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Commercial Club Takes Steps To Secure Land For City Dump Ground

At the meeting of the Christoval Commercial Club held Tuesday at John's Cafe a movement was started to secure a plot of ground to be used as a dump ground for rubbish that accumulates within the city.

Martin Davis was appointed as a committee of one to scout around for available lands.

Sidney Shipley Loses Barn In Blaze, Tues.

A large barn, belonging to Sidney Shipley was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin last Tuesday about noon.

A call to town for assistance was answered by a number of local citizens who were successful only in keeping the fire from spreading to other property.

The barn itself and an engine, which was stored in the barn were the principle losses.

It is understood that there was no insurance carried on the property.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trammell and daughter Peggy Jo of San Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Weddell at their ranch Sunday.

M. L. Apfel of San Antonio is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hall.

Miss Norma Schwarz spent last week-end in Austin with her parents.

Dr. and Mrs. B. T. Welch and daughter, NaDell, were in San Angelo on business last Friday.

A party of men are on a fishing trip at the Rio Grande. Those going were: Toby Howard Ed Thorp, Paul Miller, Sam Ellis and H. A. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Allen spent last Sunday in Mertzon with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Van Court.

For Sale or Trade \$135.00 Radio in good condition also about \$180.00 of Dry Goods. What have you? W. E. Legg, Christoval, Texas.

Civil Service Commission Announces Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Assistant chief, mechanical section, \$3,200 a year, Social Security Board.

Psychologist (public relations), \$3,800 a year, Forest Service.

All states except Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington, and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service at Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office or any customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Newspaper Ads Lauded As Best

Advertising in newspapers was endorsed strongly at the closing session of the Texas Retail Jewelers' Association convention Tuesday.

R. J. Slagle, Houston, who was re-elected president, said: "Advertising in local newspapers is the greatest business pulling agency open to retail merchants today. There is no doubt about it. Jewelers have not been taking proper advantage of their opportunities in this respect and as a consequence have been losing much business."

He suggested organization of county and district associations to sponsor advertising campaigns.

The jewelers by resolution condemned "fraudulent auctions."

W. C. Love visited his parents in Austin over the week-end.

Want to buy motherless lambs, or will trade hogs for lambs. A. L. Mogelin, Christoval, Texas.

ARE YOU

The person who wants the town to grow, but do not want to contribute any thing toward helping it along?

The one who "gripes" about the way things are carried on, but put forth no effort to change them?

Old Members Of School Board Re-elected; Park Commission Unchanged

With only 24 votes being polled in Saturday's trustee election, the present officials were returned for another term.

The ones re-elected were Jim DeLong, Clay Atkins and W. C. Swart.

Mrs. H. Chapple, Mrs. J. L. Murray, and F. C. Van Horn, Jr., were returned as members of the park board.

Christoval Given 5 1-2 New Affiliated Credits

Superintendent Geo. W. White has received notice from the State Department of Education that five and one half new credits have been granted the Christoval High School. These are in Texas History, half unit; general mathematics, one; biology, one; junior business training, one; commercial law, half; type-writing one; and public speaking, half unit.

Subjects dropped to take up the new were ancient history, one; solid geometry, half; chemistry, one unit. The High School now has a total of 17 units.

"Happy" McMillan, Hixson Murray, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Summerville motored to San Antonio last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Summerville will remain there where they will make their home. Happy and Hixson returned Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Atkins and daughter Clarice spent the week-end in Brownwood visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill.

Mrs. Noah Smith and Mrs. J. M. Livingston of San Antonio were the guests of their sister Mrs. T. P. Montgomery last week-end.

Frank Mires Succumbs Friday; Hab Been In Ill Health Some Time

Frank Mires, 50, passed away in a San Angelo hospital last Friday night, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Mires was born on the family ranch some few miles south of Christoval and had spent his entire life on the ranch. His father, Paddy Mires, was one of the first settlers of this section.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 in the auditorium of the local Methodist Church. Rev. B. O. Wood, Pastor of the San Angelo Presbyterian church conducted the services. Rev. Wood was assisted by Rev. J. L. Atkison, Pastor of the local Methodist Church.

Interment was made in the family cemetery at the ranch.

Robert Massie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are five sisters and one brother. They are, Mrs. Lilly Brown, and Mrs. Fanny Fury, Christoval; Mrs. N. B. Wilkinson, and Mrs. Nancy Wilkinson, Menard; Mrs. L. J. Young, San Angelo, and Fred Mires, Jacksonville, Florida.

S. S. Class Has Party

The young womens Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church were entertained with a party in the basement of the church last Friday afternoon.

Refreshments of cookies and ice cream were served to the following ladies: Mesdames Alma Evans, T. P. Montgomery, A. C. Wilhelm, Joe Kemp, Donald McKenzie, Gene Jones, R. C. Kirby, Lee Crow, and Miss Sophia Petsch.

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Admitting Defeat

In this land of many opportunities, defeat is in no wise unknown, yet it is hard for one to admit that he is beaten. Sportsmanship has taught most of us to "take it on the chin", and to carry on as if nothing had happened.

To be defeated is not to be disgraced, if one has put forth his best efforts. A profitable defeat is more to be desired than an unprofitable victory. When one loses honestly and profits by the mistakes that caused his defeat, he will tackle future undertakings much better qualified to come out winner.

We fully realized what we were up against when we came to Christoval to revive The Observer, but there was just enough egotism about us to think that we could get the job done. Now we are aware of the fact that we have failed, and must admit that we are "licked." Not because of our lack of effort, but simply because we were not the one to put it over.

Indications are now that we will be unable to continue the publication of The Observer inasmuch as we have been unable to make expenses in the past and the outlook for the future is no more prosperous, while our expenses continue to run on and on. We have never incurred the habit of making obligations that we cannot meet and have no intention of starting to do so at this late date.

We like Christoval and its people, but neighborly love does not enter into the asset side of a ledger. Regardless of our likes and dislikes it takes a share of the worldly goods for one to meet his honest debts.

In the face of things it looks as if this will be the last issue of The Observer. We are forced to look for another means of livelihood.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Martins of Dallas visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Van Horn Tuesday. Mr. Martins is traveling representative for the Gulf Refining Company.

Miss Ruby Myers of Sonora visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

25 Years Ago

As Taken From The Files Of The Christoval Observer

W. L. Wilson is putting a new picket fence in front of his residence on Main Street.

Will Wilkinson caught three catfish Wednesday night. The big one weighed 17 1-2 pounds.

Rev. W. B. Holland is holding a meeting in Archer City.

J. A. Deats delivered a load of freight at Rudd Wednesday, returning next day.

J. E. Wilkinson has received news of the birth of a son to his daughter: Mrs. Nate Williams of Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

C. H. Standifer, returned last Wednesday from Kansas City. He said that during his stay of six weeks in that city, snow was on the ground all the time.

Will and Houston DeLong, who are trapping 50 miles west of here on the O9 ranch have written their home folks here that they had trapped twelve lobos in a weeks time. Ranchmen are paying about \$50 each for lobo scalps, as these animals are more destructive to stock than all other animals in this section.

With The Local

CHURCHES

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

The Church of Christ

Invites you to attend Bible Study every Sunday at 9:45 A. M. Services at 11:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. every Second Sunday Rev. A. K. Knight, Minister.

Methodist Church

Special Notice

The date of the annual revival at the Methodist Church has been set to begin on Sunday morning the 4th of July and to run until Sunday night the 11th. The Rev. Walter W. Lipps, our pastor at Sterling City, will do the preaching.

Begin now to make preparation to attend these services and help us to advertise this meeting. Watch this column for more information about these services.

Sunday School 9:50 A. M.

Epworth League meets at 6:45 P. M. each Sunday.

Preaching services every first Sunday Morning and Evening.

Specials

1-2 lb. can Cocoa . 05c

24 lbs. Light Crust
FLOUR
\$1.10

Pkg. Super Suds
(Large Glass Bowl Free) . . . **22**

6 bars DIXIE
Yellow Soap . . **25c**

No. 2 can ElFood
Dry Soaked Peas **8c**

2 1-2 lb. pkg.
SAL SODA . . **10c**

4 Pounds
Shortening . **62c**

Pinto Beans, lb. . . 08c

No. 2 can
Tomatoes
08c

T. L. Hamm

"Think, Talk, and Write Christoval"

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The Sweaters' Bench

(By Frances Lehmann)

In front of our store there sits a bench,
The meeting place for loafers.
It's just a bench where people sit,
Where mingle the lauders and the scoffers.

I can not remember when 'twas new;
It's been so long ago,
It's worn and whittled to a knarled state,
Knowing tales of mirth and woe.

The men go down and sit all morn,
As regular as a clock;
They sit as stationery as a ship,
That is anchored at its dock.

The women sit in the afternoon,
And talk and gossip and blab;
Of who did this and who did that—
Oh, theirs is the "gift of gab"!

Some are tall, some are short;
Some are old and gray,
Some are young and happy,
As they gossip in their way.

The men may talk of sheep and goats,
Or maybe wrestling matches.
Some would have the President's job,
While some would write dispatches.

The women usually talk of styles,
Of marriages, deaths and births;
Things may be said that cause heartaches,
But everything ends in girths.

If you wish to know the current events,
The latest and newest news,
You can find out all you want to know,
With all the points of views.

When you sit for even a little while,
On the bench in the open air,
It may be old and about to fall down,
But still its qualities are rare.

Walnut in Victorian Era

During the Victorian era walnut was used almost exclusively in the construction of practical furnishings—dining room and bed room pieces especially—though, handsomely carved whatnots and other living room items, settees, small tables, occasional chairs and massive hall chests were also fashioned of the light-toned wood.

Many Land Scandals

One hundred years ago government land offices in the West were notoriously corrupt and agents sent out from Washington reported many irregularities in bookkeeping, fraudulent land purchases and defalcations among the men administering the land office.

Christoval

(By B. T. Welch)

There's a spot of renown,
Which beauty doth crown—
'Tis a quaint little town—
Christoval

And oh, you should know,
Of the crystal Concho;
Whose clear waters flow,
By Christoval

'Tis a beautiful stream,
And its bright waters gleam;
Fair as "Love's young dream",
At Christoval

'Tis a land of sunshine,
And the water is fine,
For a plunge or a line,
At Christoval

The trees, evergreen;
Add a charm to the scene,
And temper the sheen,
At Christoval

There's a balm in the breeze,
And allurements that tease,
And prospects that please,
At Christoval

There's a health-giving flow,
For rheumatic woe;
If afflicted, just go,
To Christoval

If you're sick or you're well,
And would rest for a spell—
Or just get out and yell,
It's my message to tell,
The place you should dwell,
Is Christoval.

The above poem was written by Dr. Welch a number of years ago and may have been read by

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Christoval Garage

Lee Crow, Prop.

Osmium, Iridium, Thulium of Platinum Metal Group

Discovered in 1803, osmium is a rare, blue-white to gray metallic element, difficult to fuse, not affected by ordinary acids and insoluble in aqua regia. It is the heaviest of the elements. A member of the group of "platinum metals", it forms an alloy with iridium, labeled osmiridium, which is used in making fountain pen points.

Like osmium, iridium is a rare metallic element, conspicuously heavy, states a writer in the Kansas City Star. Silvery-white, iridium was discovered in 1804. It is important commercially for its alloys, which are used for making standard weights and parts of scientific apparatus which must withstand the action of the atmosphere and other factors; in electrical apparatus for contact points and other parts required to resist high temperatures and active substances, such as chlorine.

Among later elements found to be present in the sun, thulium is extremely rare, occurring in Nature with other metals of the rare earth's group. It forms a number of compounds; the characteristic color of which is light green. Discovered in 1879 thulium has no commercial use.

many of you. However we are reproducing it for the benefit of those who have never read it and to recall to the mind of those who have.

Aardvark, First Animal Mentioned in Dictionary

Like something out of a dipsomaniac's dream is the aardvark. It is one of the strangest of extant animals—extraordinary in appearance, in structure and in habits. While not one of the animals most familiar to the average person, it enjoys, because of the spelling of its name, the unique distinction of being the first animal to be mentioned in the dictionary and its name is one of the first words of any kind to appear in lexicons. The name comes from the Dutch, means "earth pig," and refers to the creature's piglike snout and its habits.

However, in spite of its snout and its smooth, fat body, the aardvark is quite unrelated to pigs. In fact, according to Dr. Wilford H. Osgood, chief curator of the Field Museum of Natural History department of zoology, the animal has been something of a puzzle to zoologists and anatomists who have undertaken to find a logical place for it in schemes of classification of animals.

Aardvarks are common throughout much of southern and eastern Africa south of the equator. They live in relatively open, semiarid country wherever there is an abundance of the termites or so-called "white ants," upon which they feed almost exclusively. Individual aardvarks reach weights up to about 150 pounds and appear always fat and well conditioned. For such a large heavy animal to exist upon tiny termites is rather remarkable and testifies to the abundance of such food in Africa.

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Should Our School Have Student Self Government?

(An Editorial)

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An excellent time to practice this is during the absence of a teacher from a room, or in a study hall. Self-conduct should be practiced, and we, as students, should take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get the most out of our school life.

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Naming Days and Months

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