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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TAKES UP SEVERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST TO RURAL MEMBERS OF BODY

The regular monthly meeting of the Friona Chamber of Commerce was held in the high school auditorium on Thursday night of last week, with a small but interested attendance. Several questions of prime importance were discussed, some rather thoroughly and some but briefly.

The subject that received the most thorough discussion was that of securing a county agent, a county home demonstrator and the teaching of vocational agriculture in the school.

Prof. Heath was present and gave a most interesting and instructive talk along the line of securing these very desirable factors for the welfare and progress of our agricultural methods and resources.

Prof. Heath who has charge of the work in agriculture and manual training in our school, stated that he had made several trips throughout the county in order to get all the information he could through observation as to the existing conditions of agriculture, locally and had found among other things that there is a wide difference as to the methods employed by the various farmers as to their system of tilling the soil and cultivating the crops, which has led to a wide difference as to the amount and quality of yields secured. As a result some farmers are securing satisfactory or paying results for their labor while others are not. He also spoke of the great loss to the students of the school through the lack of proper vocational instruction in the school, and mentioned the manner in which this could be secured. Because he is getting good results from his efforts here now, as compared to the allotted time and equipment with which he has to work.

He further mentioned the good to be gained for the county through the efforts of a competent home demonstration agent, and suggested that influence be brought to bear on the county commissioners court until a county agent and home demonstration agent both be secured for the county, and the board of trustees be pressed to secure the teaching of vocational agricultural in the Friona high school. It is unfortunate that no member of the school board was present and there were so few of the farmers present to hear Mr. Heath's talk.

Another question discussed was a poultry show for Friona some time during the winter, and D. H. Meade was appointed as chairman of a committee to be appointed by himself to make the necessary arrangements for the show and to set the date for same. The editor of the Star was appointed as a publicity committee, and the Star is ready to keep the people informed as to developments as rapidly as they occur.

A permanent fair for Friona was another subject briefly discussed and a committee was appointed to look into the advisability of the matter and to formulate plans for its inception. This committee consists of Homer Williams, J. B. McFarland and S. F. Warren.

J. M. W. Alexander, who lives several miles southeast of Friona, asked for information concerning the progress and intentions of the telephone company. He said a phone had been placed in his home several months ago, but that he had no connection with any other phone, and many of his neighbors were in the same condition. Information was given to the effect that the company has a force of linemen in the city now and has had for several weeks, and that these men are working busily at welding the Bailey system and the former system in the town, into one first class system, with a complete metallic circuit. That these workmen will be at work on the rural lines just as soon as the system in town is put in proper condition for their service. The manager said that he was held up when he went to erect the poles for crossing the Western Union telegraph lines in order to reach the rural lines south of town and that that part of the work would go on as soon as the proper arrangement had been made with the telegraph company.

An appeal was made by some members present for a better attendance at future meetings and plans were suggested for securing such attendance. The purpose of the organization is to do all the good possible, and it is only by attending and making your wants

LETTERS FROM SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

It will soon be Christmas. Then is when mother says you will come to see all good little boys and good little girls. I am a boy three years old. Please bring me a drum, a tractor, a ball and some blocks. Santa, I have a baby brother. He would like a ball and a doll. Good-bye Santa Claus. Don't forget the candy and nuts.

HUGH EDWARD MOSELY.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good little girl. I love my teacher and like to go to school. I am good to my father and mother. I want a doll, a doll bed and a cabinet and a dresser for Christmas. I am hoping to get these things.

LILLIAN VENABLE.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good little girl. I love my teacher and love to go to school. I am good to my mother and father. I am in the third grade. I want you to bring me a big doll and a little dresser and a little doll bed. I am hoping to get these things.

BILLY JEAN VENABLE.

REMEMBERS FRIONA

The editor of the Star feels exceedingly grateful for a letter received recently from Rev. John M. Peyton, who is now pastor of the Congregational church at Miami, Florida.

Rev. Peyton was at one time pastor of the local Congregational church and is happily remembered by many of his friends and parishioners here at Friona.

Owing to the fact that his letter contains many expressions that will be of general interest to all our readers and especially those who knew him while here, we are quoting from the letter:

"I have been thinking I would write you a few lines, but have been busy. I am reminded of you often when the Star comes—it is like a letter from home. We were interested this week in reading of the birthday occasion for Grandma Symphon. We could see her in our minds as she used to walk down to the post office and joke with us about life in general.

As I looked over the morning papers two items caught my attention. . . While other sections of the country suffer from cold we enjoy bathing on the beach. We have beautiful flowers and shrubs, birds sing in the morning as if it were spring. I heard a robin this morning, and I suppose he is here to escape the cold. . .

Yesterday some neighbors went duck hunting. That reminds me of the Panhandle. But talk about fish. Are delicious. The red snapper seems to be best. During a recent hurricane all sorts of fish were blown from the water. All one needed to do was pick them up. Can you imagine that we have a daughter old enough for kindergarten. Joan Marian is large for her age and some of the folks say she looks like me, others that she is like her mother. . ."

Read all the ads in the Star this week.

WEATHER FAIRLY GOOD

During the past two weeks the weather within the Friona territory has been fair and for the most part mild and spring-like.

During the early part of last week it was quite cold, giving several degrees below freezing, and on one morning the watering tanks were covered with an inch and one-half of ice. The temperature then began rising and the latter part of last week and all of this week up to Wednesday afternoon has been very mild, practically no ice at all having formed during the nights.

The weather out at the Towry farm has been about the same as described above.

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and needs known that such help can be secured. Very few people can fully realize the needs and desires of another unless that party shall express such desires. Only one business man of the town was present last Thursday night, and as a result, practically all discussions were directed toward conditions as interesting the farming portion of the community.

CANYON TALENT HERE TUESDAY

A group of Canyon high school students visited Friona Tuesday evening and entertained as large number of Friona people with the presentation of "Stop Thief." The play came here under auspices of the Baptist church, which shared in the proceeds. These young people were met by a good-sized and appreciative audience.

W. M. S. REPORT

The W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Raymond Jones Tuesday afternoon, December 10, with nine members present.

Scripture reading, Mrs. Jones. Prayer, Mrs. Kerr. Business.

The W. M. S. will serve hot coffee and cocoa, hamburgers, sandwiches and pie, and will have cakes and dressed chickens to sell at the office of O. G. Turner on trades day, Monday, December 23. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. E. B. McClellan Tuesday, December 17.

REPORTER.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

The boys of the football team of Friona high school were entertained at a banquet given by the domestic science class at the school building Friday night of last week. The following program was given: Toastmaster, J. A. Conway. What a Substitute Thinks about—Impromptu. What Football has meant to me—Impromptu.

Tacker of Yellow Slips—Mr. Heath. What the Side Lines Think—Miss Pitts.

Contest—The Pile-up. Signals—Mr. Mimmis. Next Year's Football Possibilities—Arthur Baker.

Menu:
The Kick-off
First Half
Pile-up
Rain Checks
Punts
Referee
Downs
The Tackle
Goal Posts
Second Half
Star Half
Wet Grounds
Ambulance Call
Umpire

DINED AT WARREN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warren of this place, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gamble of Canyon, and Robert Gamble of Minneapolis, Minn., and Herman Ficke of Canyon, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Warren and family at their farm home west of town, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble are uncle and aunt of Mrs. S. F. Warren. Robert Gamble is a cousin, and Mr. Ficke is a brother; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warren are the parents of S. F. A splendid dinner was served and was enjoyed by all present.

NEW HOUSES CONTINUE TO GO UP HERE

The residential portion of Friona is still growing in the way of new houses being erected, both in the east and west parts of the city.

E. B. McClellan last week completed the new residence he has been building the past few weeks. This residence will make a desirable and attractive addition to the residential part of the east side of town and will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. McClellan as their home.

Mr. McClellan is also engaged in the erection of another neat edifice on the lot adjoining his own home, which will be occupied by his son, Leo, and wife. Mr. McClellan is building a double garage between the two homes which will do service for both places.

In addition to the McClellan buildings in the east part, is another roomy and neat frame house under construction in the west part of town, which is being put up by W. O. Thompson. It is reported that Mr. Thompson, who is doing the carpenter work himself, will occupy this building as his home. He is now living on his farm southeast of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Miller, who now live on their farm in the Lakeview settlement southeast of town, are desirous of securing a place in town where they may make their home at least during the school term. Mr. Miller was here the latter part of last week seeking a location either where they might build. It was not learned whether a place was secured.

EARLY CHRISTMAS MAILING

Select your gifts and mail them, if they are to be mailed, in plenty of time so be sure of reaching their destination well before Christmas. By doing this you help to ease the heavy burden of post masters and mail clerks who are forced to handle the multiplied volume of mail which glutts the channels of mail service during the holiday season. And for your own satisfaction of knowing that your gifts were received in time, do not forget to mail early.

ON JOB AGAIN

T. W. Turner who spent several weeks in a hospital in Amarillo suffering with typhoid and who returned home two weeks ago, is again able to be at work in his shoe repair shop.

While he is yet in a weakened condition and unable for heavy work, he says he can stand to do quite a bit of work in his shop.

BUSINESS MEETING AND SOCIAL

Members of the Congregational church with a few invited guests met at the church building last Friday night in a combined business meeting and oyster soup and coffee and the trimmings that go with them as refreshments.

Postmaster Guyer was head chef and was assisted by Reeve Guyer and Ralph Roden who acted as waiters. The people first gathered in the basement where they spent a while in interesting and amusing games that were planned and led by Mrs. J. B. Lang which were continued until all had arrived, when the congregation ascended to the auditorium and were convened in a business session led by Carl C. Maurer as moderator.

This meeting was begun by a number of selections by the town orchestra which were well received and highly appreciated, and then followed the business proper consisting first of a unanimous call to Rev. J. L. Beattie to serve the congregation another year as pastor. The next item was acquiescing in the plans of the trustees for certain improvements in the way of installing a new stairway to the basement.

Those present then retired to the basement where the refreshments were served to about 75 persons. After all had partaken to his or her complete satisfaction, three rousing cheers were given for the chef and the assemblage dispersed.

MUCH LAND SELLING

Real estate in the Friona neighborhood seems to be changing hands often and the past two weeks has seen a number of desirable tracts transferred.

J. D. Porter, who has been a citizen of Friona and community for the past several years, disposed of his section of land a few miles west of town two weeks ago to Hamblen Brothers of Pond Creek, Okla. The new owners have moved in and are preparing to take possession of and till the land. Mr. Porter had about 300 acres of promising wheat on the land which was included in the sale.

Ira Thompson of Elk City, Oklahoma, purchased the O'Brian tract west of town last week and is preparing to move to it and put it in cultivation.

O. S. Lawson last week bought the Miles Roberson tract north-west of town. Mr. Thompson is as yet undecided as to whether he will move to his land.

Miss Sadie Stephens of Portales, New Mexico, last week purchased the 117 acre tract north of town, formerly owned by R. L. Williams of River Falls, Minn.

It is reported that the above deals were handled by R. L. Chiles and that other real estate men of Friona has been likewise busy with various deals.

FRIONA GETS IMPROVEMENT OF MAIL SERVICE: FOUR MAILS PER DAY UNDER NEW ARRANGEMENT

AS TO THE CITY WATER

The city fathers are frequently asked as to the time when the contractor will begin the construction of the city water plant, to which question they have been unable to give any definite answer.

City Engineer Devlin, of the Devlin Engineering Co., was here last Saturday and informed the commission that all the legal procedure necessary to installing the system had been gone through and that in his opinion the contractor, the Sherman Iron and Machine Works of Oklahoma City, will have machinery in Friona within the near future ready to begin sinking a well, which work will be done before any of the mains are laid. When the well is sunk and a sufficient amount of water is found, then the trenching machines will get busy with the trenches and the mains will be laid.

In the opinion of Mr. Devlin, Friona will have one of the most efficient water systems when completed to be found within the Plains country.

VISITED BULL CANYON

N. B. Norton and V. E. Well spent a part of last week visiting that part of New Mexico known as Bull Canyon with a view to investing in land there.

They say there is lots of fine valley land suitable for grazing either sheep or cattle that is well watered by springs, with any amount of fine level farming land adjoining it on top of the cap rock. They say forty bushels of wheat were made to the acre and some of the finest corn seen in the western country was grown. They were favorably impressed and likely will invest in land there.

WHEAT GROWERS MEET

A meeting of the local directors of the Farmers Elevator Corporation was held Saturday afternoon in the company office to discuss the project of a new elevator here or extensive additions and improvements to the present building and equipment.

The meeting was attended by local directors and one of the managers of the organization from Amarillo. The proposition was discussed at length but no definite decision was reached, but it appears that the balance of opinion was in favor of a new elevator, but in the event an additional elevator is built there will be nothing done toward construction until about ninety days before the coming wheat harvest.

VISITS SPRING LAKE

Messrs. and Mmes. W. F. Reeve and John White drove to Spring Lake Sunday afternoon to be present at a short business meeting of the Spring Lake church.

The meeting was really more of a conference than a business meeting and the principal matters considered was the program of preaching services for the Congregational church of Friona and Spring Lake, the two being under charge of Pastor Beattie.

The Friona parties expressed themselves as having had a pleasant trip and that they enjoyed meeting the Spring Lake folk.

Pastor Beattie preached at Spring Lake that day.

LIGHT CASES OF INFLUENZA

During the past two weeks a number of cases of influenza, all in light form, have been reported. Among those who have been almost past going are Edwinn Gischer, Rayburn Melton, Buford Taylor and J. B. McCuiston, the latter being confined to his bed for two or more days, having a slight complication of pleurisy.

HOUSES AND ROOMS WANTED

Notwithstanding the fact that new houses are being built each week in Friona, there continues as great a dearth of dwelling houses as has existed for many months. Scarcely a day passes that someone does not call at the Star office to inquire for a house or a room, and it is no unusual occurrence for transients to be unable to secure rooms for a night only.

On a recent occasion, three men called at five places before they were able to get beds for the night. Friona needs another hotel and many more homes.

Beginning last week the post office at Friona receives and dispatches mail four times daily.

The regular morning west bound mail and the noon east bound mail will remain as they have been for several years, but instead of these constituting the only mails received and dispatched, there will be an out-going mail in the evening, which will leave the post office at six o'clock, and be received by the west bound train that passes here at night, and carried as far as Clovis, where it will be assorted and all east bound mail will be transferred to the east bound train and forwarded to its destination thus giving it about twelve hours advance of the time it would reach there under the former schedule. Thus all mail dropped into the post office here in the afternoon will be dispatched that same evening instead of waiting until noon of the next day as has heretofore been the case. While this will make more work for the local post master and his assistants, it will furnish a great improvement in Friona's mail service.

THEY LIKED THE PLAY

The young people of the Lazbuddie district, entertained Friona people with a home talent play at the school auditorium last Saturday night when a fair sized crowd is reported and the efforts of these fine young people were highly praised by those who witnessed their rendition of the play, "The Absent Minded Bridegroom."

It is said there were no dull or uninteresting parts in the play and each actor did his or her part exceedingly well.

Friona people are pleased to have these young people from Lazbuddie visit them and had the play been advertised earlier it is likely that the attendance would have been doubled.

THINKS GOOD ROADS NEEDED

The Star office is in receipt of a letter from a reader who lives many miles away, but who holds property and business interests in the town and county, and is interested in good roads.

Among other things the writer says: "You are thoroughly familiar with the fact that the surrounding or neighboring towns and other points were made good by roads ending into them. They are still working to open every possible road into them. It is up to Friona to get busy. Merely as a suggestion, it might be a good idea to appoint a committee to see how many roads can be opened into Friona."

It is quite evident that the above suggestions are timely and of sufficient moment to warrant recognition. While there are now roads leading into Friona from every quarter, there are not enough feeders opened into these roads and we believe the suggestion a good one to work the matter out and see that all necessary roads are opened for public traffic.

SIXTY MINUTES OF SERVICE

In one hour the railroads of the United States earn \$695,037 from their transportation operations and spend \$503,425 in operating expenses.

In an hour they pay \$320,896 in wages and \$44,298 in taxes. In an hour 5,872 cars are loaded with freight and 88,635 passengers board trains.

In an hour the railroads perform freight service equivalent to hauling nearly 50 million tons one mile, and passenger service equals transporting over 3,500,000 passengers the same distance.

Every hour of the day, every day in the year this service is performed that the American public can have the necessities and luxuries of life at its beck and call. Copper from Utah and Nevada, fruit from California and Florida, cattle and grain from the prairie states, and manufactured products from New England—the railroads carry it all, swiftly, dependably and at a low cost.

American civilization could not exist without the service performed by our railroads. Transportation is the life-blood of business and social advancement. Same railroads facilities.

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OUR COMIC SECTION

Winter's Work Before Him



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FINNEY OF THE FORCE



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Reminiscent

THE AUTHOR'S WIFE

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GROVER KING, bachelor, was interested in just two things in life. One was keeping the taxes as low as he possibly could—that being his sole reason for bothering to be the president of the school board of District G3 year after year.

So the years went along until Grover King was in his thirties. One by one the school teachers had either married or left to teach in schools where buildings were newer and the equipment more plentiful.

Then Persia West took the school. She was almost thirty but not quite. Her coming brought no quiver of interest to the heart of Grover King. He was weary with the sameness of young school teachers.

"Then it means a play," she said wearily. "Can you write a play or a pageant, Mr. King?" He stammered. This was quite out of his line, but he hated to admit any defeat.

"Good!" she accepted. "We'll begin rehearsals as soon as you let us have the manuscript. I always find home talent plays go so well when the writer, too, is home talent."

How he struggled through the play only he knew. It wasn't, truth to tell, much of a play when it was completed. But he was proud of it. He felt that if it had the proper lighting and costuming and a biting song or two added it would go on Broadway.

She was a girl after his own heart. He agreed that she was right absolutely and unequivocally right. They printed this statement on the bottom of every ticket.

But alas, and attack, as the fairy stories used to say, Grover King fell asleep and slept—Grover King, the punctual—five hours.

counting them over. Grover King threw down his pasteboard and started to fling his way into the darkened house. His play!

"Not late comers admitted," snarled the ticket man.

There were words. "I wouldn't admit the author himself," said the man finally. "It says so on the ticket and the 'udy teacher was most particular on this point."

"But I am the author," said King. The ticket man only laughed and waved him away. King was large enough to have forced his way in but there would have been a scene. People would have laughed.

Again the ticket man laughed scornfully. "Now I'll tell one," he said with mirth at the old and well-loved joke.

King went outside and watched the play as best he could from a tall window ledge. It was a good play and the night air being crisp stimulated King. To be sure he was uncomfortable crouching there on the window ledge. But after a while he had to laugh at the situation. Prompt? Punctual? Well, he was host by his own petard.

When he finally got inside the building and went out on the stage he dragged by the hand an unwilling teacher, Persia West. There were glances and comments. King was content. If only Persia's ideas would coincide with his—he worried about that.

He didn't need to, though. Persia was already making plans for him to write a Broadway success. And she—why, she was going to be the author's wife!

Luscious Papaya Draws Encomiums From Cobb

Giving credit where credit is due, I must own up that under the shaggy mansard of the hotel in Panama City I made the acquaintance of the papaya.

Impious slanderers have dubbed it an edible gourd, which is a deliberate insult. It is a smooth-faced melon-like thing that grows on a tree. If it be of the papaw breed, as naturalists assert, only a sense of restraint deters me from referring to it as the heavy sugar papaw of the Southland.

Science may have its say about the papaya's evolution and ancestry, but I prefer to appraise it according to a softer, more sentimental theory of my own. I claim it is a love-child.

Once, long eons ago, beneath the ardent tropic moon, some lusty cantaloupe led astray a trusting sapodilla. Dear, yielding, rosy-cheeked papaya, which takes after both its parents, was the outcome.

Eaten at the beginning of a meal, it is an appetizer of merit; eaten at any stage of the meal, it is a prime digestive, since it is rich in pepsin. It hops right in and digests whatever else you put in your hoppers; that's what they say for it.

And the taste of it! The mango, to which it may be distantly related, tastes like turpentine when it doesn't taste like scented soap, and the common papaw smells like a sanitary barber and frequently acts up among your insides like the wrath to come; but with the papaya, pretty is as pretty does, and it certainly does sit mighty gracefully on the tum-tum after leaving the palate with its fragrant juices all the way down.—Irvin S. Cobb in Hearst's International Cosmopolitan.

Macaroni Chinese Dish?

Macaroni appears to have been the invention of the Chinese. It was introduced into Europe by the Germans from whom the Italians learned of it. By the Fourteenth century they were the only people enjoying it. The method of manufacturing it was held a great secret. Later, however, this secret leaked out to a cook in France, and it is recorded that Louis XIII was induced to order it in an inn in Tours. He was so favorably impressed that he had his own cook study the method of preparation.

Needle in History

The needle was known in very ancient times. Its invention being ascribed by the ancients to the goddess Beltona. The earliest instruments of the kind were fashioned of wood or fish bones, and did not have the eye but were used after the manner of the awl. The Babylonians, Egyptians and Phrygians did embroidery in Pompeii both ordinary and surgeons needles have been found. The Chinese appear to have been the inventors of steel needles.

Good-By, Nurse!

Her husband had just come home and had his first meeting with the new nurse, who was remarkably pretty. "She is sensible and scientific, too," said the fond mother, "and says she will allow no one to kiss the baby while she is near."

Cuts, Burns, Bruises Try Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh

Apply Blue Star Ointment to relieve Skin Irritations, Itching Skin or the Itch of Eczemic conditions, Tetter, Ringworm, Itching Toes, Poison Oak and an Antiseptic Dressing for Old Sores, etc. Ask your Druggist for

STOP THAT ITCHING

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From Youth to Age

There are three trying periods in a woman's life: when the girl matures to womanhood, when a woman gives birth to her first child, when a woman reaches middle age. At these times Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound helps to restore normal health and vigor.

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German Children Taller According to Prof. Walter Von Brunn, of Rostock university, Germany, the average height of German children has increased an inch in the last five years and there has been a corresponding increase in weight.

Millions use Red Cross bluing. Large bottle 10c. All good grocers sell it.—Adv.

Wise is the girl who fears a man more than she does a mouse.

The more faults a man looks for the more he finds.



Mothers... Watch Children's COLDS

COMMON head colds often "settle" in throat and chest where they may become dangerous. Don't take a chance—at the first sniffle rub on Children's Musterole once every hour for five hours.

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BETTER THAN A MUSTARD PLASTER MILD

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THE FEATHERHEADS



Just One of Those Things

H.A.T.E.

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WNU Service

CHAPTER IX—Continued

An aide knocked at the door. "General Scott is arrived from the Niagara frontier, your excellency," he announced.

"Ah," exclaimed the governor. "In that case, I must ask you to excuse me, gentlemen. But be assured of my sympathy in your undertakings." He hesitated. "My sympathy, gentlemen, and my pity," he added earnestly.

Outside on the steps of the portico, Joshua Ingelplein clutched Fellowes' arm again.

"Don't heed the governor's twaddle," he urged in his jerky, impatient speech. "He means well, but he doesn't know. How could he? How could anyone, who hasn't learned to hate? Pah! We'll show 'em, Fellowes. We'll show 'em, damme!"

Fellowes experienced a slight inclination to nausea, and asked himself if Joshua's hysterical assertiveness wasn't perhaps a reaction from the same cause. He hated, he hated with his whole being. But there was no satisfaction in it, despite Joshua's claim. It was, on the contrary, rather debasing.

There was much to be done in fitting the Centurion for sea, but the easiest job of all was collecting a crew. Nimrod Sopher, with Paris Eaches, Joe Donk and a dozen more Babylonians posted into town by Jeff Riggle's coach as soon as the news trickled through the pine forests down the South shore, and were all enrolled in the marine guard, and put to assisting Cuffee in mounting the battery and overhauling the small arms. A Marblehead man named Spencer, who had left his home-port in disgust at New England's Federalist proclivities, was accepted as first lieutenant, and a low-voiced Virginian, Henry Breed, qualified as second. For surgeon Fellowes picked a city doctor, Aloysius O'Shaughnessy, red-headed son of a surgeon in Willett's regiment of the old New York Line.

The minor ratings were selected from some five hundred applicants, for the shipping trade was hamstrung, and employment in a fast heavy-armed privateer was infinitely preferable to enlistment in the regular army or militia, notwithstanding bounties and land-warrants freely offered as inducements to recruits. Fellowes took only healthy, seasoned men. When the brig hauled out of her slip, and anchored in the stream, she mustered the choicest crew, mariners said, that ever had sailed from New York.

Fellowes was imperturbably satisfied, and Joshua never tired of his visits of inspection. "I wish to God Ben would make up his mind, and sail," he'd exclaim, scowling over the side at the stumpy hull of the True Bounty, lying a quarter mile nearer Governors Island. "Tis vastly annoying, this delay."

Fellowes, himself worn by the tension, could only counsel patience.

"We're ready, Mr. Ingelplein. The moment he slips his cable, we'll be after him."

And Joshua would sigh gustily, his ruddy features suddenly ugly with the passion that stewed in his soul.

"If we might only seize him when he sails! But doubtless he'd destroy aught damaging to his interest."

"Doubtless," Fellowes agreed curtly. And added as curtly: "And forget not you'll watch for us until I've brought the Badger to action, ay, if it takes a year."

Strangely, Joshua never resented such reminders.

"To be sure, to be sure," he'd assent. "I mustn't be selfish. You have Colishawe to reckon with, too. And you do well to hate thoroughly, captain. You'll never regret it."

So he'd go over to his wherry, piloted by Tom and his mates, like an admiral into his barge.

Summer waned into fall and the waterfront speculated freely on the conjunction of circumstances that kept the two Ingelplein ships in port. So did Ben and his friends. The Secret Service reports that came to Joshua every few days were full of such passages as this:

"Mr. Ingelplein had with him over the Thursday Senator Pickering of Massachusetts. They attended a meeting at the Bank Coffee house in the evening. Higgins, the waiter says there was a deal of talk of secession, but mostly of the objective of Mr. Joshua Ingelplein's new private brig. Mr. Benjamin assured the gentlemen he'd give the d-d rascals the slip."

Another time Mr. Daniel Webster a young, fiery representative in congress from New Hampshire, and Mr. George Herbert were cited as having conducted an animated discussion at Ben's dinner table. "Curse this government," cried Mr. Herbert. "At six days' notice I'd march for Washington, and swear upon the altar not to return until Madison was buried beneath the ruins of the capital." A sentiment which Mr. Webster applauded. "This is no longer a free government," said he. "The Constitution is fouly libeled. There is growing up in Washington a fabric of despotism. We must take mea-

ures, gentlemen, desperate measures if need be."

Finally, in September, when the fall gales began to blow in earnest, the True Bounty loaded a cargo of barreled flour, salt fish, and sundries, and Ben Ingelplein visited the custom house in person and took out clearance papers for Cadiz.

Joshua foamed with rage when he heard this. "The impertinence of it," he fumed. "The d-n feller's been trading with the enemy. Aye, and if the truth be known, he is, now. Cadiz! H—l, Fellowes, there are roads from Cadiz to Wellington's front. Cadiz! Why not Southampton, and be done with it?"

Joshua made a nuisance of himself occasionally, but it was he who fetched the first warning of the True Bounty's sailing.

The day had been overcast, with light airs quartering from south to east. Fellowes was sitting at supper in the main cabin, solitary by choice, when a thump sounded overhead, and Joshua pelted through the companionway.

"They're off!" shouted the merchant.

"Off? Nonsense, sir, my lookouts—"

"No, no! I mean Ben and the girl—and that creature that tends her. I saw 'em, Fellowes. Saw 'em pile out of their house, bag and baggage. They came in a coach, but I beat 'em. By G—d, I ran a race!"

Knuckles battered the door, and Tom Grogan rolled into the cabin.

"Mr. Spencer's compliments, cap'n, and that's two smallbonts comin' alongside the True Bounty, and her hands aloft on the yards."

"You're right," exclaimed Fellowes, jumping for the companionway.

The night had turned clear when he reached the deck, and the stillness in the air indicated one of those calms which precede a radical shift of wind. Spencer, the first lieutenant, a gruff, bearded sea-dog—whose proud boast was that he'd "sailed with Bowditch, the navigator"—sniffed uneasily like a dog hunting a trail.

"Aye, aye, Captain," he responded to a question. "Something's brewin', but don't ask me what. I'd say a nor'wester, if 'twasn't for them stars." Breed, the Virginian second lieutenant, who seldom spoke, held up a forefinger for attention.

"What's that?" he asked in his soft voice.

"That," was a distant murmur in the air, and glancing across the roofs and trees of the city toward the Hudson, Fellowes noticed a low bank of clouds drifting above the Palisades.

"Here she comes! Topmen aloft, Mr. Spencer," he ordered crisply. "Double-reef tops'ls. Mr. Breed, make haste with that anchor."

There was a rush of men to their stations, ratlines twanging under the push of seaboots. Peering down-stream through nightglasses, Fellowes caught a momentary glimpse of the upper yards of the True Bounty, ghostly with drooping canvas, before the thickening darkness blanketed her.

"But—but—you're really going?" Joshua quavered beside him.

"Yes, sir, and we'll be hugging the True Bounty's taffrail," Fellowes assured his employer. "But you must be going, sir. The river will be wet for you when that wind strikes us."

Joshua paused at the gangway, and grasped Fellowes' hand, a look of concern on his rubicund features.

"You must hate, remember," he pleaded. "With all of yourself. Not just one of 'em. The whole lot. And if you feel you're slacking up on one of 'em, why, bear down harder on her—ah—him."

"I dare swear I'll be able to, sir," Fellowes answered sadly. "Good-by, and bid your wherryman row for their lives."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Regulating Climate

Just as in winter one opens his window to let in the cold air when the room is too warm, a Washington meteorologist suggests using the ice of the polar regions to regulate the earth's climate. This may be done by having international expeditions sail to the Arctic and Antarctic and blast huge chunks of ice from the glaciers. This would let more icebergs into the oceans and would considerably moderate the heat of summer. Those icebergs which are naturally found in the North Atlantic have a beneficial effect on the climate of Europe, among other things preventing droughts. Similarly, Antarctic icebergs are of benefit to Australia.

Historic American Castle

Romance, war and ghostly legend hang over Bacon's castle, whose huge diamond-shaped chimneys are landmarks for miles around the eastern edge of Surrey county, in Virginia. One of the oldest buildings in the state, built in 1655, it is marvelously preserved. Because of the castle's proximity to Jamestown, and since it was in the track of the rebels led by Nathaniel Bacon, Capt. Lawrence Baker was forced to flee from the castle during Bacon's rebellion of 1675-76. The castle was seized by young Bacon's followers and fortified, and since that time has borne the name, Bacon's castle.

Community Building

Traffic Arteries Must Be Planned With Care

Teaching a community how to grow is one of the businesses that has evolved from this machine age, and towns and cities are no longer as self-contained as they were, their prosperity and development depending to a large degree on the prosperity of an entire area.

This has brought about the widespread application of city planning and its big brother, regional planning. Governmental agencies authorized or qualified to do the work for a city and its environs rarely exist. Whatever is to be accomplished must come through the activities of the citizens themselves, who can be most effective through the medium of the city or regional planning body.

Of all the problems that the community of today has to face that of the automobile and its attendant demands is of most concern. The travel fluidity of the car has caused the suburb and outlying districts to blossom. Adequate traffic arteries must be built and certainly there must be some directing agency to see that they are built where there is the most need.

In days gone by cities and towns grew without intelligent direction. Streets for the most part were confined to that age-old four-road width. Without proper guidance growing communities will find themselves still laying out the same old narrow routes which became inadequate about the time blacksmiths began giving up the anvil for automobile tools.

Tree-Shaded Highways Add to Property Value

It is time to consider systematic beautification of our highways, many of which are unsightly. In Europe the highways are a delight to the tourist, particularly to the American, who marvels at those wonderful tree-lined roads, says the New York state college of forestry at Syracuse university.

Except for a few memorials and places where civic organizations have planted trees, and where the private owner has taken a pride in the appearance of his property, no organized planting on our modern state roads has been done. Since the advent of automobile highways, roadside planting seems to have been forgotten at a time it is most needed.

No state at present is setting out avenues of trees on its highways. Our modern highways might very appropriately be embellished by avenues of elms or maples and in some places by what is known as the group-planting system. The expense of this work would be partially offset by the increased values of abutting property owners, by esthetic improvements, by less pavement maintenance and a slower deterioration of automobile equipment.

Make Town's Opportunity

Never in the history of this country has your town had the opportunities that it has today. Big business is looking to the smaller city as it never has before. The town or city that prepares itself for big things will greatly profit, and every individual citizen will be benefited—but the town must be ready. The way to be ready is to be at work (building up the morale, aggressiveness, customer attitude and salesmanship ability of the "clerk"—citizens—of the community), not by erection of monuments or idle talk on "town boosting"—but by constructive thinking to do something, get something, achieve something—to climb out of the rut, to have a city that is the best in the land in which to live, work, play and make money—to have a city which has eliminated the "oppressive ugliness" of dormant, inactive civic pride.—Anderson (Ind.) Herald.

Trees Wantonly Injured

With 35,000 trees along its boulevards, 100,000 along streets not under control of the park board and many thousands more in yards and in parks, Kansas City truly is a "city of trees," according to J. W. Blachly, forester for the park department.

In a report, Mr. Blachly points out 90 per cent of the trees killed along the boulevard system each year are lost because of carelessness of motorists. He estimates between 300 and 400 trees each year are killed because of being injured by motor cars or trucks.

Mr. Blachly points out when a tree is killed it must be replaced by a similar kind as near the same size as possible. Replacing a tree costs from three to fifty times as much as the original planting.

Color Scheme for Roof

In these days of dawning multi-colored buildings when the newest color card for roofs includes such a multiplicity of shades as antique brown, gray green, dusk blue, weathered brown, heather purple, tile red, jade green and black pearl, opal and multi-crome, an authoritative color harmony chart is as necessary in the building world as in the dressmaking world.

Rehabilitation Profitable

Rehabilitation of the old home preserves both its use value and material value.

SOME TIMELY SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Rose for Lamp Base



Roses in midwinter? Yes, beautiful full-blown ones if you please. Make them of crepe paper for the boudoir, sun parlor or living room. The stems are of exaggerated length, fully thirty-six inches, so as to twine around the base of the floor lamp. Be sure to choose paper in a color which matches or harmonizes with the general tone of the room. The woman skilled in paper flower-making will be delighted with this charming item for home decoration. For an inexpensive "made-it-myself" Christmas gift it is one of the prettiest suggestions of the season.

Holds Toothbrush



As a reminder that "a place for everything and everything in its place" is a good precept, Santa Claus plans to distribute "oodles" of cunning toothbrush holders to the "kiddies" this year. Two popular painted wooden types are shown in the picture. An amusing model which brings a smile at every glance is that of a wee china dog or kitty cat which holds the brush so that it looks like the tail of the little creature.

Transparent Flowers



Never in the history of flower craft has anything lovelier been devised than the new transparent cellophane flowers. They look so like exquisite blown glass posies it's difficult to tell them apart. The petals are cut out of lovely, colorful cellophane paper, then covered with liquid transparent sealing wax. A bowl full of poppies as pictured will bring a sure enough "Merry Christmas" to the recipient.

Ensemble Boudoir Sets



Not only do we dress, but we furnish our homes, and in ensemble, especially the boudoir. Dress hangers, shoe trees, hat stands must match. Latest item to add to this assortment is heart shaped shoe tips. Stuff them in the toes and they "do the trick" of keeping milady's shoes in perfect shape. Christmas displays feature sets as pictured of painted wood and enamel cloth in identical patterning.



For COLDS

We all catch colds and they can make us miserable; but yours needn't last long if you will do this: Take two or three tablets of Bayer Aspirin just as soon as possible after a cold starts. Stay in the house if you can—keep warm. Repeat with another tablet or two of Bayer Aspirin every three or four hours, if those symptoms of cold persist. Take a good laxative when you retire, and keep bowels open. If throat is sore, dissolve three tablets in a quarter-glassful of water and gargle. This soothes inflammation and reduces infection. There is nothing like Bayer Aspirin for a cold, or sore throat. And it relieves aches and pains almost instantly. The genuine tablets, marked Bayer, are absolutely harmless to the heart.

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Effect of Salt Water

on the Human System

Some of our common credulities, writes Prof. J. Arthur Thompson in John o' London's Weekly, refer to the supposed susceptibility of our body to certain influences; and a good example is the widespread belief that drinking salt water brings on madness. For subtle physiological reasons, concerned in part with the density of the living matter and the difference of fluid material from cell to cell, the health of the body depends on a delicate balance between the inorganic salts in the blood. If there should be a lack of salts in the food, things may go badly wrong; and similarly if through lack of fresh water or its equivalent there should be an accumulation of salts in the blood, everything goes wrong in the working of the body, and delirium is likely to set in.

Tourists Destroy Edelweiss

Edelweiss, the famous Swiss mountain flower, is threatened with extinction, due chiefly to the ravages of tourists.

Several Alpine regions where the plant formerly flourished have reported that it is now very rare. Edelweiss does not spread rapidly even under normal conditions.

A Bavarian botanist estimated recently that in a certain mountain area there were 26,000 roots of edelweiss in 1920. At the end of 1928, he said, only 600 remained.

Grizzlies Passing

Forest rangers in the Far West who have been making a census of grizzly bears report that this interesting animal is almost extinct. It is estimated that there is only about a score of grizzly bears in the entire Pacific coast region. In times gone by these animals were common in the mountain forests and hunters and trappers had many adventures with them. But they are going the way of the buffalo, the passenger pigeon and the great auk.

The Dear Creatures

Mrs. Sweetland—They said my dress was a symphony.

Mrs. Sourbrash—Yeah, the unfinished kind!

His Choice

"What is your son taking in summer school?"

"The golf course."

Inefficiency

"Why did the fire department get rid of their efficiency expert?"

"He put unbreakable glass in all the fire alarm boxes."

The giant Irish deer, which became extinct about the Fourteenth century, was a favorite quarry of medieval hunters in northern Europe.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Friona Star is authorized to announce the names of the following persons as candidates for the office under which the name appears, each subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary to be held in July, 1930:

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
A. B. SHORT, of Friona.

COGITATIONS and APHORISMS of JODOK

It is not hard to do a dirty trick to one's neighbors but it is a hopeless task to undo it.

If you think you are a brick, just remember that a one brick never amounts to much until it falls in line with hundreds of others in building something useful.

A knocker always tears down and never builds unless he is driving something through that is worthwhile.

I sometimes wonder if I have what might be called a theological look. At least there is a lot of theology expressed within my hearing and there is as many varieties of it as of the birds of the air. Most of those expressing it call it religion, but I call it just theology and much of it very badly diluted.

I am just thinking how strange it is that people seldom take note of anything they read if it is perfectly fair and all right. But let a misstatement appear or an error in grammar or a misspelled word and everybody sees it.

I was speaking with the editor recently and he said he had begun to think nobody ever read his paper, owing to the fact that he was asked so many questions that had just been answered in the Star.

He said his fears on that score were relieved when a few mistakes slipped through. It seemed that everybody had read it and told their neighbors and they had read it also.

He said just one little article which had been misconstrued almost caused him to lose his reputation for veracity, and he was roasted on all sides until thoroughly done.

But as the colored boy Sam said, "It is an ill wind that blows no what," he says he gets some satisfaction from the fact that his efforts as a journalist are receiving some attention at least, for which he is deeply grateful.

I overheard some of the fellows harassing the editor for bragging about the fine condition of Main street after it had been worked, and they were pouring it on hot, too. Of course they had reference to the wagon loads of dirt that had been piled along the curb between Sixth and Seventh streets, and they sure enough did make it rough.

One fellow asked him just how bad a street must be in order that he would not brag on it, and the editor said he would brag a little on any street, no matter what condition it was in, just so it was in Friona.

Yes, there were some woeful predictions made. Some said the great piles of dirt would remain there all winter, as the dirt would freeze and be so hard that it could not be moved or spread out. They also rode the mayor's hump about it and asked him to fire the men who had been working on the street.

The mayor said he would not do that for these men knew more of street making than he knew hump-riding and he would never fire more than he would ever fire any much more they saw no reason to make a hump of it.

Then, shortly after dinner the mayor asked one of these men to come over and he would stand a treat. The man came and the mayor took feishish delight in showing him that all the mounds of dirt had been torn down and were being nicely spread over the street by a huge grader drawn by a tractor. The mayor seemed to enjoy the situation immensely, and did not seem to have the least regret at losing the treat.

Some one has intimated that the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce seems to get a lot of kick out of advertising the meetings of the organization, then spending a part of the afternoon chasing over town and reminding the business men and other members of the fact so they may not forget to attend.

He may get the kick all right, but it is buttons to butter beans it is not the kind of kick most men enjoy.

Anyway, there is some consolation in the fact that there was one business man at the meeting last Thursday night.

It appears that people who advertise should have no fear that their advertisements will not be read, judging from the experience that fell to the lot of the Star editor last week.

Either through haste in writing the copy or for some other unaccountable reason, a word was omitted from one of the ads in last week's issue, and I heard the editor remark that he had scarcely realized that he had so many readers until they began dropping in to tell him about the omission.

I like the radio and think it is one of the most wonderful discoveries that has yet been made, at least within the cycle of time of which we have any record.

I get mighty tired some times of listening to some of those fellows who seem to want to sing to the instrument, and cannot sing, and the Lord has not given them sense enough to know it. Some of them could not call hogs and carry the tune.

I have no quarrel with them, for I like to try to sing, and the Lord has given me sense enough to know that I cannot. But I just do not care—I go on and try anyway.

A real estate man from another town told one of my friends that he need not be afraid to invest in Friona either to go into business or buy property, for anything he could buy here is worth what it will cost him, and if he wants to get back into business here now is the time, for Friona is surely coming on. I like to hear visitors speak that way about Friona.

VISITED IN PAMPA

Mrs. Grand Musick returned last week from Pampa where she had spent several days visiting her friend, Mrs. McDearmen.

While away Mrs. Musick suffered a severe attack of influenza and was under care of a doctor for a few days. Since returning home she has so far recovered as to be able to be at her work as secretary in the Horton Insurance office.

VISITING SON HERE

W. A. Horton of Hollis, Oklahoma, accompanied by a neighbor, Mr. Warren, arrived here Tuesday afternoon for a few days visit with his son, J. J. Horton, and family. Mr. Horton is not a stranger in Friona, having been here on several previous occasions.

FARM SALES

Three public farm sales are scheduled for this and next week.

December 12, W. H. Maynard, five miles west of Friona, will sell at public auction about a dozen Jersey cows, farm implements, household goods and some hogs and chickens.

T. S. Robbs, living near the city limits of Dimmitt will sell at auction 22 head of Jersey cows, some horses and mules and a good collection of farm machinery. Lunch will be served on the ground at noon.

On December 18, F. A. Rogers, one mile north of Flagg, will sell his entire farm equipment and household goods at public auction. He will offer 5 head of milk stock, a number of horses and mules, farm equipment and all his household goods. Lunch will be served at noon by ladies of Flagg. Ray Barber of Hereford will officiate as auctioneer at all the above sales.

Ah, Ha! And Hereford Gets All Cleaned Up!

Hereford is bright and smiling this week, its streets as clean as a boy's newly washed face. It surely does help a lot in the looks of a city to get that unsightly mud and trash out of its gutters and paving.

New Method of Marketing Eggs Brings Profit of \$100,000 Extra Money to Indiana Community

BY FRED L. PETTY
In American Poultry Journal.

Saturday is egg day in Mentone, Indiana. Every week since March, 1928, at least one carload of eggs has been shipped by the producers from Mentone to the New York market. For 15 weeks during the season of flush production, the farmers loaded two cars out each Saturday, bound for the hungry markets of the eastern seaboard. The gain to the poultry producers of that vicinity in increased returns for the first year of this direct shipping amounted to the tidy sum of \$100,000. An average gain of \$3 a case over the possible gain that could be had by the old style of selling locally or by shipping as individuals is the justification for the continuance of this unique co-operative marketing institution.

Costs Less to Ship.
This large volume of business is handled by a co-operative organization which has no corporate being, no warehouse, no office and no constitution nor by-laws. There is no capital stock and members pay no dues. In fact use of the shipping plan by a farmer makes him a member. He is free to come or go as he will, and to ship all his eggs, some of them, or none through the co-operative as he will. The organization has nothing to do with grading or inspection of the eggs shipped by any member nor with paying any shipper. Yet the business handled will run close to half a million dollars during the second year.

The Mentone Egg Producers is the title under which this group of poultry farmers carry on their unique marketing system. The Mentone community, it is said, is a notable poultry producing center. White Leghorns are much in the majority. On the farms within trading radius of this town are more good paying flocks than in any other part of the state. The community is an important factor in keeping Kosciusko County in its place as first of all Indiana counties in value of poultry and eggs produced. Flocks range from 300 or so to 2,000—sometimes more. Nearly everybody on the farms throughout is actively interested in the poultry business.

It costs \$1.55 to send a case of eggs from Mentone to New York by express. By freight in car lots, the shipping cost is exactly 90% cents per hundred pounds. Railroads classify cases of eggs as weighing 53 pounds each. Shippers pay to the manager of the association 35 cents a case as they deliver their consignments at the car door on Saturday. The exact saving therefore on the transportation alone is \$1 a case. On a 500 case car, \$500. Figure it for 52 weeks in the year. Add to it the enhanced price of New York markets compared with Mentone markets, and you soon see how the \$100,000 extra money is made.

How It's Done.
Each Saturday the manager of the business, M. R. Rush, and a helper open a refrigerator car set out on the siding and the Mentone Egg Producers becomes a functioning concern. Farmers bring in their eggs, a case or a dozen cases or a truckload, packed for shipping, graded or not as they wish, consigned and addressed to any firm in New York to which they decide to sell. Mr. Rush gives the shipper a receipt for so many cases, and keeps on loading the car. Shippers come for as far as 20 miles, but mostly of course from a radius of 7 to 10 miles. At times a dozen or twenty trucks or automobiles are waiting their turn to get to the car, but for the most part loading proceeds at a comfortable rate until about four

o'clock when the car is sealed and the fast freight picks it up. By Tuesday afternoon the eggs are sold in New York and by Thursday the checks are in the hands of the shippers.

The Individual Decides.
This plan leaves to the individual producer the decision as to grading his product or not, the quality of product he sends and the firm to which he sells. It is his deal all the way through and he gets his money direct. The 55 cents freight he pays is in fact more than the real freight cost in a full car, but it is all of the shipper's money the manager of the association, or other representatives ever sees. Out of it the manager takes 1 1/2 cents a case for his pay, and there remains a small sum per car to pay for incidentals and to create a surplus. The actual freight cost is 48 cents on a full car, leaving 7 cents a case for association funds and labor.

The car is consigned to a responsible trucking company in New York which undertakes to deliver the several consignments of eggs and furnish delivery receipts to the manager of the association. This trucking firm functions to some extent also as a representative of the shippers, diverting delivery of eggs or holding up a consignment in case of failure or shakiness of the consignees, thereby protecting the shippers from loss in failures or in case of crookedness. The shyster egg buyer who does a rushing business for a time by bidding over the market and then does a rapid disappearing act thus meets an active antagonist when he tries to bid for a share of this weekly Indiana car of hen fruit. It costs 7 cents a case for delivery in New York. This charge is paid by the consignee and deducted from returns.

"A full car load is 720 cases of 30 dozens each," Mr. Rush, the manager, told me. "Our first car shipped contained 500 cases. In the fall we load around 520 cases a week. In the rush season when we shipped two cars a week, we handled over 1,000 cases each Saturday."



Draining a crankcase is dirty work but we don't mind it. Besides it's our business. Stop when you need motor oil and let us drain and refill with the correct grade of golden Texaco Motor Oil.

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LUMBER
O. F. Lange Manager

urday. Dealers bid for our eggs. There are buyers and dealers' representatives around the community almost every month, bidding for shipments. Our shippers now pretty well know the reliable houses and last Saturday, for instance, the carload came from 22 different farmers, and the cases were consigned to 18 different firms.

No Losses Thus Far.
"Our shippers send a good product to market," stated Mr. Rush. "Most of them grade the eggs for size and color. No washing of eggs is done, or almost none. Our farmers are educated away from washing eggs. Necessary cleaning is done with steel wool. The egg producers around here largely take proper care of their product, gathering the eggs often and storing in a cool place until shipping day. We ship in refrigerator cars but never ice them. We are told by the handlers at the market that eggs shipped in lead cars sweat badly when removed and deteriorate rapidly. We have had excellent results in shipping without ice. We pack every case in straw and use straw around the outside of the car in winter. Last winter we shipped three times when the temperature stood at 8 below, but had no frozen eggs. We have but few loss and damage claims. It is part of the manager's duty to handle these and make collections. We never have lost a dollar in claims, and in fact it is but seldom that a case disappears during the unloading or delivering process. No shipper has sustained a loss of any kind."

Mr. Rush cited a recent week's market as illustrating the gains accruing from the marketing system. "Last Saturday," he said, "we could have sold eggs here in our town at 27 cents a dozen. The eggs shipped that day brought 39 cents in New York. This means a gain of \$6 a case, besides the \$1 gain in freight shipping as compared with express. This is a larger than average price spread but for the year saving and gains easily will average \$3 a case."

A Prosperous Community.
The idea of this marketing

scheme just sort of developed itself with the help of some forward looking poultry producers of the community. Efforts had been made at intervals to induce the railroad to inaugurate a "stop-over car" plan, picking up eggs in the same car at several different points until a full car was made up. This the roads would not do. Some of the producers believed that a carload could be assembled at one point. Banks and business houses of Mentone boosted the idea and helped spread the news of a big mass meeting. A raft of folks came to the meeting and said they would bring in a car of eggs a week. They elected five directors, with C. L. Manwaring as chairman, and the directors appointed Mr. Rush as manager.

The scheme has proved practicable and shippers would not abandon it now. "Our surplus is accumulating" stated Mr. Rush, "and we are looking forward to an expansion of activities some time. By next year we may finance a warehouse for our own, where we may grade eggs, candle them and offer a guaranteed and standardized carload a week to large retailers, such as chain stores. This would give us more money, or in other words, cut off one or two more profits now paid between

farm and consumer. By grading and pooling our products we can make another marketing advance. Local business interests have helped us largely in this marketing plan, realizing that \$100,000 additional egg money in the pockets of the farmers within the trading radius of our town means added community prosperity. The effects of this greater revenue are now apparent on every hand; new buildings, paint for the old ones, new cars, various needed improvements—\$100,000 a year more pay for the same product does a lot of good in a farm neighborhood."

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—Will be just right for a Christmas Gift. See us for tree ornaments and decorations—and do you know one of those
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The Christmas Spirit
Is already being felt and it being a time when one thinks of others, all are on the lookout for something the others will like. Remember
We are headquarters for candies, nuts and fruits and all kinds of goodies for the Christmas table. Better buy a Tropical Fruit Cake and one of those pretty Christmas Trees before they are all gone—they're the prettiest ever.
T. J. CRAWFORD

POULTRY

CARE OF PULLETS
DECIDES PROFITS

Mash, Grain and Clean Water
Should Be Available.

The care of pullets makes a big difference in next year's profits or losses, says L. M. Hurd of the New York State College of Agriculture. After the pullets are twelve weeks of age both mash and grain should be constantly available in separate outdoor hoppers. Fresh clean water should be frequently provided if there is not a natural supply in the field. Unlimited grass, clover, or alfalfa range and shade, are essential to best growth.

The ability to lay is inherited, and thus depends more on breeding than on feeding; but pullets should be well developed in body before they start to lay. If the pullets seem to mature too rapidly, do not feed them wholly on grain to slow up their inclination to lay; anything that checks laying is also apt to stunt permanently the growth of the birds. Feed a mash along with scratch grain, as it is more complete in protein minerals and vitamins.

For proper fleshing at maturity it is sometimes advisable temporarily to reduce the amount of animal protein—meat scraps, milk, etc. In the mash, or to limit the amount of mash fed. The former plan is better, as it allows the birds a better chance to obtain more of the minerals and vitamins, which they need. To feed large amounts of scratch grain and mash low in protein for about a month before the pullets normally mature, tends to make them complete their development in better flesh. Experiments at the Cornell university experiment station show that pullets need a substantial reserve of fat when they begin to lay, for satisfactory production later.

Production of Quality Eggs During Summer

Summer is usually hard on the production of good quality eggs. However, there is no reason why good quality eggs cannot be produced and marketed in summer. Commercial poultrymen can do it; owners of farm flocks can, too, if attention is given to a few important points.

All male birds removed from the pens so the eggs that are laid are infertile is the first thing, since infertile eggs will not spoil so quickly as fertile eggs. Clean eggs is the next. It is always a temptation to wash eggs that are dirty in good appearance will be given. Such eggs, however, are apt to age more rapidly than unwashed eggs, since there is a more rapid evaporation of the contents of the egg and the air cell becomes enlarged, giving the egg the appearance when candled of an old egg. Production of clean eggs in the first place will help greatly—have plenty of clean nesting material in the nests.

POULTRY NOTES

Gather the eggs twice a day. Crowding at the feed hopper stunts the growth of chicks.

Watch for lice and mites. They multiply faster in hot weather.

Chicks need fresh air as well as food. Leave windows open at the top.

Green feed in the poultry yard makes greenbacks in the pocket-book.

Keep poultry supplied with fresh, clean water during hot months.

Of the total cost of producing poultry and eggs on most farms, 50 to 60 per cent is feed cost.

Fresh eggs contain more water than stale eggs. For this reason fresh eggs sink in water when immersed, while stale eggs float.

The requirements of incubation for turkey eggs are the same as for the incubation of chicken eggs.

Bare spots around the henhouse are incubators to breed parasites and disease. It pays to cultivate them up and sow to something green.

Lice and mites breed fast these hot days. And if you don't swat 'em and keep 'em swatted, they'll sap a lot of the growth and profit out of your flock.

A brooder house on clean ground is a profitable investment providing strong, healthy chicks are put into it. Otherwise it is as unprofitable as money in a "closed" bank.

Hens need water. It is an essential part of the ration, poultry specialists of the Pennsylvania State college say. A shortage of water causes a decrease in the number and size of eggs.

Use plenty of feed troughs. Start the chicks by nailing a two-inch strip board and a nine-inch planked board and provide such a trough three feet long for every 100 chicks. More troughs are needed as chicks grow.

Do you remember that big capon you would like to have had last Christmas? It is time to capitalize a few of the early hatched cockerels. The proper size for caponing is at one and one-quarter pounds.

LIVE STOCK NEWS

FALL PIGS EXACT
BEST MANAGEMENT

Should Run on Forage After Weaning to Get Start.

Fall pigs should be given a chance to run on forage crops for a time after weaning, says the animal husbandry department of the Ohio State university. This practice will give them a better start for the long winter months. Fall pigs demand the best of attention to feeding and handling if they are to be profitable to the grower. During the growing and fattening periods concentrate feeds to the pigs should be of high energy value with some protein supplement, or a combination of protein supplements. Corn probably is the best feed from the point of energy value, but must be balanced with high protein foods. Skim milk and buttermilk, both of them high in protein and mineral matter, are good to balance grains. Two and one-half to three pounds of milk should be fed with one pound of corn for 50-pound pigs. As the animals grow the proportion of milk may be decreased.

Tankage, fish meal, alfalfa meal or oil meal should be fed where milk is not available. A combination of 50 per cent fish meal or tankage, 25 per cent alfalfa meal, and 25 per cent oil meal has been successfully used with corn or other feed to start the pigs. About 15 to 20 per cent of the protein supplement should be fed in the beginning, and gradually decreased until at the finishing period only about 5 per cent is fed.

Tried Sows Found Most Profitable as Breeders

Old sows may be more profitable than gilts for next spring's crop of pigs, says E. F. Ferrin of the animal husbandry department at University Farm, Minnesota.

The spring pigs grown this year have had very scanty grain allowances, consequently most of the gilts are small and undersized," he says. "These gilts are more miniature and undeveloped than during ordinary seasons. The litters from gilts such as these are apt to be disappointing next spring.

"On some farms there are thin sows still in the prime of breeding efficiency that have not yet been fattened for market because of the scarcity of grain during the summer. These sows will yield a good profit if bred to farrow next spring, providing they take the place of the undersized gilts. The sows can be bred to farrow earlier than the gilts and accordingly late farrowing of next year's crop can be avoided.

"A yearling or two-year-old sow will farrow and raise more pigs than a gilt because she is a selected brood sow. There is always an uncertainty as to how a gilt will suckle her litter, while the old sows which have been disappointing go to market. On the average from one and one-half to two pigs more per litter can be raised to weaning age from tried sows than from gilts."

Frequent Attention Is Needed by Self-Feeder

One advantage of the self-feeder is that it will probably save some labor, but the amount of labor saved depends somewhat on the size and type of the feeder. A small feeder requires frequent filling, and practically all feeders require considerable attention to see that the feed is feeding down properly. Frequent attention should be given to see that feed is not being holed out and wasted and that, if the feeds are in separate compartments, the hogs are not eating too much of the protein feeds and not enough of the others, or vice versa.

LIVE STOCK NOTES

A shade for the hogs pays. Cattle given free access to corn stags and alfalfa will balance their own rations.

The greatest mistake in feeding orphan lambs is in feeding too much and too often.

Pigs full-fed corn on pasture need only one-half gallon of skimmed milk per day.

Nothing will solve as many problems of the pork producer as will plenty of good pasture.

Most stockmen fail to balance their rations because they feel it necessary to feed what they have at hand.

If pasture is short or if the pigs are being fattened in the dry lot they should be given a gallon of skimmed milk per pig per day.

Feeding hogs cod liver oil in order to provide vitamins that promote quick growth has been tested and pronounced economical.

Skimmed milk is an excellent supplement to grain for growing and fattening pigs, but it is not necessary to feed pigs all the skimmed milk they will consume.

On many farms a small flock of sheep should be profitable. It does not cost a great deal in either money or labor to keep a flock of sheep, and there is a double return from them in the form of mutton and wool.

Cow Testing Proves Worth

Iowa Park.—An increase of \$1.26 per day in returns on milk sales is reported by Reeves Overby, a Wichita county dairyman, who is a member of the local Milk Order Cow Testing Association. The testing enabled him to detect and get rid of the low testing cows and by so doing the fat content of the 300 pounds of milk he sells was raised from 4.2 per cent to 4.8 per cent. This means 1.8 pounds more butter fat for sale daily, and reduced the feed bill at the same time. The association was organized in cooperation with G. C. McGowan, county agent.

NEW RADIO TRANSMITTER FOR SENDING PHOTOS.

New York City.—A new radio transmitter which transmits photographs, maps, etc. has recently been perfected by Capt. Otto Fulton and will transmit over radio either wire, or wireless of telephone lines. One of the features of this machine which has already been adopted in practically every country in Europe for the sending of weather charts, maps and the finger prints of criminals, is that it is small and portable. Three and one-half to four minutes is all the time required by the machine in sending a photograph, a photograph having already been sent 14,000 miles in four minutes (England to Australia). Photo shows the machine and its inventor, Capt. O. Fulton.

GREATEST THING IN LIFE

What is it? To stick around? To be useful? To do one's duty? Yes, first and foremost to those who are dependent on you—your immediate family. It is not their fault that you are related to them. Your

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FOR SALE—My entire produce business, consisting of feed, salt, ice, poultry and cream station. \$2,000 will handle deal; in health reason for selling. H. P. EBERLING, Friona, Texas. 1fc

FOR SALE—15-30 International tractor, 10 foot Emerson one-way plow, low wheeled wagon and bundle rack, butcher hogs, gold bronze turkey toms, \$600 each; Jersey milk cows, fresh soon. L. F. LILLARD. 15-4p

STRAYED—From my home west of Bovina, October 17, one span of aged black mare mules. One has drooping ears, one had bluish on one hoof. Anyone knowing of whereabouts please notify F. L. CARLSON, Box 94, Bovina, Texas. 1p

FOR SALE—A few genuine Mammoth Bronze turkeys, Bird Bros. Straits. Pairs, \$310.00, hens \$60.00. MRS. R. L. CHILES, Friona, Texas. 20-1fc

HORSES—Two work horses for sale. See BLACKWELLS. 21-1tc

WANTED—Good second hand guitar, cheap for cash. Inquire at Star office. 21-1c

STRAYED—From my home north of Friona, a black pig weighing 50 pounds. Notify LEON HART. 21-1p

NOTICE

We will not fill any of our regular appointments in Friona until after January 1. Watch for our announcement for dates after then. DR. HEARD & WILTSHIRE, Hereford. 21-3c

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Ward News Notes

The Willing Workers Club met Wednesday, December 4, with Mrs. W. A. Daugherty. After a very pleasant afternoon refreshments of fruit salad, cake and hot chocolate were served by the hostesses to Meses. Bob Higgins, Bob Herbold, Chas. Vernon, Jack Hutson, Jim Lipscomb, G. M. Suggs and Archie Daugherty. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bob Higgins on December 18.

Miss Beatrice Hutson of Amarillo spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hutson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Herbold visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vernon Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Hornbeak filled his regular appointment here Sunday, when there was a good attendance at both Sunday school and church. It was voted to have a Christmas tree Tuesday night, December 24, and the kiddies are anxiously looking forward to it.

Gladys Lewis spent Friday night and Saturday with Allene Caraway.

Mrs. Bob Higgins, Wesley Higgins, George Suggs and Miss Garrett, Miss Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Roberson were among those who attended the football game at Lamesa Saturday.

Francis and Viola Hutson spent Sunday with Allene Caraway.

Miss Garrett and Miss Hughes spent Friday night in the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hughes of Hereford.

Johnny B. Caraway took dinner with Freddie Robert Hutson Sunday.

W. E. Hicks and J. P. Roberson of Hereford visited the Wiley Roberson home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Higgins of Hereford called in the Bob Higgins home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hutson and son motored to Vega Sunday afternoon to visit relatives.

Rev. Mr. Hornbeak was a guest at Sunday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Suggs.

Omah Harrison spent Thursday night with Wilma Brewster.

Jack Dean spent Saturday night and Sunday with Bill McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Vernon motored to Amarillo Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Herbold and Bobbie Jean visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Williams and Bobbie Lee were guests at Sunday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hutson.

Mrs. Cooconagher and Miss Margie Cooconagher of Easter community spent Wednesday with Mrs. W. P. Caraway.

W. E. Hicks, Hughes Melard and Wiley Roberson took dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Dean Thursday.

Clarence Berry, B. C. Berry and Newt Reop of Levelland visited

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MONEY TALKS



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in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Roberson Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Saultzman called on Mrs. Jim Lipscomb Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hutson and Beatrice Hutson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Suggs Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hutson and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lipscomb Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Streams and family are leaving the latter part of the week for Oklahoma. We regret very much to lose them from our community.

Summerfield

The Home Makers Study Club met in the home of Mrs. W. E. Murdock last Tuesday afternoon with fifteen members present. The program was on the subject of Red Cross work and its benefits, which was led by Mrs. Ray Johnson. The meeting was very interesting and at the social hour the hostess

served refreshments. W. L. Suttle and children and Misses Gertrude and Ellen Atchley left for Olney one day last week to visit the coming holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kendall and two daughters spent the week end in Lubbock with the G. R. Walser family.

Mrs. W. G. Harris and children are here for a few days on business and will return to their home in Canyon this week.

W. E. Hawkins attended the football game between Hereford and Lamesa last Saturday.

Mrs. Statts of Buffalo, Oklahoma is visiting in the home of her son, Ted Statts and family.

Miss Pauline Steele of Hereford will present her pupils in a recital at the school auditorium Friday night, December 19.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Murdock returned to Lubbock last Thursday after a short visit with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kendall spent the day last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Johnson. The Kennalls live in the Rance community.

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And will soon be past. Will next Christmas find you as fresh and youthful in appearance as now?

Increase your charms rather than let them fade.

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Will be in Friona Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 9:00 to 12:00 a. m. each week at the A. O. Drake residence.



SOME LUCKY DOG

One of our town's late bridegrooms dropped in on us the other day and remarked that his honeymoon was over. We ventured that his whole married life should be one continuous honeymoon to which he replied: "The honeymoon is over when friend wife gives you pork and beans for dinner and gives the pork chops to the dog."

There is something lucky about grasping this opportunity to get more mileage at usual cost. The super-fine qualities of Magnolia gas and oil have established a record for consistent performance. You will appreciate the matter of exceptional quality because it means distinct savings to you. Wholesale.

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The Story of a Famous Christmas Poem



The Night Before Christmas

It was the night before Christmas, when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
 The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;
 And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
 Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—
 When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter,
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash,
 The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
 Gave a luster of midday to objects below;
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 With a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
 With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
 And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:
 "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
 On, Comet! on, Cupid, on, Dunder and Blitzen!
 To the top of the porch to the top of the wall!
 Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!
 As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
 When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
 So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
 With a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too.
 And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
 As I drew in my head and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
 He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all furnished with ashes and soot;
 A bundle of toys he had slung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
 His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
 And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
 The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
 He had a broad face, and a little round belly
 That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
 He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf—
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
 A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
 He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
 He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—
 "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

—Clement C. Moore.

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

WHEN recent press dispatches carried the news that a New York woman, Mrs. Tillie Hart, who for four months had withstood the siege of a wrecking crew seeking to tear down her home to make way for a \$25,000,000 apartment house, had at last capitulated and allowed the hoarse to be demolished, there was one good reason why the story was more than merely a local New York news item. For the disputed building has rightfully been called "the birthplace of Santa Claus" because in it more than a hundred years ago Dr. Clement C. Moore wrote a famous Christmas poem in which for the first time the American Santa Claus was described, his mode of traveling was pictured and the lavishness of his giving was made known. That poem was "The Night Before Christmas," which every American has recited or heard recited at some time or another. And for that reason the news that "the birthplace of Santa Claus" was to be wiped out of existence had nation-wide interest.

Quite aside from his fame as the author of "The Night Before Christmas," Doctor Moore was a notable man. His father, Bishop Benjamin Moore, the second Protestant Episcopal bishop of New York and the third president of Columbia university, assisted at the inauguration of Washington and administered the last rites to the dying Alexander Hamilton after the fatal duel with Aaron Burr. Clement C. Moore was graduated from Columbia university in 1798 and was a professor of Hebrew and Greek in the General Theological seminary from 1821 to 1850. He was a prolific writer, one of his literary productions bearing the imposing title of "Observations Upon Certain Passages in Mr. Jefferson's Notes on the State of Virginia Which Appear to Have a Tendency to Subvert Religion and Establish a False Philosophy." However, his most important work, the one at least upon which he believed his fame as a scholar would be secure, was "A Compendious Lexicon of the Hebrew Language." He little realized that future generations of Americans would remember him better as the author of what he was accustomed to call "a silly poem," the authorship of which he refused to acknowledge for a long time.

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Christmas Always One

CHRISTMAS in many places comes with a flurry of snow and ice. Part of its joy lies in the sound of carols upon the frosty air; the peal of glad bells across the snow; the warm and welcome glow of bright fires upon the hearth.

It comes in other places comes with a soft breeze and a green-cloaked flower and tree; by a mist atmosphere and smiling

blue skies and bright sunshine. But wherever and under what conditions Christmas comes it is a well come day; a time of gladness and good cheer; of true and sincere friendliness and good will. Under its influence hearts thrill with happiness and content. To the young it brings new joy, to the old happy memories. Climate or country has nothing to do with it; it is the spirit and joy of the time that makes a merry Christmas.

So, whether one lives in the northland or the southland, Christmas is a

happy, merry day only in that measure that we have allowed its beautiful spirit to enter our hearts.—Katherine Edelman.
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Have Christmas All Year
 Christmas is a time of forgetting small enemies; if we determine to forget them all the year, we shall be having Christmas throughout the year.

Scraps of Humor



GENEROUS RECEPTION

Young Cohen had visited relatives in Berlin.
 Father—How did they treat you in Berlin?
 Son—Fine. They invited me to lunch every day. One day Uncle Isaac said I must dine with Uncle Solomon and the next day Uncle Solomon said I was to dine with Uncle Isaac.

SPEAKING OF FIGURES



"Why do I see you walking so much lately, Fred?"
 "I'm reducing."
 "So you're reducing, eh? Tell me, what are you reducing?"
 "Expenses."

Non-Combatants
 They say Bill Shakespeare couldn't write The plays that sound so rare. And still the various critics fight—And old Bill doesn't care.

Check
 City Slicker—Is this milk from contented cows?
 Farmer (thoughtfully)—Well, to tell the truth, they ain't seemed so contented lately.

"Hm, what do you suppose is annoying them?"
 "Well, near's I kin make out, it's these dum fool questions people ask."

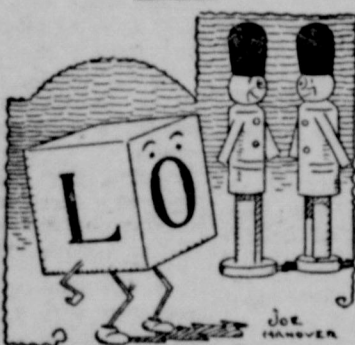
Modern Pests
 "It's terrible the number of murders we read about these days," remarked the Thoughtful One.

"Huh!" growled the Grouch, "considering the number of people who leave the radio on while you are trying to carry on a conversation it is surprising there are not more."

Tonsors at Work
 The business men were talking over their employees.
 "Well, old Johnson has grown gray-haired in my service."
 "Pooh. I've got a girl with me who has grown yellow, brown and red-haired in my service."

Probably Better Paying
 "I hear Briefless is going to marry a millionaire's daughter."
 "Will he give up the law business?"
 "Oh, yes; he's going into the son-in-law business instead." — Stray Stories.

EXACTLY



First Wooden Soldier—He don't seem to be very intelligent.
Second Wooden Soldier—No, he's a regular blockhead!

Helpful Sex
 She played the ukulele.
 While I changed a tire it didn't help me any—
 It just aroused my ire.

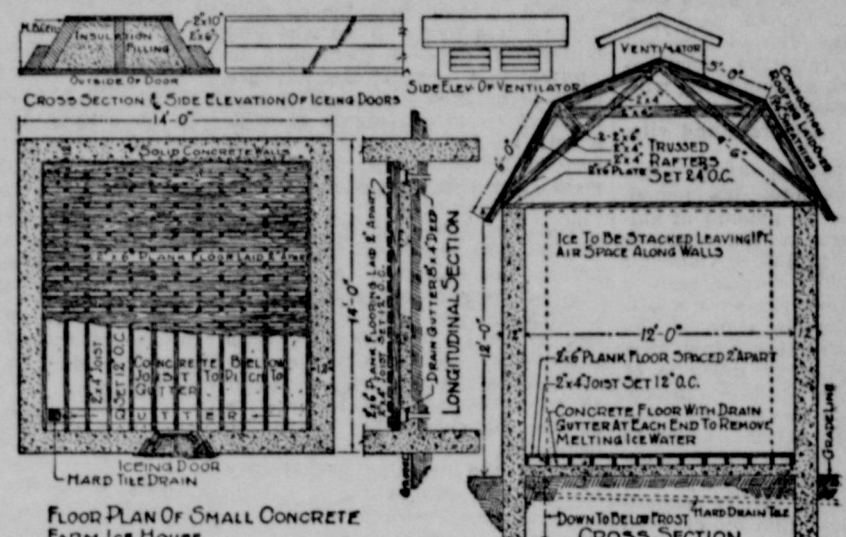
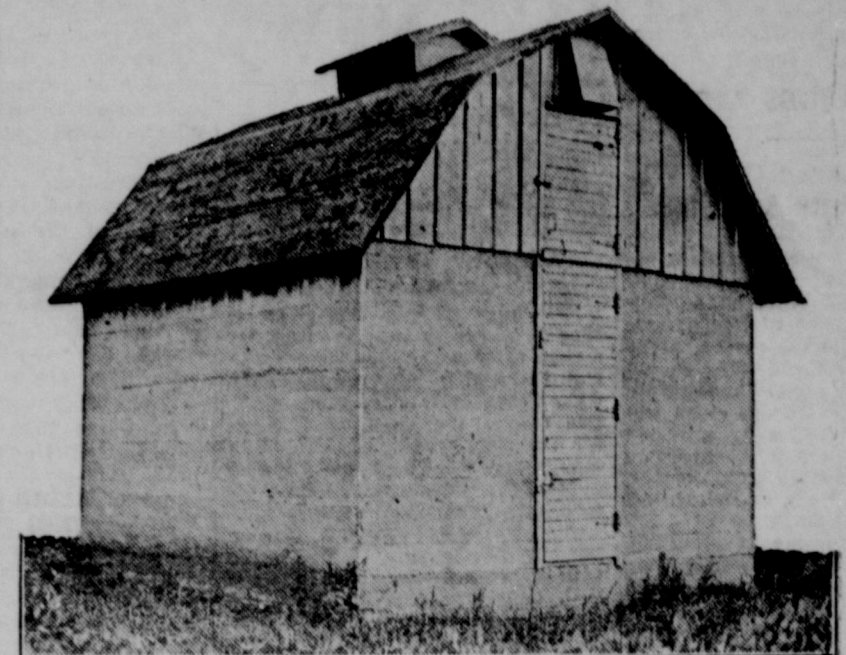
Interpreting the Law
 Warden (to prisoner)—You say you want a key. What in thunder are you going to use it for?
 Inmate—I want to sleep home at night—I was only sentenced to 30 days in jail.

An Old Grouch
 "John, I saved \$10 today."
 "Where?"
 "At a bargain sale."
 "I thought so. The place to save money is a bank."

Class
 "You made a bad break in alluding to that woman as an old hen."
 "How so?"
 "She must be somebody. I see she has been invited to lay a cornerstone."

Time Payment Plan
 "Brown tells me he's got a house full of period furniture."
 "That's quite right. He has it for a period—then the installment people come and fetch it away again."

Concrete Ice House Is Valuable Addition to Equipment on Farm



By W. A. RADFORD

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all problems pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as editor, author and manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on the subject. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for reply.

While automatic refrigeration is rapidly substituting ice in cities where electricity is available, there is a constant demand for ice in the smaller towns and on the farm. Ice is especially valuable on the farm where there is a herd of dairy cows, as it is essential that milk be kept in the most sanitary manner.

The cheapest means of refrigeration is ice that is kept and stored by the individual. This is a profitable winter time occupation on the farm as the ice crop is harvested when there is not much else that can be done.

The construction of the icehouse is a rather simple matter. When it is of frame construction the outside and inside walls should be separated by the thickness of the studding so that insulation—either sawdust or straw—can be packed between them to preserve the ice when warmer weather comes.

The inside measurements of this building are 13 feet by 13 feet. The height of the interior is 12 feet.

The floor of the building also is of concrete and is covered with a raised open plank floor. This floor is made of 2 by 6 planks laid two inches apart and set on 2 by 4's which act as the floor joists. Thus this structure will hold 2,028 cubic feet of ice.

By using the poured concrete method of construction the owner will have a building which will be available for ice storage for many years to come.

Another type of icehouse which is easy to build and which will last indefinitely is poured concrete just as is shown in the accompanying illustration.

The building shown is 14 feet square and the poured concrete walls are six inches thick. The cross section shown together with the floor plans and some of the detail give a good idea of how this building is erected. The walls extend a foot and a half below the surface line and are constructed by building forms and pouring concrete. Care should be taken in pouring concrete when the weather is freezing and in concrete that is poured when the temperature is below 32 care should be taken.

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Winter Building Gains Headway Every Year

Each year shows an increase in the amount of winter building. Even materials which need special care can be handled by the exercise of a little forethought by the builder. Included in this are the need of heating sand and gravel, the care in the pouring of concrete and protecting it from the frost and the use of salamanders to prevent materials freezing and to keep men comfortable.

While the foregoing costs a little more, winter building includes certain definite economies which offset these few added expenses. Builders can choose the most efficient workmen because of slack times, better deliveries are often obtained and often again lower prices in materials are secured.

Lumber is a material that can be used with no additional precaution or extra expense in winter building. While naturally it requires protection from rain and dampness in winter as it does in summer it should be protected also against snow by storage inside the building or by covering stock piles. It does not, however, need any special treatment before using or protection from cold after being put in place.

Grain of Wood Starting Place for Decoration

The interesting grain and mellow sheen of a fine wood fiber may serve as the decorative starting point for the whole room. In a bedroom, for instance, the maple floor may be dyed a delicate orchid with one of the new transparent color stains.

Around this unusual note the treatment of the sunny room revolves in a harmony of sunset hues and soft dove grays. The newer developments in acid and water stains have made possible the most enchanting colored surfaces. Pastel green, silver gray, royal blue and other lovely shades blend into the "ensemble" of bedroom or studio.

Beech has much the same appearance as maple but more grain and takes a deeper color tone when varnished or waxed. Birch with its smooth white sapwood and pinkish heart, absorbs a beautiful, even stain.

Paint is the finish par excellence for the softwoods—pine and spruce. The glare of a sun-bathed chamber can be softened if the floor is painted one of the absorbing shades—the cool blues, greens and grays.—Elizabeth Hallam Bohn in McCall's.

Cold Floors and Drafty Rooms Most Disagreeable

The windows may be loose, warped or shrunken. Loose windows allow the ready entrance of cold air and the house on the windward side will generally be cold and drafty if the entrance of air through the windows is permitted.

The remedy may be weather stripping, fitting storm windows or replacing the furring.

Floor floors often allow cold air to creep in, thus disturbing the heating arrangements and causing the fuel bills to mount to an unreasonable figure.

Floor floors should be replaced by well seasoned hard wood. Properly installed by an experienced builder using good material, your floors should be practically airtight and cold resisting.

Overcoating Old Home Eliminates Drafts

The process of overcoating, if properly done, with proper flashing of windows and doors, should help considerably in freeing the house of drafts.

Overcoating a house is not so difficult a process as might be supposed. Shingles may be nailed directly to the old siding; a new siding may be nailed over the old. Metal lath furred onto the old walls will hold a permanent stucco coat. A brick wall may be built up over any old wall, started on a new concrete footing and tied to the old wall with wall-tiles or 30-d nails.

There is never any need to remove the old siding unless it is hopelessly rotted. If it is in such a condition, it would be well to examine the whole structure to see if it is sound enough so that modernization would be wise. Loose clapboards should be nailed down tight, but otherwise the wall need not be touched.

Book Shelves

When you are figuring out how many books to put in your shelves, allow ten books to the running foot.

Alabama Pilot



Capt. Billy Hicks, 160-pound quarterback of the University of Alabama football team and one of the leading candidates for a position on the All-Southern team.

Holds Gasoline Tax Can Be Deducted

The gasoline tax is deductible in filing income tax returns where the language of the state law specifically lists it as a tax on the consumer, according to a bulletin issued by the legal department of the Chicago Motor club.

The bulletin pointed out that it is clear that the consumer always pays the tax, regardless of the wording of the law; therefore, the consumer should be allowed a deduction in all instances.

"However," continued the bulletin, "the bureau has put a strict interpretation of the state gasoline tax laws in the rulings already made. Consequently, in states where the bureau rules that the gasoline tax applies to the dealer, the only remedy remaining for those states is to amend and clarify the state gasoline tax laws so that the language of the act specifically levies the gas tax on the consumer."

"The gasoline tax in force in the various states this year will yield a total of approximately \$375,000,000, which, if construed as a tax on the consumer in the various states, would amount to a considerable saving to the motoring public."

J. H. Deann, general counsel for the club, declared that the bureau of in-

ternal revenue has already ruled that the gas tax is deductible under an interpretation of the laws of Delaware, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina and Virginia. On the other hand, if the tax is added to or made a part of the business expense of the owner of such motor vehicles, it cannot be deducted separately as a tax.

The motor club attorney asserted that decisions have also been rendered by the bureau with respect to the states of Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland and Ohio, holding that under its interpretation of the gasoline tax laws of these states, the tax is levied against the dealer, and therefore is not deductible by the consumer in filing his income tax returns.

AUTOMOBILE FACTS

A front-wheel drive is being put on the market by an Indiana car manufacturer. Combining this with the back-seat drive will give it nice balance.

It is estimated if all the automobiles in the world were placed end to end, some hot dog stands wouldn't do any business in their present locations.

A tourist back from abroad says you have to speak very distinctly to traffic officers on the Continent. Many of them do not understand broken English.

"The judge fines you \$100," said the young lady's counsel. "What do you wish to do now?" "Well, I think we had better shop around in some other courts."

How to Stop an Opposing Gridder



Adam Walsh, former Notre Dame star (on the ground), now a member of the Yale coaching staff, showing one of the candidates the most effective way of stopping an opponent.

Athletic Coach's Best Place Is in Grand Stand

The athletic coach's place is in the grandstand, in the opinion of Prof. S. C. Staley, physical education instructor at the University of Illinois, who deprecates the "present over-garbled condition of intercollegiate athletics."

Gradual shifting of managerial duties from paid coach to students, a reversal of the evolution that has taken place from 1883 to the present time, is forecast by the Illinois professor.

Staley traces the development of intercollegiate athletics from the Harvard-Yale rowing match in 1852, which he said was the first contest of this nature, to the organization of the football coaching staff of twenty-nine men at Harvard, in his defense of student management.

In 1883, Staley states, the alumni of Yale university took a new step when they hired an alumnus, Walter Camp, to coach and manage their team. A. A. Staggs, who was appointed director of athletics at the University of Chicago in 1893 was the first man in football history to

take over these duties, Staley said.

Staley substantiates his prediction of the breaking down of the system by citing the ruling made in New York two years ago by which the coach was removed from the bench and sent to the grandstand. Similar rulings have been made in Detroit and the state of Connecticut.

He does not advocate complete abolition of alumni and faculty control, but does not believe it should be so monopolistic that it completely pushes out the students.

Interesting Bits of Various Kinds of Sports

Miami's racing meet will start Jan. 16 and will run for 45 days.

Portsmouth, England, has banned Sunday golf on its municipal links.

Henry Fanning, umpire in the Pacific Coast league, has only one arm.

Bill Roper, Princeton coach, played tackle for the Tigers in 1899, 1900 and 1901.

The playing field in the new Hawk-eye stadium is 30 feet below level of the surrounding terrain. The bowl cost \$500,000.

In regard to the Cubs, it has been decided to reduce the charge of murder against "murderer's row" to one of obstructing the traffic.

Italy is fast becoming a sporting nation. Besides auto and bike racing, soccer, basket ball and track, another rapidly growing sport is boxing.

Thomas Waters, ninety-three-year-old boxing fan of Larksville, Pa., dates his ring experience from the Sayres-Heenan scrap staged April 17, 1890.

The Toledo Blade reports the case of an Ohio child who said the other night, "Father, Charley Grimm of the Cubs is too good for the National league."

"Tiny" Hearn, 6 feet 9 inches tall, former Georgia tech star in three sports, is the tallest center in the American Basket Ball league. He plays with Rochester.

Jules Wera, youthful reserve in fielder of the Yankees, has played in all three Class AA baseball leagues—American Association, Pacific Coast league and International league—in the past three years.

Archie Cochrane, brother of Mickey of the A's, is a freshman at Duke and will be out for the first-year football and baseball teams.

Penn State's championship cross-country team was badly hit by graduation. The three best runners, Cox, Offenhauser and Bass have finished school. The Lions have been champions three years.

After campaigning about his home state of North Carolina for the last several months Ad Warren, the collegian heavyweight, is planning to invade New York again. Jimmy Bronson is his manager.

Since Corbett beat Sullivan in 21 rounds in 1892, only one heavyweight fight has gone over 20 rounds and that was Willard's victory over Johnson in Havana in 1915.

Ed Hamm's collegiate career probably is at an end. He is now on the Pacific coast engaged in business and may join the Olympic club and participate in track under those colors.

A scientific analysis of the baseball used this year shows it to be a bit livelier than it was in 1924. That makes the idea unanimous. The fans knew it all the time. So did the pitchers.

Bob Zuppke's Lingo Is Most Interesting

One reason why pep sessions before the big football games at Illinois are well attended is that every one likes to hear Zuppke talk.

Speaking of the "pep" meeting before the Army game, Zupp set off his usual string of firecrackers.

"All the boys had in the game with Northwestern," he said, "was poise just like college presidents. I told the boys to go out and win in a walk, and they took me literally."

"The fumble, I noticed during practice this week, can be very efficiently executed. We are the originators of the incompletable forward pass, just as Rockne claimed he was the originator of the forward pass after 70,000 of them had been completed. In preparation for the Army game," Zupp went on, "I had my boys take things easy. The first two days the regulars didn't even suit up. The third day they suited up and ran around a bit. The fourth day I told them to go in there and play 'tag' scrimmage—that is, no tackling, just tagging the man with the ball. Well, the result

found Peters in the hospital, Steinman with a bad hip and Burdick with a twisted knee.

"Nice, easy-going boys!"

Youngest Executive in Automotive Industry
Harlow H. Curtice, who has just been appointed president and general manager of the AC Spark Plug company of Flint, Mich., is one of the



Harlow H. Curtice.

youngest, if not the youngest, major chief executives in the automobile industry.

Mr. Curtice is thirty-six years old. Starting in the accounting department 16 years ago, he successively occupied the positions of comptroller, assistant manager, and vice president and assistant general manager. Mr. Curtice succeeds Basil W. de Gulchard, one of the pioneers in the industry, who resigned because of ill health.

"Cadge" Rides
A hitch-hiker is the name given to one who walks along the road seeking, and taking rides from any persons who may be going in the direction in which he wishes to travel.

Italian Champ Here

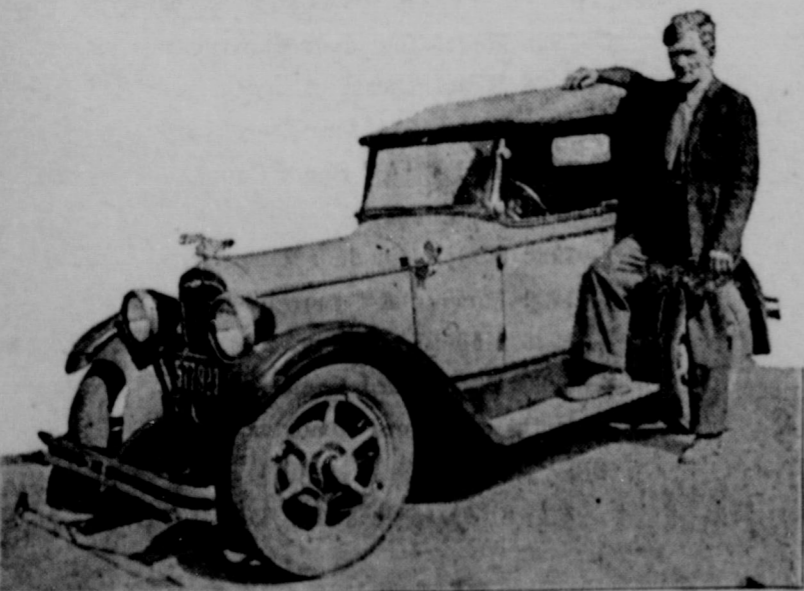


Riccardo Bertazzolo, heavyweight champion of Italy, here to make arrangements for his coming bout at Madison Square Garden.

Steering Gear

It is well to remember to inspect the steering carefully and frequently. Lubricate often with proper lubricants. Be sure that nuts are tight. Be sure that all cotter pins and other locks are in place. Play in the steering wheel may be remedied by inserting shims. If this fails, then it will be necessary to replace bolts and bushings. If there is no play, however, run back the nut on the wheel bearing until the wheel revolves freely. Have the defect remedied at once.

Genius Builds Auto Cheaply



George S. Brauks, pioneer automotive mechanic of St. Louis, who for the last thirty-one years has built 12 types of cars, has now perfected a model "four" which cost him but \$185 to make. The car is of the midget type with an 86-inch wheelbase and a tread of 46 inches. It has a reputed speed of 90 miles an hour and will do 35 miles on a gallon of gas. Brauks claims that the auto can be profitably manufactured and distributed for \$375. Photo graph shows George S. Brauks with his midget car.

Cobb Praises Catchers

Cochrane and Ray Schalk

Speaking of catchers, Cobb still has the floor. "I have seen them come and go, some good, some bad and some just fair. The best of the lot? Cochrane. He can catch for my money any day. But there were some others. Ray Schalk, as youthful almost in appearance as when he broke in. There was a great catcher."

"I remember a story Kid Gleason told me about 'Cracker' when he first joined the White Sox. Ed Walsh was then at the height of his fame as a pitcher. Schalk was a rookie. Ed had a great splitter and a lot of other stuff then and he wasn't so keen to pitch to the green kid, and said perhaps he had better give the signals. Gleason wasn't in favor of this for he was afraid it would shake the youngster's confidence if he couldn't catch his ball game all the way through. So 'Kid' told Walsh that to show him how good the young catcher was there would be no signals. 'Just go out there and throw anything you want; the kid'll catch 'em,' Gleason 'old the great pitcher. And he did."



BUSY CHRISTMAS DAYS

The last few days had seemed to be very busy ones in the white house.

The birds could see that greens were being hung everywhere, over the pictures, book cases and mirrors, and wreaths were put in all the windows.

Preparations were evidently being made for some unusual event.

There seemed to be no end to the amount of greens. Some were wound to look like long ropes and great branches were put behind large pictures.

The house was gay, indeed, with fires, which were burning in all the fireplaces.

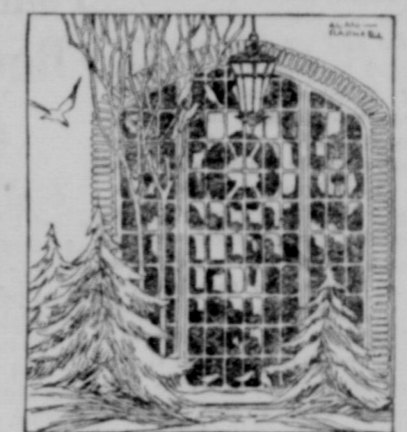
Much wood was carried in and the birds outside thought how warm the people inside must be.

Then they saw a little tree being carried in, and one of the birds who was near the dining room told the others that the tree was put on the dining-room table.

Another tree was in the big room, where most of the excitement was going on.

Then they hung pretty shiny and shimmering things on the tree and packages of all sizes and descriptions under it.

Had their friends forgotten them? It could not be possible. And yet—



The House Was Gay, Indeed.

yet—they hadn't had any suet in the last day or so, and they had always been supplied with it before.

They had stayed North because they knew these people in the white house loved the birds so much and always fed them.

But they were not paying so much attention to them, now.

The birds were just going to sleep, just about to tuck their heads under their wings, when they saw more people coming to the house, people with suit cases and bags.

There seemed to be great excitement and everybody seemed to be smiling.

But at last the birds went to sleep. "I don't feel like chirping today," said one of them early the next morning.

"I don't feel very happy that my friends in the white house have forgotten about me."

"Oh, cheer up, something must have happened," said another little bird.

"I can't believe they have really forgotten us. They have always been so kind, so good, so devoted."

"They have always loved us so much and thought so much of us."

"Well, I'll chirp," said the first little bird, "but I don't feel much like it."

The sun was rising, wearing a fine red robe.

"It's Christmas morning, birdies," he said, as he gave them some of his warmth and they felt better by his cheeriness.

And then the lady came out of the white house—the lady who was the special friend of the birds.

"Merry, merry Christmas, birdies," she said. "I was so busy yesterday!"

"The children have all come back for the holidays, and there has been so much excitement, so much decorating, so much to do."

"But I'll make up for it, birdies."

"And today is Christmas. You're going to have fresh suet, bread crumbs, cage crumbs and everything."

"Merry Christmas," said the children, as they came out to watch their mother feeding the birds.

And the birds chirped, and the children said:

"They're saying 'Merry Christmas,' too!"

Hidden Tools

Can you find the names of nine carpenter's tools which are hidden in the following story?

The lad from Dorset squared his shoulders. He saw clearly that there would be a brawl if Max exhibited annoyance. Bob, a fellow from Nottingham, merrily suggested that it would make their plan easier if they had something to eat. Eric, his elder brother, bade Bob race with him to the nearest sweet shop. Later, I watched the whole riotous crew drive right away.

Ans.—Saw, square, saw, awl, ax, hammer, plane, chisel, brace, screwdriver.

His Level Best

Knight of the Road—Say, boy, your dog bit me on the ankle.

Boy—Well, that's as high as he could reach. You wouldn't expect a little pup like that to bite you on the neck, would you?—Chicago Tribune.

SOME TIMELY SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

What to Give Him



If he is a man of discriminating taste here is something worthwhile to give him for Christmas—a brass magazine and newspaper holder, designed by that master American genius whose modernistic conceptions are creating such a sensation in art gift sections. The Diana motif in the picture is one of the masterpieces which is attracting the attention of connoisseurs. Other unique and characteristic conceptions include lamps, the sea gull motif best known, also such intriguing articles in brass or bronze such as doorstops, smoking sets, candlesticks and so on.

Nonbreakable Toys



All dressed up in its best "bib and tucker" this amusing little duck is on its way to say "Merry Christmas" to some fortunate youngster. Non-breakable toys are the call of the modernistic juvenile world. If fancy happens not to turn to ducks, then there are stuffed giraffes, elephants and other cunningly devised creatures to intrigue the heart of the child.

Multi-Drape Necklaces



If anyone should ask you "what's the latest in necklaces," tell them—multi-drape effects. Collections of jewelry for holiday giving abound in dainty types which feature a trio of festoons as you see in the picture composed each of as many as eight or more strands of tiny satiny seed beads, in white or in lovely pastel tints or in vivid hues. The necklace to the left is one of the new twisted rope types which is so voguish just now.

Quilted Bath Mats



Sure to intrigue the woman who appreciates dainty bathroom furnishings are colorful ready-to-use quilted bath-mats with cushioned padding in white or pale enders, pinks or blue floral or colorful patterns on ready to sew, the "made-it-myself" ing to give for

International Sunday School Lesson

December 15, 1929

THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT OF INDUSTRY

Deut. 24:14, 15; Eph. 6:5-9; 1 Tim. 6:17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT: As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.—Luke 6:31.

Introduction.

The age-long struggle between capital and labor has not yet been settled. To be sure, the working man has succeeded in obtaining a shorter day with more nearly a living wage than he has had since the great industrial revolution. Better factories have been built; better sanitary and less dangerous working conditions have been realized; better homes for employees; better schools and churches; better places for recreation and entertainment have been constructed. Yet there still exists the problem that has always existed between employer and employee.

The wisest teachings in regard to labor are found in the Bible, and all labor problems, both those concerned with the individual workman and with workman as a class, will never be settled until they are settled according to the laws of our religion.

Ancient Slavery.

When the Bible was written, slavery was the recognized labor system in the most civilized lands, and the majority of the human race, probably lived and died as slaves. The times were not ripe for the abolition of the gigantic and horrible evil, nor were they for three thousand years; but the Bible furnished the principles of freedom, and in time men began to put them into practice. At the very beginning of their national existence, the Jews were slaves in Egypt. Near the close of their existence as a nation, they were slaves in Assyria. But every year and to the present day the Jews commemorated their escape from Egyptian bondage in the great Passover feast. Christianity has taught the world the iniquity and folly of forced labor.

Egyptian Slavery.

Our first Bible passage dealing with labor is the sad picture of the enslaving of the Jews in Egypt. It is a summary of slavery that Moses gives us: "The Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve them with rigor; and they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field, all their service, wherein they made them serve with rigor."—Ex. 1:13-14.

"Pharaoh was afraid that the Israelites, if they were allowed to grow, might find out their strength and seek to emigrate; and so he set to work to weaken them with hard bondage, not seeing that he was sure to make them blunderingly trying to prevent. The only way to make men glad to remain in a community is to make them at home there. The sense of injustice is the strongest disintegrating force. If there is a 'dangerous class' the surest way to make them more dangerous is to treat them harshly. It was a blunder to make 'lives bitter,' for hearts also were embittered."—Alexander MacLaren.

"There are slave conditions in modern industry, though slavery has been abolished. The great shop, child labor, the 'company store,' under payment—there are many modern substitutes for slavery, and all slavery has its exodus, though it may be long postponed."

The Evil of Covetousness.

Because laborers usually possess so much less of worldly goods than their employers, a common sin among them is that of covetousness; and some kinds of labor are so poorly paid compared with other kinds that apparently involve much less toil than here also is occasion for coveting even among laborers. The Tenth Commandment explicitly forbids all coveting, whatever its object, whatever its cause, and whoever may covet. "Take heed," said Christ, "to the rich as well as the poor—"and keep yourselves from all covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."—Luke 12:15.

Prompt Payment.

If the church really wishes to increase the regard in which religion is held by the average man, let its members determine to make Christianity everywhere synonymous with the prompt payment of debt, including all the stores! It is inspiring principle recognizing in the fact of a hired man and needy, because he is very fact that he has nothing—or very little—laid up ahead. Lev. 19:13 says in effect the same thing: "The wages of a hired servant shall not abide with thee all night until morning."

"In his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it." Many employers who are perfectly able to pay their workmen postpone the payment from sheer indolence, or from the miserly desire to hold on to their money as long as possible. This is a great injustice. Tradesmen of all kinds suffer much from the credit system. Their customers also are harmed by it, for it leads them to get more than they need or can well pay for. "For he is poor and setteth his heart upon it." Men who always have plenty of ready money do not realize the straits to which the poor are often subjected for lack of a few dollars that may be owed them.

Just Dealings.

"The question with Amos, as contrasted with his opponents, was not 'What is the custom?' but 'What is right and just?' He charged the wealthy with cheating, robbery and oppression and called down upon them the wrath of God. He had been compelled to take small prices for his products like all other sellers in his class. He and his neighbors barely managed to keep soul and body together through their industry. But those who bought their goods and who fixed the price to be paid fared sumptuously every day and clothed themselves in purple and fine linen. The purchase of court decisions, the use of false weights and measures, and the general distortion of justice and this brought the poorer classes into an abject state of poverty, so that in many cases they were forced to sell themselves into slavery in order to pay their debts."—Prof. J. M. P. Smith.

Duty of Workmen.

"With good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men." "Good will"—there could be no better motto for a labor union or an association of employers than those two words. They embody the spirit that will animate all workers and employers when industry is Christianized. "Not unto men" does not imply, of course, that workers are to have no regard for their employers and seek to please them, but their supreme loyalty is to their divine Master.

"A servant with this clause: 'Makes drudgery divine; Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws: Makes that and the action fine.'"—George Herbert, "The Ellixir."

Duty of Employers.

"And, ye masters, do the same thing unto them." "Do the same thing" means that "the masters were to act to their servants in the same Christian way as the servants were called to act to them—in the same spirit of consideration and good will." "The principles of these exhortations are applicable to the modern relations of capitalists and laborers, employers and employed; and have much need to be applied to them. They indicate what is borne out by the most advanced results of political economy, that there is a mutual benefit in such relations, and that if labor does much for capital, it is no less true that capital does a great deal for labor. Each benefits the other, and the relations between them should be regulated by the golden rule of mutual good will!"

Duty of the Rich.

"Charge them that are rich in

this present world." This is a reminder that worldly riches are uncertain even in this world, and are nothing in the world to come. Paul may have been thinking of the rich man and Lazarus. "That they do good, that they be rich in good works." There is no uncertainty in this kind of riches; what we give away wisely we possess forever. "That they be ready to distribute, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come." There is no better foundation for the future than money spent unselfishly for the good of others. Such expenditures become indeed a treasure. Godliness is profitable for this life and for that which is to come.

Hard Luck Fails to Daunt Club Boys

Breckenridge.—Durwood Hoad holds the hard luck record for Stephens county 4-H club boys. He paid \$25 for a beef calf, fed it \$27.80 worth of feed for 240 days, and then early in the summer a thief came along and the calf disappeared. In a poultry demonstration Durwood raised 26 chickens to frying size when a varmint got into them, killing all but four. He lost \$5.20 on his poultry work. And yet he is the most enthusiastic member of his local club, according to C. F. Luchridge, county agent, and is planning for a big year in 1930.

Foard County Boy Grows Pork At Low Price

Crowell.—Making two pigs weigh a total of 441 pounds in 142 days of feeding and producing pork thereby for a feed cost of 5 2/3 cents per pound is the achievement of Daniel Callaway, 4-H club boy in Foard county. They weighed 19 and 29 pounds respectively at five weeks of age when he started feeding, and at the conclusion of the demonstration topped the scales at 220 and 260 pounds. They were put on wheat pasture at the start and fed all the ground wheat and corn they would eat, mixed with one pound of protein supplement per pig per day. For the first two weeks they were fed three times a day and after that twice daily. The cost of the feed as given by Fred Rennels, county agent, was \$28.05, the selling price was \$55.20 and after deducting the original cost of the pigs, Daniel had \$19.15 left for his labor.

CANYON COW COMPLETES PRODUCTION TEST

Canyon.—Gamboge's Fox's Little Agatha 664623, a purebred Jersey cow in the herd at the W. T. S. T. C., has completed another official production test in which she yielded 432.48 pounds of butterfat and 8,218 pounds of milk in 224 days. Little Agatha was started on this test when she was six years and one month of age and with this record again qualified for the Register of Merit of the American Jersey Cattle Club. Her sire is Gamboge's Fox's King, and her dam is Gamboge's Fox's Agatha.

Mrs. Jack Lester and little son, Jack, Jr., returned to Amarillo Saturday after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dameron. Miss Bertha Dameron accompanied Mrs. Lester to Amarillo and will visit there for several weeks.

Canning Their Way to Health

Lubbock.—That eating too much of the wrong things and not enough of the right things causes most human ailments is a health philosophy gaining many converts among farm families in Lubbock county. Law winter brought much unnecessary illness to many rural districts, but now many of these households are awaiting winter with grim batteries of canned fruits and vegetables on pantry shelves. It is a part of Lubbock county's rural health drive planned by Miss Louise Baird and carried out by women and girls in the home demonstration clubs. Since June they have been studying dietary requirements and canning home grown stuff against winter onslaughts.

From recent questionnaires received it has been found that 22 farm housewives made canning budgets, and that more than 10,000 containers of food stuffs were canned by 50 who replied, or an average of more than 200 cans per family. The canning budget as suggested by the Extension Service provides various food stuffs in the right proportion to enable a balanced diet to be supplied the family through all the winter months. It consists of 48 cans of leafy vegetables, 140 cans of other vegetables, 130 cans of fruit and 40 cans of meats for a family of five or six months.

Meals are balanced according to the adequate diet which calls for 1 1/2 pints of milk daily per person; at least three servings weekly of leafy vegetables, and two servings daily of other vegetables; fruit every day and citrus fruit or tomatoes three times a week or oftener; and two servings daily of such protein-rich food as meat, beans, cheese, nuts or eggs.

ADVERTISING

A lion met a tiger. As they drank beside a pool, Said the tiger, Please inform me Why you're roaring like a fool. That's not foolish, said the lion With a twinkle in his eyes. For I am called the King of Beasts, Because I advertise.

A rabbit heard them talking. And he ran home like a streak. He thought he'd try the lions' plan. But his roar was but a squeak. A fox came to investigate. Had luncheon in the woods. The moral: "When you advertise. Be sure you've got the goods." —Exchange.

Read all the ads in the Star this week.

SUNSET STAGE LINES

Busses Leave Friona: -- For Texico, Clovis, Portales, Roswell, El Paso: 11:25 a. m. 4:55 p. m.

For Hereford, Canyon, Amarillo. 2:15 p. m., 7:50 p. m.

Connections at Texico for Muleshoe, Littlefield, Lubbock; at Roswell for Carlsbad Caverns.

Connections at Canyon for Tulla, Plainview, Lubbock; at Amarillo for Panhandle, Pampa, Borger, Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Denver, Colo.

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YOU MAY FOOL

Bossy and Bidly for a while with common feeds, but they will soon turn the trick on you. So just feed them on properly balanced rations and the checks we will give you for cream and eggs will be worth while.

PRODUCE—FEEDS

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Texas Club Boys Produce Corn At Cost of Only 34 Cents a Bushel

College Station.—It costs nearly as much per acre to raise a poor crop as it does a good one, and much more per bushel harvested, demonstration by Texas 4-H club boys are showing. Twenty-five records just examined by Extension Service officials show that it cost all the way from \$12 to \$39.60 per acre for these boys to raise an acre of corn, including labor at 20 cents per hour, horse labor at the same rate, rent of land at \$5 per acre, and seed and fertilizer at market rates. The average cost was \$25.36, and the cost per bushel was slightly more than 34 cents.

On the other hands the yields per acre ranged from 27 1/2 bushels to 121 bushels, with an average yield for all these boys of 73 1/2 bushels. The average corn yield in Texas runs around 20 bushels per acre most years, and while figures are not yet available for 1929 it is believed that the yield has been low rather than high. Flaring corn at \$1 per bushel, the 25 boys whose records were examined made an average net profit of \$47.76 per acre this year from their single acres of corn.

While most of these yields are extraordinary, most Texas farmers in corn growing sections can rather easily increase their corn harvest from one half to double by using similar methods, in the opinion of E. A. Miller, Extension Service Agronomist. The East Texas boys who have been successful corn growers plowed rather deep and early, often turned under a green crop of weeds

or the refuse of a preceding crop, used the best seed obtainable, fertilized according to the recommendations of their county agents for their particular sections, and kept their crops clean of weeds. A side dressing of a fertilizer high in nitrogen at the rate of 100 to 200 pounds per acre when the crop was knee high gave uniformly good results.

MERGERS TO BENEFIT THE HOUSEWIFE

In this day and age, with automobiles, clothes and other commodities produced under the principle of mass production and distribution, it may seem that the housewife, dealing with food, the most basic of commodities, has been neglected in the movement to provide a higher standard of products at a lower unit cost.

Now this neglect has been remedied. Recognizing this situation, a manufacturer of a well known table specialty has purchased more than 40 non-competitive food products and will manufacture and distribute them nationally in the hope that the result will be better standardized goods that can be sold for less.

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1900 BUNDLES OF SUDAN CUT PROF FOUR ACRES

Albany.—Sudan grass has out-

yielded and out-lasted cane in the summer drought on a demonstration of Billie Moore's in Ibex community, Shackelford county. He gathered 1900 bundles of sudan from four acres in two cuttings and only 350 bundles in one cutting from an adjoining seven acres in cane. The sudan looks good for another cutting but the cane offers little chance of that.

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