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MIDLAND AND RANKIN SHOULD CO-OPERATE

RORIE TELLS OF ADVANTAGES IN UPTON COUNTY SEAT

Several cities adorn the West Texas Plains; among them Midland, best described by Goldsmith when he said: "Sweet Auburn fairest city of the plain where wealth and beauty cheered the laboring swain," and Rankin aptly described by Tennyson in his fine line: "On the ringing plains of windy Troy." Rev. T. O. Rorie recently spent two weeks in Rankin holding a revival there in the Methodist church and he is authority for the statement that after seeing the sights he is prone to use the words of an old Midland high school song; "The best of all the flowers to me is the sweet forget-me-not." The latter flower of course being the city of Midland.

There are two pictures formed in the mind when one thinks of Midland and Rankin. The classic city of fine streets, hotels and stores, with scores of the finest homes growing like oases on the greenland. Midland is a city famed for its fine arts club, Delphian organization, Bridge Clubs galore and more young society leaders to the area mentioned than prospective brides in a graduating class. Midland has fine churches and schools and a progressive citizenry.

So has Rankin and far be it from us to say one unkind thing about the city that stands as they say down there; "At the heart of the oil fields." Rankin is a coming city and Midland had better watch her honors. Once asleep at the switch—on the Orient Railway—now great trains thunder through at all hours of the night; there are a dozen lumber yards; two big hotels in the course of construction; a fine courthouse just completed; a dozen excellent residences erected by the Mid-Kansas oil company and several hundred houses of various forms and fashions built by residents. Hammers ring day and night.

It behooves Midland to become wed to Rankin. Out of Midland runs a fine highway to Rankin and from there to McCamey. McCamey people say the best route to Midland is through Rankin. The latter city can help Midland; Midland can help Rankin. Mr. Fletcher, head of the Rankin Chamber of Commerce is planning to visit Midland to put over just such a program. That Rankin is no longer a minor trading point for cattlemen is an established fact. It is a young and a growing city, with, in addition to other buildings mentioned, several concrete store buildings in the course of construction. One feels as he walks the streets of the humming little town south of us that if Midland loves growth she must take notice of that city which is growing and may be growing at the expense of Midland for twenty years the mecca of the west land.

Several things however, one notices that are in Midland's favor. First paved streets; paved sidewalks, and palatial homes. Midland has city churches while Rankin has small community church loved only by a few. Midland has fine waterworks with beer promised; a fire department; hotels; hundreds of merchants and business men that would do credit to Dallas. Midland had the jump on all the towns of west Texas. The race is on; various animals "towns" of various value and pedigree are anxious to win for themselves the honor of being the town of west Texas. Today Midland is that town, like a prancing steed it trots about tossing her head and shaking her plumes. Her business is to be at the line when the referee fires the pistol that starts them and race around the track as though all the competitors were thoroughbreds.

We hope we have said nothing to the discredit of any west Texas town. We are all in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and for West Texas, not East Texas or Oklahoma. We only want to say that after a visit to Rankin and McCamey we find them despondent with the decline of oil—the price of oil being seventy-five cents in McCamey and a barrel of water is \$1. You see, no well dug has found water in ten miles of McCamey. You are supplied water at your back doors as the filling stations are gasoline. Rankin has water and fire too and a bit of steam. Mid-

PLANNING ROAD TO LOVINGTON, N. M.

COMMITTEE MET WITH MIDLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAST NIGHT

Members of the original board of the Midland Chamber of Commerce together with the five new directors elected Monday night unanimously endorsed the proposed routing of Highway No. 83 via Lovington, N. M.

Elliott H. Barron in making the indorsement motion declared Midland's interest were apparently not jeopardized and Midland owed a debt of gratitude to Lovington and should do all possible to be neighborly and friendly to Lovington people who had been such long time friends of Midland. The secretary was authorized to take up with the State Highway Commission on the proposed Lovington routing.

Luke Roberts, civic leader of Lovington, C. D. Woolworth of Jaf, N. M. and Owen Baety, a prominent Lovington man, explained to the directors their wishes and it was in response to this visit from the New Mexico men that the Chamber of Commerce took action.

MIDLAND RANKS HIGH AS BUILDER

NINTH IN STATE FOR MONTH OF MAY IN BLDG. PERMITS

Midland has achieved rank among the cities in building permits this year, having completed a total of 130 buildings since January 1st, and ranking ninth in the State for building during the month of May.

These statistics were released recently by the F. W. Dodge Corporation of New York.

It is likely that more building is being done in Midland according to the population and size of the town than in any place in the United States.

The substantial type of buildings that are being constructed here adds largely to the total amount of the building permits, and there are very few cheap houses built.

Auntie Sterling To Have Birthday

An interesting letter was received by The Reporter this week from Mrs. C. L. Sterling, who has been in Fort Worth for the past few weeks.

She states that she will have another birthday on June 20th, but she has stopped telling her age.

Referring to Midland and its activity, she again calls it the "Central City of the Plains," having given that title to Midland ten years or more ago.

\$500,000 Oil Deal in Eastern Pecos County

San Angelo, Texas, June 6.—The McMan Oil Company has purchased from the Marland Oil Company of Texas its lease on 757 acres in Eastern Pecos County, for \$500,000 according to unconfirmed reports here. Negotiations are known to have been under way for several weeks and McMan has had representatives in the field. The land is owned in fee by Ira G. Yates of San Angelo, on whose ranch six or seven Pecos County producers are located.

The tract lies northwest of the Yates pool and part of it is within one and one-half miles of the Mid-Kansas and Transcontinental No. 1 Smith Taylor, latest producer. The strip is about two miles long and a third of a mile wide and is separated from Runnels County school land on the north by section 101, held by humble; section 102, held by Roxana, and section 103, under lease to Simms. Bordering the strip on the South are holdings of the California, section 37 Humble, section 36, and California sections 35 and 34, block 194.

R. A. Young and family are in town today from their place up near Lamesa.

Midland has fire, water, steam and engineers. Let the Midland Chamber of Commerce lead out on a big progressive program.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING WELL ATTENDED BY NEW PEOPLE

CITIZENS RECENTLY MOVING HERE SPOKE HIGHLY OF THEIR TREATMENT IN MIDLAND, AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT MIDLAND IS TO BECOME A CITY

In an open meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, to which all citizens of Midland, both new and old, were invited, many expressions were heard to the effect that Midland is to become a real city.

New citizens were especially warm in their praise of the city, and practically all of them mentioned the fact that they had been accorded good treatment and hospitality since coming here.

The meeting was presided over by Harry J. Neblett, vice president of the organization, the president, W. R. Chancellor, being out of the city.

Secretary Paul T. Vickers explained the purpose of the meeting, stating that Midland people should get together and thrash out problems that confronted the city in taking care of the oil men and the new people here, stating certain complaints that had been brought to the secretary's office, and calling for free and open expressions from all who were at the meeting.

He was followed by T. Paul Barron, who spoke of the value the oil men represented to Midland, mentioning the building of seventeen brick business houses, seventy-five or a hundred residences, construction of the Thomas Office Building, the preparations for building the Scharbauer Hotel, the improvement of the water system, the street paving, the healthy condition of the banks, and of business in general, and of the new spirit of optimism and aggressiveness on the part of the citizenship.

John Scharbauer then spoke of how Midland was going ahead, and stated that he believed the people were taking advantage of the opportunity to build a city and were taking care of the new people in a big way. He took up for some of the alleged high prices in Midland as being reasonable when compared to the service given and the conveniences offered.

Harry Anderson, contractor and builder who recently moved here from El Paso, stated that he believed the estimate on the number of new homes had been too low, that he and his partner were building their twelfth house and that he believed there had been a total of over one hundred.

Good speeches were made also by Edwin A. Nolan, architect who recently came here from Miami, Florida; R. J. Moore, manager of the Prideaux Lumber Company; H. L. Haight, office manager of the Scharbauer Cattle Company and allied interests; Kenneth Ambrose, manager of the Southern Ice and Utilities Company plant here; W. I. Pratt, manager of the Hassen store which is being installed; Mr. Dikema, who recently came here from Ranger and has bought a great deal of property; Paul Young, proprietor of the American Cafe and owner of much valuable city property; The Rev. T. O. Rorie, pastor of the Methodist Church; Rev. George F. Brown, pastor of the Baptist Church; and Luke W. Roberts, editor of the Leader at Lovington, New Mexico.

A telegram was read from Dr. J. D. Young, president of the corporation owning the Home Furniture Company, stating that he was unable to get to Midland for the meeting, but he expressed his faith in the city and made a plea for a bigger vision of the possibilities for a city, asking that the business men have in mind a city of 25,000 people.

Following these very interesting talks by the new comers, an amendment to the constitution of the Chamber of Commerce was proposed, calling for the election of twenty-one directors instead of eleven, and providing that sixteen should be elected at the annual meeting, the remaining to be selected by these sixteen; and further providing that at the June 6th meeting, five directors should be elected to complete the current year, allowing the board to select the remaining five.

The amendment was adopted and nominations for five directors were called for. Those elected were R. J. Moore, Kenneth Ambrose, W. I. Pratt, Paul Young and Leon Goodman.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce were asked to remain after the meeting to confer with a committee from Lovington, New Mexico, relative to securing adequate road connections from Midland to the Lea County, New Mexico, oil fields.

Rain, Wind And Hail Here Sunday

An old time sand storm, coming up from the north like a cloud and settling over the town so densely that it was difficult to see ahead, visited Midland Sunday afternoon, but was soon followed by a good shower of rain accompanied by a little hail. The hail was not sufficient to do much damage even to ripening fruit, and the rain was enough to wet the ground considerably, as well as to settle the dust for several days.

Receives Burns From Hot Grease

Miss Helen Hodges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dean, was painfully injured a few days ago when she spilled a pan of hot grease. Her hands, knees and lower limbs sustained severe burns, but she is reported to be getting much better.

H. E. Cummins is here today from his ranch west of Odessa.

Gist Closes Deal For Land In Ector

Final papers on the sale of 6,490 acres of land by John M. Gist of Midland and Odessa to W. F. Miller of Houston were sined Saturday. The land lies about three miles north of Odessa.

Gist also sold 298 acres of land in Reeves County last week to J. F. Wellington of Fort Worth.

Paving Crew Is Making Progress

Fast work on the curbs and gutters on Main Street is being made by the crew of the Womack Construction Company, and the last block on Main Street, next to the T. & P. tracks, is being worked today.

The big concrete mixing machine that will be used for paving the streets themselves is enroute, but was stopped to handle a job of a few blocks of pavement in Abilene.

MORE DIRECTORS C. OF C. ELECTED

BOARD NOW CONSISTS OF TWENTY-ONE MEN TO GUIDE C. OF C.

Six new directors, three of whom are oil men were chosen Tuesday morning by the directors, elected at the open session of the Chamber of Commerce.

The six chosen Tuesday morning: Bob Patterson, head of the land department of Gulf Production Co., R. C. Crabb, owner of the White House Grocery; W. A. Yeager, manager of the West Texas office of Prairie Oil and Gas Co., R. C. Winters, manager of the Winters-Haynie Hardware Co., T. O. Farrington, manager of the Texas Electric Service, and J. A. Finalyson, one of the owners of the National Tank Co.

These six new directors are in addition to the five elected Monday night who were: Kenneth Ambrose, W. I. Pratt, Leon Goodman, Paul Young, and R. J. Moore.

The first meeting of the new board of 21 members, the others of whom are W. R. Chancellor, Harry Neblett, J. E. Hill, R. M. Barron, Dr. J. B. Thomas, E. V. Lawrence, M. R. Hill, Elliott H. Barron, Fred Wemple, Jr., and Clarence Scharbauer, will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock.

JAMES C. RHEA IS BRIGADIER GENERAL

NEWS OF HIS PROMOTION RECEIVED BY FRIENDS HERE THIS WEEK

News of the promotion of James C. Rhea, U. S. Army, to the rank of Brigadier General was received here this week by W. F. Cowden in a letter from General Rhea.

The many friends of "the Colonel" as he has been called here for the past few years, will be very glad to learn of his continued advancement.

General Rhea has seen years of service and was a right hand man on General Pershing's staff during the World War. His knowledge of military tactics and his ability to carry them out have steadily advanced him in rank since he completed his work in West Point.

General Rhea is the son of the late Captain and Mrs. J. B. Rhea.

Mary Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kerr, sustained an operation this morning for the removal of her tonsils, and is reported to be doing nicely.

Miss Mims, niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williamson, has moved to Midland and holds the position of book keeper and office manager of Howe and Allen, plumbers.

Claude E. Cowden is here today, having been out to El Paso to take his family who will go on to California with Mrs. Lillie Cowden.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cowden have returned from a pleasant trip to various California points. They have been in El Paso for several days on account of the illness of Mr. Cowden's sister, Mrs. Rube Evans. She is reported to be much better at present.

An oil man in Midland Saturday declared he saw Tulsa and Omulgee grow from dusty villages smaller than Midland to large cities. "Midland will make the Tulsa of the oil fields of this area if Midland holds prices at cafes, and hotels and rooming houses down", he declared.

J. E. Parker and family are leaving today for the ranch at Andrews, and will spend the summer there. They have just returned from an automobile trip to Wichita Falls and other north Texas points, coming back down in the San Angelo country.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wimberly returned from Abilene Monday where they attended the commencement exercises for Simmons University. They will spend several weeks in Midland visiting Mr. Wimberly's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wimberly.

GULF GETS BIG WELL IN McELROY FIELD

NO. 12 McELROY REPORTED GOOD FOR OVER 200 BARRELS HOURLY

With the bringing in of the Gulf Production Company's No. 12 McElroy, still greater production comes from Crane County.

This well, located in the northeast corner of section 102 block F, Crane County, is making better than 200 barrels hourly, according to reports at a total depth of 2840 feet.

In Winkler County the Gulf is erecting an 80,000 barrel tank to store its oil from the Gulf No. 1 Hendricks which has been pinched to about 1,000 to 1,200 barrels daily after coming for 3,000 barrels.

The Southern Crude No. 1C2 Hendricks topped the pay last week at 3051 and flowed about 20 barrels its first head at a depth of 3063 feet. It is on section 33 block B5, Winkler County.

The Roxana-Llano No. 1 Scarborough, in Winkler County, was straight reaming at about 3090, with 1500 feet of oil standing in the hole, according to reports here.

The P. H. Williams and family No. 1 Powell, Crockett County, is reported to be making from 300 to 400 barrels daily.

Simms-Atlantic No. 2-C University, section 47 block 30, University land, flowed 2400 barrels a day from a total depth of 2944 feet.

Lackey Leaves For San Marcos

W. W. Lackey left Monday for San Marcos where he will teach in the summer session of the State Teachers College there.

Superintendent Lackey has had years of experience in teaching of this character, having been prominently connected with the normal schools of the State University, C. I. A. at Denton, and was at San Marcos last year.

City Water Test Down 117 Feet

The well being dug by the city on its lot across the street from the Christian Church, is down 117 feet hard, red clay. The hole was 127 feet Saturday, but 25 feet caved in Saturday night.

Casing has been set down to 70 ft. to shut off the water, and more casing is to be set today.

There is small indication of a good well so far, the drillers claim. The hole is to go down 160 feet under present orders.

Mr. Little, city attorney of Big Spring, was in Midland on business yesterday afternoon.

Miss Lillie B. Williams will leave next week for Boulder, Colorado, where she will study in the University this summer.

Miss Ruby Barham, passed through Midland yesterday, stopping between trains before going on to her home in Stephenville. She has been on a trip to Carlsbad, Roswell, Cloudfcroft, and El Paso, in company with Misses Louise McClarty and Mary Dodgen.

Miss Alice Summerhill spent several days in Midland visiting her aunt Miss Angus Tyner. Miss Summerhill left Sunday for Lubbock where she will enter Tech for the summer session.

Mr. J. B. Richbourg and daughter, Miss Willie, are spending the week in Midland looking over the rapidly growing oil town.

Allen Cowden, a student in Tech last year has returned to his home in Midland to spend the vacation.

Walter Elkin returned yesterday from Austin where he has just graduated from the State School for the blind.

Sam Coleman has returned from a two week's vacation at his old home in Georgetown. Mr. Coleman is an abstractor for the Midland Abstract Company.

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NEWS

From our Neighbors

Big Spring Water Test

Big Spring, June 3.—The water-works of Big Spring were tested out when the entire 19 wells were put on pump at the same time.

A net gain of water in the reservoir showed 50,000 gallons in six hours' pumping time. The consumption per day for the city is in excess of 300,000 gallons, according to City Manager Montain.

The improvements in the water system, which consists of the laying of 30,000 feet of water mains, is about 75 per cent completed.

Presidio Celebration

Marfa, June 3.—Presidio is planning a three day Fourth of July celebration, programs to consist of free barbecue, dances, picture shows and bathing revues. Plans for the celebration were formulated at a Chamber of commerce meeting Monday night with the following committees appointed:

Barbecue, L. R. Alcom, Howard W. Peak; program, J. A. Roberts, R. A. Healy, J. J. Dillon; publicity, E. W. Williams; chairman financial committee, J. T. Mace; decorations, Robert Harmon; supply, Dan Coffman; chairman bathing revue committee; Elinor Harris.

New Oil Company

Big Spring, June 1.—J. S. Meriwether, formerly of San Angelo, went to Austin during the recent week to complete the organization of the Meriwether Oil Company. He has already secured a charter and is now arranging for the sale of stock in the new organization.

In addition to securing a permit to drill an oil well, the company will also have the privilege of buying and selling oil leases. Among the holdings of the new company are 1600 acres near the World Oil Company, now drilling, 160 acres near the Donnelly et al Martin No. 1 and some well located land in Winkler County.

Livestock at Merkel

Merkel, June 3.—Because of the low price of cotton last year, the livestock industry has increased considerably in Merkel's trade territory. A number of farmers have added to their dairy herds and are now paying almost all local expenses with cream and milk sales.

The hog industry is increasing fast considering that last year there were scarcely no hogs to be found in this vicinity. Many farmers are preparing to raise their meat at home next year.

Poultry raising is several times that of a year ago, and is still increasing by leaps and bounds, and more frites and eggs are being marketed than ever before. Quite a number of farms are producing infertile eggs, which are sold under a guarantee, and thereby bring a better price than otherwise.

Rodeo At Stockton

Fort Stockton, May 31.—"Everybody bring somebody" is the invitation extended by Fort Stockton for the celebration being arranged here for June 24 and 25. There will be two days replete with rodeo and ball games and on the 24th there will be a big free barbecue. Together with this there is announced a carnival show and special movie shows. There will be lots of entertainment for the entire family it is assured.

The rodeo is to consist of steer roping, steer riding, calf roping, goat roping, bronc riding, and other rodeo entertainment, though the bronc riding will be in the nature of an exhibition, no contest. Horse races and ball games will feature each morning and the rodeo in the afternoons.

Everybody that can is asked to bring their bed roll and those that

can't are asked to send their names that reservations may be made. In writing for reservations, address communications to W. R. McKay, secretary rodeo committee or Mrs. Laura Furgason, who is in charge of the ladies' accommodations.

Work Started On City Tank Tower

Materials were unloaded Saturday for the 100 foot tower and the 100,000 gallon tank which the City is to erect on its lots in the business section of town.

Some of the steel sections for the tower weighing as much as 3600 lbs. each.

The water tank and tower will give the city unlimited pressure in the city mains.

Winter-Haynie Preparing To Build Warehouse

The Winter-Haynie Hardware Company, new firm located in one of the Sinclair buildings on Main Street, will begin at once to erect a warehouse at the rear of their store. The material is on the ground for the job.

Misses Lillie and Mary Pliska, who have been attending the State University at Austin this year, returned to Midland during the week end. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Pliska.

Helen Fasken is back from Dallas where she has been under treatment in a sanitarium.

Miss Pearl Wimberly has returned from Abilene where she is a student in the fine arts department of Simmons University.

Lewis Thomas, who has been a freshman at Texas University this year, is back in Midland for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kelton were in from the N A ranch yesterday.

TO BUILD ON LOT NEAR POST OFFICE

BRICK BUILDING WILL CLOSE LAST GAP ON MAIN STREET

Contract for a brick store building was let yesterday by Mrs. Ida B. Mims, the building to be erected on her lot adjoining the Palace Theatre on the south, or two doors south of the Post Office.

E. W. Britton, formerly of Corpus Christi, was successful in securing the contract, at a cost of \$2,933.80.

Edwin A. Nolan is architect on the project.

This building will close the last gap in that block on the west side of Main Street, although there is yet a vacant lot on the south corner.

With the completion of the J. C. Brown buildings on the opposite side of the street and the beginning of construction on the Levinson building on the east side of that block, Main is being completely filled with buildings, seven of which are entirely new.

Mrs. Don Quarles of Dallas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Snodgrass, and her sister, Miss Margaret Snodgrass.

W. I. Pratt arrived yesterday to look after the installation of the Hasen store's stock and furniture.

Misses Nez, Kathryn, and Theodora Cospier, daughters of Mrs. J. P. Wyrick, are in Midland from the summer, spending their vacation from the Masonic Home School at Fort Worth. All of them were on the honor roll each month for the last school year. Midland Masons who attended the Grand Lodge last Fall will remember Miss Kathryn as the little drummer, playing a drum solo. She has also been heard over the radio in Midland playing and singing.

Miss Annabelle Youngblood is seriously ill this week.

Man's Hour of Death Seems Fixed by Fate

The ouija board for "spirit communications" gave no warning to William Fuld of Baltimore, its inventor, as he would be killed in a fall at his toy factory.

Edward Kress, who 40 years ago built a steam auto in Dayton, met death in that city under a steam locomotive.

George Zimmer, who piloted an airplane over nearly every country in Europe, leaned too far back in a swivel chair at his office in Philadelphia and broke his left arm.

For the first time in 20 years Patrick Steadman failed to make his daily rowboat trip across the Holston river at Kingsport, Tenn. His boat overturned in the swollen stream and he was drowned.

Twice saved from drowning in Lake Erie, nineteen-year-old Susan Kukla of Cleveland drowned in the bathtub of her home when she fainted.

For three months E. M. Applegate had been out of work. He managed to get a job on a building being constructed in Chicago. The second hour of his employment he was killed when a hoist fell.

On his way home from work Felix Viscuni of Philadelphia debated whether or he should pay his death benefit dues or wait until the next day. He decided to pay them then. Twenty minutes later he was fatally injured in a street car.

After escaping death in the wilds of Central America, where he headed a Harvard expedition, Dr. George Gordon, director of the University of Pennsylvania museum, met death in a fall down a flight of steps at his home.

Some time ago Albert Strobel of Le Roy, N. Y., was run over by a tractor. He escaped with a broken leg. A month later a fall from a chair resulted in his death.

Horace Kouke, Chicago steeplejack, worked on the highest flagpoles and towers. While painting the clothesline poles in his own back yard he fell six feet and was injured.

"Daredevil" Johnny Reynolds' favorite stunt was to climb the outside of a skyscraper and, on reaching the top, to perch himself on two legs of a chair balanced on the ledge. He recovered from several long falls, but disease finally claimed him at a Philadelphia hospital.

Last Christmas Eve "Tommy," a fox hound, awakened the family of Henry Bartlett of Philadelphia in time for them to escape a fire. Recently Tommy was alone in the house when another blaze started. He was burned to death.

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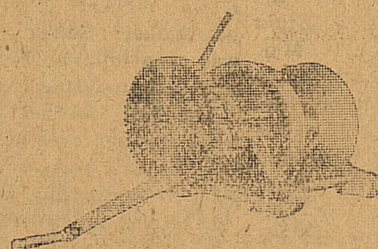
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Aviator's Story Old

to Enoch and Elijah

An aviator who had broken the world's altitude record, but who had lost his life in the attempt, was sitting on a celestial corner telling a wide-eyed circle of friends of his exploit. He described at length the thrills and the crash which had brought about the end. A wing had broken, and he had gone jerking down through space, wobbling like the Toonerville trolley, and had landed with a fatal crash in a city street. His words held his hearers spellbound, for it is not given every man to die an adventurous death, and as he talked on passersby stopped to join the crowd which had gathered around him. Finally the talker noticed two old men with long, flowing beards moseying slowly up the street. They stopped to learn what the excitement was, slugged their shoulders, smiled amusedly, and passed on.

"Who are these two old birds?" asked the aviator, somewhat chagrined.

"Why," replied a bystander, "don't you know them? That's Enoch and Elijah."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

One Form of Salute

That Franklin Liked

"It was charming to see the embraces of Solon and Sophocles," wrote John Adams, present when Benjamin Franklin and Voltaire were introduced to each other at the French Academy of Sciences. After they were introduced they bowed and spoke, but there was no satisfaction among the audience; it expected something more, Adams wrote. Neither of the philosophers seemed to divine what was wished or expected, but they took each other by the hand awkwardly and stood there. But this was not enough; the clamor continued until the explanation came out—they were expected to embrace after the French fashion. The two thereupon embraced each other and kissed each other's cheeks and then the tumult subsided. Franklin, however, once said that the only really enjoyable fete tendered him by the French was the one where, as the apostle of liberty, he was honored by having the most beautiful of 300 women designated to place a wreath on his head and to give him two kisses.—Kansas City Times.

System Failed

The mother looked weary. "Trying to be too efficient," she said. "I laid down the law that every member of the family was to be efficient. They were to look after all their own personal matters.

"If father's suit needed pressing he was to take it to the tailor's himself and he was to tramp to the laundry with his collars. Son was to put his own buttons on his shirts and keep his chiffonier in order. Daughter was to wash her own silk stockings, take her own shoes to the cobbler's.

"And so on, each member of the family was to do for himself. And why am I so weary? Because they all flunked it after the first day or two, and now I am putting in hurried hours trying to catch up with the things they left undone."—Springfield Union.

Old Sport Is Fishing

Who discovered fishing? The answer to that particular query is lost in the mists of prehistoric times. The technique in ancient days varied little, it seems, from that of today. On the walls of Egyptian tombs have been discovered crude drawings of fishing scenes, proving that even in the days of the pharaohs fishing was not only an occupation but also a sport. The Egyptians of the lower classes are shown employing the hook and line to land their catch, while sportsmen of the Nile preferred the spear or trident.

Sure Proof to Father

If there is no royal road to learning, there is at least a flowery path for the modern youngster, in the minds of an older generation which links inseparably a memory of enforced restraint with the three R's. A young couple was discussing the progress of their small son at one of the modern schools which leans toward self-expression, individual freedom and other advanced theories. "Well, I can't believe he's learning much," said the father meditatively. "He likes his school too well."

Snakes Sing in Australia

Singing snakes are among the unusual inhabitants of Australia, according to a correspondent of the Sydney Bulletin. "The other day during a heat wave at Goulburn I was outside my house and heard a peculiar noise—between a bird song and a whistle," he said. "Thinking it came from some strange bird, I went to investigate and found a brown snake coiled, with its head about a foot in the air, singing away as if it were enjoying the heat. Its ballad was cut short."

Prepared

An aged Scotsman was on his deathbed. His parish clergyman urged upon him the necessity of preparing for the future life, and spoke of the near approach of the time when he would have to appear before the "King of Terrors." "What, weel," replied the old Scot, "an' what for should I be afraid to meet the king of terrors? Have I not lived with the queen of them for the last 30 years?"—Detroit Free Press.

THE STRAY COLUMN

By H. B. Dunagan, Jr.

Austin High Band Wins
Austin High School Band took second place at the national high school band contest held at Council Bluffs, Iowa last week. The band took first place on parade, the second place was on playing ability.

Three years ago the Austin High Band organized with six members. Now look where they are.

Midland could easily do the same thing. Midland needs a band. Practically every town of any size at all had a band at the West Texas Chamber Convention at Wichita Falls last month. Is Midland to be the laggard?

A one mill tax would insure enough income for a band of the first class. A good director can not be secured for a small salary. Offer a good man good money and good results will come.

Independent Representatives

There has been some talk of concealing the electric balloting machine in the House of Representatives because some twenty-five or thirty members wait to see which side will have a majority and then vote that way. One member may introduce a measure to that effect when the legislature convenes again in regular session in Austin.

It seems that Hollywood is not the only place that has "yes" men.

Natural Gas

Cities all over the state are getting natural gas. Only recently Dalhart received natural gas. Austin is now planning natural gas practicable?

What Ho! Do we still have come-

dians? In re: hoof disease.

Obviously a clever argument is unanswerable.

The Alderman Telephone Company seems to be doing its bit towards a greater Midland.

A Good Article

In Collier's of June 4 there is an article "The Church Nobody Knows" by Bruce Barton. The article probes the heart of the church and offers some very sound criticism. It is a good article to read.

Harold Lloyd Coming To Palace

Why is Harold Lloyd the idol of youth all over the world? They like him in England, France, Japan, Australia, Chile, Alaska and other far corners of the world, as well as the United States. Do you know why?

In the words of a well known observer of the cinema, it's because "Lloyd's pictures are always morally clean! Any parent can take his or her child to the theatre when one of Harold's comedies is announced, and be sure that the child will not see anything which might tend to corrupt its morals."

There's a whole lot in that short paragraph. And it's as true as saying that two and two are four.

Lloyd refuses to shoot a scene which is the least bit "off color." He knows at least fifty per cent of his audiences are composed of children, and he's aiming to please them.

Lloyd's latest picture is headed for the Palace Theatre, arriving on Friday. It is entitled "The Kid Brother," and records the story of a mountain lad who succeeds in living down the reputation he has as a timid "young

un," and incidentally in winning the love of a beautiful girl. Jobyna Ralston provides most of the heart interest in Paramount's latest release. It was produced by Harold Lloyd Corporation.—Exhibitor's Manual.

Thomas Inman came in Sunday from Alpine where he attends the Sul Ross State Teachers College.

D. E. Holster visited his family in Lamesa Sunday.

W. L. Graves has returned from two or three week's stay in Cisco.

Al Cowden returned Saturday from Lubbock where he has been in the Texas Tech.

Who's Who TODAY



GEORGE COAHAN

"The Price of living may go up, but people still insist on living."

THERE IS NOTHING SO FRIENDLY AS A FRIEND IN NEED.

And your Home Town Banker is more likely to be a friend in need than any other banker in the world! Thus—other things being equal—it pays to Bank at Home!

There are many reasons for thoughtful consideration of this suggestion!

First National Bank

"The Bank of Personal Service"
For Over 36 Years
Capital and Surplus \$200,000

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Licensed Optometrist
Office over the City Drug Store

New Engine!
GRAHAM BROTHERS TRUCKS
**MORE POWER—MORE SPEED
FASTER ACCELERATION
MORE ECONOMY—MORE VALUE**
See this new engine—the finest ever used in Graham Brothers Trucks and Commercial Cars!
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WE KNOW HOW
To Give First-Class TAILOR WORK and SERVICE
WE CALL FOR AND DELIVER
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If You Want to Buy or Sell Anything
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Summer time is New Car time—Enjoy a Buick now!
This is the logical time of year to buy a car—at the beginning of the period of greatest enjoyment. And Buick is the logical car to buy, because it will provide the greatest usefulness with the greatest economy.
Buick is a beautiful car—in design, in coloring and in appointment. It is powerful, speedy and dependable.
Enjoy your summer driving. Buy a Buick.
WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

City Garage
R. D. SCRUGGS, Proprietor

Good News
—The good news for the seller is the news that through the columns of this paper he can reach, at the lowest possible cost, the best prospective buyers in this community.
—The good news for the buyer is that through reading the advertisements of the seller in the columns of this paper he can, with the least possible expenditure of time and money, supply his daily needs.
—We have the pictures and the copy to help the seller make his advertising message attractive and easily read by the buyer.
The Midland Reporter
Circulation in Midland, Ector, Crane, Upton, Winkler, Andrews, Martin and Howard Counties.

"BUY IT IN MIDLAND"

Try first at home is good advice for all of us, and it applies in many ways.

The schooling the youth may get away from home, so far as it applies to the grades taught at home is concerned, is no better than can be found right here.

Our churches offer the same religious advantages as are offered elsewhere.

Our social activities meet the needs of our people as well as, or better than, the social activities of other places.

The enchantment of distance is very, very often a false sister.

But "try first at home" applies especially to the things we buy. We want good stores in this home town of ours. Such stores are an asset to

the community, and that means an asset to each individual. The fact that we have good stores means that we have a good town in which to live; a live up-to-the-minute market place that makes for general prosperity for the people of the community. For our merchants to keep good stocks of merchandise for our convenience, for them to make fair prices, they must have our confidence and patronage.

This is the third of a series of home-town talks which will be published in this paper each week. You should know the name of every business represented on this page—you should know the names of the men behind these industries—you should buy from these merchants. When you help these merchants to prosper, you help Midland to prosper—which, in turn, helps you to prosper.

BURTON-LINGO COMPANY

39 Years In Midland

Lumber and Building Materials

Lee Bradshaw, Manager

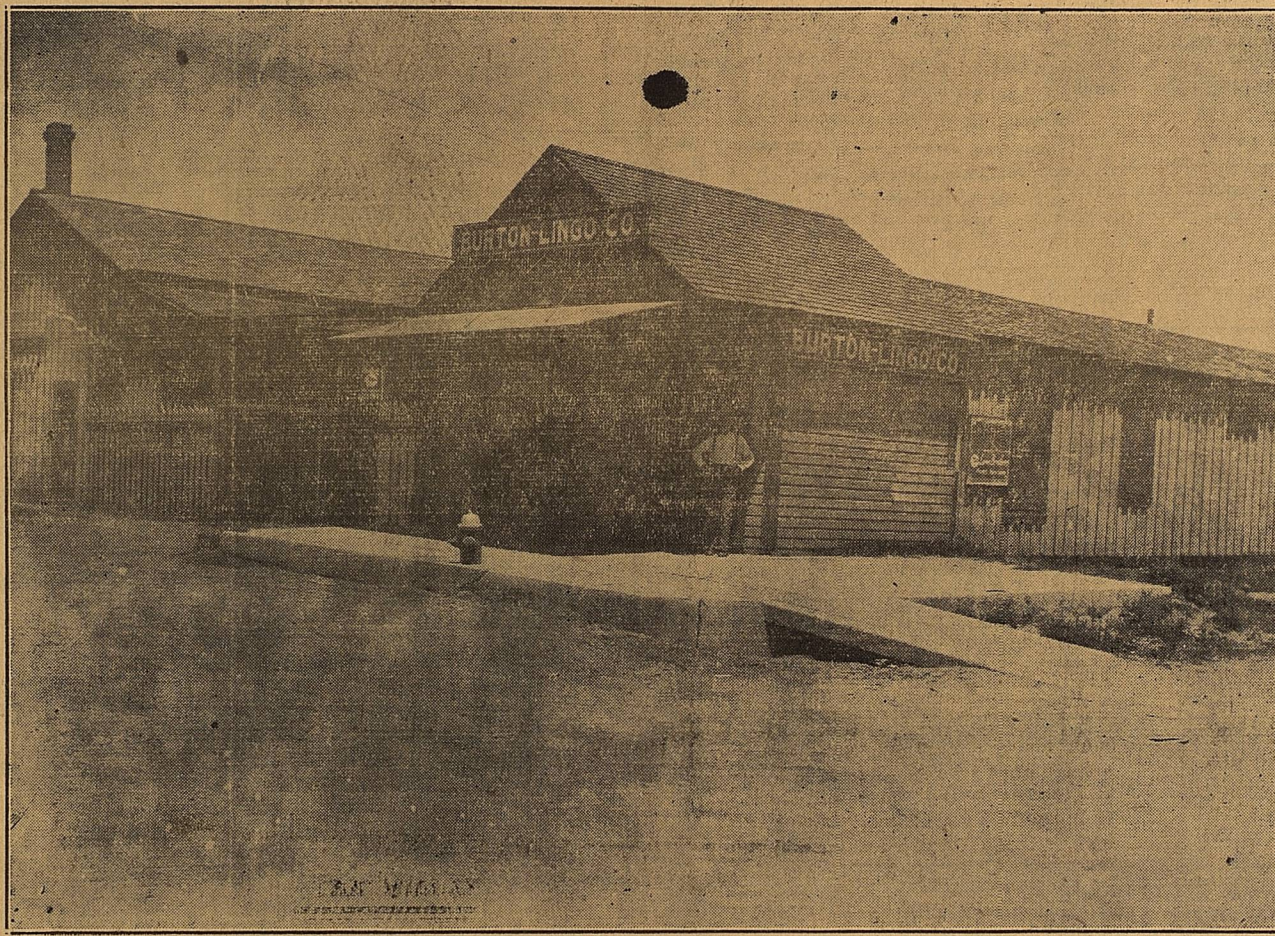


Photo by Duma'n—Midland Art Studio.

Quality Above All

Burton-Lingo Company's reputation has been built up on years of fair and square dealings with its customers.

A Clean Stock

With a clean stock of lumber, paints, and a full line of building materials, Burton-Lingo Co. is ever at the service of the people of Midland and adjacent territory.

MIDDLETON TAILOR SHOP
Cleans 'em and presses 'em—all the same day
And there is no odor left in 'em.
We Call For and Deliver

SILVER GRILL CAFE
Good Food—Good Service—and Reasonable Prices

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Boots—Harness—Repairing

If You Want To Buy or Sell Anything See—
W. R. CHANCELLOR

POPULAR VARIETY STORE
"Where Your Dimes Buy Like Dollars"
Ernest McKinney, Prop.

"Notice the Lighting Equipment"
BLACK ELECTRIC CO.
Anything Electrical

CLARK AND MALONE
Plumbing of the Better Kind

WILLIAMS AUTO SUPPLY
The Home of Racine Tires
Corner of Main and Texas Ave.

D. E. CARTER
Expert Repair Work on all Makes of Automobiles

HARRY TOLBERT
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THE LLANO COFFEE SHOP
Where Better Foods Are Served
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HOWE AND ALLEN
Licensed and Bonded Plumbers
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"Your Druggist Is Your Best Friend"
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Chrysler Automobiles
"50"—"60"—"70"—"80"

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T. S. Patterson & Co.
"The Store of Individuality"

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.
Lumber and Builders' Hardware
The Friendly Store

C. GEORGE TAILOR SHOP
Silk Dresses a Specialty
"WE KNOW HOW"

CITY BAKERY
Buy Midland Bread
Delivered fresh to Midland Merchants every Morning

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New—Fresh—Clean
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Cold Drinks—Drugs and Drug Sundries
"Where They All Know You"

MIDLAND NATIONAL BANK
United States Depository
"There Is No Substitute for Safety"

MIDLAND INVESTMENT CO.
West End Lots and Homes
Odessa Residence and Business Properties
First National Bank Bldg., Midland, Texas

MIDLAND DEVELOPMENT CO.
Owners and Developers of
BELMONT ADDITION to Midland

NOTICE

Effective JULY 1st, 1927, advertisements in the classified column will be run for—

CASH ONLY

This action has become necessary on account of the fact that the cost of keeping books on classified ads, and the losses that are incurred, exceed the profit from the classified column.

Practically all papers have put their classified column on a cash basis, and are able to render a better service to their advertisers.

The classified column affords an excellent medium for the quick sale of miscellaneous articles, for the recovery of lost articles, and for a variety of uses.

After July 1st no classified ads will be taken by the telephone unless the money is sent down before the paper goes to press.

Your cooperation in making the classified column more effective is earnestly solicited.

The Midland Reporter

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—TO RENT—THREE OR FOUR ROOM HOUSE CLOSE IN OR NEAR HIGH SCHOOL. APPLY THIS OFFICE. 38-tf

Wanted—Good farm hand by the month. R. D. Hamlin, 4 miles west on Highway. 19-tf

FOR SALE—City Property. Will sell in single lots or blocks. Sparks and Barron, Phone 79. 16-tf

FOR SALE—Kaffir Corn seed, hand thrashed, can be had at Chamber of Commerce office. W. P. Bodine. 27-tf

Carpenter Work—Any kind of building. R. L. Dupuy & Sons. 15-tf

Chickens for sale—4 good White Leghorn Cockerels for sale. R. D. Hamlin, 4 miles west on Highway. 19-tf

WANTED—To do your brick work. House, flues, chimneys, and side walks. Phone 132, Oscar Roberts. 21-tf

If you have lost any keys, call at the Reporter office and identify same. pay 25c for this ad.

PLANTS—Tomato Plants 50 cents per hundred. Potato slips 35 cents per hundred \$3.00 per thousand. Ship anywhere. M. R. Hill. 33-tf

FOR SALE by Henry M. Half, Box 105 Mineral Wells, Texas. One lot in Midland Heights, Midland, your choice of 87 choice lots \$100.00 cash. 24-tf

Inman will give you the benefit of his knowledge of optics in selecting a pair of low priced glasses. People in Chicago can't do this. 44-tf

WANTED—Position as stenographer or bookkeeper. Moderate salary to begin. Phone 23. Address Box 66. 40-4tp

FOR SALE—Good second hand Majestic range; bargain price. Five sections of dining room cabinet, well built and well furnished. Haley Hotel. 41-2tp

FOR SALE—New Remington Cash Register. Cost new, \$260. Will sell for \$150. Can be seen at Tirado Motor Company. 42-3tp

FOR SALE—12x14 khaki tent with camping equipment. Used only short time. See Jim Bates, Llano office Shop. 42-1tp

FOR RENT—One furnished light house keeping room including telephone, refrigerator, and water. Back and front entrance. Good sewing machine for sale \$25.00. Sewing machine for rent 75c per week. First house west of South Ward School. Phone 264. 42-1t

Two passengers wanted for trip to Albuquerque, N. M., leaving Saturday morning. Inquire at Kuykendall Motor Company. 42-1tp

FOR SALE—German Police Shepard pup, 4 months old. He is a big husky fellow and will make a real pal. Call Benard T. Westerman. Phone 239. 42-1tp

Rankin Affair In June 15th

In last week's Reporter, and elsewhere in this issue, mention was made of the celebration to be held at Rankin, giving the date as June 14.

The correct date is Wednesday, June 15, and all readers are asked to observe this correction.

R. W. Cowden is here this week from his ranch near Jalisco.

ST. LOUIS Post Dispatch, New York Times, Star Telegram, El Paso Herald, Midland Reporter, and good magazines at the Elite. 35-tf

No One Immune From Pangs of "Mal-de-Mer"

Doctors Cury and Bohec have an interesting article on seasickness in Esculape (a medical journal). Oddly enough, very few of the ancient writers seem to have concerned themselves with the affliction; neither Plato nor Aristotle makes any allusion to it. On the other hand, the ocean was considered a sovereign panacea for all sorts of ills.

Plutarch, however, mentions seasickness, which he attributes to fear, and it is sufficiently evident that our remote forefathers were not immune. In this connection it may be recalled that, according to Seneca, Cicero, prince of orators, feeling the wrath of Antony and his wife, Flavia, whom he had attacked in his "Philippics," took refuge on board a ship and decided, when the vessel had put to sea, that he would rather surrender to the executioner than endure the torments of seasickness. He was put ashore and assassinated near Formiae.—From Le Matin, Paris. (Translated for the Kansas City Star).

Odd Maze of Words Applied to Costume

Near the close of the eighteenth century, in France, some mysterious, semi-poetical name was bestowed on every kind of dress fabric, trimming and cut. The following description of the costume of a famous actress-courtesan is an example:

"She was attired in a robe of stifled sighs, adorned with superfluous regrets, the point edged with perfect candor, trimmed with indiscreet complaints. She wore ribbons of marked attentions, and shoes of the color of the queen's hair (Marie Antoinette's) embroidered with diamonds in treacherous stripes. Above her curls of elevated sentiments was a head-dress of certain conquest, trimmed with fickle feathers, while over her shoulders fell an Absalom tress of momentary agitation."

All that reads like gibberish today yet it was perfectly understood by the great ladies of 1769.—Detroit News.

Wanted All the Goodies

Teddy was about to enter his tenth year. His mother told him he might invite his little friends to a birthday party, and she made the necessary preparations. On the important evening they were waiting for the guests. Suddenly the youngster said, "Mother, don't you think it's time to eat the ice cream and cake now?"

"Certainly not, dear," she replied. "We must wait until your little friends are here."

"Well, I'll tell you the truth, mother," Teddy began, "I just thought that for once in my life I'd like to have all the ice cream and cake I wanted, so I guess we'd better begin now, 'cause I didn't invite anybody."—Boston Transcript.

Rockets Travel Far

Many different types of rockets are made. The distance to which they will range and the height to which they will ascend depend upon the type. An ordinary sky-rocket, such as used on the Fourth of July, will probably not ascend more than 500 feet if fired from a vertical position, and will probably not range farther than 1,000 yards if held elevated at an angle of 30 degrees. The highest developed rocket is probably the tracer shell used in artillery. In this the projectile carries a supply of illuminating tracer composition in its base, and the tracer shell has nearly the range of the ordinary projectile. In some types upward of 20,000 yards.

Where Man Is Vain

Among the Kavirondo negroes of Central Africa a man wears as many coils of iron as his arms and legs will hold, and keeps them brightly burnished with oil or fat.

Metal is so fascinating to the men of this tribe that telegraph wires are sometimes torn down to be made into armlets or anklets, or to be twisted in imitation of European travelers.

On festive occasions the numerous coils of iron are specially polished for the occasion. Then the Kavirondo man adds a string of empty cartridges, a piece of chain mail, anklets of bells, and any odd scraps of metal he can find.

Wished They Hadn't

As she tripped blithely across the roadway the celebrated actress noticed in old friend, a playwright, who was heavily bandaged, coming toward her. "Good gracious!" she exclaimed. "My dear, have you been in an accident?"

Her friend regarded her a moment. "No," he answered; "but you remember that play of mine which came on the other night?"

The other nodded. "Well, they called for the author at the end and, unfortunately, I didn't realize how much they wanted him."

Hunting Up Father

Gloves, swallow-tail coats and chaperons have practically disappeared from the list of necessities at modern social functions, remarks the Woman's Home Companion, but the "woman" is still extant—while his wife receives, he mingles with guests, making introductions. If he isn't visible, the best place to look for him is in the attic, or down cellar, or in the garage underneath the car. Or you may catch him going around the corner, headed for the club.

Crude Water Heaters Used by Old Romans

Even so generally used and useful a thing as hot water in generous quantities is a development of very modern times. For thousands of years primitive, laborious methods were the only means for having hot water. This condition was but little improved up to less than a generation ago.

The first water heater known dates back some 2,000 years. This was the "abulum" of the Romans, a crude bronze kettle with a handle for swinging over an open fire. The "foeculus," an apparently later device, was a metal container into which hot stones were put to heat the water surrounding them. This seems to have been the best water heater the early Romans were able to devise.

During the Elizabethan age in England the people were notoriously unwashed. Perhaps it was because the teakettle was their only source of hot water supply. In 1809, when gas for fuel and light became a public utility, the desire and need for hot water became easier to fill. With the development of the gas stove, hot water began to flow more freely.

East Credited With Idea of Gunpowder

Gunpowder was made in the Middle Ages much as it is now, except that the processes were not so refined, and the product cruder and weaker. Gunpowder is a mixture consisting of potassium nitrate, sulphur and charcoal. The origin of it is involved in considerable uncertainty, but it is believed to have been discovered in the ancient East.

As far as Europe is concerned, Roger Bacon, the Thirteenth-century alchemist and philosopher, is sometimes spoken of as its inventor. At any rate he set down the formula in this fashion in 1270:

"Mix together saltpetre with lura nup cum ubre and sulphur, and you will make thunder and lightning if you know the mode of mixing." The four seemingly meaningless words in the middle are simply a transposition of the letters of carbonum pulvere or charcoal.

Morocco a Safe Country

The days of roving, exploration, freedom of action, are gone—as far as Morocco is concerned. Fifteen years ago a man could take a pack outfit and a bunch of natives and go wherever fancy led. No more; the French and Spanish are in control, says Adventure Magazine.

Morocco is not, nor ever has been, dangerous to a foreigner who attends to his own business and doesn't act like a fool toward the natives. One can't insult a man in America without taking a chance of getting licked or killed for it. The same applies in Morocco and everywhere else. There has never been an "open season" on foreigners. All that wild news of the last 20 years has been European propaganda intended to warrant foreign control of the country.

Only a Dream

Hubby listened intently. His wife and her mother were talking. The latter was saying:

"You have indeed secured a splendid husband, and I think you ought to treat him with a little more tact and consideration. Don't always want to know where he is going, and if he comes home a little late be agreeable and wait until he explains before you begin asking a lot of awkward questions. He's just the sort to appreciate any generosity on your part. Be kind to him."

Hubby stirred uneasily, trying to bear more, when—he awoke.

Boo!

She had been turning over every article the weary salesman had placed before her on the counter, but nothing seemed to be exactly the thing she wanted.

"I am afraid there's nothing here to suit," she decided at last, and then, in a burst of confidence, whispered: "You see, tomorrow is my husband's birthday and I wanted to surprise him."

The weary man behind the counter gave her a scathing look.

"Well," he suggested in icy tones, "why not hide behind the armchair and yell 'Boo' at him?"

Blissful Beginning

Owing to the absence through illness of the woman who taught the senior girls' Bible class, the young assistant minister was asked to under take the duties for the day.

He consented, but before beginning he said, smilingly:

"Now, girls, I want to conduct your class just as your teacher does, so you might tell me what she does first."

A short pause, then the answer from a pert miss of sixteen: "Well she always kisses us all round!"

Mahomet's Career Short

Mahomet became a prophet and an international figure after he was forty years old, and finished his epoch-making career in 23 years. At the age of forty he began to get the "visions" which gave him the precepts for the Koran and commanded him to preach them to the world. "There is only one God, and Mahomet is his prophet" is the keynote he gave to the religion he founded—a religion whose adherents' day number more than 220,000,000.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stevens in south Midland have as their guests this week, Miss Mary and Mr. Jack Grubby of Fort Worth.

Miss Ruth Blakney who has been attending Baylor University, has returned to Midland to spend the vacation.

Clinton Dunagan has returned from Austin where he has been attending State University the past year.

Misses Jesse Mae and Evelyn Estes have returned from Denton, where they have been in school.

Mrs. John W. Hix is back from a trip to Dallas and other points.

J. W. B. Hogan, inspector for the Cattle Raisers Association, is in Spur this week, either courting or attending court, according to reports.

J. Wiley Taylor is here this week from Best, transacting business.

Barney Hubbs, publisher of the Odessa News was in Midland on business Saturday.

Fred Wemple, proprietor of the Ever Ready Auto Service, is in Houston this week on business.

J. F. Brookman returned today from a trip to Central Texas, visiting San Marcos, Temple, Belton and other points.

W. H. Dawson and family of Little Rock, Arkansas, passed through Midland today en route to Los Angeles for the summer. They stopped to their cousins, Miss Lydie and Ned Watson.

Flies cause more deaths than all wars in the United States, each year, 40,000 deaths. Flies must be killed. Health authorities advocate the use of Fly-Tox. Fly-Tox is the scientific insecticide developed at Mellon Institute of Industrial Research by Rex Fellowship. Insist on Fly-Tox. Fly-Tox is safe, stainless, fragrant, sure. Simple instructions on each bottle, blue label, for killing ALL household insects. Fly-Tox is the modern safeguard to health. Adv.

Secretary Kellogg Retains Negro Messenger, Aged 72

Washington.—Edward Augustine Savoy, the seventy-two-year-old colored messenger to the secretary of state, known to generations of officials and to sightseers at the secretary's door, where he has been stationed for 58 years, was retained by Secretary Kellogg for two more years, preventing his forced retirement from the service for age.

He was appointed by Secretary Hamilton Fish in 1869 and has forsaken his post only once, when he accompanied the peace commissioners as messenger in 1898 during the deliberations which ended the war with Spain.

After attaining the rank of chief messenger he was rated as a \$1,200-a-year clerk by order of President Wilson, on the recommendation of Secretary Bryan. This was increased to \$1,400 by Bainbridge Colby and to \$1,500 by Secretary Hughes.

Income Satisfactory

Paris.—Papa Mdivani is delighted to have such a charming daughter-in-law of great income as Pola Negri. It seems it was all a mistake about his opposition to her marriage to his son, Serge.

Smiling Service

—Always—

Try a box of Candy in summer pack-in fresh assortments.

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West Texas News

Miles—An up-to-date, 15 room hotel is under erection here. The building is a two story structure, located in the heart of the town, and is under management of Joe Theile.

Breckenridge—A conference of oil men in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce territory has been called to meet here at 6 P. M., June 13 for the purpose of more fully co-ordinating efforts, and for taking some definite action on the recommendation for creation of an Oil and Gas Bureau of the West Texas Chamber. Members of the West Texas Railroad Commission, the president of Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and many other prominent and professional leaders will attend the conference. The proposed Oil and Gas Bureau of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce would have for its purpose "the exploration, conservation, protection and development of the Oil and Gas Industry of the West." The advisability of such a bureau will be discussed and decided upon at the Breckenridge meet.

Pyote—Organization of an active chamber of commerce was effected here recently at a mass meeting of the Pyote citizenship. Men from every phase of the commercial and civic life enlisted in membership of the body. Among officers elected were: Paul S. Cottner, the president, A. J. Sitton, vice-president, and J. J. Ross, secretary-manager.

Cisco—Notable and prominent leaders of West Texas and the State will be in attendance at the Board of Directors meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be held here June 13. This gathering will mark the first official executive session to be held by the board appointed at the ninth annual convention. Momentous action is expected to characterize the meeting at which a comprehensive program for the year will be outlined.

Dalhart—Cream receipts for the Kaufman Creamery Company, which has been located in Dalhart for the past two years totaled \$5300.60 for the month of May up to noon, of May 27. The amount is more than twice the business of May 1926. More than 450 farmers are patrons of the creamery. The establishment has promoted introduction of several carloads of dairy cattle.

Sweetwater—Sweetwater will be the assembling point for the distinguished personnel which will make up the motorcade party sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to the Davis Mountains section of West Texas and to the scenic wonderland of Eastern New Mexico. Cars will gather here July 2, and will proceed with Alpine, Texas and Clouderoft, New Mexico, as objective points, at which places short stops are to be made at towns enroute, and three days will be spent on side trips to points in the Davis Mountains. One or two days will be spent in El Paso. An exploring party through the famed Carlsbad Caverns will climax and close the trip.

Slaton—Construction is in progress on between fifteen and twenty blocks of street paving in the residence section of the city. When completed there will be 40 blocks of pavement in Slaton. It is all of brick laid on a concrete base.

McCamey—An emergency fire works system is under construction here, giving McCamey protection

which it has needed since the town was first built. Actual proceedings have been started toward building a road to the Yates oil field, thereby giving McCamey additional 25 miles of trade territory and given the town connection with the greatest shallow oil field in the world. Erection of \$200,000 worth of new schools is also under way. All these projects are being sponsored by the chamber of commerce which recently reorganized with the following new officers: Tyrone Lewis, W. H. Chiles, J. W. Schooler, G. L. Hildebrand, E. L. Cole is secretary-manager of the commercial body.

New School Built In Midland County

Farm population increased in Midland County so rapidly during the past five years, that three rural schools raised their taxes and occupied new buildings during the past term. Stokes farming community has experienced such a gain in population, that the force of teachers was doubled this year, and a building twice the size of that used last year was built.

Three main factors are held to contribute to Midland's rapid growth as a farming country: fertility of the soil, ease of cultivation and cheapness of land. Good farm land can still be bought as low as \$16 per acre.

One reason for Midland's remarkable growth and heavy investments made by outside capital is that these investors realize that Midland's big expansion is due to the oil fields, but that Midland's farm and cattle lands will always make Midland a good city, and will mitigate depression which sooner or later visits all oil towns. Many investors declare the fact that Midland's farm lands are only one-tenth developed insures Midland's future as one of the leading cities of West Texas and "the capital of the South Plains oil fields."

O. W. Ligon and C. B. Ligon returned the first of the week from Llano, where they attended the funeral of Walter Ligon, airplane flyer who was killed recently in a crash in California.

Port Arthur—Contract awarded for construction of \$15,000 building at 515-517 Houston St.

Midland Invited To Rankin Celebration

A representative of the committees in charge of the celebration at Rankin on June 14, when the Rankin Beach is formally opened and the opening of the First State Bank is celebrated, was in Midland yesterday and stated that all Midland people are invited. An advertisement appears in this issue of The Reporter.

The Adolphus Hotel orchestra has been secured to furnish music for the occasion.

San Juan—\$36,000 freight station of Missouri Pacific completed. Work progressing on new passenger station.

Gorman—Grandview road to be improved. Other roads out of Gorman being graded.

Gorman—New business building to be erected in business section of Gorman.

Mexia—Community Power and Light Company proposes installing new lights in business section of this place.

Canyon—\$250,000 paved highway between Amarillo and Canyon to be constructed at once.

The State will expend approximately \$47,000 improving highways in Limestone County this year.

San Juan—10,000 cars fruit and vegetables shipped from Lower Rio Grande Valley during April.

Centerville—Leon County plans \$1,250,000 road campaign.

El Paso—Several Streets in the city to be repaired.

Dalhart—New Mail Route being established here.

Big Spring—Gulf Pipe Line Company laying pipe line in this vicinity.

Austin—Plans to be submitted for construction of three bridges over Brazos, Neches and San Jacinto Rivers, respectively.

Hon. Tom G. Shires, prominent attorney of Waco and member of the State Legislature, arrived in Midland on a business and pleasure trip Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt Junior returned Friday night from a month's trip to Mineral Wells, Marlin and other Texas cities. Mr. Holt's health is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hutt returned Friday evening to their home in Kansas City after visiting for several days with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hutt.

Willis Woody was in from his ranch near Garden City Saturday and reports that a rain fell from Garden City to the south and west lines of the county on last Thursday night.

T. C. Noonan, erecting engineer of the Southern Ice and Utilities Co., is in Midland in charge of the installation of the ice plant.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Vaughn have moved to Midland from Lamesa. Mr. Vaughn is connected with the Southern Ice and Utilities Company and Mrs. Vaughn is with Wadley-Wilson Company.

A. B. Collier and family were in from their place in the Stokes School Community Saturday.

Joe Lindley was in from his place east of town Saturday, and paid a visit to the Reporter office.

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Cattle Sales

McClintic Bros. sold last week a car load of two year old steers to Poe and Pollard of Stanton, who are feeding out some cattle. The same parties bought from McClintic Bros. and Boone a car load of heifers and steers mixed.

Barney Hubbs, publisher of the Odessa News and of the Pecos Enterprise, was in Midland Saturday afternoon on business.

Miss Ruth Blakeney returned from her year's work in Baylor University at Waco Saturday.

Anything you want in spectacles from \$1.00 up at Inmans.

TO HOLDERS OF SECOND LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

EXCHANGE OFFERING OF NEW TREASURY BONDS

Notice is given of a new offering of UNITED STATES TREASURY BONDS, dated June 15, 1927, and bearing interest from that date at the rate of 3 1/2 percent. The bonds will mature in twenty years, but may be called for redemption after sixteen years.

Second Liberty Loan bonds will be accepted in exchange at par. Accrued interest on the Second Liberty bonds offered for exchange will be paid as of June 15, 1927.

Second Liberty Loan bonds have been called for payment on November 15, 1927, and will cease to bear interest on that date. Holders of such bonds who desire to take advantage of the exchange offer should consult their bank or trust company at once. The exchange privilege will be available for a limited period only, and may expire about June 15th.

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A. W. MELLON,
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Clint Dunagan returned from Austin Saturday night having completed his freshman year in State University.

Mrs. Kate B. Malone and Miss Elizabeth Randolph left for Plainview last week, where they will spend the summer.

William Skeen, who is running McClintic Bros. ranch southeast of Midland, was badly injured last week when his horse fell with him.

Jay H. Floyd and Clay Floyd returned Sunday from A. & M. College at College Station.

John Brookman spent the week end in Abilene where Mrs. Brookman is visiting relatives.

Mrs. Mattie R. Davis and daughter Miss Georgia Kirk, arrived from Denton during the week end and will spend the summer at their home here. Miss Davis has been attending the North Texas State Teachers College at Denton.

Bun Grammar was here yesterday from Odessa and reports the city moving right along.

Orrin C. Auld, city editor and advertising manager of the Odessa News, was in Midland Sunday visiting friends.

Will Terry was here yesterday from his Gaines County ranch.

John S. Atkins returned last week end from a business trip to San Antonio and points in that vicinity.

E. R. Crews is here today from his Gaines County Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Radney Ellison are here this week from Abilene visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Midkiff, and attending to business with the Gulf Production Company. Mr. Ellison is scout for the Gulf in the Jones County and surrounding fields.

Bank Vaults Flooded to Outwit Burglars

Remarkable and elaborate defenses are included in the rebuilding of the Bank of England. It is possible, in case of invasion or other emergency, to flood the vaults from three points—one in the bank, one elsewhere in London, and one ten miles out of London.

The walls are constructed of reinforced concrete blocks, six feet long by two feet wide by two feet thick. The reinforcement is made from old steel-wire ships' cables, which are separated into single strands.

These steel wires are interlaced into panels six feet by two feet, and placed in the mold, one on top of the other, until the mold is full of steel-wire matting. Liquid concrete is then poured in the mold, and the whole is shaken to work the concrete into every crack and corner.

All these concrete blocks have "keys" at each end to interlock them when in position. There are also semicircular grooves at the ends of the blocks. Two blocks together form a circular groove up and down which pass electric wires. Any attempt to displace a block breaks these wires and an alarm is immediately sounded.

Life Study Basis of Old Greek Philosophy

The old Greek philosophers spent all their lives in the pursuit of knowledge concerning the riddle of life, discussing all its phases to the point of reaching an absurdum. An example of the dilemma to which their reasoning led them is displayed in the following argument between Aristotle and Protagoras, says the Market for Exchange. The latter claimed that all is illusion and that there is no such thing as truth. Aristotle refuted him with the following dilemma: "Your proposition is true or false; if it is false, then you are answered; if true, then there is something true, and your proposition falls."

Another famous problem of the Stoics ran thus: "When a man says 'I lie,' does he lie or does he not? If he lies he speaks the truth; if he speaks the truth he lies." Exhaustive works were written on this, Chrysippus favoring the world with six tomes in an attempt to solve it. Philletus finally met an early death because of too long hours of study on various explanations.

Beetles Long in Tree

That no appreciable changes have occurred in a species of wood-boring beetle in the last 1,200 years is indicated on comparison of live specimens with dead ones which were recently found hermetically sealed in a giant Sequoia tree, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The insects apparently had entered the wood after it had been struck by lightning. Some failed to emerge and were imprisoned by the new growth that formed over the lightning scar. The time they entered the tree was computed by counting the annual rings that had grown outside of them. Naturalists are not surprised that the specimens were the same as those found alive today, for beetles are regarded as a "conservative lot," and 1,200 years is not a long time, geologically speaking. Species that were sacred to the Egyptians have shown no signs of change in thrice that time.

Old Pals

"Yassum," said Cattie, the colored cook, "I been engaged now for goin' on ten days."
"Who is the bridegroom?"
"Wellum, he's a mighty nice man."
"Have you known him long?"
"Yes, indeedy. Don't you member, Miz Harrison, dat about two weeks ago you lemme off one day right after dinnertime so's I could get to the funeral of a lady friend of mine?"
"Yes, I do."
"Wellum, de one I'm fixed to marry is de corpse's husband."

Ancient Hebrew Custom

"Pidyon Haben" is a Hebrew phrase meaning the "redemption of the first born." This custom is in fulfillment of the biblical command which provides that every first-born male creature belongs to the religious organization through the fact that it is the possession of God and not its parents. A first-born male child is, therefore, "redeemed" on the thirtieth day, according to the biblical command. The price of redemption is 20 shekels, based on the price of Joseph's redemption.

Coinage

When speaking of a coin, the side bearing the head is called the obverse side, and the other the reverse side. Alexander the Great of Macedonia, conqueror of the Middle East, who lived from 356 to 323 B. C., substituted his own portrait on the coins of his dominions for the figure of a pagan god. Since that time the obverse side has been occupied by the portrait of the ruler of the country issuing the coin.

Fatal Strain

A visitor being shown through an English insane asylum noticed one of the inmates, an American who was jabbering senselessly and covering his cell with diagrams.
"What a pathetic case," he remarked.
"Yes," replied the superintendent. "He tried to explain to some Englishmen what waffles were."

Marvin Spaulding and family are in Midland today. They are spending the summer at Wink, where Mr. Spaulding has a lumber business.

Job for Secret Service

"Dear Congressman," wrote a constituent to his representative at Washington recently. "Some say our country is menaced by the Reds. I say so too. We have a hired man and he said he was a Polack, but it appears he is a Russian. Every night we wonder what will happen next. . . . He is a poor worker and has never cut his hair or shaved. His dirt is so much that he sleeps in the barn. He can talk or listen to English when he wishes it but at other times not. Somebody should do some detective work here. Hoping that you can lend aid, etc., etc., etc."—Capper's Weekly.

Protecting Plants

Fifteen states—California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin—have passed laws for the protection of their native plants. In other states bills along similar lines have been introduced, but thus far have failed to pass. Unfortunately, such laws are difficult or impossible to enforce, and they have had little effect on the situation.

Worth-While Imitation

Springtime is the constructive season of the year. All nature is engaged in preparation for production. How fitting would it be if all men, not some of them, vied with nature in making greatest effort to give business and industry the largest possible degree of activity.—Grit.

Mrs. Lewis Sharp and daughter are here from Abilene, visiting Mrs. H. Klapproth and family.

Thalbert Thomas, student in the Tech College at Lubbock, has returned to Midland for the summer.

Jackson Parker, who has been attending Kentucky Military Institute at Lebanon, Ky., has come home for the summer.

Chas. Goldsmith and Andrew Fasken made a business trip to Odessa yesterday morning.

Mrs. J. P. Wyrick, who has been ill for the past month, is reported to be improving steadily.

Miss Lois Patterson left for Sweetwater last week end, to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Roy Parks and son, Roy Jr., will leave this evening for Battle Creek, Michigan.

Herman Klapproth arrived Saturday from Galveston where he is taking his work in the State Medical College.

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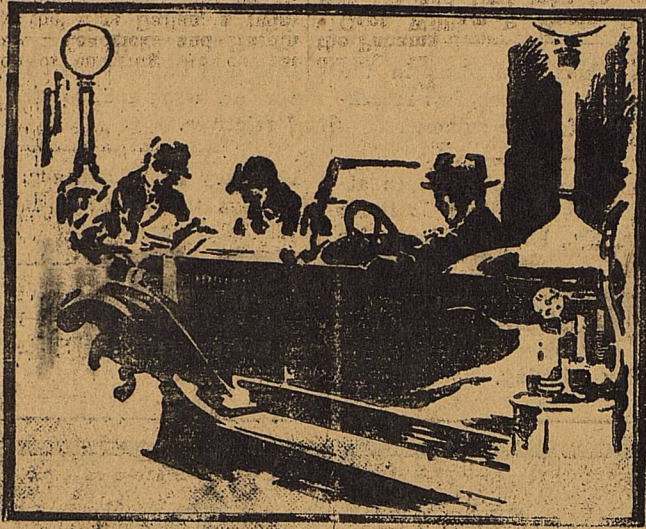
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VAN PELT OBJECTS TO "SOFT-SOAPING"

BELIEVES MIXTURE OF SAND WOULD GIVE MORE "GRIT"

The Chamber of Commerce gave a party last night at the High School and we are sorry we attended for the reason we dislike to wallow in soft soap. The party was for the ostensible purpose of putting Midland in the very front van of towns in this part of Texas in the matter of business opportunities and desirability as a place of residence, and to point out methods to bring this about. We learned before the party was over that there was nothing seriously wrong with the town but that on the other

hand all its defects high prices, etc. were imaginary and if they did exist we could leave it to a kind Providence and in the fullness of time all would be well. Paul T. Vickers, secretary of the chamber of commerce in an address pointed out our faults and they are many. He showed us our shortcomings, and they are many. He told us of other towns near by that are up on their toes pulling down the advantages, that because of our geographical location belong to Midland. He told of many business men slipping over to other places for accommodations of nearly every character that are not to be had here. His premises in every particular were correct. Without Vickers or some one like him to look after the advancement of this town Midland would be flat on her heels so far as progress is concerned. After his concise disquisition he threw the party open for

frank discussion as to the most expedient method to push the town out in front and keep her there. Then the Soft-Soap Brigade came to the bat and to our surprise we learned that the only thing wrong with the whole town is the sand storms and if you hang around long enough you'll get used to them. There are no high price gouging there are building operations going on in excess of any town in the state for its size; the people are the best on earth and that is true but it was thrown in to mix with the soft-soap: the hotel service together with rooming accommodations are as good or better than can be found elsewhere under similar conditions: rents will adjust themselves if you give 'em time and we'll all be a happy bye and bye. Bosh and a couple of boshes. The only constructive criticism offered, apart from Mr. Vicker's, were those given out by Mr. John Scharbauer, Mr. Ambrose, who complained of the lack of street signs, a criticism we had the temerity to voice three weeks ago, and Mr. Barron. These three were so hopelessly in the minority that Vickers in despair said "thanks for the nice buggy ride" and proceeded to have five additional directors elected to the Chamber who 'tis hoped will do something to counteract the influence on the community of the soft-soap that we went slipping out of the High School on. What we despise is to be patted on the back and told that we are all right when we know down deep in our understanding that we have a glass eye, two fallen arches, a busted rib, pyromania and chronic indigestion from drinking Midland's alkaline water. We can rightfully boast of our churches and schools and more power to them, but of our faults Vickers knew what he was talking about when he pointed them out and further, it is necessary for all hands to put our shoulders to the wheel as Uncle John Scharbauer so aptly expressed it in order to push Midland out of her rut. It can't be done with a lot of soft-soap. Possibly it can be partially done if you mix the soft-soap with some of the sand that is in the sand storms that visit us frequently: that might give us a little more grit, but on the whole the party at the High School was a complete bust. Our criticism is based upon our deep abiding faith in the future greatness of this splendid town, a greatness she is entitled to and to accomplish that greatness some other method than a slippery glossery of our patent faults must be indulged in. Deidrick Van Pelt, Jr.

Modern Society Slow to Forgive Criminal

Can a criminal come back to society?

No. In all my experience I have never known a case of a thoroughly successful comeback, when a former criminal was allowed to take his place in society and be received into it. It is not so much the failure of Christianity as the fact that human nature and society have not reached the stage of enlightenment or willingness to accept the ex-criminal. Human nature and society, constituted as they are, are such as to prevent an absolute comeback, and this is more in evidence because of the fact that the modern teachers of Christianity have failed in their mission of forgiveness, and also because it is invariably found that those who profess deep faith and a Christ-like spirit are the first to shun and scorn the really conscientious unfortunates, or innocent victims of circumstances, who are genuinely desirous of completely blotting out their hideous past by sincere service in the cause of humanity at large.

But everything is not lost. Many prison workers and deep students of criminology feel that a spirit of understanding will sooner or later overcome these obstacles in the way of the ex-criminal.—Theodore Dreiser in the Smoker's Companion.

Impaired Vision No Handicap to Genius

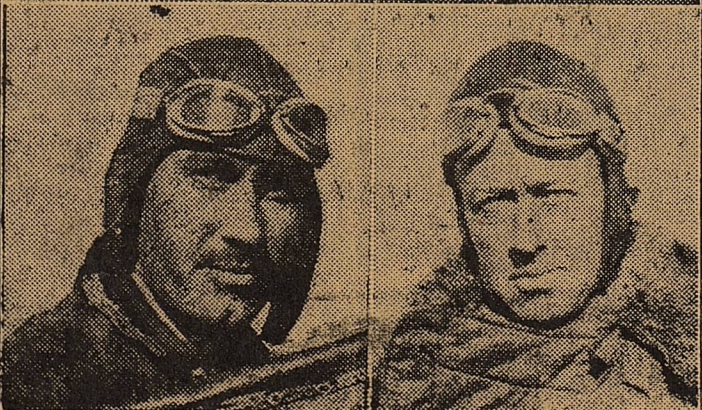
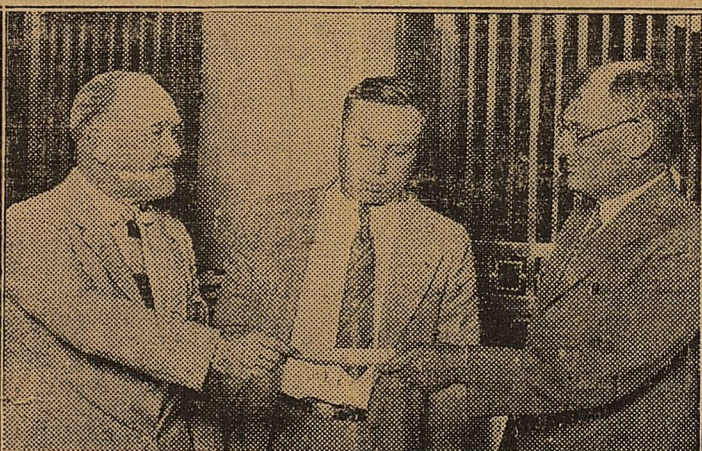
Strangely enough one of the world's great astronomers had such poor sight that he could not more than see the stars. He was John Kepler, a German, whose fame sprang from the discovery of these three astronomical laws:

That all the planets travel around the sun in elliptical orbits, with the sun at one of the foci.

That the radius vector joining each planet with the sun traverses equal areas of the plane of orbit in equal periods of time.

That the square of the time of revolution of each planet around the sun is proportional to the cube of the mean distance from that luminary.

To overcome the handicap of impaired vision, he obtained the services of Tycho Brahe, who was not a great reasoner, but an admirable observer. It was upon his perfect observations that Kepler, a master generalizer, reached his conclusions. His three laws are included in his book, "The New Astronomy," published in 1609 at Prague. He died 19 years later.—Kansas City Times.



A check for \$25,000, the prize offered in the Dallas-Hongkong flight was deposited by William E. Easterwood, Jr., Saturday in the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank. This will go to the airplane pilot who in 144 consecutive hours or less and with no more than two stops, flies an American plane from Dallas to Hongkong, China, before Sept. 15, 1928.

S. L. Kendrick, air mail pilot between Dallas and Kansas City, and Tom Hardin, manager of Goode & Foster, Love Field, announced their intention of entering the contest Saturday. Kendrick and Hardin will fly the Miss Dallas, a twin-motored plane, which will be financed by Dallas citizens. Both pilots have had many years' experience in flying, both in the World

War and in commercial flying since that time. Kendrick flew for the Temple Telegram for several years. The upper picture shows, left to right, W. E. Easterwood, Jr., Capt. William Erwin and President C. C. Weischel of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank. At the lower left is Tom Hardin, and at the lower right S. L. Kendrick.

The Easterwood prize is being offered in memory of Mr. Easterwood's brother, Ensign Jess Easterwood, navy flyer, who was killed during an attempted flight over the Panama Canal in May, 1919.

Capt. William E. Erwin, Dallas war ace and first man to enter the Dallas-Hongkong contest, deposited his \$50 entry fee with his application Saturday.

Society

FRANK KIMBROUGH TO WED IN HASKELL

Frank Kimbrough, popular member of the Colts baseball team of Midland, is to be married on June 15th to Miss Bernice Mask of Haskell.

Both of the young people were members of the graduating class at Simmons University this year, Mr. Kimbrough being president of the class and Miss Mask secretary.

The following account from the Abilene Reporter tells of the announcement of their approaching marriage:

Miss Bernice Mask of Haskell, a graduate of Simmons, was the guest of honor of the members of the Sigma Eta Phi, an organization of Simmons University co-eds, at a dinner given Tuesday evening at the Crystal Cafe as one of the social functions of their reunion held at Simmons during commencement week. The announcement of the engagement of Miss Mask, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mask of Haskell, to Frank Kimbrough, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Kimbrough of Haskell, and a Simmons graduate, came as quite a surprise to the group.

The wedding is to take place at the home of the bride's parents on June 15, and a number of Abilene people and school mates of the couple are to be included in the elaborate home ceremony. Mrs. H. A. Witt of Stamford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bounds of Abilene, is to be matron of honor; Miss Lois Norton of Haskell, maid of honor; and Miss Gladys Edmonds of Shreveport, Louisiana and Juanita Bonds of Stamford are bridesmaids. Miss Lynda Robertson of Abilene is to sing "I Love You Truly," and Miss Jill Jones of Wortham will play the piano.

Mr. Kimbrough has chosen for his attendants Theodor Funk of Abilene, best man, Guy Caldwell, and Gib Sander also of Abilene. The couple will make their home in Midland.

At the dinner the active members of the club were hostesses to members who returned to the reunion. Following the elaborate menu Miss Ava Shaw was elected president.

Guests were: Misses Bernice Mask of Haskell, Gladys Edmonds, of Shreveport, La., Bonnie Christian of Paducah, Lucille Harberger of Lubbock, Mrs. Joe Cloud of Rule, Hostesses were: Misses Jill Jones of Wortham, Fay Albritton of Hamlin, Janet Tippit of Alpine, Ave Shaw of Electra, Pauline Hardesty of Slaton.

Club Luncheon
Wednesday the active members of the club were hostesses to the members who were not in Simmons the last term with a luncheon in Mary Frances Hall. Miss Polly Porter was the guest of honor. Plans were made for the reunion to be held next year in Hotel Hilton.

The menu for the luncheon Wednesday featured fried chicken à la Maryland, and angel food cake served with ices moulded in the shape of the Simmons flower, the daisy. Those present who are not students in Simmons University the last term were Misses Polly Porter, Gladys Edmonds, Bonnie Christian, Lucille Harberger, Bernice Mask, Mrs. Joe Cloud. Active members present were Misses Jill Jones, Janet Tippit and Pauline Hardesty.

STOKES SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM

The closing exercises of the Stokes school was well attended by the Midland people as well as the community folk. Mrs. Russell Jones as principle, and Miss Kathleen Eiland, assistant have closed a most successful school year. The closing program included two nights for entertainment. The first night was a miscellaneous program of readings and songs and piano numbers.

On Friday evening, the older students presented the four act, melodrama, "Prairie Rose". The cast follows:

Doctor Robert Raymond, A. G. Haynes.
Rose Wilder "Prairie Rose", Irene Collier.

Silas Wilder, Fred Parker.
Ralph Collier, A. C. Collier.
Phillip Bryant, Paul Brooks.
Dorothy Bryant, Hazel Wise.
Agnes Raymond, Alma Wise.
Archie, Alton Parker.
Cowboy Bill, Harvey Fryar.
Negro Mose, Julius Haynes.
Liza Jane Slocum, Kathleen Eiland.

The players performed their parts well and showed marks of long training on the parts of the teachers. T. M. McCain and Gladys McCain gave splendid readings between acts. Miss Roxane Castellaw sang several numbers and Miss Florence Beane played a group of piano numbers.

while Miss Elizabeth Smith gave violin numbers.

Miss Evelyn Scarborough is home from Lubbock where she has been attending the Texas Tech College.

Jax M. Cowden Jr., who has been attending Schreiner Institute at Ker-ville, has returned to Midland.

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