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THE SCHOOL MEET WAS BIG SUCCESS

Over 300 Take Part in Literary Events and Winners Selected For District Meet

The two declamation contests, the junior contest in the Baptist church on Tuesday evening and the senior contest in the Christian church on Thursday evening, were two of the best our public schools have ever given. At these contests the winners were selected for the district meet which will be held in Midland April 18 and 19. Ina Beth Whitefield and Carroll Hill being the representatives from the Juniors and Geraldine Cowden and Pope Snodgrass winning out among the seniors. These were the finals of a series of interesting and closely drawn contests in which 171 pupils participated, and these four are to be congratulated upon their success. The boys in the final junior contest were: Carroll Hill, J. Wiley Taylor, Jr., Seth Ingham and Martin Bradford, all of central ward, and Grady Henry, Clinton Dunagan, John Nugent, and Marvin Beauchamp, all of south ward. The girls in the final junior contest were: Ina Beth Whitefield, Louise Karkalits, Jean Smith, and Maggie Henson, all of central ward, and Elizabeth McKissick, Geneva Shaw, Mary D. Brown, and Evelyn Scarborough, all of south ward. The boys in the final senior contest were: Pope Snodgrass, Thord Dockray, Cleve Baker, Herman Klaproth, Rufus Parks, and Reburn Caudle, while the girls in the senior finals were: Geraldine Cowden, Freddie Bradford, Margaret Caldwell, Leo la Bigham, Corinne Connell and Viola Puckett. The winners of first, second and third places, together with the awards and the names of the donors are published in another column of The Reporter this week. These awards were presented on Tuesday evening by Judge J. M. Caldwell, and on Thursday evening by Rev. O. H. Hull, Rev. J. T. McKissick and President F. G. Jones.

In the junior spelling contest J. Wiley Taylor won first place, Florence Manning second place, and H. B. Dunagan third place. J. Wiley Taylor is the first representative to the district, while the other two will try out against the high school or senior winners for second place. This contest will be held today. The winners in the senior contest were Annie Mae Dublin, first; Freddie Bradford, second, and Alice Haley, third. Those in the final contest in senior spelling were as follows: Annie Mae Dublin, Freddie Bradford, Alice Haley, Annie Wall, Eileen Harrison, Roxie Nugent, Thelma Estes, Corinne Connell, Eleanor Connell, Clara Wright, Fay Taylor, Ola Dublin, Elizabeth Lynch, Lula B. Bannerman, Ruth Terry, Grace Terry, Melrose Florey, Viola Puckett, Molly Warren, Clifford Heath, Lelia Forester, Lady Connell, Bryan Hull, Thord Dockray, Minta Aycock, Jessie King, Margaret Currie, Ray Moran, Lillie Pliska, Dick Graves, Carroll Coyle, Marion Allen, Jewell Flanagan, Ruth Inman, Annie Lee Brown, Helen Winborne and Rebecca Underwood. The junior representatives and officers of the contest were as follows:

Central Ward—H. B. Dunagan, Georgia Kirk Davis, Gladys Inman, J. Wiley Taylor, Paul Jones, Thomas Inman, Warren Skaggs, Dick Midkiff, Evelyn Estes, Sue Terry, Maurine Winburne, Ben Wall, Mabel Holt, Esten Shumate and Gusta Hartgrove.
 South Ward—George Buchanan, Florence Manning, Cecil Roberts, Sidney House, Geneva Shaw, Marvin Beauchamp, Marvin Pritchett, Izetta Lee, Hilliard Terry, Wallace Wimberly, Glendair Crossett, T. J. Stokes, James Logan, Ike Ethridge and Mary D. Brown.
 Pronouncers—Misses Canmie Sue Green, Vernon Hill, Beulah Graves, Lorraine Davis, Vernon Clark and Mrs. J. E. Nelson.
 Judges—Misses Beulah Talley, Katie E. Boyce and Nellie Elkin.
 Referee—Principal J. E. Nelson.

Throw your influence with the Midland delegation for good roads and go to Mineral Wells or send a delegate. We need that Bankhead highway through Midland. When we get that your auto expenses will be reduced and you can invest more in things to wear. Everybody's adv

MIDLAND IS TO BE WELL REPRESENTED

All West Texas Towns Have Become Enthused in Efforts to Secure Highway

One of the principal topics of conversation, now, on the streets of Midland, is the pro and con discussion as to our chances to secure the great Bankhead highway, No. 1, the same to be decided at the meeting in Mineral Wells at the meetings there this month. Midland and other towns along the T. & P. have come to realize that they must hustle if they win out, and they are hustling.

Every detail for the seventh annual convention of the United States Good Roads Association, United States Good Roads Exhibit and the third annual convention of the Bankhead National Highway Association have been carefully worked out; is the announcement made by Mr. J. A. Rountree, director general of these organizations.

United States Senator Bankhead, president of the associations, has written positively that he will attend the convention and preside over the same. Governor W. P. Hobby, of Texas, will deliver the address of welcome, which will be responded to by Governor Chas. H. Brough, of Arkansas. The program contains the names of some of the most distinguished speakers of the United States as well as some of the most able and most practical road builders and engineers throughout the nation.

Positive assurance has been given by Governor Bilbo, of Mississippi; Piousant, of Louisiana; Robison, of Oklahoma, and Lazareno, of New Mexico, that they will be in attendance. Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas; Congressman Blanton, Earish and McBoe, of Texas; Hon. Jas. I. Blakeslee, fourth assistant postmaster general; Maurice O. Eldridge, of the United States Road Department; Hon. Geo. W. Norris, chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Manufactures; Hon. J. C. McMillan, of Washington, will all be in attendance and take part in the convention. Director General Rountree has been notified by more than thirty governors that they have appointed delegates of the leading and most prominent men to attend the convention and participate in same. The delegates appointed by the governors State Highway Commissions, county judges, mayors, chamber of commerce, automobile and good roads clubs, number over 10,000. It is confidently believed that at least two-thirds or more of these delegates that have been appointed will attend.

The Good Roads Exhibit which is held under the auspices of the Association, promises to be one of the most instructive and best features of the Convention. The leading manufac

MIDLAND'S FIRST OIL RIG IS HERE

Materials For Derrick Arrived First of The Week and Machinery This Morning

Some days ago the State's Oil Corporation sent word to interested parties in Midland that they expected to be the first oil well drillers in Midland County. It looks like they are going to make good this boast, for early this week a car load of derrick timbers arrived here for them, and this morning there is an additional car on the Midland siding, loaded with oil drilling machinery. Our townsman, W. P. Nugent, has matters of unloading in charge, and the first car has already been unloaded.

A good deal of speculation has been rife as to where the States Oil Corporation will drill its first well. The corporation, perhaps, does not know and will not until their geologist has made a location. This, however, is expected to be soon. It looks as though they expect to lose no time at all and may begin operations in a very few days.

In the meantime the New York Oil and Development Company are anxious to begin operations on their 10,000 acres adjacent to Midland. The leases have all been perfected for them and the trustees at Midland have sent in a contract for the company's acceptance. This may all be concluded before another week, and the company expects to ship out a standard rig immediately thereafter.

Other companies are negotiating for drilling sites in Midland, and things are looking up toward a real oil boom in our little city. Enthusiasm continues among our people, and leasing and the assignment of leases goes merrily on.

Truckers in road and street machinery and materials have taken space. Truck and automobile dealers have shown their deep interest in the Convention.

The wonderful amount of interest that has been manifested over the Bankhead National Highway Association, which will be presided over by Hon. T. S. Plawman, president, shows that this contest will draw the largest crowd possible to attend and contest the route from Memphis to El Paso, Texas.

Mineral Wells is making arrangements to entertain the delegates and visitors in the most hospitable manner. Delegates living east of Little Rock, Arkansas, and all the way from Washington are requested to purchase round trip tourists tickets. This is the only possible rate that can be secured for the convention. Taking everything into consideration, "Good Roads Week" in Mineral Wells promises to be the greatest gathering of good roads boosters ever held in America.

THE FUTURE OF THE CATTLE INDUSTRY

Rosson, of Ft. Worth; Also Sees Fine Outlook and Prices For This Year

In an interview with John K. Rosson, who has spent his life in the interest of the livestock industry and who has the credit of looking farther into the future than most men in his line of business, states that he sees a great shortage of all classes of cattle in the range country, and that if it was not for the fact that the Cattle Loan Companies are not in position at this time to take care of the cow and young steer end of the deal this class of stuff would be selling very much higher, and it is Mr. Rosson's opinion that a well bred, well developed, good bodied cow with a calf by her side is worth \$100.00 of any man's money, from a physical view point. Everything indicates that grass will be the cheapest commodity in the State of Texas this season, and the same will apply to Oklahoma. Everybody is going to want cattle to stock their ranges and few are going to be able to obtain the better classes of breeding stuff, as they are not to be had. It is, therefore, Mr. Rosson's suggestion that people who have ranges buy a few hundred good cows and surround them with some common stuff that will come back to market in the fall for beef which will pay the expense of the breeding stuff. There are fewer two and three year old steers going to Kansas and northwest country this season than ever before, and there will be a great shortage in the movement to the Kansas pastures, necessitating the grass man to stock his own range to a very large extent. Everything points to bountiful crops, which will make a very strong demand in the fall for feeding cattle, which, in his opinion, will be very difficult to obtain and will sell at very strong prices, in other words, everything pertaining to livestock and agriculture has a very promising outlook.

In conclusion he states conditions in South and Southwest Texas are better than for many years and the cattle are getting fat earlier, will be well distributed to market points during the next two and one-half months which will give the producer an opportunity of distributing his cattle well, therefore, preventing congestion in the market and very much better conditions would prevail. Mr. Rosson feels that the outlook for the South Texas beef man is exceptionally good if due discretion is used in marketing their cattle and if they are fattened before shipping the results will be very satisfactory.

H. D. Cody was a visitor from Odessa Wednesday.

IOWA PARK THE END OF RAINBOW

Midland Men Form Company Which Makes Most Attractive Show Yet Presented

Midland men today are more enthused over the oil situation, here and yonder, than at any time since the oil game first became the one lure that has enticed us all; not alone over our own very excellent prospects of successful development, but for the reason, more and more, they are investing in proven fields, placing their bets, as it were, where the chances to lose have been overcome, bewilderingly overcome in a maze of astonishing certainties.

This week The Reporter is carrying a page advertisement for the Midland Park Oil Company, a joint stock association made up of Midland men, altogether. They have secured a 15-acre lease in the Iowa Park field, dubbed by an El Paso enthusiast who has lately visited there as "The Rainbow's End." The following statement from him appeared in the El Paso Times of last Wednesday morning:

Edgar D. Park, of Park Bros., who has just returned in his car from the oil fields of Ranger and Burkburnett, is filled with enthusiasm over the wonderful things he saw while in that region. "It sure is the end of the rainbow" to the lucky fellows who got into Burkburnett early and will continue to be "for a long time to come," says he. "I am preparing to move over to the new end of the rainbow at Iowa Park, which is the most attractive field for the man with moderate means. For they don't have to go so deep as in other fields to get the liquid gold. I happened to be present when the Vat well came in at a depth of only 735 feet a week ago which flows 400 barrels a day. Their oil brings them four dollars per barrel, or \$1,600 per day. They drilled with a Star drill and made quick time in bringing in this well. There is a big difference in favor of Iowa Park, where oil is struck at such shallow depth and those other fields where they have to go down from 1,700 to 3,700 and 4,000 feet before they find out whether they have struck oil sand. Iowa Park in this respect suits me, and I have secured a lease on some good ground and will make arrangements to drill soon after my return there. It lies only a few miles southwest of Burkburnett. I also witnessed the coming in of another well, with a flow of 1,150 barrels of oil per day. It is just across the road from the Clay famous Zink oil well."

The Mid-Park Oil Company's officers and trustees present a strong personnel, indeed. Its president is Tom T. Garrard, Jr., the popular young attorney for the 70th Judicial District, and a stockman of much prominence and prosperity. Its vice presidents are Sam Preston, a prominent stockman and now considerably experienced in oil operations; which are gaining for him not only substantial remuneration, but an enviable reputation on account of his unquestioned stand for a square deal, and C. W. Hearrell, who, to himself alone, is due the credit for his substantial standing as a cow and sheepman, than whom few men stand higher in the stock circles of the west. B. C. Girdley, cashier of the Midland National Bank, and also a successful young stockman, is the company's treasurer, while A. C. Francis, successful and much esteemed as an operator in real estate and livestock commissions, is its treasurer.

THE OIL SITUATION IS STILL BOOMING

At Least One More Drilling Contract Assured And Others Are Prospective

The Midland-Tulsa Oil Company is the newest sensation in Midland oil-dom; and it has a right to be a sensation, for it has interested some of the strongest men in Midland, of this section of the West. Their holdings—83,590 acres, lie in the O. B. Holt, G. W. Wolcott, and the Scharbauer Cattle Company's ranches north of Midland, and these men have all interested themselves in it, together with J. M. Caldwell as attorney. The line-up of officers and trustees, as shown on the company's stationery, printed by The Reporter this week, is as follows: O. K. Eysenbach, president; O. B. Holt, treasurer; P. Scharbauer, secretary; Geo. W. Wolcott, O. B. Holt and Clarence Scharbauer, trustees; Geo. F. Clark, lease salesman.

We are informed that the company will offer no stock for sale. These men of Midland alone are amply able to finance the proposition, to say nothing of the outside men, who are well established and experienced in the oil game. However, we are further informed, that some leases will be offered for sale.

The company will commence operations just as soon as the standard drilling outfit, which has already been loaded and billed for Midland, gets here. Matters are to be rushed with all speed at the very start. The company's geologist, C. H. Bridges, of Tulsa, Okla., has already made the location for the first test, which is near the line between the Holt and Wolcott lands.

Mr. Clark, the lease salesman, who is on the ground and active in preliminary working plans, is very enthusiastic over the situation, and, among other things, promises to keep The Reporter, therefore the public, well informed of progress made, which, we are led to believe, will be rapid.

The Reporter reiterates, this is indeed a strong personnel, one that inspires confidence at home, and each individual member thereof being capable of gaining recognition in business circles anywhere. They are young men, all, and strong, virile, trustworthy, and among them not one failure, and who, through honesty and far-sighted business perspicacity, are calculated to push any business enterprise to a thoroughly satisfying success. Thus is established our confidence in the Mid-Park Oil Company, and thousands of others will believe in it no less firmly ere, for many moons, it shall have been operating at the "Rainbow's End."

This week The Reporter is getting out the company's literature. It is convincing stuff. Its straightforward simplicity, lacking embellishment, and devoid of the "tricks" of trade, ring out sturdily with truthfulness and earnestness of purpose, and it is our prediction that there will be a ready and substantial demand for its first offerings, for its offerings of stock at par, which, in the natural course of events, must soar in the marts and markets of oildom, as others have, under conditions far less favored.

Ike Odell and wife arrived yesterday, from Hurley, N. M., where they had made their home for some time. They are back, perhaps, to locate with us again.

The Reporter now has on hand a large supply of oil and mineral lease assignments. They are the most approved form.

Styleplus Suits For Men

We are showing a beautiful line of

Mohairs and Worsted,

\$25.00, \$30.00 and \$35.00 each

For Style, Quality and Price you can't beat them.

Good quality fast color Gingham 25c the yard

You can save money on your dress goods by buying from us. For the newest and best see us always.

Your business appreciated whether large or small.

We are Headquarters for Good Groceries.

Midland Mercantile Company

Grocery Phone No. 6

The Store that Saves You Money

Dry Goods Phone 284



This Bank

Stands committed to the vast undertaking of assisting our citizenship to successfully "go over the top" at every patriotic opportunity, with the least possible interference or inconvenience to this community, and with never a forgetfulness of the tremendously large task of justly aiding to the uttermost limit its large host of customer-friends.

Buy War Savings and Thrift Stamps

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

FROM THE SOLDIER BOYS

The following is the first letter we have had the pleasure of publishing from "Baldy" Johnston, son of our townsman, C. C. Johnston. He has been in France more than a year, and is now at Tours. His letter follows: Tours, France, March 4th, 1919. My dear folks at home. I received your letter, dated Feb. 7th, a few days ago and was indeed very glad to hear from you. This leaves me in the best of health but in the poorest spirits. Gen. Pershing was here yesterday, and made his inspection and also made a short talk. From all accounts some of us will be here for another year. I think I will see a doctor who is a friend of mine and get him to send me home. Just one year ago today I landed in France, but it seems longer. I certainly hope when I get back that I will find some oil derricks on our land. I met a boy the other day from Fort Worth and he gave me some papers, the first Texas papers I'd seen since leaving the States. Frances said she had sent me some papers, but I never received any. I sure would like to be there and help eat some of those eggs. I have to pay very dear for the eggs I eat here. They are some cheaper now. I have paid 8 francs a dozen for them, but now they are 6 francs. That is more than one dollar. Everything is certainly high over here. Milk is something I never get. Haven't had a glass of milk since I was in the hospital at New York. Well, I have written enough so will close. Give everybody my best regards. Prvt R. Q. M. Johnston. Post O. M. C., A. P. O. 717, Tours, France.

Among this week's arrivals at Everybody's is a beautiful Ladies' Brown Kid Oxford, full louis heel. Come and see it.

UNIQUE THEATRE

By E. N. W. The management has again made some material change in the service. He is constantly on the look-out for new features, features that will be strictly up to the times and pleasing to his patrons. Every change, so far that has been made, is for the better, and now that the great Vitagraph features are being shown two or three times a week, the patrons are taking renewed interest in the new faces that are being sent out by this film company. Such stars as Harry Morey, Betty Blythe, Hilda Nova, J. Frank Glendon, and others, are worthy of all that may be given them in hearty applause. These famous stars do not play the merry "lush" stuff that so often appeals to the riff-raff, but their plays are uplifting, high class and moral and furnish a source of entertainment unsurpassed. Such plays as "The Diamond King," as seen on Monday night with Harry Morey and Betty Blythe, was one of strong character, and the interpretation that these versatile performers gave it proved to be nothing short of marvelous. "The Changing Woman," on Wednesday night with J. Frank Glendon and Hilda Nova, was another Vitagraph blue ribbon production, and was portrayed with an all-star cast. Aside from these great features Manager Stilwell holds on to some of the old favorites in comedy and drama. It would not be advisable to entirely cast aside such comedians as Eddie Lyons, Lee Moran, Charlie Chaplain, and Alice Howell, nor such producers of two-reel dramas, as Helen Gibson in her hair-raising stunts in railroad productions, therefore most any evening these are run in as extras, thus keeping the fans from becoming peeved.

"CONFIDENTIAL" FROM GIRL WORKER

In Letter to a Friend She Reviews the Thoughtlessness of The Passing Throng

Dear Estelle: Your new frock must indeed be a beauty. From your ravishing description I know you must be a dream of perfect loveliness when you wear it! I attended a 'fashion revue,' myself last week, in a way. It was at Hanson's. You know, the most beautiful shop in town. Last week was the week of their spring opening. It was also the opening week of our campaign for the Near East Relief Fund, and I had volunteered to be one of the workers at the booth in Hanson's. The booth was placed inside the main entrance and we could see most of the people who entered and left the store, besides having an excellent view of the first floor. The place was beautifully decorated and seemed to breathe of spring. The main entrance was a bower of smilax; palms guarded the entrance of every aisle; Easter lillies bloomed against a background of the most gorgeous fabrics—silks and satins and laces that rivalled the lillies in beauty. In the center of the floor a fountain played from a rocky grotto hung with moss, and ferns and twinkling with hundreds of many colored lights made to look like spring flowers, gold and silver fish swam in the basin. Our poor little booth seemed quite lost in the midst of all this gorgeousness—all day long women clad in the most exquisite gowns passed to and fro along the scented aisles seldom deigning us even a glance. Their only thought seemed to be that the war was over and they could freely indulge their every wish for the beautiful things that make for personal adornment. One lady whose attention I caught momentarily with my meek little plea of "Don't you want to give something to help the Armenians?" smiled in a bored manner and remarked that she believed she had been subscribing \$2 a year to an Armenian fund for, oh, ever so long and she hoped they would get onto their feet soon. She did not give anything. Instead her eye was caught by some wonderful costume chains which hung nearby. Crossing to them she quickly selected one of amber and silver. "How wonderful!" she breathed. "Just the note of color I need for my new frock; and so very reasonable—only \$25. I'll take it." And she did.

And now I must tell you about Jim. Jim is a crippled newsboy. His stunted, twisted body, squinting, near-sighted eyes, shuffling gait and dingy, ill-fitting clothes, make him an object of pity—almost repulsion. How he ever managed to pass the exclusive portals of Hanson's, I do not know, but there he was, and huddled behind a smile-covered pillar next to our booth—he watched the dimes and quarters dropped gingerly into our outstretched palms. He was very much interested and smiled approvingly whenever a coin was handed us and looked woefully disappointed whenever we failed to receive one. Finally, he asked what it was all about, and I told him of the thousands of little children in Asia Minor whom this money would help to save from starvation and death by exposure. I told him of how their people had suffered all through the terrible war, of how their fathers and big brothers had all been killed and their mothers and sisters dragged away to die in all the horrors of slavery, and of how these fatherless, motherless, homeless children must surely die unless we saved them. Tears came to Jim's eyes. He knew about the great war, and he showed me a War Savings Stamp that he had bought penny by penny. He also knew what it meant to be hungry and cold. "Poor little fellers!" he said sadly, "I wish I could help 'em." He pondered a moment, then asked, "Will you be here till Saturday, ma'am?" "Yes, Jim," I said. "Why?" "Well," said Jim, "I got a dime today, but that wouldn't help much, would it? But I think I can save a dollar by Saturday, and if you'll be here I'll bring it." "We shall be here, Jim," I said. Late Saturday afternoon Jim came in. He looked pale and tired. I suspect he had been without many meals, but he smiled triumphantly as he laid a silver dollar on the booth. "I got it," he said simply. "And say, maybe it'll get over there in time to buy them poor little fellers some hot cross buns for Easter." And somehow, Estelle, dear, I was awfully glad it was closing time for I could not have endured the smug of indifference of another spring shopper. Devotedly, Louise.

Sent on Approval

From three New York Manufacturers one dozen from each

Thirty-six Beautiful Georgette, Satin and Taffeta

Dresses

Sizes 14 to 44, Priced \$16.75 to \$37.50

WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING THESE OVER SATURDAY. Besides this lot, we received this week for our regular stock 35 or 40 new numbers, making the

Most wonderful assortment of Dresses we have ever shown

We think so much of this opportunity that we are telegraphing several good customers in Stanton and Odessa to come and see these.

Be sure to see this wonderful showing of the newest Spring styles, even tho you don't intend purchasing. Remember, the approval assortment must be returned Saturday night.



Many, Many Wonderful New Waists

Just in—Georgettes, Voiles, Crepe de Chines, Organdies and Tub Silks. These include the value-supreme WELWORTH and WIRTHMOR BLOUSES at \$1.50 and \$2.50, and range in price upward from \$3.75 to \$12.75.

Special! Special!

Genuine Pepperell Bed Sheets, 81x90

Offered for Saturday and Monday only

\$1.48 each

A month ago this same article sold everywhere from \$2.25 to \$2.50. We bought these at a bargain and are offering them the same way, as a Saturday business builder. Only six dozen of these. Come or phone your order early. Remember, they are genuine Pepperell, the best made; torn and hemmed, full bed size, 81x90 inches. Our regular stock of these is marked \$2.00 each, so you will appreciate the value in these at \$1.48 each.



This Cash Store Wants Your Business

We endeavor to have what you want, but if we haven't, let us get it for you. We want to render service as well as sell merchandise.

Wadley-Patterson Comp'y

One Price—the Lowest—For Cash Only



Every man who does not Save is in danger of depending on charity In Old Age

If you would avoid this possibility, start an account with us today. You cannot tell when your Earning Power Will Stop and the reserve fund of the saving account stand between you and charity.

RELIABILITY - ACCOMMODATION - STRENGTH & SERVICE
THE MIDLAND NATIONAL BANK
OF MIDLAND

CONVINCING TESTIMONY

Given By Many Midland People Experiences told by Midland people Those who have had weak kidneys; Who used Doan's Kidney Pills—Who found the remedy effective—such statements prove merit. "You might doubt an utter stranger. You must believe Midland people. Here's Midland proof. Verify it. Read. Investigate. Be convinced. You'll find why Midland folks believe in Doan's." "George Wein says: "Doan's Kidney Pills have been a wonderful help to me for several years. My back was at one time in a terrible shape; it ached and was weak. When I bent down, I could hardly straighten up again. The secretions were highly colored and too frequent and burning in passage. I had to get up at night on that account. I used Doan's and haven't had any trouble since. When I have noticed any symptoms, however, I got Doan's at Taylor & Son's drug store. They never failed to relieve me in a short time." Price 60c, at all dealers. Doan's

TO MY FRIENDS

After being for four months critically ill, I am thankful to be able to home again. I am not yet well, but I am doing fine and think I will eventually be in perfect health. My surgeons and physicians have given me some very strict rules to observe. Among them, they say that I should under no circumstances do night practice. So I am going to pay special attention to office work and will endeavor to make a limited number of day calls. Very respectfully, Dr. Haley.

Whooping Cough Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy. It is excellent. adv April-1mt

If I Were a Farmer.

If I were a farmer I would keep at hand a few reliable medicines for minor ailments that are not so serious as to require the attention of a physician, such as Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds and croup. Chamberlain's Liniment for sprains, bruises and rheumatic pains. Chamberlain's Tablets for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. By having these articles at hand it would often save the trouble of a trip to town in the busiest season or in the night, and would enable me to treat slight ailments as soon as they appear, and thereby avoid the more serious diseases that so often follow. April-1mt Oswald Phillips, an overseas soldier boy, who was with the engineers corps, returned this week, and he as well as all of us are glad that he is back safe and sound.

Announcing The Mid-Park Oil Co.

A Joint Stock Company Organization Capitalization \$55,000.00

Fifteen Acres in the Famous Iowa Park Field in the Midst of Production

TO DRILL

in the IOWA PARK

(High Grade) OIL FIELD

The Company owns a lease of 15 acres in the heart of the field, about 600 feet from the Berene well, now producing about one hundred barrels daily of high grade oil with a test 48 and which is now being sold on the ready market at \$3.48 per barrel against the oil of other fields which is bringing an average of \$2.25 per barrel.

On 100 barrels of oil, this means a difference of \$118.00 which is a big item to consider in comparing the valuation of the production of this field with other fields. It costs no more to drill for this oil or to pump this oil than it does to drill for the cheaper grade. This is one of the best of any oils ever found in Texas and has a much more ready market than the cheaper grade of oil. It is being taken from the wells now producing and being used in tractors in the field without being refined.

Our lease is surrounded by other leases in the immediate vicinity which now have quite a number of wells already down and numerous other wells being drilled.

Among these are:

- Berene No. 2, 600 feet southwest.
- Clay Oliver, 500 feet south.
- Dixie Park, (deep test) about 600 feet east.
- Martin Well, (deep test) about 400 yards north-east.
- Wichita-Knox, (deep test) about 800 yards north-east.
- Allen & Lloyd, 800 feet north.

The famous Zink and Watkins wells are in this field, together with others too numerous to mention.

Oil is found in this field at a depth of about 770 feet with an average production of from 50 to 150 barrels per well daily. In addition to the producing wells, and those now being drilled to the shallow sand, there are deep tests for oil now being made within less than a quarter of a mile of our acreage.

WHAT OIL WELLS ARE WORTH

25-barrel Oil Well Earns Per Year	\$ 18,359.40
50-barrel Oil Well Earns Per Year	35,468.75
100-barrel Oil Well Earns Per Year	68,437.50
200-barrel Oil Well Earns Per Year	136,875.00
500-barrel Oil Well Earns Per Year	340,437.50

The above figures are based upon estimates in the cheaper grades of oil.

This company is now offering stock for sale, \$10.00 par per share on a capitalization of only \$55,000, with a positive guarantee to be drilling its first well no later than June 21st, 1919. Inasmuch as our acreage is sufficient for from 12 to 15 wells, it is our purpose to develop extensively, even in the beginning, to the extent of at least two wells on present capitalization. When the two wells have been completed, further development will be left to the disposition of stockholders.

DIVIDEND PAYERS

Following are a few of the oil companies which have been and are paying dividends:

	Per Cent
Horn	500
Hammond	309
Floydada	250
Vindicator	223
Citizens	200
Couch Winfrey	175
Walker Oil	100
Big Three	125
Perry Browning	150
Russel Sanderson	100
Kap	100
Cashion Oil	100
Brown No. 2	75
Morris	50
Scruggs Ardis	90
Canada	50
Liberty Oil	30
Wichita O. & G.	25
Burk Vernon	25
Mann Hood	21

Mann Scott	21
Electra Burk	20
Marine	500
Wichita Fuel	300
Block 36	300
Columbia	250
Green River	125
Big Pool	150
Hammond No. 2	200
Wichita Southern	100
M-G	100
Kirby	75
Godley Oil	100
Great Dome	50
Bearman	50
Wade	40
Victory Pet	75
O'Boy	35
Lucky 7	25
Call-Slater	20
Mann Worth	21
Farmers & Merchants	21
Thompson	18
Southwestern Oil	10

The stock is being sold at par for cash, a receipt for which is given at the time of sale and stock certificates will be issued and mailed to the stockholders immediately.

The Iowa Park field is in its infancy and though now producing a high grade oil in good paying quantities, there are a vast number of wells now being drilled. This field promises to be one of the best paying shallow fields in the country. It is the consensus of opinion of those operating in this field that the greater pool has not yet been opened.

The Company has on record in Deed of Records of Wichita County, Texas, the articles of agreement and the Declaration of Trust which provides for the management of the company by five trustees until the completion of two wells, including pumps and tanks, etc., said Trustees to then deliver same, together with said oil lease upon said 15 acres of land to the stockholders and call a meeting of the stockholders for the election of permanent Trustees and Officers. The affairs of the company shall then be in the hands of the Trustees and officers who are elected by the stockholders.

We are in the center of the new Iowa Park field, and taking into consideration the amount of our acreage, small capitalization, etc., there is no better proposition on foot with better prospects for big return on the amount invested than in the Mid-Park Oil Company.

For instance, if we should be fortunate enough

to only bring in one well of 100 barrels daily, it would mean a return of \$348.00 per day—\$11,440.00 in thirty days—or \$136,020 in a year or about 250 per cent on the capital stock in one year. Two 100 barrel wells would pay a return of about 500 per cent in a year.

Investing your money in this concern is entirely different from gambling on a horse race or investing in a wild cat oil company which means win or lose. It is the same as investing in any business, with the exception of returns. If we find oil in the quantity produced within 600 feet of us your investment will bring returns many times.

Expert geologists, among them Canfield, Wallace, Carpenter, Lieut. Hyatt, Wisby, Zeigler, and Sullivan, have agreed that there are deeper and richer sands in the Iowa Park field. Whether there are or not, the field has been richly proven and to the extent of eliminating all risk. Should the deeper tests now being made prove successful, our property will enhance in value beyond possible estimate at present.

You are invited to rigidly investigate the trustees in whose hands the management of this company's affairs are entrusted, together with the holdings outlined in the foregoing.

APPLICATION FOR STOCK

Mr. A. C. Francis, Secretary Mid-Park Oil Co., Midland, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Please enclosed find check for \$.....
for which reserve..... shares of
stock in the Mid-Park Oil Company for me.
The par value of this stock is \$10.00 per share,
fully paid and non-assessable.

Name.....

Address.....

Drilling Guaranteed to Begin By June 21st of this Year

This organization is being promoted by business men of known integrity and investors are assured of an honest and thoroughly business-like administration of the affairs of the company. Investigate the standing of the following

Officers and Trustees

TOM T. GARRARD, JR., President, District Att'y.

S. R. PRESTON, Vice President, Stockman,

C. W. HEARRELL, Vice President, Stockman.

B. C. GIRDLEY, Treas., Cashier Midland Nat. Bank

A. C. FRANCIS, Secretary, Real Estate and Livestock.

HOME OFFICE: Room 22, Llano Hotel Building, Midland, Texas.

REFERENCE: Any Bank

7 Reasons Why We Should "Build Now" REASON NO. 7

The man who has some money saved, and does not INVEST it in a Home, generally SPENDS some, or all of it in far less satisfactory ways, and for far less valuable things. The average man has a veritable itching to get rid of his money. The man who makes him INVEST it in buildings, rather than SPEND it for luxuries does a great and patriotic duty.

Come, and see our Plans for HOMES.

ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

BUSTER WRITES OF HIS TRIP TO MIDLAND

An immense crowd gathered in front of Wadley-Patterson Company's store yesterday a week ago to see and hear Buster Brown and Tige. Not only the kids were there, but the grown-ups, and they enjoyed the "show," no less than the school boys and girls. A description of the event is hardly necessary, for if you were not there we could not tell you of the fun, and if you were, then you know all about it. Buster wrote to the Brown Shoe Company about his visit to Midland, and here is a copy of his letter:

March 27, 1919.
Brown Shoe Company, St. Louis, Mo.
Gentlemen: My reception at Midland, Texas, for Wadley-Patterson Company was a grand success. They had my coming well advertised all over town. We were not able to do any further advertising as my train arrived in town at 2:35 p. m., (two hours and thirty-five minutes late.) The reception was announced for 3 p. m., to which everyone was invited. When the hour came we had a very large crowd gathered to which I gave about an hour's talk on Buster Brown Shoes and Brown Shoe Company's shoes in general.

I sure had the kiddies wild; they all held up their hands and promised that they would never wear any other kind of shoes but the Buster Brown shoes. I also drilled them thoroughly on the line before giving out the souvenirs. Tige entertained them with his tricks, which every one seemed to enjoy.

The manager said that he intends writing you regarding my work. He

and everyone else appeared to be well pleased with our entertainment, and I shall hope to have the pleasure of another visit there later on.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Buster Brown.

Recognizing the fact that Stefano produces the best hat in the world, the C. O. our expeditious for ces last year sent an order for his hats to Philadelphia, U. S. army officers are noted for wearing the best. We are ready to sell you Stefano's in the newest shapes. Everybody's.

Notice

All persons desiring to make an application for a loan from the county under the provisions of the Drouth Relief Act, passed by the last legislature, will kindly make their application as soon as possible, as the commissioners' court will consider such applications at their next regular term, which convenes on April 14th, 1919.

J. M. DeArmond,
County Judge.

Bill Connell, one of our sailor lads, who has been stationed at San Diego, Cal., is at home, having received his honorable discharge.

Removal Notice

I have moved my law office to the suite of rooms formerly occupied by Dr. W. W. Lynch, second floor of the Llano building, and just south of the lobby. Here my friends are cordially invited to call on me. Phone No. 2.

adv 25-3t B. Frank Haag.

W. F. Cowden recently sold 225 steer yearlings to Clyde McCain, of New Underwood, S. D., at \$51 around. They are for spring delivery.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—Two good underground gasoline tanks and pumps for filling stations. Western Auto Supply Company. 47-tf

FOR SALE—At a bargain, 6 lots and a 4-acre tract, all in good location in the city of Midland. Will accept your Liberty Bonds the same as cash. Make me an offer. For further particulars address, L. L. Harris, 823 1-2 20th St., Rock Island, Ill. 23-4t

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Vendor's lien note against home in Midland, Texas. Liberal discount. Mrs. Jno. T. McClue, Pecos, Texas, 25.3t.

FOR RENT—160 acres of good farm land, three miles of town. Has house and improvements and has been ploughed and is ready for planting. Apply to G. A. Covey, at the Cash Market. 25-4t

FOR SALE OR LEASE—The A. S. Hawkins 26-section pasture, at Pyote, Texas. Address A. S. Hawkins, 3925 Hall St., Dallas, Texas.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—30 acres of land, in good state of cultivation, one mile from town. See Dr. C. H. Tigner. 26tf

ROOMS—For light housekeeping. Bath, electric lights, telephone, etc. only 1 1-2 blocks east of Llano Hotel on Wall Street. Mrs. Jemison, phone 224. 41-tf

FOR RENT—Four room dwelling, with bath and electric lights, two blocks from Main street. See Mrs. Paul Brown. 9-tf

TO LEASE—Near Midland on T. & P. R. R. Sec. 10 and 18, both in block 40, Town 2, all or part of it, for drilling. What is your offer? Address F. C. Stubbs, Box 291, Fort Worth, Texas. 24-3t

FOR RENT CHEAP—Three rooms, unfurnished, or partly furnished. For further information phone 256. 25tf

BUSINESS NOTICES

Mary A. Erikson, Suggesto Therapist. Safe and sane methods used successfully in treatment of all diseases. Consultation and examination free. Phone 256. 13-tf

MONEY TO LOAN—On patented land, and also on school land without having it patented. No red tape or delay. Otto Stolley, Austin, Texas; Ges. E. Lockhart, Tahoka, Texas. 24-4t

BOY WANTED—14 to 18 years old, well up in public school grades. Chance to learn good trade. Apply at this office.

"Quig" has just written me that he is leaving for Chicago to see that all orders, for Easter suits with Lamm & Company get out on time. Come and let me measure you now. E. H. Barrow. adv

Have you seen the new White Kid Oxfords at Everybody's? adv

In Preparing for Easter This Spring Let us tog you from Head to Foot

Did you ever see a person with a beautiful suit and stylish hat and OLD shoes, or vice versa---they didn't look dressed up, did they?

This Easter time we invite you, Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, to come in and let us fit you out.

The rains have come and the Boys are coming home; put on a glad smile and a new Easter outfit and spread sunshine.

Just Received this Week

Two lots of Selby Oxfords for Ladies

One White Kid, a beautiful Oxford with covered Louis heel, the latest creation.

One Brown Kid Oxford, long, tapering last, high Louis heel---they're beauties.

EVERYBODY'S

Everything to Wear

Where your Easter Shopping is a Pleasure.



The Immortality of Music

THE last notes of the great orchestra died away. The conductor, his back to the audience, stood rigid, with uplifted arms. Then, with the last tone, his arms dropped to his sides, and he turned to face his audience, his figure drooping, his face expressionless. For as the music died, so died the emotions he had put into it. His great work of art, created but for a moment, had lived and pulsed under the magic of his touch, and now was dead.

This tragedy of music is a tragedy no longer. RE-CREATED by

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music has been endowed with eternal life. A great orchestral performance, once given will be RE-CREATED for you by the New Edison, as often as you desire, pouring forth into your soul all the emotions that inspired the musicians who created it. Musical performance no longer is an ephemeral thing of the moment; it has become permanent, to be RE-CREATED at will by The New Edison.

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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church
This coming Sabbath is the first in the new ecclesiastical year of 1919-20. These days are beautiful spring days in which God's goodness is shown in all nature. The Sabbath day is the day in which we can show an appreciation of His kindness. But these spring days are also rather "lazy days," and you feel much like staying at home all day.

Who wins? God and His church or your lazy spring fever? Surely, church fever would be better. Let us put a little more interest into the affairs of the Kingdom of Christ.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.
Sermon by the pastor and special music.

Evening worship at 7:30. Sermon by the pastor at this hour also.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

All friends of this congregation are cordially invited and will be given a hearty welcome at each service.

Wm. H. Foster, Pastor.

Baptist Church
Sunday-School begins promptly at 9:45, new time. Classes for all ages. Separate class rooms for the majority of classes. Jno. M. Cowden, Supt.

The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., new time. B. Y. P. U. meets in their hall at 6 p. m. All the young people are invited.

We are planning to make Sunday a great day at the Baptist church. We like but three having 300 last Sunday in the Sunday-school. We want to "go over the top" Sunday. The Baracas, (the young men's class) are going in for sixty. They had 54 last Sunday. Other classes are working for an increase in their attendance.

The evening service will be evangelistic. Let's make it worth while. Good congregational singing with special music by the choir. The public is invited to attend all the services.

Christian Endeavor
Subject, "Our Relation to God."
Leader—Elizabeth Lynch.
Scripture, Mark 11:19-26.
Song, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus."
Prayer—Bro. Howe.
Song "Sweet Hour of Prayer."
Side lights.

Talks:
What kind of a man is a Christian that does not pray regular?—Franklin Whitefield.
Does God always answer prayers? (Give reasons for your answers)—Miss Nellie Elkin.
What are some of the benefits that come from prayer of faith?—Lena Mae Bradshaw.
Sentence prayers.
Business, mishpah benediction.

B. Y. P. U.
Leader—Carolyn Caldwell.
Scripture, Daniel 9:20-27—Wesley Benton.
Prayer—Miss Susie Brunson.
Introduction—Leader.
Talk "Our Training Work in the B. Y. P. U. Must be Maintained"—Gladys Basham.
Talk, "We Must Make the Sunday-school Greater and More Efficient"—Mr. Charlie Kerr.
Violin solo—Lady Connell.
Talk, "Financing the Missionary"—Jewell Williamson.
Talk, "We Must Give the Suffering

World the Principles of Jesus"—Elizabeth Harrison.
Special Selection—Male Quartette.

For the young girls and the older girls we are prepared to show a wonderful assortment of gingham dresses made in new and pretty styles, trimmed up nifty. Come in and see what we have you will like them—Everybody's. adv

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R. E. Sherrill and G. R. Couch, of Haskell, Texas, are the sole owners of Section 12, block 38, corner 45, Midland County, Texas, one but the owners is authorized or otherwise to sell this land or its mineral rights. Public notice is given to any person purchasing that no claim as innocent purchaser or otherwise will be recognized except such as is acquired direct from the above owners.

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