talks were made by each speaker. The following program was rendered: "The Medici Family," Mrs. Harry Gleason. "Pitti Palace," Miss Charlotte Mingus. "The Uffizzi Palace," Mrs. Hugh McCullough. "The Gates of Paradise," Mrs. L. L. Hudson. "The Cathedral," Mrs. Earl Lynch. "The Campanile," Mrs. C. G. Masterson. "The Winged Mercury," Mrs. Albert C. Johnston. "Michael Angelo's 'David,'" Mrs. Guy Aycock.

"What artist of Florence was employed by the French king," Mrs. Frank Mingus. In concluding, each member present related a current event. The next meeting will be held February 9 at the home of Mrs. S. E. Blair, with Mrs. T. B. Lane as hostess, and Mrs. E. H. Persons as program leader.

**HOLLIS NEWS**

The norther that struck last Friday morning has been furnishing some real winter weather.

Jewel Wolfe and family, and Cecil Mayfield and wife of Salem spent last Thursday night with H. Koonsman and family.

Misses Lillian Lambert and Faye Koonsman visited relatives in the Duffau section Friday night.

Mrs. Dock Vickory of Hico spent Friday and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. B. L. Hollis.

John Lambert and wife visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson, and family of Duffau Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Ollie Ferguson and children of Stephenville visited Mrs. Ferguson's grandmother, Mrs. B. L. Hollis, Sunday afternoon.

Will Rogers motored to Stephenville Monday on business.

Miss Mollie Bell Burgen of Duffau spent Sunday with Miss Grace Vincent.

Glen Higginbotham of Hog Jaw spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mack and Homer Koonsman.

Goog Lambert, wife and daughter, Miss Dimple, spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Dora Lambert, and children.

Charlie Koonsman, wife and son, Rudolph, and Will Hasten of Salem spent Sunday with Edd Koonsman and family of Iredell.

Estes McIntire and Miss Jocie Mackey visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayfield Saturday evening.

Wylie Roberts and wife of Hico spent Sunday with Henry Hyde and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Burch and daughter, Miss Joyce, of Exray, spent Saturday night with H. Koonsman and family.

Hico Business College will open about Thursday, February 21. First 15 enrolled save \$25. See, write or phone Rev. J. A. Dosier at Fewell's Shoe Shop, phone 142. Residence phone 64.

**BUCK SPRING NEWS**

The pretty weather has put almost everyone in this community on his feet again after the flu siege.

Odie Faircloth of Runnels county came down Sunday after his wife and children, who have been with his parents for some time. They will return by Comyn to spend a few days with her parents.

Miss Johnnie Lackey spent the week-end with homefolks.

K. D. Peterson of San Angelo was in this community over the week-end, looking after business matters.

Miss Vera Grissom was visiting the school here Monday.

Mrs. Ethel Slaughter spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kilpatrick.

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D. D. Tidwell attended church at Duffau Sunday.

Mrs. C. L. Tidwell spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Williams.

**HONEY GROVE NEWS**

The young people enjoyed a party in the Perry Clepper home Saturday night.

Miss Hazel Jordan has been staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, of Carlton, who have been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Stuckey visited relatives near Hamilton Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Esta Lee Jordan spent the week-end with Miss Waddie Bee Looney of Hico.

Dimon Doyle of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Doyle, and family a few days last week.

(Delayed Honey Grove News) Rev. H. Gibson filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday morning.

W. A. Moss and family have purchased a new Whippet.

Miss Ora Gilbreath spent the week-end with homefolks near Dublin.

W. H. Tinsley and family have purchased a Chevrolet roadster.

The county demonstrator of Hamilton was at J. S. Lemmon's place Friday surveying terraces.

**FLAG BRANCH NEWS**

Rev. Lloyd Lester filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Miss Iva Hanshaw spent Saturday with Mrs. Dennis Davis.

F. D. Craig and family visited J. A. Flannery of Rainbow Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Pruitt spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. L. E. Flannery.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bandy spent a few days the past week in the John Cooper home.

Most of the pupils are back in the school after having the flu.

Hugh Graves and Will Hanshaw visited one day the past week with Claude Pruitt.

**MOUNT PLEASANT**

Well, hello, folks. Here we are again after several months of silence.

We had the coldest spell of the season last Thursday and Friday.

F. A. Allison and wife of Fairy visited his father and family, H. M. Allison, of this place.

J. T. Abel and family visited in Carlton Sunday.

W. F. Ford is visiting relatives at Carlton.

Ovee Clark has rented a place in the Long Point community and he and his father have been up there sowing oats the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Allison and daughters, Annie and Doris, visited in the S. M. Kelley home in the Long Point community Saturday evening.

C. G. Jermstad of Cranfills Gap has established a produce route in this community. He buys eggs, cream, chickens and turkeys.

A few cases of flu remain here yet, but none of them are serious.

**Missionary Social at Mrs. Randals' Home**

The Methodist Ladies met with Mrs. Lusk Randals, new president, Monday. Mrs. Jackson, retiring president, had charge of the program. The general theme was "After the Jubilee, What?" Pressing needs of the missionary fields were brought out.

Interesting items from the monthly bulletin were read, and the work seems to be progressing, although not as well as some of the members would like.

Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Gamble sang very effectively "Face to Face," accompanied by Miss Eakins. A new campaign was begun to increase subscriptions to Missionary Voice, much to the delight of the agent, Mrs. Cole.

After the program and business session, the hostess served delicious refreshments. Ladies attending were: Mmes. Gamble, Persons, Lane, Randals, Eakins, Cole, Jackson, Ridenhower, Lincoln Ford, Ed Ford, Alexander, Scott, Newsome, T. A. Randals, Malone and Evans; Miss Eakins, and Rev. Paul W. Evans as honorary member.—Reporter.

**Funeral Services for Mrs. Porter's Brother Held at Old Home**

Funeral services were held in Hamilton last Thursday afternoon for Sanford Shannon, brother of Mrs. E. F. Porter of Hico, who died last Tuesday at his home in Fort Worth of pneumonia, which developed from the flu. Rev. George J. Ruth, pastor of the Central Christian church of Hamilton, conducted the services. Interment was made in the Hamilton cemetery.

Mr. Shannon was reared in Hamilton, but was known to many people in Hico, through his visits made here to his sister and family. He is the son of Mrs. Hettie Shannon, now of Fort Worth. He was 45 years old, and leaves to mourn his death his wife; two children, James, nine years old, and Mary Jane, four years old; his mother and three sisters, Mrs. E. F. Porter of Hico, Mrs. Stratton Gillis and Miss Lona Shannon of Fort Worth; his uncles and aunts, F. H. Baker, Mrs. R. P. Edgar, John B. Baker, and Mrs. M. A. Boone of Dallas; Mrs. Maggie Mathews of Bertram, and Mrs. D. B. Holland of Midlothian. He was a member of the Christian church.

**COUNTY LINE NEWS**

Mrs. Jean Mackey and children spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Jim Luckie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chaney visited his parents near Spring Creek.

Lillie Mae Adkison spent Wednesday night with Nona Mayfield of Hico.

Dorothy Cole spent Wednesday and Thursday nights with her cousin, Ardis Cole, of Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Polack and daughter, Mabel, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adkison and Lillie Mae visited in the Roy Adkison home Sunday.

Nona Mayfield and Lillie Mae Adkison visited Johnnie Copeland Wednesday night.

**SOMETHING YOU KNOW IS TRUE**

Without our teeth there can not be chewing, without chewing, there can not be digestion, without digestion there can not be nourishment.

Without nourishment, there can not be health and efficiency.

Without health, what is life? We are just as old as our mouths make us. Nature gives us a full mouth of teeth, a beautiful piece of mechanism designed to make our health and enhance our outward appearance.

But do you treat it like you do your Car? You have your car looked after occasionally, some times cleaned and polished, also the holes in your tires and tubes repaired. Why not your teeth?

Have you all your teeth or only a few? And those not able to do the drove your car missing in only one cylinder and expect it to pull the load, and teeth put in perfect condition.

Are you hitting on all, or are you missing in some and riding on the work of chewing your food?

You would be laughed at if you rim?

What about your children? Are they starting life with good sound teeth. Are you giving them a square deal by seeing that they get the best out of life in good health?

Start the New Year right. Have yours and your loved ones' mouths your money as good Dentistry.

In selecting a man to look after your automobile you consider his training, his ability, his integrity and his equipment to do the work and you do not consider how cheap but how good.

There is as wide a range of prices in Dental materials, and equipment as there is in merchandise. You pay more for a Stetson hat than you do for a wool one, more for a silk dress than a cotton one.

We use nothing but the very best and most expensive materials in our operating, and in our laboratories.

We have the best equipped dental office ever in Hico. We are always in Hico all day Tuesday and Friday of each week with a lady assistant. Office over Ford sales. Phone 276.

can not buy life, health, and good looks.

There is nothing in the world as cheap or that you get as much for You can buy a new Car, but you We would be glad to consult with ou of your needs and make a thorough examination of your teeth without charge.

**Dr. Baker and Baker**  
DENTAL SURGEONS  
Hico, Texas

Miss Deffie Lackey spent the first of the week in Duffau, guest of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Martin, and family.

Mrs. J. B. Pool has returned home from a visit to relatives at De Leon. She has been quite ill since her return. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. White of Thurber were here Tuesday visiting Mrs. B. F. Turner and family.

Survivors were busy last week on the campus of Baylor University securing data for a contour map of the lay of the land, according to George Beelw, university business manager. The map is being prepared for use in the future building program of the university.

The Texas railroad commission was established in Governor Jim Hogg's administration in 1891.

The old capitol of Texas burned in 1881 and the present capitol at Austin was completed in 1888. The present structure was built at a cost of 3,000,000 acres of land.

The University of Texas at Austin was established in 1883.

There are 106 daily and 662 weekly newspapers in Texas.

The present constitution of Texas was ratified by the people in 1876.

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**A SOLE SAVING Institution**

I save many soles to the parson's one;

I heel many, where the doctor heels none.

TIME TO REBUILD YOUR SHOES

Ask those we serve

**HOUSTON SHOE SHOP**

Hico, Texas

**Never Take Chances**

when you don't have to—

Have those shoes repaired now.

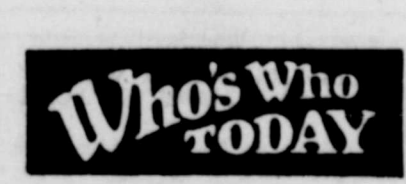
**A. A. FEWELL**

**FORDS FOR SALE!**

- One 1926 Ford Roadster—a dandy.
- 1 Little Four Touring Overland, in perfect shape in every way, worth \$250; can be bought for **\$165.00**
- 1 Packard Touring Car, up in tip top shape, worth \$500.00, will sacrifice for **\$275.00**
- 2 Ford Tourings in good shape, 1924 Models.
- 2-Door Ford Sedan, worth the money.
- 1 Ford Touring, good rubber, ready to go **\$35.00**

If you are in the market for a car you should see these values before you buy as they are priced to sell quick.

**Willis Motor Co.**  
FRANK MINGUS, SALESMAN



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Anybody who intrusts money to our bank does so as an investment. But such folks are entitled to something more than interest on such investment.

They are entitled to service, and they get it. It is our sincere desire to help everyone in solving financial and business problems. Call upon us.

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WILL PAY HIGHEST MARKET PRICES POSSIBLE  
AT ALL TIMES FOR YOUR PRODUCE  
Come in and see me at the  
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## Why Hatch Chicks?

LET US MAKE THE NECESSARY INVESTMENT

With our baby chicks you cut out all the anxiety, expense, bother and uncertainty of home incubation. You are guaranteed a definite number of chicks when you want them; in fact, you can literally "count them before they are hatched." It is easier to care for, to feed, and to successfully raise a large number of chicks of the same age than to "dabble" along with several small lots, each of different sizes and age, and each demanding different environments and care. In this case one bunch will actually stand in the way of another's development. You can concentrate your efforts and achieve the greatest results with the smallest number of differences in your flocks. Doesn't this stand to reason?

### LESS HANDLING—MORE PROFITS

Then, too, your broilers can be brought on when most advantageous for market, and can be disposed of all at once, with least handling and consequently greater profit. Your pullets will all be of the same age, and will be ready for laying at practically the same time. But, then, if you hatch your own chicks, you must maintain all the year around a breeding flock, (males and females) large enough to produce your supply of chicks for the coming season. And to keep your flocks up to profit-making perfection, you must replace at least half the breeding flock each year and new male blood from time to time at no slight cost. Figure it out for yourself—you will find that it is actually cheaper to buy baby chicks even of very high quality. Send in your order today for our quality bred baby chicks.

#### PRICE LIST

##### Single Comb White Leghorns

100	\$12.00
500	\$57.50
1000	\$110.00

##### Barred and White Rocks

100	\$14.00
500	\$67.50
1000	\$130.00

##### Single Comb Rhode Island Reds

100	\$14.00
500	\$67.50
1000	\$130.00

#### TERMS

\$2.00 per 100 chicks deposit is required at the time your order is booked. We will notify you when your chicks are ready. Hatches each Monday.

### LET US DO YOUR CUSTOM HATCHING

More and more poultry raisers who wish to have chicks from their own flocks are having us to do their custom hatching. We are prepared to handle any quantity if you tell us in advance. Bring or ship your eggs to us and we will give them the same care as our own. We make sure your eggs are not mixed with others. You save worry, time and money when we do your hatching.

\$3.50 per tray of 116 Eggs

## LYLE GOLDEN

Hico : : Texas

#### CALIFORNIA MOTORCADE WILL START TOMORROW

The agricultural motorcade to California, being sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which has been delayed on account of lack of bus facilities, will start tomorrow, February 2.

This was the announcement made after a communication with R. C. Bowen, of the West Texas Coaches, of Fort Worth, by phone last Saturday by members of the Stamford headquarters office of the regional organization. Mr. Bowen explained that several of the big busses belonging to the company were in the repair shop. These were to substitute the bus chartered by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for the journey while it was away on its trip to California.

B. M. Whitaker, agricultural manager, who is sponsoring the trip, is concluding the details of the trip at this time, and accepting last-minute reservations.

Whitaker said: "To farmers interested in the poultry industry, these trips offer opportunity for first-hand study of California's method of feeding, housing and marketing. Astonishing profits are made, even after the western poultryman has bought his high-price feed, much of it grain sorghum from our own West Texas, at a cost of from \$50 to \$100 per ton. And he operates on land costing \$1,000 to \$3,000 per acre, and that is no better—often not so good—than West Texas land.

"Successful dairy farmers and irrigationists will also be visited. The itinerary will include the Los Angeles and San Francisco districts, also Petaluma, where more than 9,000,000 hens are consuming West Texas feeds. There will be side trips to San Joaquin and Sacramento irrigation projects, Burbank gardens and orchards, all for \$50 the round trip, covering transportation and side trips. The entire trip, taking from 12 to 14 days, to go and return, may be made for \$90 per person.

"These tours are strictly business, and those going for pleasure or sight-seeing only are going to find themselves disappointed."

Mathis—Construction of a dam at this place for the city of Corpus Christi is rapidly nearing completion.

#### ELLIS LEGISLATOR WOULD PUT LIMIT ON ACREAGE

Austin, Jan. 30.—Providing a tax of \$25 per acre to be imposed on any farmer who planted more acres of cotton than the maximum allowed by a state board, a bill seeking to control cotton production in Texas has been introduced in the state legislature by Representative McDonald of Ellis county.

Control of the cotton acreage from year to year is sought in the bill as a means of eliminating the pink boll weevil and boll worm, and the control of the destructive root-rot plague. McDonald likewise points out in his bill that his measure would make possible the rebuilding of the soil fertility of Texas, which is being depleted by failure to rotate crops.

The proposed measure stipulated the formation of a cotton conservation commission consisting of five members, four of whom would be appointed by the governor and the fifth to be the president of A. & M. College. It would be the duty of the board to study cotton diseases and their control, and to regulate the amount of cotton that should be produced on Texas soil each year.

This information and acreage limits would be sent to the county judge and further disseminated by way of the county commissioners' court and by public notices of the amount of cotton each farmer should be privileged to raise, according to McDonald's plan.

Refusal on the part of any farmer to cooperate with the commission in the eradication of the disease would be punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

The bill calls for an appropriation of \$50,000 to carry out its provisions.

West Texas Gas Company is constructing a pipe line in the vicinity of Wilson.

Marshall—\$30,000 will be expended for a dormitory to replace the building recently burned at the College of Marshall.

Will Hardy Barber Shop IS APPRECIATED" Hico, Texas

## New Instruments Enable U. S. Bureau To Use "Yardstick" 192 Miles Long

How far can you take a measurement in a single stretch?

A few feet, perhaps, with the tape, or a few hundred feet with the surveyor's transit.

That, however, is a mere fraction compared with the measurements taken in one jump by surveyors and engineers of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. Their yardsticks have reached as far as 192 miles in one stretch, and that's not the limit either, in the opinion of Dr. William Bowie who is chief of the Geodesy Division.

When it comes to these long distances, surveying becomes a complicated problem. There are ridges and hills and valleys to consider, and above all there's the curvature of the earth.

#### 200-Mile Surveys Made

How far out at sea can you discern an object? Not very far, on account of the earth's roundness. You'd just barely see the tip of a ship 57 feet high ten miles out at sea, if you stood at sea level. That's how much the earth drops in ten miles.

Consider then measuring the earth as far as 200 miles. You'd have to get up high to do this, or your line of sight would soon be reaching out into the sky.

The long distances measured by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, of course, reach from mountain to mountain, for this reason. The longest so far measured is the 192-mile stretch between Mt. Shasta and Mt. Helena in California.

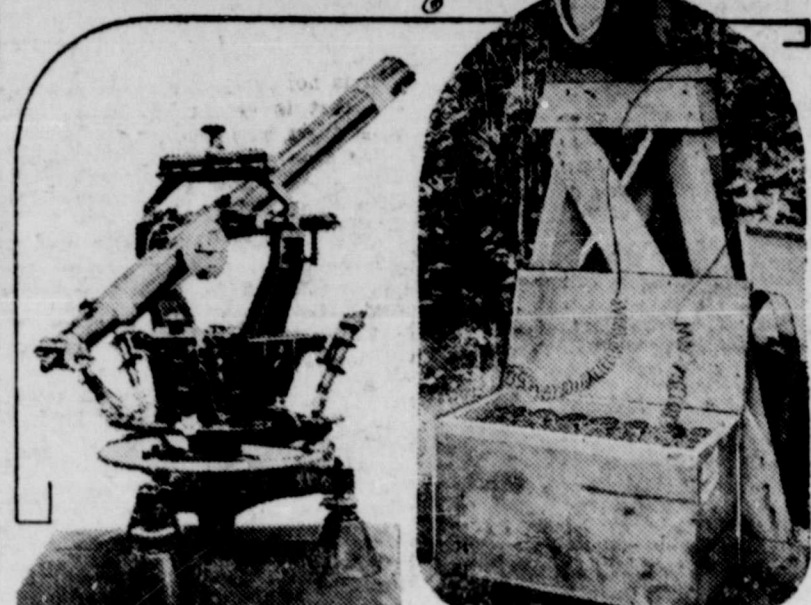
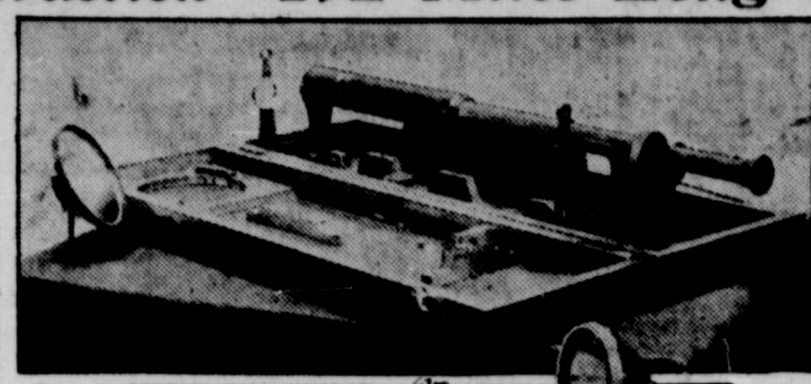
The question arises, how can such a distance be measured without a definite standard like a foot rule or yard stick. That's easy. It's done by measuring angles!

#### Instruments Sensitive

Surveyors do that for short distances. They put down a base line of known length, put their transit over one end and sight the point to which the distance is to be measured. After noting the angle the instrument has been turned from the base line, they repeat this at the other end.

Then it's all a matter of mathematical computation.

In extremely long distances, however, the surveyors must use special instruments in order to see their objectives. And they must make an additional computation



United States government engineers use these remarkable instruments to survey tracts of land sometimes 200 miles long. The special lamp which plays an important part in the surveys is shown at the right. -Top: A delicate instrument known as a "heliometer." Left: A "theodolite" or super-sensitive surveyor's transit.

to consider differences in height. The instrument they use that corresponds to the surveyor's transit is called a theodolite, a much more sensitive and exact apparatus. This can be used at night, when a light is directed at it from the point to be sighted. The light used is a simple automobile headlight containing a special lamp with contracted filament.

In the daytime, however, when the sun is shining a heliometer is used. This consists in general of a mirror and two pointers mounted on a board. The mirror is tilted so that the sun's reflected rays

have the same direction as the line joining the two pointers, which are sighted toward the station at which the observer is working. With the heliometer at one end and the observer at the other, the angle of the line of sight to the base line can be measured.

This is termed "triangulation." It's used mostly in measuring the distances and positions of islands from the mainland. Height at all times must be considered, for an island not many feet above sea level couldn't be sighted afar, unless the observer were at a high level on land.

#### Farmers Seek Funds For Spring Crops

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Due to heavy rainfalls, wind storms and general suitable weather conditions during last season the crops of the farmers in the southeastern part of the country were practically ruined last year. On a great number of the farms the amount realized from the produce did not pay for the fertilizer used. There were very few instances where expenses were made. As a result the farmers of that part of the country are not in a position to purchase fertilizer, seed and other necessary essentials to plant new crops in the spring.

In order to alleviate this situation Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina introduced a joint resolution in the senate providing for funds to be used for the relief of these stricken farmers. This resolution, as amended by Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, to include orchards and nursery stock destroyed in the storm districts of Florida, passed the senate. It has been before the agricultural committee of the house and was referred to the agricultural department for further information concerning the matters with which it dealt. The South Carolina delegation, headed by Senator Smith, and Congressman Hampton P. Fulmer of that state, had a conference with Secretary William M. Jardine of the agricultural department. It is expected that this bill will come up for some action by the house before the close of this session of congress.

The railroads of Our Country attained, in 1928, the greatest operating efficiency and economy in history and gave the highest character of service to the public, says President Aishton of American Railway association.

#### AGED HAMILTON COUNTY WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. L. E. McKenzie, 81 years old, one of the oldest pioneers of Hamilton county, died Tuesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Johnson, near Carlton. Funeral services for Mrs. McKenzie, who had lived in Carlton for 50 years, were held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Surviving Mrs. McKenzie are six sons and two daughters. The children are Dr. W. H. McKenzie of Waxahatchie; B. W. McKenzie, mayor of Denton; W. B. McKenzie of Hopkinsville, Kentucky; the Rev. J. C. McKenzie of San Angelo, John and Wilson McKenzie, Mrs. G. W. Johnson, and Mrs. J. D. Upham of Carlton.

#### Some Woman, This!

A lady received the following reply from a neighbor in answer to a question as to why she should litter up every room in the house. The sentiment will find lodging in the heart of every home-loving person in the land:

"The marks of muddy feet upon the floor can be more easily removed than the stains where the little feet go into the highways of sin. The prints of the little fingers upon the window panes cannot shut out the sunshine half so much as the shadow that darkens the mother's heart over the one who will be but a name in the coming years. And if my John finds greater happiness within its four walls he can put his boots in the rocking chair and hang his hat on the floor any day of the week. And if I can stand it and he enjoys it, I can not see that it is anybody's business."

—Exchange.

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# What the Gray House Hid

## The Mystery of a Haunted Mansion

by Wyndham Martyn



Give a house a bad name and no difference what its beauties and advantages may be, its value will deteriorate. If the reputation is of a particularly sinister nature the place is likely to become a drug on the real estate market; for who wants to buy a haunted house or one that has been the scene of marked and repeated calamities?

The Gray house was a delightful place in every outward aspect. Its pleasing architecture and beautiful grounds smiled at the beholder from every angle of view. Its every line suggested wealth, home and large-scale hospitality; its gardens bowered of loveliness; its spacious lawns a romping place for troops of merry children; its rooms places of reception for many guests; a place for homecomings at holiday time, for weddings, parties and other pleasant gatherings.

But the house belied its happy appearance. As a country place it had passed from one rich man to another, some fatality or serious disaster attending the period of residence of every tenant. Children were drowned in the beautiful swimming pool. Sudden and unaccountable death assailed from other quarters. When the place was untenanted, except for caretakers, these latter were subject to the fatalities. Every human who tried to live in the house seemed marked for serious consequences.

### CHAPTER I

"There's a lady asking for you, Mr. Hanby. She says she won't go away until she sees you."

Hanby looked at Smucker, and sighed. The secretary—he had chosen this designation himself—was a small, thin man with an active Adam's apple, who despised tact as something beneath him. Hanby had often set out for his offices in Leonard street with the intention of letting Smucker go, and of replacing him with a neat, smiling, efficient girl; but invariably some sixth sense informed Smucker of his danger. Invariably he would speak of his vast responsibilities, of his large family, of his invalid father, of the house he was buying on the installment plan, and of the ravages of insects in his little garden.

A neat, smiling, and efficient girl would have known that her employer was busy, and would have found out what the visitor's errand was.

"What does she want?" inquired Hanby.

Smucker assumed his superior air. "She wouldn't say. Otherwise I

wondered why it was Hilton Hanby had succeeded so well. A swift glance showed Smucker that his employer was looking at the photographs of the splendid estate he was about to buy.

Mr. Smucker passed to the outer office with slow step. The lady who would not go was the sort of person whom he always surveyed with hostile eyes. She wore too much jewelry and was enraptured lavishly in fur.

"If," said he coldly, "you wish to sell one or more of your dogs, Mr. Hanby says for me to say he's not in the market."

The stranger pressed her three tiny beads so closely to her that they yelped.

"Not all his money could buy even one of them!" she snapped. "I must see him. Tell him I shall stay here all day until he comes through that door."

"Madam, I suggest telephoning from a pay station."

"My darlings will not enter a telephone booth, and I dare not trust them to anyone else. Tell him I do not want to buy or sell. I have something to say of vital importance, and he will be wise to see me at once."

Mr. Smucker, who had all the snarlier little curiosities about life which dwell so frequently with his sort, wondered if here at last he was to learn some hidden details of his employer's past. Hanby was a handsome and generous man. Women liked him. Perhaps this singular creature had a daughter who had trusted too well.

"Something about his past?" Mr. Smucker suggested.

"Something about my past," flamed the caller.

Mr. Smucker turned on his heel and re-entered the private office.

"It isn't the dogs," said he. "What she wants is a private conversation about the past. I may be wrong, Mr. Hanby—I hope I am—but I think she knows something about your past which may not be creditable to you."

"Thank you, Smucker!" said Hanby. "I can always trust you to take the kindly view. You are quite right. My past was blacker than night. If I had my deserts, I should long ago have been electrocuted. Bring the lady in. I trust she is beautiful!"

Smucker went out, offended. As usual, Hanby had laughed at him. Well, the day was not so far distant when Adolf Smucker would have his turn! He wasted a lot of office time dreaming of what he would do when he was in power.

"Madam, I have persuaded the boss to see you," he said loftily. Then he jumped back. "That black dog nearly bit me!"

"I can rely on his instincts," she said. "You stand convicted as one whom no woman should trust. Do not attempt to deny it, and don't move your throat in that impudent manner!"

She swept past him into his employer's room. If he had expected youth or beauty, Hanby was disappointed. It was a tall, gaunt old woman who faced him. He judged that some day, now long distant, she had been beautiful. He could see that she was richly dressed, and that the jewels she wore were costly. There was a look of tragedy in her smoldering dark eyes.

"I'm afraid you were kept waiting," Hanby began pleasantly.

"I have been kept waiting for thirty years," she said.

"At least you cannot blame me for that." He observed that her eyes were fixed on the photographs of the house he had made arrangements to buy. "I don't think you sent in your card."

"My name is Selenos," she said. "Selina?" Hanby asked.

"Selenos, Selenos," she repeated. "If you were a Californian, it would be a familiar name. There is the Selenos river."

"And you were named after it? I was born near a big river, too, but I had a lucky escape. Think of me as going through life labeled Housatonic Hanby!"

"The river was named after me," she explained.

Mr. Hanby thought a moment. "Of course California came into the Union late, didn't it? In the forties, I think."

"The river was named after my family, not after me personally; but I did not come here to discuss my family affairs or to listen to yours. You are about to buy an estate near Pine Plains?"

"I am to complete the purchase this afternoon."

"You must not go there!" she cried dramatically. "I cannot allow it!"

Her manner began to antagonize Hanby.

"Why not?" he inquired coldly.

"It is sacred ground, and you are not fit to dwell there. The idea of its

being desecrated by a large family is intolerable!"

"Really, Mrs. Selenos—" he began. "Miss," she said. "Above all else I despise and loathe men. Men have always oppressed me. How they have lied and perjured themselves to keep me from the Gray house! But at last I am in a position to buy their silence. What did you give for the place?"

"That, my dear lady," he said suavely, "is entirely my own affair."

"I expected you to lie," she said. "A man of your type would." Miss Selenos took out her check book. "Well, what profit do you decide to make? I wish to buy the place from you."

"It is not for sale. I am sorry, but my heart is set on the place as a home. You have had plenty of time. It has been empty for some years."

"I am only now able to buy it. If you will not sell, will you rent it?"

"I am going to live there as soon as it is ready."

"I despise and loathe men," she cried, "and of all men I loathe and despise you most! Of the innumerable houses in this country you deliberately chose this one because it will hurt me!" She raised her right hand to heaven. "Those who have tried to kill me in the past have perished. You and your family and all that is yours I put under a curse. You are going to a house of tragedy, a house wherein walk ghosts of those foully murdered!"

"I'm afraid that's the wrong tack," he said soothingly. "I am not to be frightened away like that. You are not fair to me. A house was for sale, and I bought it. Loathe and despise me as you will, but do not go away thinking I have wronged you."

"You have wronged me!" she shrieked, her black eyes flashing hate.

"Ah, ha!" muttered Adolf Smucker, who had hitherto listened unsuccessfully. Pausing a moment, he opened the door, as the signal bell had commanded him to. Apparently the strange woman was placing under a comprehensive curse Hanby and all that was his. Smucker gathered that his employer was one of a band of hardened men whose entire energies were expended in keeping Miss Selenos from the Gray house.

"You go there at your peril!" she shouted.

"I accept the risk," said Hanby, quite unflinched.

"My vengeance will follow you," she added.

"Delightful!" Hanby told her. "I shall escape the monotony that my friends prophesy."

Smucker, who was always nervous in the presence of unusual violence, almost admired Hanby for his calm.

"This way, madam," said Smucker. He led her to the elevator. Mrs. Smucker in her Weehawken home would enjoy this. When the grille of the elevator door had closed upon Miss Selenos and her pets, Smucker went back to the office smiling. Mrs. Smucker would certainly enjoy this. So would his old father, and the men he talked to on the ferry. As a rule they talked about taxing the rich. Taxing the rich was a passion with Smucker, and he pursued his hobby viciously.

But Smucker did not catch his usual boat. It was late when he returned to his home. By that time the strange visitor and her pets had been driven from his mind by other things. Outside the office a big man, red-faced and jocund, slapped him on the back.

"Say," the stranger said, "ain't you Mr. Hanby's confidential clerk?"

Smucker looked about him. No member of the office staff was visible. "Yes," he said with confidence. "I am, but you have the advantage of me."

"I want you to fix it so I can get a word in private with the boss. I want to see him right away."

"He goes home at half past four. I stay till six."

"I guess you have to, being his confidential man." The stranger was evidently pondering over something of importance.

"Do you happen to know if he's considering purchasing a big estate up in Dykes county?"

"He completed the purchase this afternoon," said Smucker.

The news brought dismay to the red face of the stranger. Almost it seemed as if he suffered.

"My G—d!" he cried. "And him with a family!"

"Why shouldn't he buy it?" Smucker asked. "He's got the money, as I happen to know."

"I can't tell you here," the other replied; "but I'd like you to give him a message from me before it's too late. Had your dinner?"

"Not yet."

"How about a bite to eat now?" Smucker considered the matter with the deliberation that a confidential clerk might be expected to show. He was a heavy eater when another man footed the bill, but he was also prudent. He did not feel drawn to this big, coarse stranger. Furthermore, he wished to be sure that this was a genuine invitation. It would be of no advantage to pay for a meal while in fair Weehawken a pot roast simmered for him.

Perhaps the stranger sensed the economic struggle.

"This is on me," he explained.

"Why?" Smucker demanded.

"Because I guess you have your boss' interests at heart, and I want you to tell him something. I'm out-

ing out for Chicago tonight, or I'd tell him myself. It's a warning."

"Some reference to a disreputable past?" Smucker demanded eagerly.

"Some reference to a h—l of a future. There's a place down here run by a pal of mine—not much to look at, but the planked steaks, oh, baby! And there's some real beer that the sailors smuggle in."

"If it is really important, I suppose I must consider the welfare of my colleague before my own convenience."

Planked steak and real beer! Out, d—d pot roast!

Mr. Smucker ate with the peculiar ferocity that is sometimes seen in thin, undersized men.

"Julius Caesar was a small man," he said suddenly, much to his host's amazement. "So was Napoleon. So is Lloyd George." He bent over the table, as if imparting a profound secret. "So was the master of them all—my idol, Lenin." Mr. Smucker touched his receding forehead with a dramatic gesture. "Doy't think, because you are twice as big, that you can outmatch me here!"

Again he smote his brow.

"That's all right," said the other pacifically. "Benny Leonard ain't a big man, and I guess he's pretty good. So was the baby that steered Black Sand and won one thousand iron men for daddy. You wouldn't be where you are today if you hadn't got the gray matter. Say, do you believe in haunted houses?"

"I don't believe in haunted houses," Smucker asserted, "nor in the immortality of the soul. I'm away beyond that religious bunk!"

"I didn't believe in haunted houses when I first went up there with Mr. Seymour. I was like you—conceited—bone-headed. I thought I knew it all and then some." The stranger had a cold and compelling eye. He looked at Mr. Smucker in a way that dispelled many of the secretary's theories. He leaned over the table. "It's fine and dandy to hold them beliefs when you ain't been put to the test!"

"I don't get you," said Mr. Smucker irritably.

"You will," said the other simply. "I used to be chauffeur for Mr. Seymour up at the Gray house. His two kids died up there. There's a curse on that place. The man that had it before lost his wife. Nothing the matter with her until she went up to Dutchess county. Bo, there's something in the lake there that calls people to it. The man who had it after Seymour and me was warned. Seymour said he went there on his own responsibility. I'll say Seymour was square about warning him. Well, sir, that man was found drowned in that d—d lake. The doctors couldn't find a thing the matter, except he was drowned. It's a bad place to live in. I know! I was there for two years."

The stranger's voice sank to a whisper.

"You feel like people are watching you all the time," he went on. "When you wake up, you think there's people at the foot of your bed, and when you switch on the light it seems like you catch them going away out of the tail of your eye. The help won't stay there. They know! Mr. Seymour—he's a lerd or something now—brought out an old cook from England. She went bughouse from what she saw."

"Do you expect me to believe that?" Smucker said.

"No," said the other. "You ain't got the education to understand. Mr. Hanby may. All I ask you to do, if you want to keep your job, is to try and prevent him from taking his family up there to live."

Smucker bitterly resented the strictures on his education. He thought of many cutting things to



"What Do I Get for This? Not a Good Thing! I'm Out a Dinner."

say, but words did not come easily. His brain seethed with brilliant still-born speeches. After a time he gathered his wits together.

"It amounts to this," he said. "You want me to warn Hanby before it's too late."

"I don't give a d—n whether you do or not," returned the stranger. "I've got it off my conscience. If you want them to go to their death, it's up to you. Any man taking his family there is killing 'em, just as much as if he fed 'em strychnine in their soup. What do I get for this? Not a d—n thing! I'm out a dinner."

"That," said Smucker quickly. "Is your own financial liability."

"I'm no piker," said the other. "Hey, Pat, bring a couple of them cigars that Morgan smokes, and some

black coffee. My friend here has an important date." (To be continued next week)

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and at the death of dear sister and aunt. Mrs. M. E. O'Brien, W. J. Hyles, W. F. Gregory and family.

Mrs. Truman Block of Stancia, New Mexico, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Meador.

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FOR SALE—200 acres, 60 to 75 in cultivation, good farm improvements, located 2 miles from Hico on public road and R. F. D. This would be a fine place for poultry, Jersey Cows and sheep. Belongs to non-resident and he tells me to sell it. Can give immediate possession. Terms to suit purchaser.—D. F. McCarty, Hico, Texas.

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### Alex Walker Passes After Long Illness

Alex Walker, an old time citizen of Hico, died Wednesday at his home here in the north part of town, after a lingering illness of several months' duration, and funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Duffau cemetery by Rev. Paul W. Evans, assisted by the Hico Masonic Lodge, of which Mr. Walker was a faithful member, and interment was made in the Duffau cemetery.

He leaves a number of children, and close relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

Mrs. Harry Roddy received word the first of the week that her father, Alsey Alford, of Dallas, was run down by an automobile a few days ago, and was knocked unconscious for a time. Several stitches were taken in the forehead. He is rapidly improving.

### I HAVE—

Just finished a meal at Ike and Gene's remodeled cafe.

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## Baptist Church

Beginning Sunday night 7 o'clock the pastor will deliver a series of Sunday night sermons on the general subject: "Notable Biblical Conversions." The theme Sunday night will be "The Conversion of the Publican." The sermons, to be delivered on consecutive Sunday nights, are: "The Conversion of Zaccheus," "The Conversion of Timothy," and "The Conversion of the Chief of Sinners." The Sunday morning series on "The Bible" continues through mornings of February. The subject Sunday morning is "The Plan of the Bible." The other sermons of the series are: "The Doctrinal and Structural Divisions of the Bible," "Baptists and the Bible," and "The Key to the Bible." The deacons' meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Don't forget the workers' meeting of the Hamilton County Baptist Association at Agee Monday, February 4, at 10 a. m. Sunday School is at 10 o'clock, and the four B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 o'clock. The W. M. S. meets Monday afternoon, and prayer meeting will be held Wednesday at 7 o'clock.

Our February morning hymn will be "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and the night hymn will be "On Jordan's Stormy Banks." This Sunday will be observed by our church in keeping with eleven million Baptists of the world as "Baptist World Sunday."

Remember our annual revival June 9 through 23. Don't be an automobile Baptist, a radio Baptist or a lily Baptist. They toll not, neither do they spin. The church of a friendly spirit welcomes you Sunday.—Clarence Allen Morton, Pastor.

## Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

The following program will be rendered by the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. next Sunday:

Sword drill will be led by Mary. A Bible should be brought by everyone. "What Shall I Do With My Life" is the program topic.

"Drifting or Planning," Dorris.

"God Has a Plan for Every Life," D. F.

"Finding God's Plan": "Talk With God," Dorothy; "Talk With Others," Sue; "Study Talents Possessed," Lucy.

"Some Guiding Principles": "Scripture," Mary; "Every Calling in Life Is Sacred," Carroll; "Giving, Not Get- ting," Otho; "Is Money the Main Thing?" Wynama.

## Adult B. Y. P. U.

Sunday's topic is "The Only Gos- pel."

"What Is the Gospel?" A. A. Fe- well.

"Salvation by Grace," Mrs. Dris- kell.

"Christ the Only Saviour," Miss Rhoda Crist.

"Elements of the True Gospel," Mrs. Turner.

## Senior B. Y. P. U.

A devotional meeting, with "The Only Gospel" as the subject, will be held next Sunday evening. The pro- gram follows:

Introduction—Katherine Smith.

"What is the Gospel?" Pauline Driskell.

"Salvation by Grace," Marguerite McMillan.

"Christ the Only Saviour," Mrs. Morton.

"Elements of the True Gospel," Annie Pierson.

Hico Business College will open about Thursday, February 21. First 15 enrolled save \$25. See, write or phone Rev. J. A. Dosier at Fewell's Shoe Shop, phone 142. Residence phone 64.

For the lowest subscription rate on the Dallas Morning News, Semi- Weekly Farm News, and Dallas Jour- nal, see J. C. Huchingson, Postoffice Building.

## Notice of Depository Bids

Notice is hereby given that at its February term the Commissioners Court will receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker, that may desire to serve as depository of funds for the next two years. A certified check for \$600 shall accompany all bids. Further information will be furnished by the undersigned if request- ed. All bids should be filed before 10 o'clock, February 11, 1929, with the county clerk.—P. M. RICE, County Judge.

## MT. ZION NEWS

Well, folks, the sun looks good, as we have had so much damp weather. Everybody is getting along pretty well, since the flu epidemic.

Mr. Phillips and family have moved near Cleburne.

Miss Mayble Polnack spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Polnack and daughter visited in the Roy Adkison home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Cates, of Hamilton visited in the G. D. Adkison home Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Hatchcock and son visit- ed in the Ogle home Sunday.

Jim Luckie and family visited in the McKinzie home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Polnack, Frank Hatchcock and family, Dewey Adkison and wife visited in the G. D. Adkison home Saturday night.

G. D. Adkison, Dede Adkison and Frank Hatchcock were in Meridian on business Saturday.

G. D. Adison and family and Mr. McKenzie and family visited in the Frank Hatchcock home Friday night.

Miss Edna Crouch spent the week- end in Walnut Springs.

Dave Davis and family visited Mr. Hayes and family Friday night.

Those who visited in the Davis home Sunday night were, Miss Edna Crouch, Ethel and Josie and Colquit Harris, A. F. Polnack and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Adkison, G. D. Adkison and family, and Frank Hatchcock and family.

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## DUFFAU NEWS

Mrs. Frank Roberson of Eastland has returned home after a two week visit with her mother, Mrs. Bettie Bowie.

Miss Pauline Curry of John Tarleton, Stephenville, spent the week-end with Miss Sybil Trimble.

Bill Blair of Hamilton spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Blair.

G. O. Bowie and L. H. Burgan were in Fort Worth Friday on business.

S. T. Hollis was in Clarendon the first of the week on business.

The boys and girls from Black Stump Valley played the Duffau boys and girls a game of basketball Friday afternoon. The scores were 11-2 in the Duffau girls' favor, and 10-9 in the Black Stump boys' favor.

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## HOG JAW NEWS

An old fashioned nether paid us a visit last week. Several finished their hog killing for the season.

Mrs. Land and daughters spent last Sunday with her son, Calloway, and wife, of Millerville.

Leonard Hunter of Millerville visit- ed Edna Hunter, Friday, Mr. Hunter has been sick a good while and is not improving very fast.

Tilfie Elkins of Stephenville spent a while Friday with his uncle, J. M. Elkins.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at L. C. Lambert's Sunday night. All report a fine singing.

Will Roberts and family of Carlton spent Sunday in the Byron Davies home.

L. C. Lambert went to Dallas last week for treatment of his ears. He returned Friday.

The Primitive Baptists will have preaching next Sunday. You are invited to attend.

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## Methodist Church

Choir practice will be held at the parsonage Friday at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Preaching will be by the pastor at 11 o'clock and 7 o'clock Sunday.

Senior Epworth League, with Miss Laurel Persons as president, is held at 8:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

The Woman's Missionary Society meets Monday at 3 o'clock.

Epworth Juniors meet Tuesday at 8 o'clock, with Mrs. Walter Scott as superintendent.

Prayer meeting and orchestra prac- tice are at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday.

The delightful day, together with a marked abatement of the flu epidem- ic, along with a fine interest in the work of the church, brought out very encouraging congregations to all the services last Sunday, and we hope to be "back to normal" from now on. With the lengthening days, the evening services begin one-half hour later, beginning Sunday evening.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass."—Paul W. Evans, Pastor.

Fort Worth, Jan. 31.—Miss Rebec- a W. Smith, associate professor of English in Texas Christian Univer- sity, is editor of the book review de- partment, "Books and Branding I- ons," of the Texas Outlook, monthly magazine published by the Texas State Teachers' Association.

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You are hereby commanded to sum- mon Estell E. Stribling, whose resi- dence is unknown, to be and appear at the next regular term of the dis- trict court of Hamilton county, Tex- as, to be held at the court house thereof, in the city of Hamilton, on the first Monday in March, 1929, be- ing the 4th day of March, 1929, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 17th day of De- cember, 1928, the file number of which is 3182, in which suit E. P. Stribling is plaintiff and Estell E. Stribling is defendant, the cause of action being suit for divorce on the statutory ground of cruelty and ex- cesses rendering the living together of plaintiff and defendant as hus- band and wife insupportable, and for the custody of the minor children of plaintiff and defendant, and that the community property consisting of personal property of approximately \$2,000, be set aside to be used for the support and education of said minor children.

You are hereby commanded to so summon such defendant, and to serve this citation by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county.

Herein fail not, but have you be- fore said court on the first day of the next term thereof this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness L. A. Morris, clerk of the district court, Hamilton, Texas.

Given under my hand the seal of said court, this 12th day of January, A. D. 1929.—L. A. MORRIS, Clerk of the District Court of Hamilton Coun- ty, Texas.

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