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NEW HOTEL FOR MEMPHIS PRACTICALLY ASSURED

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The Fire Department did brilliant work in fighting the flames away from the new plant, which is one of the best in this section. The fire, of unknown origin, started in the cotton house, which was located east of the plant proper, and flames were encouraged by the wind. Establishing themselves between the two buildings, the boys of the flames back in a most commendable way and checked the extension of property valued at \$15,000.

The cotton house was a part of the gin plant built last summer, following the destruction of the old gin in January of last year. The house was partially covered by insurance and was the first destructive fire in Memphis.

Invalid Dies At Her Home Here Saturday

Daniel Gidden, age 75 years, after the past 12 years an invalid, died of pneumonia at her home in Memphis Saturday evening at 10 o'clock. She was very well known in Memphis for many years, and her many friends are grieved to learn of her death.

Deceased is survived by three sons, W. D. of Dimmit Texas, Arthur of Lakeview, and Edwin of Canyon, and two daughters, Ara, Memphis, Mrs. Crawford, Memphis, Mrs. S. O. of Canyon, and Mrs. T. B. of Tulsa; one brother, of Agle, and one sister, of Bovina, all were present at the funeral.

Who Won the Clarendon-Memphis Football Game?

Article recently appeared in the Daily News, said to have been authorized by Coach Boykin of Clarendon High School, stating that the Clarendon football squad had defeated through the football season and that the Memphis team had won the game. The result was a 20-20 tie, and Memphis won the decision, a coin, had been awarded to the former on a technicality. The News signed by the coach, which in turn prompted from Supt. Nelson, of the Memphis Schools, defending the fact that the game was awarded to Clarendon because of the fact that the Cyclone had an ineligible man.

Churches Here Observe 4th Anniversary of Rev. Whaley's Pastorate In Memphis



The home of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, where the churches of the town met Sunday evening to observe the Fourth Anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Chas. T. Whaley (below).

WELL KNOWN ELI WOMAN SUCCUMBS LAST THURSDAY

Mrs. W. L. Stephens, Pioneer Resident of Hall County, Dies After Long Illness.

Mrs. W. L. Stephens, age 65 years, well known ever all Hall County, and a resident of the Eli Community for the past thirty-three years, died at her home Thursday, January 1, after a lingering illness of several months. She is survived by her husband and seven children; Mrs. R. M. Craig, of Eli; Mrs. Katie Johnson, of Eli; Commodore, of Lakeview; B. H. and Frank Stephens, of Eli; and Mrs. Bertie Williams, of Mobeetie, all of whom were present at the funeral.

Mary Anna Lambert was born in McMinn County, Tenn., May 13, 1858. She came to Texas in 1875 and was married to W. L. Stephens September 30, 1875, at Bonham. She united with the Methodist Church, South, Hall County, where she resided until in 1890. In 1892, the family moved to Hall County, where the deceased resided until her death.

Cash and Carry Grocery Store Adds More Room

Carpenters have been busy during the past week tearing out the partition between the Cash and Carry Grocery and the cotton exchange, and T. R. Garrott now occupies the entire building. The stock shelves line each side of the wall, both display windows are decorated and a double door entrance is arranged.

DATE IS SET FOR ANNUAL C-C BANQUET

The annual banquet of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, at which 15 directors will be selected and a report on the past years work made, will be held on the evening of Friday January 30. Preparations are being made to make this the largest social affair ever attempted by this body.



The churches of Memphis met in a co-operative service Sunday evening, in celebration of the 4th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Chas. T. Whaley, of the First Baptist Church. The large auditorium of the church would not accommodate the multitudes, and the balcony was filled to capacity. Leading men and women of the city appeared on the specially arranged program, and the Rev. Whaley was discussed as a pastor, evangelist, church worker and citizen.

Under the leadership of the present pastor the church has made pronounced growth. Since he came here four years ago, its membership has increased from 381 to 702, or almost doubled, and 227 of the new members have been by baptism.

The Rev. Whaley has been in the ministry for the past twelve years and is a graduate of the Baptist Seminary, at Fort Worth. He was recently made an offer by the Executive Board of the Texas Baptist General Convention as General Evangelist, but, according to a statement made by the pastor this morning, he will probably remain with his flock. This is only one of the several efforts which have been made to separate the minister from his devoted congregation.

The beautiful church edifice was erected in 1909, at a cost of approximately \$30,000, but if erected today the building would cost twice that amount.

In the program which was given Sunday evening the Rev. Whaley and his work was discussed, first as an evangelist, by Rev. C. E. Jameson; second, as a citizen, by Geo. A. Sager, Secretary of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce; and third, as a pastor, by Rev. C. E. Richter.

DEATH CLAIMS GIRL MADE AN INVALID THREE YEARS AGO

Miss Morice Hackney, Injured In Automobile Wreck 3 Years Ago, Dies Monday.

Miss Morice Hackney, 18-year-old invalid daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hackney, died at the family home on North 6th Street Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The death was due directly to an attack of auto-intoxin.

The young lady was the victim of a car accident three years ago, which resulted in her back being broken, and has since that time been a practically helpless invalid. The accident occurred January 11, 1922, at the railroad crossing on North 7th Street, when the car in which she was riding, jolted and threw her against the seat. She was immediately taken to the Clarendon Hospital where she remained a number of weeks, and since then she has for a time been under the attention of Mayo Brothers. The best of medical and surgical aid only extended her life, having been unable to restore her physical strength.

Miss Hackney was born in Woodruff county, Arkansas. She with her parents, moved here in 1920 where she has resided since.

She is survived by her father, mother, one sister, Mrs. Johnnie Ioor, of Lakeview, 2 half sisters and a half brother.

Funeral services for Jessie Morice Hackney were held from the 7th and Brice Street Church of Christ at 10:30 a. m. today, conducted by Elder C. H. Kennedy. Interment was made at the Union Hill Cemetery at Lakeview.

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OFFER MADE TO BUILD MODERN \$65,000 HOTEL IN NEAR FUTURE; PROPOSITION BEING CONSIDERED

Proposition of Offering Site For New Hotel Is More Attractive To Business Men Than Plan Involving Second Lien Notes.

According to reliable reports from Chamber of Commerce officials and the chairman of an investigating committee Memphis, after being brought face to face with the dire necessity of a modern hotel, has taken action which will it is believed, bring about the erection of a modern \$65,000 hotel structure within the next few months.

Youth Hi-Jacks Friend; Wrestles Him Out of 'Roll'

Acase of Hi-jacking, the first in several months, and the most unusual one worked out by the local officers, occurred Saturday night, and has been added to the already crowded page of crimes, to be investigated during the coming session of court. The hold-up took place when a youth of about 19 years who gave his name as Darty, and his home as Electra, lured Joe Walls of the Indian creek community to the sparsely settled part of Northwest Memphis, and in a hand to hand fistcuff took a \$107.00 from him.

Leading up to the affair Darty had sold a gun which he had stolen from his brother. In the transaction, Walls had displayed a large roll of money which gave Darty the idea for the act. In the conversation which followed Walls was advised to take the safety from the gun apparently as a safeguard, but in reality for protection to Darty.

Within two hours after the crime was committed Sheriff Merriek and deputies found Darty in South Memphis, and after a brief chase caught and arrested him. All but three dollars of the money was found on his person. He is now being held.

Mrs. Bockelman, Wreck Victim Will Recover

Mrs. Arthur Bockelman, victim of a crossing wreck which recently occurred at Estaline, when a passenger train hit an automobile in which she and Mr. Bockelman and infant daughter were driving, is recovering in a local hospital. Attending physicians advise that she within two months be able to leave the hospital, and in all probability, fully recovered.

Mr. Bockelman has regained his strength and suffers no physical scars.

Mrs. R. H. Wherry left Wednesday night for Grapeland, Texas, in response to a telegram that her father was not expected to live.

Although the enterprise has been the object of discussion among Civic organizations for a number of years in the past, the first actual steps toward that end were taken the past few days.

In discussing the proposition at a Rotary luncheon, last week a suggestion was made to hold a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. At this meeting, a number of Memphis' most influential business men expressed their willingness to cooperate in securing a hotel. An investigation committee was appointed and given the authority to accept propositions.

The committee is now considering a proposition from an experienced hotel man, who has been in town for the past ten days, by which the city of Memphis donates a site, and he erects a \$65,000 hotel. This seems to be more appealing than other propositions offered whereby loans are made on second lien notes. The committee will secure three optional sites from which the best will be chosen by the hotel man.

The next and largest step to be taken will be to buy the site. This will be done by individual donations.

With the enthusiasm now aroused and with the voluntary financial aid already offered by leading business men the promoters feel certain that the financial end can be readily cared for.

Ford Garage Sells To Parker Bros. During Week

As a result of a deal consummated during the past week, Boren & Powell sold the Ford Garage to Earl Parker of Quitaque, Mr. Cochran of Goldflake, and Mr. Caraway of Spur.

The business went under new management Monday morning and in the future will operate under the firm name of Parker Motor Company.

Although the new owners are practically strangers among Memphis people, they are moving their families here and will soon become acquainted.

Neither of the former owners have made statements as to what business line they will take up.

Housing Problem More Complex Since Advent of 1925

The advent of a new year has brought no relief to the crowded conditions in Memphis, throughout the full months. In fact, it is believed that the housing problems becomes more complex from week to week.

Rent houses are still unavailable, and desirable rooms are hard to find, if not impossible; some families are living in garages and barns. The traveling men, who have the territory surrounding Memphis within a radius of 100 miles, have been in Memphis since January 1, seeking a location but have been forced to go elsewhere in search of homes. Business men who have been brought here through transactions consummated recently, and who are here with a view to locating permanently, have thus far been unable to rent a house in which to live, and they are seeking rooms—"just any place to stay" is the way they express it.

The building program in Memphis has been remarkable within the past year, and many new homes have been built during that time. But it is evident that the maximum growth of the town has been hampered because a sufficient number of homes has not been built. Memphis, at present, is in a position to advertise for one class of home-seekers only, those who are financially able to erect their own homes.

It is also evident that a new hotel is not the only essential building necessary to relieve the situation. Rent houses and apartments must be arranged for before the housing problem is solved.

LEGION FIGHTS TO BE RESUMED ON SATURDAY

Browning to Meet Jack Sullivan in 10-Round Go; Gorman to Wrestle Chief Wow Wow.

Due the fact that Sam Beattie, promoter of the Legion boxing and Wrestling exhibitions here has been confined to his home for the past few weeks as a result of injury received in a car accident, no bouts have been held here for some time.

With Mr. Beattie's recovery he has announced a card for next Saturday night, to be held at the old Ironwood opera house. This news comes as a "tidings of joy" to many people here, since Mr. Beattie has worked up a house of enthusiastic fight fans with his excellent shows.

The bouts announced for Saturday night will be exceptionally appealing and appreciated, because of the fact that favorites of the fans here, are appearing on the card.

The main event will be a 10 round go between Mut Browning, the boy who smashed Cowboy Rodger's Jaw in the last fight here, and Jack Sullivan, an old timer from the west coast.

These boys weigh in at 171 and 176 pounds respectively, and their act promises to be a smash-up slugfest. Ted Smith of Wichita Falls, 145 pounder, and Bat. Regan of Breckenridge weighing 148 pounds are carded for the 4 round bout. Altho these boys are strangers here, Mr. Beattie assures us that they have plenty of stuff.

The main wrestling event is a feature of the card and would be a credit to any fight menu.

Jack Gorman, of Wellington Tex. and Chief Wow Wow of Fredrick Okla. are slated for a 2 out of 3 falls match.

These boys met here once before and gave local fans more thrills and excitement in one fall than any other finish match has ever done. In the previous match Gorman was unable to finish on account of a sore arm, but he is now in condition and Wow Wow is ready for him.

Two colored boys will do their stuff in a 4 round preliminary event.

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To hold the steering wheel and listen to the contented purr of your motor when the road is good, or its eager snort when you come to a hill,—these are the inimitable joys of an automobile.

This Week's Cross-Word Puzzle

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 25 grid with numbers 1 through 42 indicating starting points for words.

- Horizontal: 1—Accented, 5—Forest, 9—Church bench, 10—Frozen water, 12—Famile, 13—Chum, 14—Gazelle of Tibetan plateau, 15—Australian bird, 16—Boy's nickname, 17—Ancient Athenian political subdivision, 18—Grip, 20—Boundary, 22—Meads, 24—Collection of animals, 25—Distress signal, 26—Head, 28—Comes in contact with, 30—By, 31—Place where body of water is shallow, 33—Regarding (abbr.), 34—Narrow inlet, 36—Skill in any branch of learning, 37—Uncooked, 38—Canine, 39—Horn, 40—Consumer, 41—Creep furtively, 42—Hampster. Vertical: 1—Dismay, overcome with fear, 2—Conversion of property into money, 3—Night bird, 4—Number below ten, 5—Open country, 6—Uncooked (poetry), 7—Show, 8—Stupified, 11—Kittenish, 17—Reverential, 18—Artist's standard, 21—Implement for washing floors, 23—Fish eggs, 26—Pasteboards, 27—Express gratitude, 28—Wedded, 29—Artificial conduit to carry off water, 32—Native metal, 35—Period of time, 37—Indecent.

Alabama Man Dies Near Lakeview Last Sunday Night

Posey Cullen, employee on the S. Byers farm north of Lakeview died Sunday night as a result of a sudden attack of epilepsy. Mr. Cullen is survived by a wife, mother and three small children. His body was shipped Tuesday night to his former home at Flint Rock, Alabama, for burial. He had lived here less than a year.

Hulver Hints

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Henderson, spent Saturday night and Sunday with the latter's mother Mrs. J. W. Phillips. Lee Wheeler left for a business trip to the plains Tuesday. Mrs. Jay Phelan is real sick this writing. Mrs. H. E. Curtis and daughters Pauline and Eve Lee are visiting the former's sister Mrs. Gregory at Brice, S. G. Hinton has purchased a new Nash Coach. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sloan of Memphis visited O. A. Davidson and family several days this week. Mrs. E. F. Billingsley, entertained the W. M. S. at the home of Mrs. K. E. Billingsley, Monday evening. After the regular meeting the members enjoyed a social hour and the business assisted by Mrs. E. P. Billingsley, served whipped cream with bananas and nuts, cake and hot chocolate. Many New Years resolutions were made and pledges for the present year, all paid up. Many from here attended the funeral of Mrs. S. O. Wright, at Estelline, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Wright leaves a host of friends and relatives in this community to mourn her death. She formerly resided here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edwards.

WITH THE CHURCHES

- First Presbyterian Church: Sunday School—9:45 A. M. Dr. M. McNeeley, Sup't. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-Week Prayer and Bible Class—Meets every Wednesday 7:00 p. m. for Bible study and worship. A new classroom for the Men's Bible Class has been completed in the basement of the Church and a cordial welcome is extended to all men of Memphis who do not belong to any Class. Every one is invited to be with us in these meetings. A hearty welcome awaits you. C. E. RICHTER, Pastor.
- Main Street Church of Christ: Sunday School—9:45 A. M. Rally and Roll Call, the best in five years. Morning Subject: "The Final Judgement and the Local Church." T. B. Booth, National Representative of our Church Building Committee, will speak at night. Each member of the church is urged to hear him. The public is also invited. A. D. Rogers will preach at Salisbury at 8 p. m. Junior C. E.—8:00 P. M. Intermediate—8:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting—Wednesday 7. A. D. ROGERS, Pastor.
- Church of Christ, 7th and Brice: Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching—11:00 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer Meeting—Every Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Ladies Bible Class—Meets every Friday at 3:30 p. m. at the Church House.
- First Methodist Church: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. Epworth Leagues will meet at 4:00 and 6:00 p. m. The First Methodist Church invite every body to worship with us every service you are not else where engaged during the year 1925. Help make it banner year for the building up of the Kingdom of God. C. E. JAMESON, Pastor.
- First Baptist Church: Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. The pastor preaches at both hours. R. Y. P U's all meet at 6 p. m. Splendid program. W. M. S. meets Monday 4 p. m. Sunbeams Monday 4 p. m. Prayermeeting Wed. 7 p. m. Choir practice 7 p. m. Thursday evening. Chas. T. Whaley, Pastor.

ALL WORN OUT?

So Was Mrs. McCreary Who Tells Her Experience.

Are you tired all the time; worn-out night and day? Does your back ache as if it would break? Do you suffer dizziness, headaches, rheumatic twinges or distressing urinary disorders? You have good cause, then, to be alarmed about your kidneys. Do as many of your townfolk recommend. Use Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. This Memphis case is convincing. Mrs. Edd McCreary, N. 7th St. says: "My kidneys acted irregularly and backache bothered me with a dull, tired ache. I felt tired and worn out. Some days I had a hard time doing my housework. I was just as nervous as could be. Doan's Pills were recommended and I took them. All backache left me and my kidneys acted in good order. I have had no return of the trouble since Doan's cured me."

60c. at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mrs. Buffalo, N. Y. (adv) DENVER TIME TABLE No. 1, north bound — 8:05 p. m. No. 7, north bound — 9:20 a. m. No. 2, south bound — 9:50 a. m. No. 8, south bound — 9:15 p. m. Martin's Blue Bug Remedy at Craver Grain Co.

J. D. Guinn Buys Tunnell's Interest in Grocery Store

J. D. Guinn, of the Guinn and Tunnell Grocery Co. here, recently closed a deal with his partner Mr. Tunnell, where by he purchased Mr. Tunnell's interest in the store here, and disposed of his interest in the Guinn and Tunnell Grocery at Lakeview to him. The store went under Mr. Guinn's management January 1st, and will be operated in the future under the name of the Guinn Grocery. Ernest Tunnell the former partner will move to Quitaque where he will be connected with his father in the Grocery business there.

Notice for Application for Order Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hall County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Hall, State of Texas, and preceding the date of the notice to be printed at least once a week for the period of twenty days (exclusive of the first day of publication before return day hereof:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To all persons interested in the welfare of the Estate of William J. Smith, deceased, that William Newton Smith, Executor of the last Will of said William J. Smith, Deceased, has filed in the County Court of Hall County, an application for order to sell the following property of said Estate to wit:

"Being situated in Hall County, Texas, and more fully described as follows: Being the North 1-2 of the South East 1-4 of Section No. 61, Block No. 18, by virtue of Certificate No. 7—1229, issued to the H. G. N. Ry. Co. Patented to the Texas Land Company in Patent No. 566, Vol. 71, and bounded as follows: Beginning 475 varas North from S. E. Corner of said section No. 61, Block 18, Thence West 950 varas to a point, thence North 475 varas to a point. Thence East 950 varas to a point in the East line of said Section No. 61. Thence South 475 to the place of beginning, containing 80 acres of land, more or less, which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing the third Monday in January A. D. 1925, at the Court House thereof, in the City of Memphis, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and show cause why such application should not be granted.

Herein Fail Not, But have you then and there before the said Court, this Writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, this December 18th, A. D. 1924. EDNA BRYAN, Clerk County Court, Hall County, Tex.

Notice of Estate.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the sheriff or any constable of Hall County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Hall, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of twenty days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

THE STATE OF TEXAS To all persons interested in the estate of C. C. Johnson, deceased, D. L. Johnson, Administrator, has filed in the County Court of Hall County, Texas, his final account and application for discharge as such administrator which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing the third Monday in January, A. D. 1925, at the court house thereof, in the city of Memphis, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said account, should they see proper to do so. Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, this the 17th day of December A. D. 1924. (SEAL) EDNA BRYAN, Clerk County Court, Hall County, Texas.

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Announcement I wish to announce that I have purchased the Brook's Tailor Shop, which will be operated under the name of Guest Tailor Shop. I am equipped to give you the most efficient service, and earnestly solicit a trial. BUDDIE GUEST MEMPHIS, TEXAS



My wife annoys me exceedingly. She is most inconsiderate of my feelings.

When for instance, I am seated in my easy chair, in the middle of an interesting story, she will shovel quantities of rattling, noisy, coal into the grate, causing a horrible grinding and most unpleasant disturbance.

At other times when I wish to lie quietly amid the cushions of the chaise longue, I hear her totting up great quantities of coal for presumable use in the kitchen. Sometimes she slips sliding down the stairs with hods and all on top of her, making a horrid clattering that sadly disturbs my state of mind.

When I would doze by a sunny window, or loll at ease in the enjoyment of a cigar, I hear her smashing boxes with an enormous axe, busily engaged for kindling wood, or beating up a great, dusty rug outside.

Another Modern Proverb: The rich tenant proudly demandeth a double garage, but the wise man selleth one of his cars and buyeth a home of his own.

The big blue car, driven by the red man with the big black cigar, whirled round the turn at a dizzy angle in the hands of the little man, who glanced around only time to shrink from the menacing star and great windshield stick which bellowed genially:

"Howdy! Half the road is yours."

Madly he spun the wheel—but too late. With a neat, crunching 'swish' the big blue car sliced off his rear mudguards, and running on. The poor remains floundering helplessly to a dusty stop. The little man, peering forth after the vanishing juggernaut. Shad-

ing his eyes, he made out another cordial sticker which flaunted its Rotary Club message of cheer from the shining rear window. This, too, beamed:

"Howdy! Half the road is yours."

The little gray man pondered as he surveyed his machine. It looked like a busted bird-cage. At length he nodded reassured.

"I reckon," he observed, slowly, "that I was just on the wrong half."

I met a chap the other day who is second cousin to the traveling man who claimed his salary was ten thousand a year. You remember that the other traveling man remarked, after a long silence, "Well ten thousand is a big salary even if you don't get it." Well this chap I just met told me he had made \$40,000 in Denver. The next day I happened to learn that the statement was true, with three slight exceptions. In the first place, it was not Denver, but Chicago; in the second place, it was not \$40,000 but \$4000; and in the third place he didn't make it, he lost it. Facts are funny things.

The house is littered up with toys, with knives and guns and swings; and everything for girls and boys, that dear old Santa brings. One cannot walk across the floor unless they use great care, or they will wreck a small play store or crush a teddy bear. We cannot read the Evening Blast, a drum beats in our ears, we wonder if this noise will last, and hopes are chilled with fear. When morning comes we try to rest, but sleep is all in vain. We want to wreck that noisy pest, the toyland train. And yet we think of days gone by, when we were young and gay; we liked candy, cake and pie, and dreamed of Christmas Day. The days of old were filled with cheer, for all us girls and boys, and we relive our past right here, amid the play and noise. So let them play to heart's content, and beat the noisy drum and blow the horn already bent and make the toy trains hum. We know they make a lot of noise, but they will grow some day and have to put their toys away, so let the kiddies play.

Ragson Tatters says he saw something else the other day that has never been explained. "It" was a perfectly sane and respectable looking lady going into a store with a

Newlin News

J. C. Downing left Sunday night for Okla. City on a business trip.

Miss Beatrice Pearce left Monday night for Canyon, after spending the holidays with the homefolks.

The Marriage of Miss Lucile Glover to Mr. Felton Harper, which occurred on New Years day, came as a pleasant surprise to their many friends of this vicinity. The young couple are both prominent in the Newlin society. Miss Glover is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Glover, who reside near Newlin. She is an accomplished musician and was very popular among the younger set. Mr. Harper is the son of W. J. Harper, also of Newlin. A reception was held at the home of the bride on Friday evening. Many friends of the young couple were present. Refreshments were served to a large crowd. The young couple will reside near Newlin.

Miss Ruby Duckett of Newlin left Saturday for Lubbock where she will attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Walker and family returned this week from a short visit with relatives in Dublin Texas.

Charlie Glover returned Saturday from Ft. Worth where he spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Eastwood of Amarillo spent Christmas with their daughter Mrs. Bill Prater.

Rev. Grace the Methodist Pastor filled his appointment in Newlin Sunday. Officers and Teachers were elected for the coming year, for the Newlin Sunday School.

Little Hilda Smith has been ill for the past few days.

Miss Verna Kellison and Mr. Moody McColough, were quietly married last week. Miss Kellison is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kellison of Newlin. She was teaching school at Parnell at the time of her marriage. Mr. McColough was a prominent young man of the Parnell community.

winter coat on and a pair of white trousers underneath. Still—she may have been a lady paperhanger coming back to town for more paper to finish the job.

An elephant takes more mud baths than anybody and his complexion is not anything to speak of.

New Spring Arrivals

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1925

THE CROSS-WORD PUZZLE FEATURE

In its effort to keep abreast of the times, The Democrat is this week introducing that most talked-about newspaper feature, the Cross-Word Puzzle. In 1921 Dr. Coue was the rage; 1922 saw Mah Jongg on the crest of a wave of popularity; 1923 the entire country yodelled "Yes, We Have No Bananas," and in 1924 the Cross-Word Puzzle was firmly established.

The world seems to have suddenly gone crazy over the puzzles. On the street, dignified business men talk about them and compare notes; at socials, club ladies have substituted the puzzles for bridge and Mah Jongg; young people are spending the long winter evenings in the parlor pondering over some three-letter word which is slang for head; business waits while office workers cogitate on the identity of the son-in-law of Mohammed; children do them with their home work and mothers work them after the children have gone to bed. Nothing in the puzzle line has ever had one-half the general appeal of the cross-word puzzle.

The puzzles are being discussed every day, and psychologists and puzzle solvers are all agreed that the hobby has many excellent points in its favor. Dictionaries are being well thumbed and

the encyclopedias and classics have come into their own. It increases the vocabulary, develops the memory, is an introduction to a better class of reading and is an incentive to seek general information. It is an antidote to some of the more foolish fads and recreations. The cross-word puzzles are rapidly gaining an advantage over the comic section in popularity.

No one has as yet been able to solve the mystery of the pastime's origin. It is said that the cross-word puzzle was a favorite form of diversion in Armenia and Persia 500 years ago, as Mah Jongg was with the Chinese. A recent news dispatch from Syria says that the puzzles are being employed in the Near East Relief orphanages as an aid to the teaching of the Armenian, Greek and Arabic languages. It is also said that immigrants in America find the puzzles helpful in the study of the English language.

We are convinced that the puzzles are not a passing fad, and the first of a series of the cross-word type is being published this week. The answer to this week's puzzle will appear next week, together with a brand new trouble maker. The type we are using will be easily solved, but are difficult enough to be interesting. If you have not taken up the hobby, give the one appearing on another page of this issue a trial. "Everybody's doing it."

Echoes of the News

We are all willing to trade the low mercury for some standard snow.

Radio fans have noticed an undue amount of static in the air. Congress is in session.

Some politicians wear no man's collar and others don't even wear their own.

The short session of congress will run only long enough to spend all the money in sight.

An apple a day sounds all right now, but it didn't work so well in the Garden of Eden.

A bell boy can tell you where to find almost everything except, possibly, a hymn book.

Food is going up, says a headline, which is probably due to so much of it going down.

Who Won The Hedley Game?

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In a statement issued yesterday, Supt Miles refuted the above remark, and pointed out the manner in which Mr. Nelson might have been wrongly impressed.

Immediately following the Clarendon-Memphis game, Supt. Nelson, it is said, came to Memphis to investigate the ineligibility of some of the members of the local squad, and asked that he be shown the scholastic records. Some time later, this information was furnished Supt. Nelson, in the form of sworn statements, and they showed that Bill Bryan and Siegle Walker the doubtful players, were twenty-one years of age, but that age had been reached since the first of September, 1924. According to a statement issued by Roy Henderson, director of the Interscholastic League, the boys were eligible to play this season, but after 1925, the mem-

bers of any squad become ineligible the day they reach twenty-one.

Thus far the game has not been forfeited, and the decision made by the flip of the coin still holds good. If the matter is further contested, no change of the record is anticipated.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness through the illness and death of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. W. S. Stephens.

- W. L. STEPHENS,
- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Craig and Family;
- Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnston and Family;
- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnston, and Family;
- Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stephens, and Family;
- Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Williams and Family;
- Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stephens and Family;
- Frank Stephens;
- M. Lambert.

Society and Club News

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MRS. FOXHALL HOSTESS TO DELPHIAN CLUB

On Tuesday afternoon, January 6th, the Delphian Club held its regular semi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. F. N. Foxhall. Mrs. Z. A. Moore led in a very interesting, but on account of the election of officers, very short lesson.

Mrs. W. C. Dickey gave a wonderfully clear, comprehensive synopsis of "The Golden Cocoon," by Ruth Cross.

The members were happy when the treasurer announced that one payment of the Educational Fund, loaned last year, had been made, and that there was enough money in the treasury to send another boy or girl to school. One of the greatest functions of the Club is the educating every year of some boy or girl who otherwise could not attend school. It was decided that the Fund would be loaned this year at 5 per cent interest.

A committee to accept applications and present them to the Club consisting of Mrs. Ray Guthrie, Miss Emma Foxhall and Mrs. J. L. Barnes, was appointed.

Mrs. H. S. Riley, a Delphian member of the Wills Point Club, was elected to membership.

The following officers were elected:

- Mrs. J. L. Barnes, President.
- Mrs. Ray Goodson, First Vice President.
- Miss Maudie Milam, Second Vice President.
- Mrs. Raynes West, Recording Secretary.
- Miss Bird Presler, Corresponding Secretary.
- Mrs. W. P. Dial, Treasurer.
- Mrs. M. F. Duke, Press Reporter.
- Mrs. J. A. Stokes, Critic and Parliamentarian.
- Mrs. C. A. Powell, Time Keeper.

After a dainty, delectable, two-course luncheon had been enjoyed, the Club adjourned to meet on January 26th, with Mrs. C. A. Powell, Mrs. W. P. Dial, leading.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank those who donated money to help pay our transportation home after the death of our husband and son, Posey Culver.

MRS. POSEY CULVER and Mother.
(By S. I. Byars)

S. A. James Succumbs Monday At Arlington Masonic Home

S. A. James, former resident of this city, died at the Masonic Home at Arlington, Monday, according to a telegram received here by his daughter, Mrs. W. S. Gooch. Mr. James had been in ill health for a number of months previous to his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Gooch left for St. Joe Monday evening, where the body was shipped for burial.

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Estelline Events

H. W. Mitchell has returned home in Ft. Worth after spending the holidays here with her parents and Mrs. J. A. McIntire. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Faulkner and Mrs. H. M. Faulkner and Mrs. H. M. Faulkner have moved to their farm near Quannah. Their many friends are leaving but wish for them to stay in their new home. Mrs. Floyd Stout and Mrs. Lorengo Texas spent the holidays with their relatives here. Mrs. Vernon Bagwell and Mrs. Vernon Bagwell have returned to Estelline to their home. Mrs. Mary Ethel Barnes has returned to Simmons College, at Abilene. Mrs. Lorengo Texas spent the holidays with their relatives here. Mrs. Vernon Bagwell and Mrs. Vernon Bagwell have returned to Estelline to their home. Mrs. Mary Ethel Barnes has returned to Simmons College, at Abilene.

Churches Observe 4th Anniversary Of Baptist Pastor

As a climax to the program, Mrs. D. A. Grundy expressed thanks in behalf of the city for the work of Rev. and Mrs. Whaley, and presented them with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Memphis Orchestra. 30c COTTON—\$20.00 LAND

Aged Invalid Dies At Her Home Here Saturday

(Continued from Page One) Mrs. W. D. and Jean Ross, to Daranelle Ark. coming to Texas, in 1859. She was married to Daniel Gidden, March 23rd 1877. To this union nine children were born, seven of whom survive, three sons and four daughters. She professed faith at 19 years of age, uniting with the Baptist church, in which faith she lived and died. The family moved to Hall County, January, 1908, living near Lodge, Texas. Her husband died more than five years ago. During the past few years she has resided in Memphis Texas, with her daughter, Ara. Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, with Rev. Chas T. Whaley officiating. Interment was made in the Fairview Cemetery.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hall County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon H. Burnett by making publication of this Citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Hall County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Memphis, on the 2nd Monday in February, A. D. 1925, the same being the 9th day of February, A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1925, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1301, wherein Fannie Burnett is plaintiff, and H. Burnett is defendant, and alleges that heretofore plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married and from this marriage are two children; that heretofore on the 28th day of December, 1921, defendant, without cause, abandoned plaintiff, said abandonment being more than three years prior to the filing of this petition, wherefore plaintiff prays that the marriage relations be dissolved, that her maiden name be restored, that she have custody of the children and costs of this suit and any other relief in law and equity to which she is entitled. Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Memphis, Texas, this, the 8th day of January, A. D. 1925. S. G. ALEXANDER, Clerk, District Court, Hall County.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hall County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon C. N. Adams, whose residence is in Memphis, Tennessee, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Hall County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Memphis, on the 2nd Monday in February, A. D., 1925, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1302, wherein Judith Adams is plaintiff, and C. N. Adams is defendant, and said petition alleges that plaintiff has been actual bona-fide inhabitant of Texas for more than twelve months next proceeding filing of said petition; that plaintiff and defendant were married at Ft. Worth, Texas, on Nov. 16, 1914; that three children were born to them, Al, a boy, aged 8 years; Josephine, a girl, 6 years, and J. M., a boy, 4 years; That on or about Nov. 10, 1920, defendant without fault consent or procurement of plaintiff, deserted and abandoned her intentionally, and plaintiff has not since seen or heard of or from defendant, and he has not since, in any way, contributed to the support of said children or plaintiff; that defendant is not a proper person to have the care and custody of said children. Plaintiff sues for divorce, care and custody of said children, general and special relief, etc. Herein, fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Memphis, Texas, this, the 8th day of January, A. D. 1925. S. G. ALEXANDER, Clerk, District Court, Hall County.

Elite Incidents

Every body is taking advantage of the pretty weather and pulling bollies. Mrs. W. L. Stephens pioneer of this County and this community died Thursday after a long illness of several months. Rev. Griswell, presiding Elder of the Methodist Church, Clarendon district, preached here Sunday morning. Rev. Rodgers of Memphis, preached here Sunday afternoon. The Plaska basket ball team came up and played ball Friday afternoon. The Eli boys won their game easy, the score being 12 to 3 and the Eli girls lost their game. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Whitson, are on the plains visiting this week. J. B. Williams has purchased a new Ford car. Bryan Wall is back in school after an illness of two weeks. The following officers were elected in Sunday School to serve this year: Bro. W. B. Stragel, Supt re-elect M. E. Finley assistant Supt. re-elect, Brown Smith Secretary and Treasurer, Allen Patrick Organist, Mrs. J. S. Ballard teacher of the senior boys class re-elect, Mrs. J. W. Stewart teacher girls senior class, Allen Patrick teacher intermediate class, Mrs. W. B. Stragel teacher child's class, Mrs. M. L. Smith teacher card class re-elect, Miss Jennie Smith teacher junior card class, J. W. Stewart teacher Bible class, John Perkins, song leader. Every body come to church and lets make this a great year. Several new pupils started to school Monday. There were several Eli people in Memphis last week.

NOTICE!

I wish to announce to the public that my office has been moved to the second floor on the Hall County National Bank building. DR. J. A. ODOM.

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WRESTLING

Frank Gorman vs Chief Wow Wow (Two of Three Falls)

Review Letter

been having beautiful past few days. It is spring. W. Watson condition much improved. I Davis and family having a short visit from family of Allenreed. Ford has returned to Memphis pending the holidays. Frost Texas. E. Davenport is spending in Dallas, with relative frygley turned his head days ago but no one rt. Mrs. Dick Huffman stated Mrs. J. W. Watson Sunday night. Stephens died Thursday. She will be remembered. I. Davenport is very lu. Innovate your old mattress as new, or make your Memphis Mattress Factory Station.

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The MYSTERY ROAD

By E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

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know," Gerald said, "what its re may mean to me." He looked at him a little sadly. "An unhappy country," she sighed, "only a furnace of woe and pain, yet in the jungle of it there are a few millions still who would through the night and pray for it they knew your mission. I bid farewell, Gerald, and every fib you live with you. I have not a word of love shall pass my lips nor any feeling of love linger in my heart, so long as my brother is that fortress. But I am here, and give you anything that would help you on your journey. It is for his choice."



Gerald Rose to His Feet and Bowled.

in a distant corner, a small gramophone with black enamel mouthpiece, bispered by the continual beat of the room. The walls were hung with the faded remains of some former attempt at decoration. The windows were covered with a sort of wire netting, which kept out alike light and air. There was everywhere an odor of stale tobacco smoke, mingled with a strange smell of cheap incense or crude perfume of some sort. Gerald, exceedingly sensitive to surroundings, felt a momentary faintness as he sat and waited for the woman whom he had come to visit. He began to fidget in his place. He walked up and down. He was even meditating an attack upon one of the window fastenings, when he was aware of the sound of heavy footsteps outside. The door was opened. A woman entered and came toward him with an inquiring expression upon her face.

Chapter IV

It seemed to Gerald that the newcomer alone was needed to complete the squalor of his surroundings. She was a big woman, coarsely built, and with indications of obesity. She wore a dressing gown of some red material, trimmed with soiled white fur and fastened round her waist with a girdle. Her hair was a bright yellow, abundant but badly arranged. It lay in loose coils upon the top of her head, fastened with some flamboyant ornament. Her features were not ill-shaped, but were partly concealed under a thick coating of powder. She had eyes of a peculiarly light blue shade, large and saucer-like when she first entered the room, but with a habit of narrowing at intervals. She spoke in English, with a strong German accent. "You wish to see me, sir? I am Elsa Francks." Gerald rose to his feet and bowed. "Madame," he said, "I have found my way here under the name of Harmon P. Cross. I have told every one that I am an American, looking for an opportunity to invest money. That story is not true. It is my wish, if you will allow me, to be perfectly candid with you. "You can sit down," she invited, regarding Gerald with suspicion not mixed with favor. "I will hear what you have to say." She threw herself in a lump at the far end of the sofa, and pointed to a battered horsehair easy-chair. "Bring that to the side of me," she continued. "I do not hear very well and it is some time since I listened to English. Tell me what you want?" "I have a further confession to make," Gerald began. "I am an Englishman." "There are Englishmen and Englishmen," she said indulgently. "Some are different from others. You are not like those whom our officers have had to correct in the streets and cafes of Berlin. Now what is your business, please?" "It is very difficult to state," Gerald admitted frankly, "and I am only emboldened to approach you because in these difficult times, and in Russia especially, one needs money. If you will do me a service, I can find you a great deal of money." Gerald's methods had at any rate succeeded in exciting the interest of the woman he had come to visit. Her becarmined lips were parted; her pale eyes were filled with the light of cupidity. "There is not much we would not do for money, nowadays, over here," she declared, laughing hardily. "You are a very interesting man. Go on."

you cabin in politics, eh? mind, Krossneys is my friend. What of it?" "He is the governor of the fortress here," Gerald went on. "He has a great number of prisoners under his care." "One hundred and thirty-seven," Elsa Francks replied promptly. "I see some of them exercising when I am at the fortress. What he keeps them alive for, I cannot imagine. They crawl about the yard like lice. What about these prisoners?" Gerald moved his chair a little nearer. The woman smiled at him graciously. "If one of them should escape," he remarked significantly, "there would be a great deal of money." "What do you call a great deal of money?" "I do not bargain," Gerald replied. "I know very well that the escape of a prisoner is a serious thing. I have at my disposal the sum of ten thousand pounds." The woman started so that she nearly rolled off the sofa. She sat suddenly upright. She was too stupefied for emotion. "Ten thousand pounds?" she almost shrieked. "Why, it is two million roubles! Ivan Krossneys would sell you his whole batch of prisoners for that, and throw the fortress in! Why, if it rested with me," she went on, "you could have Krossneys as well for a quarter of that. Talk sense, please! There is not an Englishman there, of that I am certain." "The prisoner whose liberty I desire to buy," Gerald confided, "is a Russian. I do not know under what name he passes, but his number is twenty-nine." Elsa Francks rose to her feet, opened the door and shouted to her maid in Russian. She took up a battered telephone instrument. "I will speak with the major," she said. "I am the only civilian in the town with a telephone. It is a great favor. You can wait whilst I speak with him." There was a good deal of delay before she was connected, and a further delay before the person with whom she desired to speak arrived. In time, however, the conversation was finished, apparently to her satisfaction. She set down the instrument. "The governor is on his way down," she announced triumphantly. "None, we will see to this little affair quickly. You can remain."

The maid entered the room, carrying a tray on which were bottles of beer and glasses. The woman eyed them with satisfaction. "You are not Russian," she said, "so I do not offer you the samovar. Peer every one drinks—the English especially. That is so, is it not?" "That is so," Gerald admitted. "I shall drink to your good health, madame." "You may call me Elsa," she invited graciously, coming over to his side with a glass in her hand. "We will drink to the success of our enterprise." Gerald accepted the glass and exchanged courteous amenities with his hostess. She eyed him with growing favor. "It is a pity that you are not staying longer," she observed. "We might become friends. Who knows?" "In that case," Gerald replied gallantly, "I might have to quarrel with Major Krossneys, and that would not do at all." She snapped her pudgy fingers. A man who had ten thousand pounds to dispose of! What was Krossneys! "Do you think," she scoffed, "that I shall stay here with him if I can get hold of half that sum you spoke of? Not! I shall choose a different companion. I shall go to Monte Carlo. I shall never enter this accursed country again. Even to think of leaving it makes me giddy with happiness. It will be you who will be my deliverer. Let us drink again together." "Perhaps," Gerald suggested, "the governor will not give up his prisoner." Her exclamation of contempt was almost a shout. The very idea, while she scouted it as ridiculous, seemed to infuriate her. "Give him up? Of course he will give him up!" she declared. "If he refused—why, I would take him by the beard—I would kill him!" Her eyes were lit with cruelty. The snarl of an animal of prey twisted her lips. Then she burst into a fit of laughter. "Why do I make myself furious?" she exclaimed. "Why, Ivan would sell every one of his hundred and thirty-seven prisoners for a tenth part of the money you speak of! Come, let us be gay. I will put something on the gramophone. You shall dance with me, yes?" "What about his excellency the governor?" Gerald asked. The woman made a little grimace. "You are perhaps right," she acquiesced. "One must wait—wait until everything is arranged. After that I shall snap my fingers at Ivan. He wearies me, and he is an old man. Will you take me out of the country, my friend? We might go into Poland—I have friends at Warsaw." There were heavy steps outside. She held up her hand as though to warn him. "It is the governor," she announced. "It is Ivan Krossneys who arrives. Mind, he is very jealous. Be careful!" Gerald, with all his nerves on edge, was yet able to indulge for a moment in a grin smile. The door was opened. The maid poked her head in and muttered something unintelligible. Close behind her entered the governor of the fortress. "The governor was a large, corpulent, birdy-looking man in an ill-fitting uniform with coarse feathers and a straggling beard. He clicked his heels together and made some pretense at a military salute, as Elsa introduced her visitor. She whispered a word or two with him in Russian, and then turned, joined in French, which she spoke apparently with less ease than English. "This gentleman," she declared, "has a great affair of business to discuss with you. He was sent here by a friend of mine whose name I may not give. He is an Englishman pretending to be an American, but that makes for little. He is entrusted with a great sum of money for a certain purpose." Into the governor's eyes flashed for a moment some reflection of the cupidity which had gleamed in the woman's. Money was scarce in Russia; pay was small and irregular in coming. The thought of money whetted his interest. "Let me hear what this gentleman has to say," he invited. "I have come with a very bold proposition," Gerald began, "but it is one which I hope you will consider carefully. You have many prisoners in your fortress who are detained largely through misfortune. There are many there whose offenses are trivial, who will probably be released shortly in any case, and who might just as well be free as remain a charge upon the government."

"You seem to know a great deal about my prisoners," the governor remarked graciously. "Many of them are criminals of the worst order." "It is not one of these whom I wish to discuss with you," Gerald assured him. "It happens that you have a young man there who is not of the criminal class at all. He has very wealthy friends." "Ha!" the governor exclaimed. "How wealthy?" The woman broke into the conversation. She gripped her friend by the arm. "Ivan," she cried, "it is incredible! Do you know the sum which monsieur speaks of? It takes one's breath away! He speaks of ten thousand pounds! It is two million roubles! What do you think of that?" "G—d!" Krossneys muttered. "A prisoner of mine?" "A prisoner of yours," Gerald repeated. "I will be quite frank with you, sir. I speak, I know, to a man of honor, but I will ask you to remember that this young man is unconvicted of any crime, and that the government by whom he was sent to you is tottering. This is not a bribe which I am offering you. It is the price of an act of justice. The money is to be paid in cash."

(Continued next week.)

LOOK! SATURDAY January 10th Will Be Fairy Soda Day In Memphis

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Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Total New Business Written In 1924 In TEXAS Over 20 MILLIONS. Force Jan. 1, 1925 In TEXAS Over 20 MILLIONS. Total Insurance In TEXAS Over 20 MILLIONS.

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