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PROGRESS LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE

Interesting and Important Information Pertaining to the Ft. Worth-El Paso Highway

Editor Reporter:

A great deal of interest is being manifested along the line of the above proposed highway, and many people who are not acquainted with its inception are anxious for information relative to it.

The meeting at Midland on September 26th for the purpose of organizing an association of citizens along the line for its promotion, was attended by some five hundred people, who were enthusiastic as to the benefits of this road, and the possibility of its construction. The idea of this meeting originated with Judge Adrian Pool, county judge and a public spirited citizen of El Paso County. Judge Pool had been in attendance upon the annual meeting at San Antonio of the Texas Good Roads Association, and being an ardent good roads supporter, always looking to the interest of his city, he was impressed with the possibilities of this road running between Fort Worth and his home city. Before returning home, he visited Dallas and Fort Worth and then stopped at the principal towns along the line, arousing interest and enthusiasm in the project. Judge Pool attended the meeting at Midland, and though urged to run for president of the association, he would not allow his name to be introduced; being more interested in the successful completion of the road than in further personal publicity in the matter. He has never asked or received a cent from the treasury of the association for his expenses incurred or time spent.

The following officers were elected at this meeting: Judge S. A. Penix, of Big Spring, president; W. B. Starr, of Midland, secretary; Judge J. B. Jumper, of Van Horn, vice president of zone No. 1, running from El Paso to the Pecos river; M. F. Burns, of Midland, vice president of zone No. 2, running from Pecos river to the Mitchell County line; Judge C. H. Earnest, of Colorado, vice president of zone No. 3, running from the west line of Mitchell County to the east lines of Shackelford and Eastland counties; and J. H. Foelband, of Mineral Wells, vice president of the balance of the line into Fort Worth. In addition to this there were elected directors from each county, the director from Midland County, being J. M. Caldwell. These men have all been identified with West Texas for many years, and their principal financial interests are along the proposed highway.

It was proposed at this meeting to meet the expenses of the organization by getting each county to appropriate through their commission-

ers court \$25.00 per month for a year. The meeting was largely attended by the members of the court in their respective counties, who, with one exception, pledged their financial support. At this time, Nov. 25th, only a comparatively few of these pledges have been redeemed, but other counties are falling into line, and the organization hopes to get sufficient funds to carry out the work. It is proposed to secure an engineer to lay out this highway and give to the commissioners along the line information as to the cost and the best way to proceed with the work. It is also proposed to employ a secretary to look after the interests of the road. With the creation of a State highway commission, to which the Democratic party is pledged in its state platform, there will be available from the federal government several million dollars to be spent on the highways of Texas; there will also be state funds to be spent on state highways, which will be located by the state commission. To get the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway designated as a State and National highway and the funds to which it is entitled, it will be necessary to give facts and figures why this should be done, and evidence will have to be given through petitions and committees before our national and state legislatures, showing the amount of work performed to date, and the interest and intentions of the local people in future work. To help keep the local citizens aroused in the work, it is proposed through twenty-four papers along the line, to keep the people informed from week to week of the progress of the work. As each county completes its unit of the road, celebrations will be held in which the adjoining counties will participate. These are but a few of the many things ahead to do, and are of sufficient importance to warrant the closest of co-operation between the counties along the line.

All funds received and expended will be accounted for and the director of each county will receive regular statements in regard to this. None of this money will be paid to "professional" road promoters, but only to those identified and engaged in the regular work of the association, who, as before mentioned, are men identified with this section of our state. There will be no "hurrah" campaign put on, but with steady and persistent work and the backing of the citizens along the road, it is expected to build this highway. This is a move of interested citizens in a worthy project, and should and will have the support of all our progressive people.

W. B. Starr, Secy.

Mrs. J. B. Hall, with a party of friends, motored over from Colorado yesterday and spent the day visiting Midland friends. Mrs. Hall will be remembered as a popular saleslady for the Wadley-Patterson Company.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THANKSGIVING

Interesting and Appropriate Programs Throughout Schools—Holiday on Thursday

Interesting and appropriate Thanksgiving programs were given by the different rooms and departments of our public schools on last Wednesday afternoon, after which the schools were dismissed by order of the school board until Friday. These programs were of such interest that they are published below:

High School

The high school gave an impromptu program consisting of piano solos, readings, declamations, poems given in concert by the entire high school, short talks by the different pupils, the reading of the President's Proclamation by one of the senior boys, the singing of the Bridal Chorus from "The Rose Maiden" and of several other good choruses. After which Miss Norfleet, of the College of Industrial Arts, favored the high school with a number of delightful piano selections and a scholarly talk on the elements and the history of music. Miss Norfleet is recognized as one of the best pianists in America, and her wonderful knowledge of the history and science of music is a very strong compliment to her skill as a pianist. About a hundred of the high school pupils had enjoyed the interpretation concert given on Tuesday evening by Miss Norfleet, when she was assisted by Miss Jennie Hill Barry, the beautiful and artistic lyric soprano, and were eager to hear her again. Her numbers were enthusiastically endorsed. Miss Norfleet's concert in the Christian church Tuesday evening has been pronounced by some of the musicians as one of the best things that Midland ever enjoyed. Her music and her talk before the high school Wednesday afternoon were easily the rarest treat they have enjoyed in many a day.

Grammar School—Central Bldg.
Program—Mr. Johnson's Room:
 Song, "Thanksgiving"—Room
 Piano solo, "Honolulu by the Sea"—Van Alexander.
 Duet, "Il Trovatore"—Alice Halley and Hazel Wimberly.
 Reading, "Thanksgiving Day in the Boarding House"—Mamie Ramsay.
 Piano solo, "Nearer My God to Thee"—Annie Wall.
 Song—Room.
 Piano solo, "Midnight Serenade"—Clifford Heath.
 Song, "Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You,"—Winnie Carlisle, Marie Hord, Annie Wall, Van Alexander, Vera Rohlfing, Lillie B. Williams.
 Poem, "Days"—Room.
 Song, "The Song Without Words"—Owen Cochran, William Snodgrass, Carl Reynolds, Robert Vest, Joe Craver, Thomas Schrock.

Piano solo, "The Jolly Coppersmith"—Lola Taul.
 Song—Room.
Program—Miss Kelley's Room:
 "Thanksgiving Song"—Room.
 "President Wilson's Proclamation"—Margaret Caldwell.
 "Thanksgiving Day"—Room.
 "Emigration of Pilgrim Fathers"—Mayer Half.
 "America"—Room.
 "The Landing of the Pilgrims"—Room.
 "Texas"—Room.
Program—Miss Randle's Room:
 Song, "Thanksgiving Song"—Room.
 "One Hundredth Psalm"—Room.
 Story, "Ceres and Persephone"—Freddie Bradford.
 Declaration, "The First Thanksgiving"—Irwin Moore.
 Poem, "Landing of the Pilgrims"—Room.
 Song, "Good Old U. S. A."—Room.
 Dialogue, "The Best of All"—Low Fifth Grade.
 Declaration, "Gov. Bradford's Proclamation"—Seth Ingham.
 "President Wilson's 1916 Proclamation"—Geraldine Cowden.
 Poem, "Love of Country"—Room.
 Song, "Thanksgiving Hymn"—Room.
Program—Miss Graves' Room:
 Opening Song—Room.
 "The Hundredth Psalm"—Room.
 Reading, "Thanksgiving"—C. W. Hearrell.
 Song, "Pilgrim Maidens"—Francis Patliff, Kitta Belle Wolcott, Mary Lou Edwards, Mary Louise Hill, Georgia Kirk Davis, Mary Allen, Van Lee Estes.
 Reading, "Thanksgiving"—Mary Fleener.
 Song, "Texas"—Room.
 "The Dutch Lullaby"—Room.
 Reading, "Thanksgiving at Grandmothers"—Myrtha Foster.
 Song, "Holland Maidens"—Rachel Holcomb, Jessie Mae Estes, Alice Pliska, Othel Wilmoth, Mary Hobbs, Willie Pearl Dockray.
 Reading, "Billie Bumpkins"—Bush Jones.
 Reading, "The Squirrel's Lesson"—Lays Alenander.
 Song, "America"—Room.
 Reading, "Pumpkin Pie"—Glen-doir Crossett.
Program—Mrs. Gentry's Room:
 "Psalm 65: 11"—Room.
 "Thanksgiving Prayer"—Room.
 "Thanksgiving Hymn"—Room.
 "Tomorrow"—Claud Bullard.
 "Turkey Dinner"—Felix Cowden.
 "Bless Thanksgiving Day"—Stanton Brunson.
 "At Grandmother's"—Room.
 "The Barnyard"—Kenneth Johnson.
 "The Wish Bone"—Girls of First Grade.
 "Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day"—Myrtle Jerden.
 Spelling Match—Room.
Program—Mr. Hornaday's Room:
 "Thanksgiving Day"—Pupils.

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MAY BE CARRIED ON FROM FT. WORTH

Federal Engineer of Highways for Four States Visited Above City Prospectively

An excerpt from the Fort Worth Record of last Wednesday bears interest on the Ft. Worth to El Paso Highway, which now engages so much attention of the public between these two cities. The work of directing the federal road appropriations in four states may be done from Fort Worth, if J. D. Fauntleroy, senior highway engineer of the office of public roads of the United States government who will be in charge of the Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas, decides to locate his general offices in Fort Worth.

Fauntleroy conferred with the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce officials Tuesday. He was impressed with the unusual railroad facilities of Fort Worth for reaching all parts of the state, but stated that he would not be ready to make selection of a base for a few days.

"We are not concerned with local questions, and the only points which will count in the selection will be those of railroad accessibility to the four states." It is practically certain that Captain Fauntleroy will select a North Texas city.

He will depart soon for Austin, where he will confer with Governor Ferguson in regard to the creation of a state highway department, which is necessary before the federal aid appropriated in Texas can be utilized.

Texas Gets Largest Amount
 In discussing the law and its effects, Captain Fauntleroy stated that Texas had drawn the largest appropriation of any state in the Union. This was due, he pointed out, to the system of appropriation by states in which one-third is allotted on a basis of population, one-third on area and one-third on present mileage in post roads.

"Any road selected by the state highway commission on which mail is being carried or should be carried will be eligible for the appropriation by the government, although the secretary of agriculture has the final right to veto any recommendations. "When these roads run through towns of 2,500 inhabitants or more, no federal aid will be expended within the city limits," continued Mr. Fauntleroy. "The type of road will vary widely with the nature of the soil, and the only limit on the extending of federal aid will rest on the question of whether or not the proposed road is or can be converted into a post road serving the farmers. The fund could be used to develop the El Paso-Fort Worth highway into a first-class post road by the counties along the road with an expendi-

ture by themselves of only half the actual cost of improvements, should it be considered eligible by the highway commission.

ELECTRIC POWER HOOKED ON TODAY

Water Works Will Be Operated by The Midland Light Company—Other Improvements

After numerous delays the Midland Light Company has at last succeeded in securing and installing such equipment as is necessary in operating the Midland Water Works. The long delay has been caused only by the over-crowded condition of manufacturing centers. So soon as the material arrived in Midland a full force of men were put to work installing the outfit, and a quick job has been made of it. Although Surt, Ward steamed up his old plant this morning he did not have occasion to use it for power from the light plant was turned on between 9 and 10 o'clock.

And it is nice machinery they have out there, too, and safe, which is an even greater consideration.

One other thing is hoped that our city council will decide upon. The parent main from the plant to where the main branch, at the Moran residence on North Main Street, is not capable of bearing more pressure safely than that resulting from the elevated tank—the natural water pressure. It is hoped the council will establish a small station where the main branch at which the machine for additional pressure may be installed. This will add largely to the percentage of efficiency of our fire-fighting facilities. Otherwise we shall have to depend wholly upon the pressure from the elevated tank.

The city council of Midland also has under consideration the installation of an up-to-date fire engine and a complete system of fire alarms. However news of this will be deferred until some action is taken.

\$10,000 For Buckner Home.

Rev. Ernest Quick is back from the great Baptist convention held in Waco recently. He enjoyed it fully. Reports a wonderful gathering of wonderful men who perform wonderful deeds. As an example of giving for charity, Deacon R. Rust, of Houston, pledged dollar for dollar up to \$150,000 for the Baptist Sanitarium of Houston, making a total sum of \$300,000, while Col. C. C. Slaughter pledged two dollars for every three up to \$200,000, making a total of \$500,000 for the Baptist Sanitarium of Dallas. This is what we call going some. Among other donations \$10,000 was raised for Buckner's Orphans Home. Bro. Quick promises a full report of the convention in his sermons Sunday and invites the general public to hear.



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Hostesses Were Two Former Midland Girls, whose Husbands also Were of Midland

(Left over from two weeks ago)
Mrs. E. M. Whitaker, nee Miss Lizzie Estes, and Mrs. T. W. Lanier, nee Miss Dollie Flenniken, together with their husbands, are well remembered in Midland, and especially in social circles, of which formerly they were popular members. Midland society, thus will be more than passingly interested in their popularity in El Paso, as is testified to by the account given in yesterday's issue of the El Paso Herald of a social event there at which these ladies were hostesses. Following is the Herald's report:
An exceptionally fine musical treat was enjoyed by the guests of Mrs. T. W. Lanier and Mrs. E. M. Whitaker Tuesday afternoon at their musical given in the ballroom of the Toltec

club building. The hostesses had arranged a program of unusual interest and the performers were practically new to El Pasoans, all but one of them being here with the national regiments, so the entertainment provided a variety of song rendition that was new.
The entire program was given in a most artistic and creditable manner by the musicians taking part, who are all well known and prominent in musical life of Pennsylvania. Mrs. C. L. Rebenack, the contralto soloist, is of the Asbury Methodist church of Pittsburgh. She has studied music in Pittsburgh, New York City and at the Saxon Coburg opera school of Germany. She is the wife of one of the Pennsylvania guard officers. She sang "Still We Rie Necht," by Bohm, and "Alumblatt," by Schumann, and for an encore sang "The Rosary." Her voice is very sweet and sympathetic, and she made a most favorable impression upon her hearers.
Mrs. O. J. Matlock, of Washington, who has recently come here to make El Paso her home, played the opening selection of the program, a con-

cert paraphrase of the opera, "Rigoletto," by Verdi, that was splendidly performed. She was forced to respond to several encores. Mrs. Matlock and Mrs. Rebenack were presented with beautiful bouquets of pink and white roses and ferns.

Lieut. Merrill Rudolf Naftzger, of Franklin, Ill., sang "When the Heart is Young," by Dudley Buck, and "Mother o' Mine," by Kipling-Tours, in a most satisfying way. Lieut. Naftzger is a soloist in Gen. Miller's church, of Franklin, Pa. He has sung on Chautauqua circuits and has studied with Victor Harris, of New York, and Gottlieb Federlein, of Kansas City.

Seldom do El Pasoans have the pleasure of hearing so splendid a baritone voice as that of Chester H. Miller. His rendition of his first number, the prologue from "Pagliacci," by Leoncavallo, made him an instantaneous favorite and he was encored repeatedly. His voice is rich and full and flexible and his musicianship is excellent. Mr. Miller is in battery A of the Second Pennsylvania field artillery. He is the director of the Behrens Opera Club of Philadelphia, and the conductor of the Haddonfield Choral society. He has sung in the Metropolitan opera of Philadelphia, and also at the Academy of Music.

Joseph M. Evans played Maskowsky's waltz in E major and gave Mendelsahn's "Spring Song" as his encore. He is a pianist of much attainment and was most cordially received by his hearers.

John W. Surra sang "You, Just You," as his first number and the aria from "Rigoletto," as his second. His encore was "Good Bye, Summer." The first selection was composed by Marlo Rocereto, the bandmaster of the 18th Pennsylvania infantry band, and was sung first in El Paso by Mr. Surra with the band accompaniment at the recent Soil Products Exposition. Mr. Surra is a member of the 16th Pennsylvania infantry and is from Bradford, Penn. He received his musical training in the Boston Conservatory of Music. He is the tenor soloist of St. Paul's cathedral at Pittsburgh. His voice is of the most pleasing quality and his selections were well rendered.

The final number, "Soleme in Quest Ora," from "La Forza del Destino," by Verdi, was a duet sung by Mr. Miller and Mr. Surra and it was one of the very best numbers on the program. The audience demanded its repetition before ceasing to applaud.

The accompanist for all the singing was Joseph A. Ballard of the 18th Pennsylvania infantry. Mr. Ballard played most sympathetically with the singers. He is from Pittsburgh, where he is pianist and director of a large orchestra. He has studied in New York and London under Hans Zeicky, Casper Koch and Charles Heinwroth.

The ball room was decorated with American flags twined about the columns. In the hall and drawing rooms were quantities of American Beauty roses and Shasta daisies, in tall baskets, vases and jardiniere. The hostesses received their guests in the drawing room before the musical program was given.

Following the program a three-course supper was served in buffet style. The serving table was covered with a handsome tatting lace luncheon set over yellow satin. In the center was a basket filled with American Beauty buds and about the table were vases.

The hostesses were assisted in entertaining by Miss Irene Flenniken and Miss Mary White.

The programs for the affair were very cleverly arranged. The covers bore a bar of music, the notes forming the initials of the two hostesses, E. M. W. & T. W. L., with below in a circle the following lines: "At Heart we are all musicians, whether we know one note from another, for who does not love to sit in the gloaming when the twilight hour approaches and listen to the sweet strains of soothing music?"

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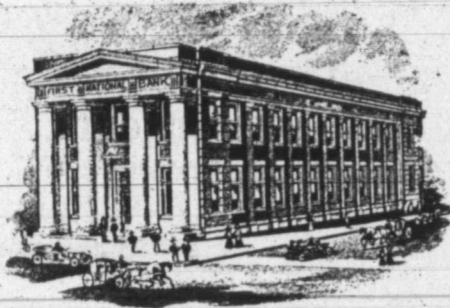
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dear editur:
i that you mite bee glad to here from yourse trewly. when i lef mi ranch i hed teers in mi ise fur i that i mite never git back frum sich a long jurny. mi its sum travlin to cum so fur, but thank the lord ime hear, saif an sound. ime tole its jist 24 ours frum ft. worth, but shore seemed funder. i stood the fust nite on the ole train farely wel, but frum ft. worth to texarkanny it wug orful the pen of a singel eudent discribe it. the ole shacklin critter had a buckin spell, like our bronx. it refoosed to goe & puld backards a bit an then wildley forrord, a tryin to hich on. it had becum onhiched an sich a crashin serichin ratlin an swayin was a plum korshun. i that it wud shorely turn over an wonderd which side it wud turn on, an what ide doo, i lookt at mi big ole soot caise an thot ef in the faul it shood foul on me ide be a cripel, but i maid up mi mine ide sew em fur damages. at last it got cuppeld after i haf ours stop an fore hard tryalls. i sat an trimbled an drank a little outen my bottel, the bottel helt cole tee. allso i et a mity good biskit, lak thay maik in Tex. only abut midnite we got ontoo the irun mounthin r r and it wug gran comparetively, the ole toup dont even furnish a towel, neethur did the uther i gess youd hav to go east of memfus an

north uv mason dixon line to fine 1.

Wel i mist conexshun summers in arkansaw an thar i was stranded 2-3 uv day, aloan, bi miself not knoin a sole. i gess i look't helpees an a man cum to me an sed you'd better go with mee to the Thompson hotell, you've sumtime to wate, an l went. i didnt se enny lanlady, only men settin roun smokin and talkin pollytx, uv which i sure tired an went down the r r for a strole. i was lookin at the pebbels long the way an the plants an so forth i was raly lookin fur a lucky stone. fust thing i knu, ole laidy came an sed what hav u lost? i sed, nothin but my trane. she sed such things doo happin, but u come intoo oure hotell an set with me by the fire and make yerself cumfotable, and so i did, an that was like findin a lucky stone, wasnt it? arkansaw is a mity fine stait an i never saw but l house on stilts. i usedter see lots ov em sum 25 year ago. the hole way was a blaise of culler, red & yaller in all shaid an i never took my ise off'n it, it was that gorgis, til dark cum it wug dark when we crost the big Mussissipe an roaled in memfus. sum ole frends us 40 year back met me an kep me 24 hours. they live 10 miles outen memfus. the rode is lack a flore ever step uv the way, and thare ortermoble run like a baiby kerstage over a oiled flure, an sich a talk as we had was another kawshun. such grate big shaidy grounds, splendud homes, worls of things to eet, and the best bedd ever. they took me to my trane an i felt mity happy over seein no l. sich frenships maikie this ole plan-net seam wuth while.

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We are just going to have the nicest things for Christmas, in fact, have them already. Watch for our announcement next week.

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In Society



And Events Most Talked About (By M. T.)

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rohlfing at Home
A Thanksgiving dinner party that caused a feeling of utter thankfulness to permeate the entire being of the guests was given Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rohlfing. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Pemberton, Dr. Leonard

Pemberton, Messrs. Robert Crigler and Page Shumate, Misses Vera Rohlfing and Thelma Estes. The dinner was served in six courses and was a credit to even this hostess whose skill in the culinary department is so well known and appreciated.

Miss Fay Cowden Hostess
Miss Fay Cowden who is so beautifully sustaining the reputation for hospitality that her parents have long since established for the house of Cowden, achieved another most beautiful success Wednesday evening when she entertained with a dinner party, that should receive a golden number in the social calendar. The table itself might be termed an "edition de luxe" with its handsome linen, china, cut-glass and silver, a vivid

To Our Trade

Since the organization of our company it has been our policy to have a semi-annual sale known as the "Red Tag Sale". These sales have always been held in January and July of each year.

We have come to the conclusion that during January of next year we will not have this sale, believing it to be to the mutual interest of our customers and ourselves as well. The condition of the markets is very strange--in fact, merchandise is extremely high at this time. We bought heavy on staple goods several months ago, before the enormous increase in price. Were we to sell this stock at a sacrifice, as we do in our Red Tag Sales, and have to go into market at this time, it would mean that we would have to get an extremely high price for merchandise in the spring and summer. It therefore seems advisable for the interest of our customers that we take this action at this time. We believe by doing this that when 1917 ends they will find that they have saved money by this action.

It is not our intention to say that we never will have another Red Tag Sale, but for the present we will discontinue them. We feel that we are due our friends the courtesy to so advise them of this fact. We have been having Red Tag Sales so long that naturally they expect it at this time, or will expect it in the coming January.

At this time we are well prepared to protect the interest of those that share their patronage with us, both in groceries and dry goods, in staple lines. We anticipated the condition several months ago, thereby protecting ourselves in securing merchandise, at the same time better preparing us to serve the interest of our customers.

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DALLAS

note of color being added by vases of beautiful carnations. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Cowden, Dr. Haley and Miss Lydie G. Watson, Mr. Percy Mims, and Miss Brown, Mr. Homer Epley and Miss Pritchett, Mr. Hill and Miss Darter, Mr. Elliott Barron and Miss Cunningham, Mr. Oliver Luther and Miss Mamie Moran, Mr. Billie Moran and Miss Bessie Cowden, Mr. Noble and Miss Fay Cowden. After the exquisitely prepared dinner had been thoroughly enjoyed the evening was spent in bright chatter, delightfully interspersed with music and readings by the various fine arts teachers. Even at a late hour the guests were loathe to leave this handsome home where even the "stranger within the gates" is made to feel joyous and welcome.

Miss Maude Isaacks returned to El Paso this week, where she is a teacher in the public schools at that place, after a visit to her parents, Judge and Mrs. S. J. Isaacks.

A Beautiful Reception
Last Saturday afternoon between the hours of three and six, great crowds of smartly gowned ladies made their way to the attractive Elliott home to enjoy a reception given by Mesdames Geo. D. Elliott and Mrs. Maurice M. Bludworth. The guests were welcomed by Mesdames Henry M. Half and Elliott Cowden and ushered into the reception hall. Mrs. Crutcher Woodbridge conducted them into the living room where the receiving line, composed of Mesdames Elliott, Bludworth, Clarence Scharbauer and Phil Scharbauer pleasantly received them. The entire suite of rooms was made extremely attractive with large purple chrysanthemums arranged in graceful bouquets.

In the center of the table, which was spread with a handsome cluny lunch cloth, stood a tall cut-glass vase filled with red and white flowers. The room was dimly lighted, the light tinted light on everything. Mrs. Chas. B. Gibbs gracefully presided over the tea urn while Mrs. W. L. Holmsley just as graciously poured coffee. Misses Fay Cowden, Susie Graves and Mozelle Cowden assisted in serving delicious refreshments, consisting of creamed chicken with mushrooms, fruit salad, sandwiches, olives, waters, stuffed dates and mints.

As the ladies passed from the dining room into the library, each one was favored with a fragrant carnation. After a while spent here in social converse, the good byes were spoken. The entire afternoon had been carefully planned and successfully. The personnel of the house-party combined with the becoming evening gowns worn by them, added much to the occasion.

About a hundred ladies left cards during the afternoon.

Wednesday Club
The palatial new home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt was thrown open for the regular meeting of the Wednesday Club this week. The subject discussed was "Foreign Immigration," the discussion being led by Mrs. J. M. Caldwell. Mesdames Holmsley and Elliott read interesting articles closely related to the general topic. Miss Helen Norfleet, the splendid pianist, who played her way into the hearts of a large Midland audience, is a cousin of Mrs. Holt and was her guest during her stay here. In order that she might be enjoyed by a large number of friends, Mrs. Holt invited the F. S. M. Club to attend this meeting of the Wednesday Club. After the

lesson, Miss Norfleet delighted them all with several selections, the rendition of which was nothing short of brilliant. When it seemed that to insist upon her playing other selections was an imposition, the guests took keen delight in roaming from one room to another of this handsome new home, whose furnishings and decorations are so refined and elegant.

Visits the Eastern Star

Miss Mae Cherry, of Big Spring, who is assistant deputy grand matron of the Second District, visited the local chapter of the Eastern Star on Tuesday evening. After an exemplification of the degree work, Mrs. W. H. Cowden, in an appreciative talk, presented to Miss Cherry in behalf of this chapter a souvenir spoon engraved with the Eastern Star emblem. A social session followed during which dainty refreshments were served. While in Midland, Miss Cherry was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Van Huss.

Reception on Tuesday

Last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Walter Cowden entertained at her home in South Midland with Mrs. George Harris and Mrs. Barbara Wall as hostesses. A large number of ladies left cards between three and five-thirty. They were cordially greeted by Mrs. M. C. Ulmer upon arrival. Then when Mrs. Sam Preston had assisted them in getting rid of their wraps, Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer presented each one to the receiving line. After tarrying here some time, Miss Fay Cowden conducted the guests to the punch bowl and served them with delicious fruit nectar. When the ladies had passed on into the parlor and exchanged greetings with one another, they were invited

into the dining room where Mesdames Chas. Edwards, Lee Bell and Miss Bessie Cowden, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Shumate and Misses Ola Epley and Juliette Wolcott served a dainty, refreshing salad course. Misses Annie Wall and Winnie Carlisle passed the cream and sugar. Just before the good byes were spoken, Miss Mamie Moran gave to each guest a beautiful spray of ivy tied with red ribbon, characteristic of the lasting friendship existing between hostesses and guests.

Ninety-Nine Club

A very pleasant meeting of the Ninety-Nine Club was held with Mrs. E. R. Thomas on Tuesday afternoon. The subject of the lesson was "Peru" and the discussion was conducted by Mrs. Jennie Collum very profitably. Mrs. H. A. Leaverton and Mrs. Burton Brown were welcomed as new members of the club. After a business session spent in preparation for the annual reception to be given December the 28th, the club adjourned. The meeting was shorter than usual in order that all might attend the afternoon reception at the Walter Cowden home.

A new subscriber to The Reporter this week is F. L. Sherman, stockman from Gaines County. He gave a good range report, aside from his recent purchase of 160 head of good calves. Terms private.

Wanted: Good sawed oak wood for sale for cash. W. W. Wimberly, telephone 2942. adv. 44-11

J. L. Bradham was in Midland the first of the week, returning to his ranch near Seminole after a visit to East Texas where he went to market a car of horses.



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B. L. King, of Andrews County, has been a visitor in Midland lately, for medical treatment. He suffers of a wound from a 30-30 rifle, a bullet from which penetrated his right foot, and he gets about only by use of crutches.

When in need of tires and tubes, see Spaulding Bros. for the best. adv.

Mrs. Julia Hooper, of Washington, D. C., is visiting in the homes of H. H. Hooper and Mrs. J. F. Clark, son and daughter, respectively.

Racine tires and tubes to fit all cars at Spaulding Bros. adv.

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Give it attention, avoid exposure, be regular and careful of your diet, also commence taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It contains Pine-Tar, antiseptic oils and balsams. Is slightly laxative. Dr. King's New Discovery eases your cough, soothes your throat and bronchial tubes, checks your cold, starts to clear your head. In a short time you know your cold is better. Its use over 40 years. Get a bottle at once. Keep it in the house as a cold insurance. Sold at your druggist. adv No. 3.

Your friends can buy anything you can give them except your photograph. Miller's Studio. adv

Former Midland Boy Married in Utah



H. H. JOHNSTON

Most of our people know the original of the above. He is H. H. Johnston, son of our townsman and prominent ranchman, C. C. Johnston. A few years ago this young man left Midland and ever since has been prominent in business affairs of Toole, Utah. The Semi-Weekly Bulletin, published at Toole, speaks of him as "Manager of the Strand, Toole's new moving picture house, and prominent in amusement circles in Toole County." Following is an account of the young man's marriage as given by the Bulletin:

"A pretty wedding was consummated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Gillespie Wednesday evening when their daughter, Miss Kathryn, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. H. H. Johnston. "Shortly after half past seven after the guests had arrived, while the wedding march was being played by Miss Roxie Lee, the bridal couple, preceded by petite Anna Gillespie, bearing the wedding ring on a silk pillow, marched into the parlor and in the presence of the assembled guests, Bishop E. M. Atkin, of the South Ward performed the ceremony. "After the congratulations had been bestowed on the happy couple, the guests marched into the dining room where they sat down to a bounteous wedding dinner. While the dinner was being served music was furnished by the International Mandolin and Guitar Club. The wedding gifts which were presented to the couple were both many and useful. We think "Snort" should have sent us a picture of the bride also. However, The Reporter joins friends here in wishing him all happiness and continued prosperity.

**CONCERT DELIGHTS
LARGE AUDIENCE**

Norfleet-Barry Distinguished Artists, Greeted by Packed House at Christian Church

On last Tuesday evening Miss Helen Norfleet, pianist, and Miss Jennie Hill Barry, vocalist, appeared in one of the most successful concerts that has been given in Midland at any time. The beautiful and spacious auditorium of the Christian church was filled to its capacity.

The program was given in two parts. In the first part Miss Norfleet gave two groups of modern numbers, the first of which consisted of four and the second of three selections. In this part Miss Barry gave two modern classics. The second part of the program was arranged in three groups, two by Miss Norfleet and one by Miss Barry. Miss Norfleet's first group was a children's group, which consisted of four simple melodies; two Russian numbers composed her last group. In her last appearance Miss Barry gave a group of folk songs in costume. A feature adding much to the enjoyment and appreciation of the program, was the interpretative remarks that Miss Norfleet made before each group was presented. In these remarks Miss Norfleet gave the setting and pointed out some of the characteristics and structural elements of each number.

Miss Norfleet proved herself worthy of the high recommendations that preceded her. She is a student of Harold von Mielwitz, and he has pronounced her the most prominent young pianist in both Europe and America. She has a personality of exceptional charm and the intelligence that belongs to a great artist. Added to these qualities, are a wonderful mastery of virtuoso technique and a faultless delivery. Miss Norfleet blended these qualities so thoroughly that every number was full of beauty and poetry of music at its best.

In the vocal numbers, Miss Barry proved herself worthy of a place on a program beside Miss Norfleet. Miss Barry is a graduate pupil of Mrs. Versel, of Kidd-Key College. Her excellent training showed in every number. Her voice has abundant power and range, and she has unusual skill in technique. Her expression showed intelligent comprehension of the value of stress and modulation. Her tones were remarkably pure, and sweetness was the outstanding characteristic of her voice.

Taken as a whole, the concert was most effective. The enthusiastic applause and the repeated encores of the audience showed that the artists were delighting their hearers. This fact was further proved by the words of unmeasured praise spoken by many. Some have pronounced the concert the best ever heard by a Midland audience. This impression was made by both the skill of the musicians and the wide variety of the numbers given. The program of each artist included in its scope a great range of subject. Each presented a very simple group that depended upon great skill to lift the numbers from the familiar to the high conception of beauty that was in the mind of the

composer. And each presented such numbers of heavier character as are designed to give full expression of the understanding and interpretative ability of the musician.

The High School's Part

The concert was given under the auspices of the Midland High School Literary Society. It was not given to make money, but was given for the sole purpose of procuring a musical feast. The high school students love music, and wanted a taste of the best that could be obtained.

The advertising was done by committees and the sale of tickets by rooms. There was keen competition between the several rooms, and between individuals in the rooms. The president of the society appointed all committees and the whole thing was managed by them. The ticket seller, the doorkeepers, and the ushers, were all high school students. These students handled the large crowds with ease and without confusion. This management reflected great credit upon the ability and interest of the members of the society.

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As a cure for coughs and colds Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey combines these remedies in just the right proportion to do the most good for summer coughs or colds. A trial will prove the value of this splendid cough medicine. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey soothes the irritation, stops your cough, kills the cold germs and does you a world of good. A 25c bottle will more than convince you—it will stop your cough. All druggists. adv. No. 3.

"Cured"

Mrs. Jay McGee, of Stephenville, Texas, writes: "For nine (9) years, I suffered with womanly trouble. I had terrible headaches, and pains in my back, etc. It seemed as if I would die, I suffered so. At last, I decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and it helped me right away. The full treatment not only helped me, but it cured me."

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Announcement**

I have purchased the entire business of the Cole Motor Company of J. Tom White & Company and have the pleasure to announce to my friends and their friends that Jim Dublin and D. C. Coates will be my associates in the business. In the future it will be

The Price Auto Company

We will, of course, occupy the building heretofore known as the Cole Motor Company, and we take charge today, December 1st. We believe and we shall strive to convince the public that ours is going to be the most satisfactory place of the kind between Fort Worth and El Paso—the best equipped and conducted by the most skilled mechanics.

We are looking forward, too, to the construction of the Ft. Worth to El Paso Highway and we are preparing for the increased business that will come to Midland thereby.

We shall maintain the agencies for the Studebaker, Hudson and Stutz cars, and at all times will keep a full supply of accessories.

We shall make a specialty of securing the very best mechanics and in rendering to all a service more satisfactory than Midland has ever offered before.

Further announcement later.

Price Auto Company

By JNO. W. PRICE, Mgr.

**FOUR OF OUR TEACHERS
GO TO ASSOCIATION**

Supt. W.W. Lackey, Principal J. E. Nelson, Miss Beulah Graves and Miss Arnie Smith left Wednesday for Fort Worth to attend the Texas State Teachers' Association, which is in session Nov. 30 to Dec. 1 and 2.

Supt. Lackey is a member of the executive committee, which is composed of a representative from each congressional district. Pres. S. P. Brooks, of Baylor University, and other prominent educators of the state are members of this committee.

The official program of the association seems to forecast a most successful meeting. The general theme will be "Present Educational Demands in Texas." The names of State Supt. W. F. Doughty, Dean H. Y. Benedict, of the University of Texas; Dean J. L. Kesler, of Baylor University; Dean Parks, of Texas Christian University; Prof. C. A. Nichols, of Southwestern University; Prof. R. A. Hearon, of Southern Methodist University; Dr. Chas. H. Judd, of the University of Chicago; Dean Charles Puryear, of Texas A. & M. College, and Dr. Frederick Eby, as taking active part on the program would be enough to insure the best meeting of the Texas Teachers' Association in the thirty-eight years of its existence.

The Midland teachers are expected to return Sunday.

We have a bargain in a Dodge touring car. See Spaulding Bros., today.

**TWO NOTED STARS AT
UNIQUE NEXT WEEK**

The movie fans will be delighted to know that next Tuesday night Geraldine Farrar will be seen in a Paramount production at the Unique entitled "Maria Rosa." Miss Farrar needs no introduction to Midland, as she has been seen and admired several times in feature productions.

On next Friday night the great Japanese actor, Sessue Hayakawa, will be seen in a Paramount production entitled "Alien Souls." This picture is founded on the story by Hector Turnbull by Margaret Turnbull, and is said to be a masterpiece.

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Phone 150

The Reporter offers congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Johnson upon the recent arrival of an 8-pound baby girl in their home.

A. W. Locklar returned this week from Tyler, to which point he shipped two cars of mares. He found a pretty fair market.

Frank Prothro commenced the erection of a handsome seven-room residence for Joe Ragsdale in northwest Midland this week.

Mrs. Frank Hill is improving after suffering of pneumonia. At noon today Mr. Hill reported her condition somewhat better.

G. F. Waddell, ranching in Ector County, was with us last Monday. Reports the recent sale of 300 calves to Will Martin.

O. M. Tyner and family are visitors this week from Ft. Worth, guests of Mr. Tyner's mother, who lives six miles east of Midland.

For Sale—Two lots next to the square. Very desirable for residence, close in. Phone 132. adv 24-1f

D. C. Coates, in this week from his ranch near the "JALs," reports the sale of 59 cows to J. H. English, of New Mexico. The price was \$50.

W. E. Hazlwood, who farms northeast of town 18 miles, was in the first of the week. He reports winter prospects very fine in that section.

J. T. Jones and family, of Clark County, Ark., are visitors to Midland, prospecting for a location. Mr. Jones became a subscriber to The Reporter.

For Sale—One Emerson typewriter, second hand, good as new. Cost with case, \$55. Can be bought for half price. If interested, call at this office. adv 51f

W. T. Crier returned yesterday from an extended visit to his farm near Abilene. Says he found and left things in good condition there.

O. W. Ligon was taken to Temple last Saturday for treatment, and the latest reports are to the effect that his condition is somewhat improved.

Boy Wanted—Fourteen or fifteen years old. If quick to learn and industrious we can offer him a very good place. Apply at The Reporter office.

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O. S. Preston, of Kress, Texas, is here this week, a guest of his cousins, the Preston brothers. He is much pleased with the Midland Country generally.

Chas. Edwards came in this week from the Edwards Bros. ranch south of Monahans. Says the range is good out there, and winter prospects exceptionally fine.

Do you need glasses? See Prof. J. D. Shaw. phone 434. adv 49-1f

Rev. L. A. Webb is a visitor to Midland this week from Weatherford. He is an esteemed former pastor of the Methodist church of Midland. He, accompanied by a party of Fort Worth friends, will leave shortly for a brief hunt north. Today the quail season opens, you know.

YOUNG MAN GOT FOOT MASHED OFF BY TRAIN

Last Tuesday, about noon, a young man by the name of Dowling, sustained an accident that was terribly painful. He was employed as a fireman by the Western Union, a crew being stationed here for the present. He went to get on a passing freight and slipped. His foot was caught and mangled horribly. Amputation to the heel was necessary, but the young man is now getting along nicely.

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COLE MOTOR COMPANY

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For ten days it has been currently reported that the Cole Motor Company had sold its business to John W. Price. The report was true, but those interested in the transaction had requested The Reporter to defer comment on the subject until the matter had been finally closed. The new owners take charge this morning and we call the attention of our readers to an announcement of the business change elsewhere in this paper. Mr. Price has associated with him in this deal Jim Dublin and D. C. Coats. They lease the Cole building of J. Tom White & Company for a period of five years and take over all the stock, etc., of the Cole Motor Company, and Mr. Price vacates the building he occupied on Main Street. The Price Auto Company promise automobilists of Midland a service better than they have ever had in the past. Again we call attention to their quarter page advertisement

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. E. Harris was here this week from Eunice, N. M.
B. T. Hill was a visitor from Stanton in the early part of the week.
Midkiff & Preston this week bought 500 head of calves of J. E. Hutt. Terms private.
C. C. Childers was up from Rankin this week and gave a pretty good general range report.
A. E. Brown, of Oklahoma, is a visitor to Midland this week, a guest of L. C. Sharp and family.
W. N. Yerby, of Denton, was here this week, prospecting for the purchase of some land.
H. L. Cole, of Garden City, is here this week, visiting his brother, S. E. Cole, proprietor of the Gem barber shop.
Dr. Buchanan, practice limited to diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat, and fitting of glasses. Office over Basham, Shepherd & Company's music store. Here 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. adv 3-1f

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We hope you will continue to give us your valued patronage and help to make Midland a Better Place to live in by building up First Class Stores.

We shall continue to strive to merit your confidence and give you even better values than ever before. It is our aim to give you the best and most courteous treatment. Make our store *your* store. You're always welcome.

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