

BIG LUNCHEON MONDAY NIGHT

At the big "Get-To-Gether" banquet held at Ed's Cafe on Monday evening March 17, when about 100 Merkel citizens met to talk over the things needed for the best interest of Merkel, it was decided to organize a Luncheon Club which shall meet once or twice a month, and where the members thereof may talk and discuss the best means and ways of making Merkel a better town in which to live, and it is hoped that any and every man who feels an interest in the city will join same and take part in the proceedings.

Infact every man, it matters not who he is or what his trade, business, occupation etc., might be, should feel that it is his duty and that he is welcome to join. The thing that will help Merkel to grow and become a better town more than any other one thing, is "CO-OPERATION." Of course you may not agree with everything that is said or done, but that is not expected of any of us, on every question. But we should attend these meetings expressing our wishes and ideas and in that way we will come nearer getting what we want or think is best for the town as a whole.

Of course we are living in a different age to that of ten or twenty years ago, and who wants to go back to that time? Conditions are improving, people are making hundreds of dollars now where twenty years ago they only accumulated a few dollars. The homes, both inside and out, have been improved, and who is not proud of it? Then why should not the towns in which we live be improved—be made cleaner and more beautiful places in which to live. The town is just what its citizens make it.

The committee, Messrs. W. O. Boney, T. G. Bragg and S. D. Gamble, appointed to arrange for the next meeting, at which the perfection of the Luncheon Club will be made, and which will be held next Monday noon, at Ed's Cafe, have made a canvas of the city and sold tickets to more than fifty citizens, but they naturally miss some in their rounds; hence, they ask this paper to urge upon any and all whom they failed to see, or who did not buy, but may decide later to attend, to see either one of them and have their name registered for a seat. The cost of the Luncheon is only 75 cents for the splendid meal to be served, and is worth the money, besides it affords those attending an opportunity to hear others and discuss among themselves the best way of building up our city.

This is not a move of a few citizens or a "clique", but for the purpose of inviting the co-operation of any and all citizens to work together for the good of the town and community.

Don't forget the time, next Monday at noon, and if you have not registered for a plate, see one of the committee by Saturday afternoon, so that they can let the cafe proprietor know just how many to prepare for, as it is impossible for any one to serve 100 plates when only 50 or 60 have registered.

Mr. W. D. Haynes and family have moved from their splendid ranch and farm southwest of the city to Merkel this week, and are already classed among our very best citizens. We welcome them to our city.

ELIMINATIONS IN DECLAMATION HELD AT MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL

On Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock the elimination in declamations was held in the auditorium of the High School. There were four different contests staged as follows:

Junior Girls: Deshazo Simpson, first place; Mildred Smith, second place; Francis Collins third place.

Junior Boys: Harold Boney, first place.

Senior Girls: Nell Sharp, first place, Lola Dennis, second place; Alma Patterson, third place.

Senior Boys: Chesby Patterson, first place; Lewis Giles, second place.

The contests were held under the supervision of Miss Lucy Tracy, teacher of expression, who coached the speakers that contested. Mrs. Fred S. Rogers, Holland Teaff, and L. R. Thompson acted as judges. The winner of first place in each contest will represent Merkel High at the County Meet to be held at Abilene on Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

BIGINS 4TH YEAR AS PASTOR HERE

We notice from the Presbyterian church notes that on next Sunday the Rev. Fred S. Rogers, the talented and able pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, will bring to a close his third year of pastoral work with this church. And from this writer learns that this church has steadily and substantially grown with each year during this good man's work as pastor, until now it is one of the live, active and strong religious institutions of the city and West Texas.

And not only has Rev. Rogers been successful in his work here, and grown in favor with his own church people, but the citizenship as a whole has likewise become well known and a power in his church throughout the state and more especially the west.

So well pleased is the local congregation with his able services as a pastor, that at a recent meeting they voted unanimously to increase his annual salary for the next church year by the handsome sum of \$300.00.

BUTMAN KILLING MANY BIG RATTLE SNAKES

Our friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. Sam Butman, Sr., who knows the deadliness to man and beast of the numerous big rattlers that infest the mountains of this section of Texas, on Thursday of this week telephoned this paper that during the day the boys on and about his ranch some fifteen miles south of town had killed more than forty of the reptiles, some of which were very large.

Now that the warm days have come, it would be a good thing if many of our citizens would band themselves together and go out and kill out a lot of these monsters before they scatter out over the country.

Mr. W. O. Boney, splendid and progressive citizen, is this week spending several hundred dollars in improving his home and surroundings in the way of a nice, new double garage, walks and curbing about the place as well as a nice concrete drive way from the street to his garage. All of which not only adds much to the already splendid appearance of his home, but such improvements add much to the appearance of the city. May others do likewise.

SCHOOL BONDS ARE SOLD PAR & INTEREST STATE SCHOOL MAN VISITS SCHOOLS

Some ten days ago Superintendent Roger A. Burgess was sent by the school board to Austin to have the issue of \$40,000 school bonds registered and approved by the Attorney General, and while there Mr. Burgess sold the bonds to the State Board of Education for par and accrued interest.

And considering that these bonds were only five per cent bonds, the sale may be considered a very good one. While the bonds of some other towns have brought premiums, every one of them were either five and a half per cent bonds or higher, and will only cost the tax payer more in the end.

This will give Merkel a High School building that will rank along with many of the larger cities in beauty, accommodation and comfort, and in equipment it will have among the best. And with the present splendid building this city will have a school plant that will suffice for many years.

On this page will be found a photograph of both the present building and the proposed new High School building.

MANY FROM NEAR BY TOWNS ATTEND DISTRICT MISSIONARY MEET

A district meeting of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church, for the Abilene district, is in session at the First Methodist church with the local organization as hostess, and we learn that about 75 out of town delegates are in attendance, and that the meeting is a splendid success.

PRESIDENT A. C. C. HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Announcement is made that on next Sunday at both the morning and evening hours, president Baxter, of Abilene Christian College will preach at the North Side Christian church.

President Baxter is really one of the able and strong men of the state, and all who hear him in his discourse will have no cause for regret, but will be benefited and proud of same.

The local membership is expected to be present and they extend to one and all a cordial welcome to hear this distinguished man.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING AT NOODLE, TEX.

The District Fifth Sunday Singing Convention will be held at Noodle, March 30th. We invite all singing classes and listeners to come and bring a supply of any books. There will be dinner on the ground. Everybody bring well filled baskets. Chairman.

L.X.L. DEFEATS BLAIR IN BASKET BALL GAME

Last Friday evening the Blair Girls Basket Ball team drove over to L.X.L. where they matched them in a well played game which resulted in a score of 21 to 5 in favor of L.X.L. As the weather had been so bad both teams were out of practice.

The game was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian was here from Trent Tuesday calling on her daughter, Mrs. Carl McLeod.

STATE SCHOOL MAN VISITS SCHOOLS

On March 17th the State Department of Education at Austin had in the Merkel schools a state high school inspector. The inspector found the school in A1 shape. Below are some of the recommendations made by the department: (1) That the citizens of Merkel be commended for having voted \$40,000 worth of bonds to construct a muchly needed high school building. (2) That commendation be also given for the following signs of progress during the past year. (a) the sum of \$1500 has been spent for single desks during the year, \$100 for elementary library, \$175 for additions to the High School English library, (b) four additional rooms and teachers have been added, (c) the curriculum has been broadened to include one-half year in Economics.

(3) That all teachers cooperate more closely with the English teacher in her efforts to improve the spoken and written English. (4) That application be made for accrediting in economics, one-half unit.

The Merkel schools now have twenty units of credit with the State Department. This year will probably see the addition of another half unit in Economics. Next year the board hopes to add Home Economics which will mean still other units. When Merkel gets her high school housed in its new building where there will be room for further developments and progress, and if the people of Merkel continue to demand and support a good school system, we shall have a high school second to none in this section. We cannot have a high school offering a wide variety of subjects as does a city, but with proper cooperation and financial support we can have the work we do done well—as well as anywhere.

40,737 BALES FOR TAYLOR IN 1923

According to the Census Department of the United States Government, Taylor County produced 41,737 bales of cotton, as on record March 20, 1924. The above figures are for the year 1923. During the preceding year, Taylor county produced 30,358 bales.

Of the above amount of cotton produced in the county, 16,000 bales came to the Merkel Cotton yard. And Trent received a little more than 4,000 bales.

RABBIT DRIVE SUCCESS

On Tuesday about two hundred men from Merkel and surrounding communities gathered near the Lee Cox farm for a rabbit drive. A hard drive was made, but the rabbits were very scarce, however a good number were killed. At noon the drive ended near the farm home of Mr. Sanduskey, where long tables had been prepared, and these were heaping full of good things to eat, including barbecue, cakes, pies, salads and infact every thing that one could wish for. Many were the compliments paid to the ladies of this community on the good eats.

Robert Grimes, Jr., little son of Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes has been ill for the past week with the measles. He is improving nicely now.

MR. HODGE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE T.C.

In this issue of the Mail will be found the name of Hon. John N. Hodge of Abilene as a candidate for the office of Representative to the lower house of the state Legislature, from Taylor County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary next July 26th.

Mr. Hodge is a young man of excellent ability and is highly capable of performing the duties connected with the office of state legislator with satisfaction to his constituents and honor and credit to himself.

For the past two years he has been the splendid Associated Press operator for the Abilene Reporter, and according to his friends who know him best, he is a young man of high ideals, ambitions, and clean in his habits, and infact a learned and capable Christian gentleman. So this paper would urge that every voter throughout the county give Mr. Hodge's claims careful and fair consideration before casting their vote for the important office of state representative of Taylor county.

Up to this time Mr. Hodge has no opponent, that is if he has, this paper has not learned of it.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY ALDERMEN

As stated in this paper last week, that this paper would announce a list of candidates proposed for the City Election to be held next Tuesday, at the City Hall in Merkel, we are glad to publish the following names as handed in by some of their friends, which will make up the ticket to be printed, unless they themselves should order their names left off.

FOR ALDERMEN: (Three to be elected) Robert Hicks, Emory McDonald, H. L. Propst, W. W. Campbell, J. S. Swann, J. P. Sharp and W. F. Hamblett.

These men are all upright gentlemen and any three elected will do their best to render the best service of which they are capable. It is the duty of every qualified voter, men and women, to go to the polls on election day and cast their votes for either three of these or write three names in the blank space left for that purpose should none of the above be their choice.

ANOTHER CITIZEN MOVES TO ABILENE

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sears left last week for Abilene, where they will make their future home, Mr. Sears having purchased a fine tract of land out south of Abilene, near the Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Sears were among our very best people, always found on the side of right, and willing to do their bit in any and all things that was for the best interest of the city and her people, and their going away is a real loss to our city, and will be regretted by the entire citizenship.

Mr. Sam Foster returned first of the week from a trip to Fort Worth where he had been to have specialists examine his leg which was broken last year in a motorcycle accident. We are glad to learn that he is getting along fine now and is expected to soon be out and about again.

Mr. J. B. Hamblett was a Trent visitor Monday, and while there he called on his nephew, Mr. Stanley King.

MCMURRAY COLLEGE TO ADD IMPROV'M'T

Mr. L. R. Thompson spent Tuesday in Abilene attending a meeting of the College Board of Trustees of which he is an able member. At this meeting Mr. Thompson informs us that some very definite steps were taken toward the development and future growth of this one of West Texas' newest and fastest growing schools.

He states that the board decided to launch a campaign for raising at least \$100,000.00 more money for the college, \$50,000 of which will be spent in constructing the first unit of a modern dormitory to be ready for next September. The unprecedented growth of the school under the direction of president J. W. Hunt during this its first year, has so impressed the board of the need of immediate action as above stated, so that the school may not be hampered in its future growth.

Mr. Thompson states that he and the balance of the Trustees were highly pleased and delighted with the progress and growth of McMurry College, and that each pledged their unstinted cooperation and help to make McMurry College a school among the best to be found throughout this section of the country.

RABBIT DRIVE AT COMPERE PERE APRIL FOURTH

There is going to be a rabbit drive at Compere, Friday, April 4. Meeting place will be the Compere school house at 9:00 a.m. Usual arrangements are to be made about ammunition, a big dinner, etc. Remember, Compere always takes good care of her visitors. All who are willing to listen to the Captains are invited to come right along with your shot guns and see how much fun a big crowd can have.

RABBIT DRIVE TO BE ON APRIL THE FIRST

Mr. J. J. Pribble authorizes the Mail to announce that there will be a rabbit drive on next Tuesday, April 1. It is expected that the drive will start at the Watt Blair farm in the Canyon.

It is announced that a big dinner will be served to all who actually attend and take part in the drive, and all who wish are invited and urged to attend this drive.

ATTEND CEMETERY MEETING AT WHITE CHURCH

Messrs. E. E. Leslie and John Hughes with their families drove out to White Church Tuesday where they attended a meeting of the citizens of that community for the purpose of cleaning up and beautifying the cemetery.

Mr. Leslie reports that besides doing lots of good work in cleaning up the cemetery, a nice sum of money was raised for the building of a house in which to keep the tools used in the working of the cemetery. He also reports a large crowd present and a fine feast of good things to eat was served at the noon hour, which was enjoyed.

Mr. Leslie also paid tribute to Mr. Dillard R. Snow, the splendid Secretary of the White Church Cemetery Association, for his faithful and untiring service in this good work.

Rev. W. G. Cypert will preach at Truby next Sunday morning and evening. All are invited to hear him.

Deposit Insurance

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Next Sunday closes the third year of our work in Merkel, during this time Merkel and its people have won a large place in our hearts. We are here to serve and our greatest desire is to be of service to everybody. We wish to express our appreciation to all those who have so loyally supported the plans and work of the Kingdom. We begin our fourth year's work with bright prospects for a glorious year.

Let us seek to make the last Sunday of this year best of all, again last Sunday our Sunday School had a record attendance, but we want to do just a little better next Sunday. Our junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor Societies will have representatives at the district convention. The first Sunday in April we will organize a senior Society under the leadership of Miss Eunice Russell, an experienced C. E. leader.

Sunday afternoon will be the last vesper service of the year. Let us make it a great spiritual

service. Don't forget, every one is cordially invited to attend each and all our services.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers.

SOME BIG HEN EGGS

Mr. W. E. Malone, one of the splendid farmer-citizens residing on route five, dropped into the Mail office on last Saturday, bringing with him two of the largest hen eggs this writer has ever seen.

Mr. Malone raises, fine, big bone Black Minarca chickens, and the big eggs are from these hens. Many have been in the office during the week and several have asked "are those goose eggs, turkey eggs or what?" And we would add that if the chickens grow in accordance with the size of the eggs, they certainly must be "whoppers". Mr. Malone reports ready sale for his chickens and eggs.

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal has very little soot, burns fine and is just the size you want. Expecting another car next week. Swafford, phone 44, south side.

Americans Are Largest Chair Users of World

Americans are becoming the biggest chair users among nations, says a bulletin of the national foreign trade council.

Like its user, the American chair is constantly on the move, and to make it strong enough to withstand his jiggling, this chair now passes through 80 operations in its building. More care is taken with it than any other piece of furniture we make.

The chair, commonly regarded as stationary, may travel thousands of miles and meet many adventures in its lifetime, according to the national foreign trade council, which has taken the chair as an astonishing illustration of the international character of trade.

Two chairs that do not travel are St. Peter's chair at Rome, dating from the Sixth century, the most famous of ancient chairs; and the world's largest chair, placed as a monument near the railway station at Gardner, Mass.

The number of old and new chairs in the United States is estimated at upwards of 700,000,000, with three to four million annually manufactured. We are more favored than the European peoples of before the Sixteenth century; until that time chairs were used only by kings or the nobility, and common people stood or sat on the floor.

The ancient chair was built of heavy carved and gilded woods, and covered with costly stuffs. The Egyptian chairs were often made of ebony and ivory. Little used or moved, they lasted.

Taking its average life at ten years, and considering its daily shiftings by a lively people, the travels of the American chair in the home or office have been counted at a minimum of 130 miles. Its movings to other houses or offices, or to other vicinities, add many more miles. The travels of an American rocking chair have been placed at 442 miles. The lazy rocker, however, is passing out of use.

Wood "Wool" House Lining

Household fuel bills can be cut from a quarter to a third, it is claimed, by insulating the walls of the home with a fireproof "wool" made from waste lumber. The material is said to be almost as effective an insulator as pure wool, which, of course, is too costly for building purposes.

The insulator is a flexible blanket made of spruce lumber waste cemented together and packed between two sheets of asphalt-lined, tough waterproof paper. The waste is chemically fireproofed first, and then dried by fans and steam pipes. Next it is ground by machines, cemented, and, after drying, is packed between the paper sheets. The finished product is said to be light, flexible, and easy to apply and to accommodate itself to shrinkage or vibration of the building. —Popular Science Monthly.

Swallowing Exhibit A

In "Anecdotes of Bench and Bar" Mr. A. H. Engelbach tells the following story of an attorney's unfortunate juggling with the evidence:

Peter Burrowes, a well known member of the Irish bar, was on one occasion counsel for the prosecution at an important trial for murder. Burrowes had a severe cold and opened his speech with a box of lozenges in one hand and in the other the small pistol bullet by which the man had met his death. Between the pauses of his address he kept supplying himself with a lozenge. But at last in the middle of a highfluting period he stopped. His chest heaved; his eyes seemed starting from his head, and in a voice tremulous with fright he exclaimed:

"Oh! Gentlemen! Gentlemen! I've swallowed the bullet!"

"Prince Rupert's Drops"

"Prince Rupert's Drops" is the name given to tadpole-shaped pieces of glass, formed by melting the glass and allowing it to drop into cold water. If the point of the tail of one of these be broken off, the whole will at once shiver to pieces with a loud report.

Owing to the sudden cooling, the particles have not had sufficient time to arrange themselves in a stable manner, and hence they fly asunder as soon as the structure is broken. These curious drops are commonly supposed to have been discovered by Prince Rupert, the grandson of James I of England, but Faraday says that they were simply brought by him into England in 1690.—Detroit News.

Idolized

"It says here, 'One of the idols most revered by heathen is a figure of a woman, seated, resting her chin in her hands,'" said Mrs. Farr, reading from a book.

"Which proves they are about the wisest people on earth," suggested her husband.

"How so, Orrin?"

"Well," said Mr. Farr, with emphasis, "because they make a deity of a woman who has sense enough to give her chin a rest."—Pathfinder.

Reminded Him of the Song

A pun perpetrated by Comyns Carr is so bad that it is good. He was dozing on a train between Southampton and Waterloo when, as they passed through a town of Jerry-bull monstrosities, he suddenly sat up and exclaimed: "Good heavens, what is this?"

A friend replied mournfully, "Woking."

Carr lay back again and shut his eyes, murmuring: "If this be Woking let me dream again."

HIGH TOP'S WITCH

By JANE GORDON

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"DEED it is a witch, Mr. King, sir; I done seer with my own eyes. Last night when we's in the cabin playing cayrds something brushed past the window. Sam, he says, 'I bet that's High Top's witch.' Which? I usks, and Sam tells us. She roams the mountains, and its bad luck for the man that sees or tries to catch her. Joe, he once give chase, when the witch come prowlin' around the messhouse, and she throws a laugh at him and gets quick behind a tree, and when Joe looked all about she wasn't there; an' next day Joe lost his job, diggin' on High Top."

Glen King laughed, but the golden-haired child on his knee warned:

"It is true what Jim says. I saw the witch one evening just as I was going off to sleep. Sister Monna had tucked me into bed and kissed me good-night. She threw a rose from the edge right through my window and into my bed—and first she kissed the rose—so I wasn't afraid at all. Maybe its only bad men that she punishes, Mr. King; Joe was a bad nigger, Mary Murphy says. He gambled money and took all poor Tim Murphy had."

"Information bureau," Glen King remarked, and pinched the little girl's cheek.

"So you have seen the witch, and are not afraid of her, Angel—and Monna says that red roses mean love?" Glen King was quite untutored in the ways of John Kirkwood's daughter. And the chief engineer was.

Glen was torn with jealousy at times by the sight of Monna, walking the sweet mountain trails at the side of Bob Whitely. Bob, a New Yorker like himself, had come with the engineering commission, as secretary to Mr. Kirkwood, and Glen could not get over his dislike and suspicion regarding the ingratiating stranger. Monna appeared not to share this dislike. Sighing now, he put the child down from his knee and left the cabin; Angel walked at his side.

"And if you don't believe in the witch, Mr. King," she continued her favorite topic, "you just watch for her some evening on High Top."

Glen sat long in the moonlight at his cabin door that night; Jim, as usual was absent. As he sat across the moonlit path fled a shadow. He got to his feet, interested—the witch, beyond a doubt. He saw a dark enveloping cape, a peaked hood rolled low.

The witch eluded him; but moonlight showed a touch of scarlet lining, where the person's arm had tightened for a moment the cape about her—or him.

Next day Glen King astonishingly received notice that his services on the great engineering commission were dispensed with. When he sought out his chief John Kirkwood received him sullenly.

"This grieves me more than it can possibly grieve you," he said. "If I had not undoubted authority, I would not find it possible to believe you guilty of the very fault you have apparently been eager to help me to subdue. You were an active gambler at last night's disgraceful meeting on High Top."

Stunned, indignant, Glen King spoke but one word, "Mistaken," he said brusquely, and went to pack his things.

Black Jim brought him coffee. "Dat rascal call himself Bob Whitely, tell Mr. Kirkwood lies 'bout you, Mr. King," Jim said. "Prentendin' to look up the gamblers when he's one of 'em. Dressed up like you last night. Went to the whites' cabin. Got out so no one could catch him, an' den made the detective believe it was yo'self. I know it. An' it's Miss Monna Kirkwood that rascal wants, an' maybe'll get her, on account of his smooth ways."

"But to think," Glen murmured brokenly, "that after all our association Mr. Kirkwood would disbelieve in me—"

"Dat Bob," Jim confirmed, "is mighty smooth, Mr. King." Glen bowed his head in his head—toward him a slender figure came. The negro flew. "The witch!" the disheartened man heard him cry. Glen raised his head. Monna stood before him. A dark cape wrapped about her, its lining showed scarlet. She held out to him a wide black ribbon. "The peaked hood," she said and smiled.

"I have been High Top witch, Glen." She came to sit beside him. "After Angel was put to bed for the night I roamed the Top; really it was fun, but I had an object. Bob Whitely had whispered things about you—had insinuated to father. I had to know. So, I peeked in the cabin windows where games were played. How did I know where to go? I followed Mary Murphy's Tim one night, secretly. She had bewailed the fact of his nightly visits. And last night, Glen, I saw through a cabin door, left open but for a moment to admit a man—that man dressed as you might be dressed—but it was not you. I have told my father who the man was. And here I saw you, solitary, on your own doorstep—until you went in to bar for the night your cabin door. I have told my father that, too. Tomorrow it will be Bob Whitely who will leave the High Top commission—and not you, my Glen, dear!"

His longing arm was around the slender figure in the dark cape. "It was love for you," he said. "I was love for you," said Monna.

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Merkel Must Have Sewers NOW.

Preaching at Blair On Sunday, March the 30th.

We will have the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning of March 30th at Blair. We have a special message to deliver to those who reside in that community. We have a five minute talk that we believe would be of interest to the Baptists of this community and would appreciate your presence at that hour. Bro. Rea, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church will be with us and will preach for us in the afternoon at three. Please keep this date in mind and be present. M. R. Pike, pastor of the Merkel circuit.

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GREAT CHURCH NIGHT AT PRESBYTERIANS

Last wednesday night proved church night a permanent fixture in the program of the Presbyterian church. A large and enthusiastic crowd gathered to hear the excellent program the New Era Class gave for the occasion. This class is one of the liveliest Men's Classes in Abilene Presbytery. Under the leadership of Jas. West this class is doing great things and planning large things for the New Year. The class has a Quartet which gave two excellent numbers. Mr. Murray, president of the class, and Mr. H. C. West, Superintendent of the Sunday School made inspiring talks. At the conclusion of the program, the crowd went to the basement where well loaded tables awaited. The Fidelis and Live Wire Classes will give the program for next Church night.

I am glad to announce that I now have a large and complete stock of the Rawleigh goods on display at the W. D. Ramsey Grocery on Kent Street, and will be glad to have you call and see my stock, and feel sure that we can please you in many ways. E. B. Barnes, phone 147. tf

A new coat of paint has been added to the front of the Merkel Drug Company building which adds much to the splendid appearance of same.

We understand that Mr. L. C. Sublett has purchased a nice building site from Dr. R. I. Grimes and L. R. Thompson and will in the near future begin the erection of a handsome new bungalow on this splendid site on Oak Street.

Rev. Mr. Annis, Methodist pastor at Amarillo, was here this week for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. S. F. Annis.

TURKEY EGGS—Have some fine Bronze Turkey Eggs for sale at \$3.50 for a setting of 12 eggs. Ira Stanley, Merkel, route one, phone 9001-F21. 28t2p

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dry of Hamlin were here last week and the guests of Mrs. J. M. Dry and other relatives.

Mr. Harry Roberts, late of Oklahoma, has accepted a position with the Chas. West Barber Shop, and will soon move his family to this city with the view of making same their permanent home. Mr. Roberts is a splendid barber and excellent citizen and is extended a welcome to our city.

5 lbs. of Rio Coffee for \$1.00. W. W. Campbell will treat you right. 1t

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
B.Y.P.U.'s at 6:30 p.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Sunday School will render a program from 11 to 11:30 "Our Best For Christ." The pastor will preach at the close of this program.

Sunday evening the subject of the sermon will be "Why I do not go to the Picture Show." There are good and sufficient reasons why. Come Sunday night and hear them.

All the teachers and officers of the Sunday School are asked to meet in the T.E.L. Class room at 9:30 Sunday morning. Very important.

Miss Lola Dennis will read Sunday morning. There will be special music Sunday evening. You're always welcome. W. H. Albertson, pastor.

VEGETABLE

Send for price list. Shrubbery, bulbs, trees, flower plants, Cut flowers for all occasions. CISCO FLORAL CO., Cisco, Tex. 28t3

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal has very little soot, burns fine and is just the size you want. Expecting another car next week. Swafford, phone 44, south side.

Messrs. Wade Darsey and Earl Baze left Monday for Roswell, New Mexico, where they will stay for a brief time.

Mr. Dewey Brown, wife and little daughter, Billie Joyce, were visitors in the home of J. S. Thomas last week end. They live at Tuscola.

Mr. Ted Lamar of Fort Worth is at home with relatives for a few days visit.

Len Sublett

Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

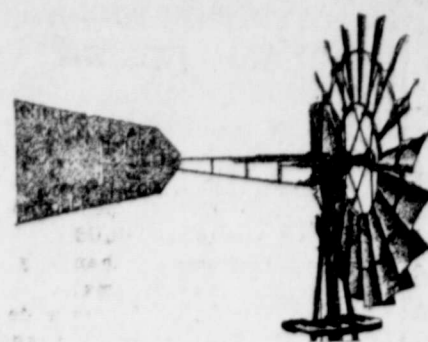
Merkel, Texas



Coughs that embarrass you

can be quickly checked by Dr. King's New Discovery. Gently, harmlessly it stimulates the mucous membranes to throw off clogging secretions. The coughing paroxysms are controlled and the irritation that is causing the cough promptly clears away.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY



Spring Time Is Here Again

Get that Aermotor Windmill now and have things ready to take care of your Flowers, Grass and Gardens, plenty pipe in all sizes, Bath Tubs, Sinks, Lavatories.

Make a home out of your stopping place. Conveniences make life worth living Poultry Wire, Screen Wire and Screen Doors. Everything to be found at a Hardware Store; you may find here.

Teach your "Dollar to have more Cents" than it has been having, by trading with us.

LIBERTY Hardware Co.

Located In the Center of the Clover Leaf City

Mr. G. C. Johnson of Trent, was here first of the week and placed in this paper an advertisement concerning his stock and to which we call the readers' attention.

"HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND PARALYSIS CAUSED BY COLON," SAYS DOCTOR

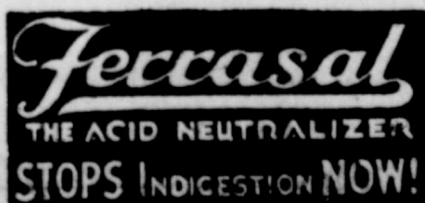
Because of our habit of over-eating and the sedentary life most of us live, the food wastes stick to the sides of the colon, become hardened and prevent proper assimilation.

Toxic acid is formed, which the blood begins to absorb. This causes high blood pressure and kidney trouble, followed by paralysis or stroke unless counteracted.

A physician discovered a preparation known as FERRASAL, which will neutralize the toxic acid, dissolve the food wastes and keep the colon clean and deodorized. It also aids digestion, keeps the kidneys regular and is absolutely harmless.

Take FERRASAL every night and morning for a month. Your skin and eyes will become clear and you will feel like a new person or your money refunded.

Recovers from Paralysis
"I was stricken with general paralysis followed by impact bowels on April 16th. I started taking FERRASAL night and morning and was able to be up in two weeks and had regained the use of all my faculties in one month. I have had no trouble with my stomach or bowels since and my general health is improving daily. D. HARDIE COX."
Rt. 8, Box 640, Dallas, Texas.



50c per box at Merkel Drug Co.

Scholarship for Sale

Miss Ouida Campbell has for sale an \$80.00 Scholarship in the Draughon's Business College of Abilene, and any one who is in need of a scholarship now, or anticipate attending this or any other Business College, will do well to see Miss Ouida Campbell at once. It will pay you to see her. tf

Announcements

- For District Clerk: J. K. FULLER, Mrs. LAURA COOK MITCHELL, J. E. McPHERSON
- For County Judge: CARLOS D. SPECK,
- For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS
- County Attorney: FRANK E. SMITH, ROY L. DUKE
- For Tax Collector: D. T. HARKRIDER, ED. DICKERSON, R. A. McCLAIN
- For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD, JOE T. PERRY (MRS) FLORENCE VANCE
- For County Clerk: W. E. BEASLEY
- For County School Supt. M. A. WILLIAMS (Re-election)
- For Commissioner: T. R. LASSITER, CHARLES P. STEVENS, PHILLIP A. DILTZ, HENRY R. HICKS, JOHN S. HUGHES
- For Public Weigher: C. L. TUCKER (Re-election)
- JONES COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS
- For County Commissioner, Pre. 4 SAM L. GRAYSON

Just received a nice shipment of Shoes at right prices. Come see. A. L. Jobe. 21t2

FOR SALE

Ford Coupe in A-1 condition Would trade for late model touring. W. S. J. Brown. 1t

Mr. Mason Pee and wife of Lawn, Texas were guests at the J. R. Pee home last week end.

PROFESSIONAL

THOS. C. WILSON

The Jeweler
Watches, Clocks and Jewelry Repaired
All Work Guaranteed
Located at Merkel Drug Co.

DR. R. I. GRIMES

Physician and Surgeon
Hours 10 to 12 a.m. 2 to 5 p.m.
Phones 105-163 Res. 165

DR. S W. JOHNSON,

Surgeon Dentist
Office over Farmers State Bank
Office Phone 306

G. W. JOHNSON

Insurance—Notary Public
Over Woodroof—Bragg's Store.
Merkel --- Texas

W. W. WHEELER

Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado Insurance Agent.
Notary Public.
Office over Crown Hardware Co.
Merkel --- Texas

DRS. LEGGETT & MATHEWS

Practice Limited to
EYE, EAR, NOSE & THROAT
Lurline Bldg., Abilene, Texas

To The Automobile Trade

For the next ten days we are making some reduction on Casings and Tubes that will amply pay you to investigate.

Our stock is fresh and built by reputable tire manufacturer.

When you need Gasoline or Kerosene, phone 159 we are at your service.

Magnolia Filling Station

C. H. JONES, AGT.

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There are some men in every community who will not take the lead in any move that has for its purpose improvement and up-building of the community, but who spend much time and talk decrying and slandering others who do happen to have a public spirited mind and are willing to give their time and efforts toward making the town better.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, present Lieutenant Governor of Texas, who is a candidate for Governor in company with Attorney Oliver Cunningham, of Abilene, spent a few minutes in Merkel Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Davidson was to address the voters of Abilene at eight o'clock that evening, and just came over to meet the people of Merkel. The writer had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Davidson's address at Abilene in the evening. He was greeted with a very small hearing, the district court room being about half full.

AD IN MAIL BRINGS PURSE AND MONEY

In last week's issue of the Merkel Mail, Mr. O. A. Lucas carried a small advertisement in the Classified Column advertising for a lost purse and some four dollars in money. And this week Mr. R. C. Eubank of Noodle, route one, brought in the purse and money, having seen the advertisement. And still some people can't be made to believe that advertising pays.

Mr. R. L. Bland of Abilene was a Merkel business visitor Tuesday.

CITATION ON PUBLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To all persons interested in the Estate of John L. Chambless, Deceased, you are hereby notified that S. J. Chambless has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said John L. Chambless, deceased, filed with said application, and for the Letters Testamentary of the estate of John L. Chambless, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in April A. D. 1924, the same being the 21st day of April, 1924, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the first day thereof 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 Abilene, this the 13th day of March 1924.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk,
County Court, Taylor County,
Texas. 2112

Mr. Jim Black of Big Spring was here last week looking after business interests, and was a guest in the A. C. Rose home while here.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Jessie J. Burns by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper therein, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the second Monday in April, A. D. 1924, the same being the 14th day of April, A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of March A. D. 1924 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5480, wherein Ira Burns is Plaintiff, and Jessie J. Burns is Defendant, and said petition alleging Suit for a divorce on the ground that after they were married defendant admitted to this plaintiff that she had a living husband from whom she had never been divorced, and on the ground of cruel treatment by the defendant towards this plaintiff and third on the grounds of adultery, and for a more complete description of plaintiff's allegations reference is hereby made to plaintiff's original petition now on file in this office.

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.

WITNESS, J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this the 19th day of March A. D. 1924.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County. 2114

FREE ROAD SERVICE

It means this, if you give out of GAS or Oil or blow out a tire, or run out of patching material; all you have to do is to drop into a 'Phone and call 192 and we will bring to you all your needs---all without cost to you.

And if you need something and do not want to stop your work, 'Phone us and we will bring it to you. And don't forget that we have just put in a full line of Chevrolet parts, and we also handle that GOOD GULF GASOLINE and Supreme Auto Oil. Every drop of gasoline guaranteed to be free from water or dirt, or your money back.

And we handle Goodrich Tires and Tubes-the best tire in the long run. And listen! We have a big house to store your car in, when you are in town and it is cold and raining, drive in, it will cost you nothing.

Now think these little points over and give us your trade. We strive to please you.

FREE BATTERY WATER, FREE AIR, FREE STORAGE
WHILE YOU ARE IN TOWN and FREE ROAD SERVICE

The Place Where You Don't Have to Wait

Genuine Service.

'Phone 192

Woodrum Filling Station

PILES CURED

No knife---No Pain---No Detention from work.
See Doctor E. E. COCKRELL, Abilene, Texas,
Phone number 359.

Will be in your town at the office at

COLLINS HOTEL

Monday Afternoon from 1 p. m to 5 p. m.

MARCH 31ST.

for purpose of treating piles and skin diseases

FREE CONSULTATION



BLUE DAVE



BLACK ROYAL

Will make the season at my barn on Sweet-water Creek. TERMS: \$2.50 cash when mare is bred, \$7.50 when colt stands up and sucks. If mare is sold, parted with or re-moved from neighborhood where owned when bred, bal. of fee is due at once.

G. M. BYROM
Trent, Rt. No. 2

Malone, who has been sick for several days is now improving in health again.

Mr. Houston Tickle, a former resident of our community, who moved a few years ago to the Colorado, is visiting old friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Edgar Threlkeld returned Sunday from an extended visit with friends and relatives at Winters.

During the last few days much progress has been made along the line of farming and if this Spring weather continues for another week, the writer of this article, being a farmer, the White Church Items may be cut short.

SHILOH NEWS

The new church house under construction at Shiloh is looking good.

On Wednesday the 16th, Miss Georgie Phillips was married to Mr. Veach Payne of Lamesa. They left on the evening train for their home. Mr. Payne is engaged in the Mercantile business.

The party on last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown was enjoyed very much by a crowd of young people.

Bro. Sullivan of the Kale community preached at Goodman school house last Sunday morning. There was very good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Efford Brown of Golan spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and family.

Little Louis Winter who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is improving nicely at present.

Mesdames W. R. and E. H. Grayson visited in Buffalo Gap last week, Mrs. W. R. Grayson's grandmother being real sick.

Miss Effie Grayson and Miss Fairy Orr of Merkel spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs.

E. C. Brown.

Messrs. W. R. and E. H. Grayson and families, C. W. Seago and family and Mrs. Tom Green enjoyed a delicious dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert James on Sunday.

Mr. Henry Naron and wife spent Sunday night with M. F. Naron and family. Mrs. Naron remaining a few days with the girls, whose mother is seriously ill.

Mr. M. E. Winter underwent a serious operation Saturday night for appendicitis. We are glad to learn that he is doing nicely at present.

Mrs. George Bristow of Hamlin visited her sister, Mrs. J. H. Grayson on the 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Conder visited Mrs. Phoebe Greene on last Sunday afternoon.

There will be no Sunday school at Shiloh on next Sunday on account of the fifth Sunday singing at Noodle. Brownie.

GOLAN NEWS

Miss Thelma Cooper was the guest of Gladys Gann of the Newman community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bynum and children and G. M. Byrom and wife and daughter, Miss Gertrude, were visiting at H. T. Jeffrey's Sunday.

The entertainment given by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davis was enjoyed very much by a large crowd of young people.

J. D. Northcutt and family visited his brother, Ed. Northcutt, and family at Stith.

Messrs. M. E. Herron and Hugh Jeffrey and families, Edward Lawlis, Miss Mildred Cheatham and Homer Lawlis attended the Lyceum at Sylvester Thursday night.

Miss Minnie Bell Kinsey spent Saturday night and Sunday with Vera Griffen.

Rev. R. V. Tooley, Methodist pastor filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Also preach-

ed Sunday night. Bro. Tooley is Irish and naturally delivers fine sermons.

There was quite a number from this place went to Sylvester Sunday afternoon to watch the laying of the corner stone on the Methodist Church by the Masons of Sylvester. Rev. Moore who founded the church more than twenty years ago conducted the service. Among those who went were: W. M. West and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawlis and children, Lewis Lawlis and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom and daughter, Miss Gertrude, W. E. Byrom and family and J. T. Williams.

Miss Ola May Smith visited Cora May Cooper Sunday.

FIRST CLASS LAUNDRY SERVICE

If you want first class Laundry service we do it. Any and all kinds of it. Cleaning and pressing, dyeing at reasonable prices. Semi-Finish, or family washing everything included except Silk goods, at 10 lb. minimum, 10 cents per pound. Phone 218 or leave at Petty's or West's or City Barber Shop.. tf

Mr. Wayman Rose was here Sunday calling on friends. Mr. Rose was a former Merkel resident, but now lives at Sweet-water.

Mrs. Patterson Hostess

Monday afternoon from four to five, Mrs. W. F. Patterson was hostess to the ladies of Merkel in a shower in honor of Mrs. W. H. Dunning. Many useful and appreciated gifts were presented by the following Friendship Club members: Mesdames R. I. Grimes, Brooks Patterson, Frank Golliday, R. L. Grimes, Verner Sublett, Paul Stanford, Edith Gilmore, J. T. Dennis, James Patterson, Fred Guitar, Gamble, Ferrier, McCoy, E. L. Turner, and hostess. Cream and cake were served.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE FOR TYE CIRCUIT

The second Quarterly Conference of the Tye Circuit, Methodist church, composed of Mt. Pleasant, Comper, Stith and Tye, will be held at Stith next Saturday, March 29.

Some important matters are to be attended to at this time, among which is the election of delegates to District Conference.

There will be preaching at 11 a.m., dinner on the ground and business session in the afternoon. B. J. Dickinson, P. C.

Intermediate League Program

Subject "Recreation in the life of a Christian."

Song service. Leader: Intha Bird. Scripture Lesson Romans 12:1-2 by Leader.

Some ideas of recreation, Eva Mae Johnson. How much can a Christian play? Lucille Guitar.

Prayer. Playing is normal, Anna Lou Russell. Recreation and physical development, Ermalee Rea. Social to save, Orpha Patterson. Announcements, Benediction.

Womans Missionary Notice

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church is increasing in interest and attendance under the wise supervision of the efficient Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Next Monday will be rally day and all the women of the church are asked to be present at a social meeting.

The following program will be given:

Opening song. Prayer by Mrs. C. B. Smith. Devotional, Mrs. Sandifer. Do you know, Mrs. Richardson. Duett, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Pee.

The aim of our missionary Society, Mrs. Brown. Where our money goes, Mrs. Durham.

Piano Solo, Miss Margaret Jones. Reading, Mrs. McSpadden. Social Hour. Reporter.

Carpenters are now finishing up the remodeling of the J. E. Costephens home.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, four new Firestone equipment Tires, Ford size. Tubes free with tires. Here is a pickup for owners of Fords, Chevrolets, Overlands and Stars. West Company, Firestone Dealers. tf

WRITE CHURCH NEWS

Weather conditions have been of a variety for the last few days and the variety of work has been in accordance with the weather. During the best of our bad weather much has been done to improve some of the worst of our bad roads. We have been busy trying to keep them passable.

In addition to the work done on our public roads, quite a few went over the community road leading to the cemetery and began some badly needed, long neglected improvements one day last week. We hope to see this work finished in the near future.

Our cemetery working Tuesday of this week was a grand success. Many were here from other communities and other counties even. Among those present from other places were: Mrs. D. E. Snow and children, Grady and Evadeen, from Gomez, Terry County, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Burrus from Cuthbert, Mrs. Nancy Burrus and children, Lee Roy and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Walker of Loraine, Mrs. Simpson of Lamesa, and Mr. Warren of Tahoka. Everybody present enjoyed being present to make new acquaintances and renew old ones. Much work was done by both the women and men, the women playing the part assigned to them with more skill and exactness than did the men with their part for the dinner was truly great. A nice contribution was made to the cemetery fund which proves beyond a critics doubt that a keen interest is being taken in the better care of our cemetery than has been in the past. Let us continue to work together and make this final resting place a credit to our community.

A new piano has recently been delivered to the church and we believe that with this new instrument a decided improvement will soon be noticed in the song services.

Among the little visitors in our community during the last week were two little girls, one stopping in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, March 21, the other in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Snow, March 22.

The house occupied by Mr. Chambliss burned one night last week, is now being replaced by a new one.

Mr. LaFlour who has been on the sick report for several weeks is able to be out again. We are also glad to learn that J. D., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E.

Everything
For Your
Car
The Most
Complete Line
In MERKEL

We Sell Genuine Ford
Parts

WEST COMPANY

"The Big, Busy Auto Supply Store"

YOUR KITCHEN
--ALWAYS
SPOTLESSLY CLEAN

CRISP, snowy-white curtains, immaculate walls, floors and ceiling, shining cooking utensils, and a stove that glistens are the pride of every woman.

Some women, whose kitchens are always spotlessly clean, manage it only by dint of ceaseless digging, scrubbing, scouring and polishing--spending half their time and energies in the depressing drudgery of kitchen work.

Others simply do their cooking the modern way on an electric range-- and spend their time in recreation.

WEST TEXAS
UTILITIES CO.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

EGGS—Single comb Rhode Island Red Eggs for setting at \$1 for 15. Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Merkel, route 5. 7t4p

Wheat Chops \$2.15 per hundred at my ranch. A fine feed for work stock, hogs or milk cows, fed straight or mixed with other feeds. Bring along your sacks. Sam Butman, Sr. 21t3

FOR SALE—WOOD, \$2.00 per cord on the ground 5 miles north west of town on Noodle road, in 10 cord lots. \$2.25 per cord in lesser amounts. This is your chance to get wood cheap while it lasts. See Dr. Miller. tf

FOR SALE—Sweet milk, 35c per gallon, 25c per half gallon. Will deliver either night or morning. Phone 83. tf

FOR SALE—Gin run Kasch Cotton Seed, at \$1.25 per bushel. L. E. Ford, route 4, phone No. 9023—11. 1tp

FOR SALE—Ford Coupe in A-1 condition. Would trade for late model touring. W.S.J. Brown. 1t

FOR SALE OR RENT—Business House in Sweetwater, living apartment upstairs, modern conveniences. \$70.00 per month, or will sell for \$6500.00, easy terms. See H. D. Simpson, Merkel, Texas. 28t3p

FOR SALE—A Slide Trombone and Corona Typewriter at a real bargain for each. See L. O. Neill, Merkel, Route 3. 1tp

I will have a car of Good Bright Kakkir Corn by first of next week. Price \$30.00 per ton at car. L. L. Murray. 1t



Don't let it run—that cough

If they grow into a chronic ailment. Stop it now with Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. Just the medicine that your doctor prescribes for loosening heavy phlegm, easing inflamed throat and chest tissue, and stopping coughing—combined with the time tested remedy, pine-tar honey. Everybody likes the taste. Keep Dr. Bell's on hand for the whole family.

All druggists. Be sure to get the genuine.

DR. BELL'S Pine-Tar Honey

Classified ads get the result.

FOR SALE—Have a good Black Jersey cow and calf for sale. A real good milk cow. See or phone W. T. Walker, Merkel, Rt. 2. 1tp

FOR SALE—1 Pair Good Mules, 4 and 5 years old, \$100.00 cash, balance easy. J. T. Warren. 1t

FOR SALE—Good heavy Seed Oats, free of Johnson Grass. 65c per bushel. J. T. Warren. 1t

LOST

LOST—Between Merkel and Trent, Sunday morning, a 30x 3 1-2 casing and rim with Tire Cover and name, Dobson's Garage on it. Reward for return to Darsey Furn. Co. 1t

LOST—A Man's purse containing \$40.00 in bills, five silver dollars and 65 cents in change, on the street leading south from Oak street, at the extreme south side of the city of Merkel. Finder return to the Merkel Mail and receive reward. 1t

WANTED

WANTED—75 cases of Eggs at once. Always pay the top price. W. F. Hamblett. 1t

WANTED—Nineteen MEN and six WOMEN to take, by Mail or at College, specialized training under contract for \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year positions as bookkeepers, bank clerks, and stenographers. Write today for Guarantee Contract, finest catalog in the South, and SPECIAL OFFER 19. Address Draughon's College at either place below. Draughon's, Abilene and Wichita Falls, Texas. tf

FOR RENT—3 furnished house keeping rooms, second house north of Christian church. Mrs. Bradshaw. 1tp

Classified ads get the result.

IF YOU HAVE
Malaria, Piles, Sick Headache, Costive Bowels, Dumb Ague, Sour Stomach, and Belching; your food does not assimilate, you have no appetite.

Tutt's Pills
will remedy these troubles

John & Truett

MY TWO JACKS

Will make the season at my Barn on Bitter Creek four and one half miles north of Merkel.

TERMS \$10.00

When colt stands up and sucks. I take the risk. If mare is sold or parted with or removed from neighborhood where bred, fee is due at once.

Lee Baker

Merkel, route 1 Phone 9004-R3

Card of Thanks

We take this method of extending our thanks and appreciation of the many kind acts extended as well as the words of consolation expressed from friends and neighbors during the illness and death of our beloved and precious baby. May the Lord bless and care for you, is our sincere wish. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunn, Jr.

Junior League Program

Leader, Dorothy Daniels. Song service. Responsive reading, prayer. Lesson study, Victor Smith. Bible Story, Sterling Sheppard. Story of the Hebrew Children. Glenna Rea.

Mr. J. R. Baze has made some splendid improvements about his home recently, and among which was the digging and finishing up of a fine storm house.

Messrs. J. M. and Milo Jones of Dallas came in first of the week in response to a message calling them to the bedside of their younger brother who is sick at the family home on route one.

Mr. W. T. Walker one of the successful farmers of route two, was in the city last Saturday and dropped in to have the Mail come to his home for the next year. Mr. Walker reported that he had his corn planted and his farming well up, and seems happy over the very fine prospects.

C. L. Eoff and family who for the past several months have been residing in Arizona, came in first of the week, and while, as Mr. Eoff states, they like Arizona in many ways, they were indeed glad to get back to Merkel and West Texas. Their many friends welcome their return.

Mr. W. J. Sheppard who came home about a week ago for a short visit with his family was unable to return to his store at Brownfield on account of being ill for the past week. He will likely return the latter part of this week.

Mr. H. A. Sanders of the Sanders Drug Store has placed his order for a new soda fountain to be shipped in about sixty days.

Rev. W. M. Lane and wife were here Sunday. Bro. Lane preached at the First Methodist church at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning.

Mr. Clyde Sears and family moved their household goods to Abilene Monday where they will make their future home. Mr. Sears has just had built a nice home there.

Say, you boys and girls, come around to the Schindler Racket Store and see what the old Easter rabbit has left at this store for you. It

J. T. King is now with the C. P. Stevens Blacksmith Shop and will be glad to serve all his former customers as well as new ones. It

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal has very little soot, burns fine and is just the size you want. Expecting another car next week. Swafford, phone 44, south side.

10 lb. box of prunes \$1.10, 10 lb. Seedless Raisins \$1.25, 10-lb. box of peaches \$1.40, 10 lb. box Apricots \$1.50. W. W. Campbell will treat you right. It

Miss Mary Eulla Sears returned to Denton to resume her studies at the College of Industrial Arts after a short visit with her mother and other relatives.

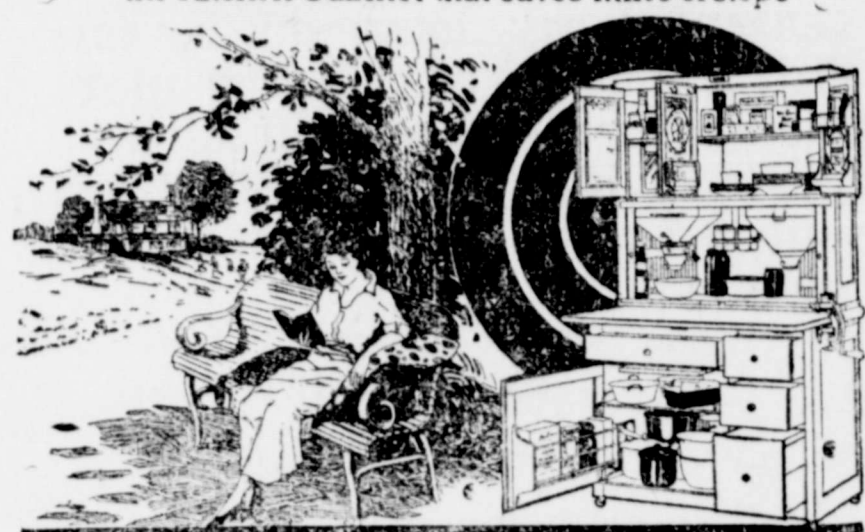
Call for Silver Moon Coffee and Cake Flour. If you try it you will never want any other. W. F. Hamblett. It

Specials-Barrow-Specials

Big reduction on Axminster Rugs. Buy your rugs this week--and save money. We are offering our entire stock of Axminster Rugs at greatly reduced prices for one week--Beginning Saturday, March 29 to April 5th.

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This beautiful Hoosier Cabinet, for this week special. Reg. Price \$65.00 will sell this week for only \$47.75 Only one Cabinet at this price, first come first served.

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Barrow Furniture Co.

Miss Beatrice McLeod of Trent returned home last week after a visit in the home of her brother, Carl McLeod.

Mr. Stewart Grimes accidentally fell from a horse Monday and received a badly sprained wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hutcherson have moved back to Merkel from Lamesa, where they have been residing for the past few months.

Mrs. Riney is having several new rooms added to her neat home in south Merkel.

Miss Julia Ann Scott returned home Sunday afternoon from a short stay with her parents at Abilene.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier is improving after being quite ill for a week with the measles.

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WITH the entire factory output of Ford Cars being absorbed as rapidly as the cars can be produced, it is certain that plant capacity will be greatly over-sold when spring buying reaches its highest point.

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Cramping Spells

"FOR MORE THAN A YEAR I had been in a very bad condition," says Mrs. R. E. Kimbrell, of Route 1, Dorchester, Texas. "I suffered with cramping spells which gave me bad pains in my back and sides. Sometimes I would have to catch at something, I would get so suddenly dizzy. . . I had to quit doing my work. I tried many remedies, but none of them seemed to do me any good.

"In April I went up to Arkansas to visit my sister. . . She said to me, 'Willie, if you are going to take anything, take Cardui. It will really help you.' I came home and told my doctor what she had said and he said I could not take any better tonic, so my husband immediately got me a bottle and I began it. . . My case was a pretty tough one, I know, so I kept on faithfully. After the fourth bottle, I began to feel very much better, so much so that I was surprised at myself. I have taken six bottles now and I can truly say I feel like a different woman. . . I feel fine and I owe it all to Cardui, which I took faithfully."

TAKE

CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

MUMMIES FOUND IN KENTUCKY CAVE

Catacomb Discovered Under Ruins of Old City.

To students of American antiquities it is probably of general knowledge that the city of Lexington, Ky., stands nearly on the site of an ancient town, which, if one may judge by the wide range of its circumvallatory works and the quantity of ground it must have occupied, was one of great extent and magnificence.

It may, however, well be doubted if many of even such students are aware that in the year 1775 there was discovered there a catacomb containing a number of mummies, preserved by the art of embalming to as great a state of perfection as was known among the ancient Egyptians, 1,800 years before the Christian era.

This extraordinary find was made by some of the early settlers, whose curiosity being excited by something unusual in the character of certain large stones, seeming to cover the entrance to a cavern of some sort, removed the same, coming to others whose singular appearance for stones in a natural state caused them to push their investigations further. These obstructions being taken away, the mouth of an apparently deep and gloomy cave was disclosed to their gaze. This proved to be a catacomb, formed in the bowels of the limestone rock, about 15 feet below the surface of the earth.

Having added to their numbers and provided lights, they descended and entered, without further obstruction, a spacious apartment, where they were astounded to find that at the sides and extreme ends were formed niches and compartments occupied by figures representing men.

Their surprise was much greater when, on further research and inquiry, it was found that these figures were actual mummies in the condition before stated. Most unfortunately, the original discoverers were uneducated people and, it being at a period when a bloody and inveterate war was being carried on between the Indians and the whites, supposing, in their ignorance, that these were the remains of some tribe of Indians, a revengeful and vindictive spirit urged them to destruction.—Adventure Magazine.

Believed in Books

Even at an early age Andrew Carnegie believed in books. The impulse to found libraries—so we learn from Mr. A. B. Farquhar in the "First Million the Hardest"—came to him when he was only a messenger boy. Early one morning, says Mr. Farquhar, Carnegie was sent with a dispatch to Mr. Anderson, the steel master of Allegheny, with instructions to wait for an answer. Mr. Anderson had returned late the night before, and the butler said he could not wake him. Young Carnegie walked into the library, and became immersed in a volume on steel making and the tremendous advantages of steel over iron. When Mr. Anderson finally came down with his answer the boy turned and apologized for having taken the book. Mr. Anderson asked whether he was interested in steel. "Oh, yes, it is fascinating to me," Carnegie replied. "Take the book home and read it, and return it when you are through with it," said Mr. Anderson. Carnegie did so, and was told to take another; then Mr. Anderson said he might have access to the library. Carnegie then and there made up his mind that if he ever became wealthy he would found libraries, and give young men the same opportunity that he was enjoying.

Ripening

It is one of the charms of art that it is not to be completely understood. In an age in which so high a value is put upon facts, information, positive knowledge, it is a relief to have still reserved to us a place apart where it is not necessary to know all. The truth of art . . . does not seem to be all known, finished and finally stated, but on the contrary to be ever growing, more rich in significance, more profound in substance, disclosing heaven over heaven and depth under depth. The greatest books share our lives, and grow old with us; we read them over and over, and at each decade it is a new book that we find there, so much has it gained in meaning from experience of life, from ripening judgment, from the change of seasons in the soul.—George E. Woodberry, in "The Heart of Man and Other Papers."

A Poor Substitute

The motorcar was bumping and jolting along the country road at a pace of about four miles an hour. The road seemed unworthy of the name—it was more like a cart-track. There were holes nearly everywhere, and where there weren't holes there were ruts.

The passenger in the back seat began to get very fed up after about an hour spent in traveling in this way. He leaned over the driver and said: "Are you sure we've taken the best road?"

"I'm sure we've not," replied the driver. "But I'm pretty sure that some one else has, and a nice thing they've left in its place."

Lost His Case

"Gentlemen of the jury," said a blundering barrister in a suit about a lot of hogs, "there were just 36 hogs in that drove; please to remember that fact—36 hogs—just exactly three times as many as there are in the jury box."

That counsel did not win his case.

MAUBIN PARADISE FOR MOSQUITOES

Number and Size Unsurpassed Anywhere Else.

It is said that Maubin, in Burma, evinces its greatest claim to notice, or rather notoriety, in the quantity and kind of mosquitoes it contains. These in number and size, as well as virulent activity, we are assured by competent authority, are unsurpassed anywhere else in the world.

One's first visit to Maubin in the mosquito season is an experience. Not able to wait till the tourist arrives, a large detachment swarms out to meet him, coming over the ship's side in hordes and, like an irresistible army, occupying every fraction of its surface. They hang in festoons from the white awnings, the mosquito nets, the table linen and the punkah flaps. In fact, they cover every object on which they can secure a footing.

A European house in Maubin has its every window—and in the tropics there is an infinity of windows—protected by sliding curtains of iron gauze, as does also every ventilator under the eaves, every open space between the room partitions and the roof. For the sake of air, such places are large and frequent, but not one is left unbarred against invasion. In some houses there is a special room, a kind of inner citadel and last refuge, which is wholly of iron gauze, and within it the master of the house sits, like a loon in a cage.

To enter this fortress in advance of the enemy calls for the exercise of agility of a high order. Outside the cage the light cavalry of the enemy hovers. The man within this strange castle observes your approach with furtive and anxious eyes. He begs you to be careful in entering. Immediately you enter he falls with savage onslaught on such of the enemy as come on your back, in your hair, in the creases of your clothes.

While mosquitoes monopolize Maubin, Maubin has not a monopoly on the mosquito market. In fact, the more tropical parts of the world do not have a corner on the pests. For in the Arctic in Alaska, in latitude 71 degrees north, the pest must be reckoned with. They fairly rain down on a defenseless head.

Few Babies Born in Homes

Seeking out the birthplace of Americans is a practice destined to disappear, according to the present trend of birth statistics. Figures gathered by physicians and health agencies show that the percentage of babies born at home is steadily falling off, with a corresponding increase in births at maternity hospitals. In many communities throughout the United States, it was said at the recent convention of the American College of Surgeons, more than a quarter of the children are hospital-born. In certain localities the figure is as high as 75 per cent. The New York Nursery and Child's hospital has completed a survey of facilities for maternity service on the upper West side, in which it was found that an increasing number of women are having their babies at the hospital. John R. Howard, Jr., superintendent, pointed out that while only 31 ward cases of every 100 attended by the hospital's physicians in 1916 were handled at the hospital the number now is 37 out of every 100.

Supply Exceeds Demand

There was an imperious ring at the front door bell which caused Jones to go rushing to open it, as he expected to find some important visitors on the doorstep.

He was quite angry when he found that it was only a canvasser selling stationery.

"Any notepaper today, sir?" inquired the canvasser.

"No, none," answered Jones shortly. "Any pencils?"

"No."

"Try one of our cheap fountain pens. The demand exceeds the supply."

Jones looked at his ink-stained fingers ruefully and then held them out for the canvasser's inspection.

"My experience of cheap fountain pens," he said angrily, "is that the supply exceeds the demand."

His Last Excuse

The colonel was playing his daily round of golf, but, as usual, he was pretty badly off his game. At the second hole he fozzled his drive and cursed the condition of the green. And so the game progressed, the colonel making mistakes galore and finding a new excuse for each one of them.

At the fifteenth hole he fozzled a beautiful brassie lie, but by now he was absolutely devoid of excuses. With bristling mustache he glared round about him, and then bellowed, as he observed the sea in the distance: "How the devil can any man be expected to play decent golf with all these blasted ships sailing up and down!" — Sporting and Dramatic News.

Absolutely

At a lecture, the speaker orated fervently: "He drove straight to his goal. He looked neither to the right nor to the left, but pressed forward, moved by a definite purpose. Neither friend nor foe could delay him, nor turn him from his course. All who crossed his path did so at their own peril. What would you call such a man?"

"A truck driver!" shouted a voice from the audience.—Forbes Magazine.

Something to Think About
By F. A. WALKER

SOME OTHER TIME

THE individual who defers action, puts off until "some other time" what should be done now, is marked by the gods as being of no weight or worth.

At his best he shrinks from everything that calls for manliness and diligent endeavor, always a stumbling block to those high-powered souls pressing on to blaze across the skies a record of a heroic life.

He cannot see himself in his true light, or estimate his faults. He is affronted at the kindly advice of friends and dejected at his inability to make progress.

What he has done year after year without getting results, he continues to do with his customary complacency.

He is never quite ready to go to bed at night or to get up in the morning; his likes and dislikes are easy as an old shoe, for he experiences no commanding emotions, no hurt or depression of feeling in the hours of disappointment.

He is neither a fighting man nor a man of peace, being as limp and lifeless as a wet rag, lacking the energy and mettle that stir men to go to battle.

Jazz, with its jumps and jerks, is his favorite music. As for literature or art he has no preference, for he seldom takes time to read a worthy book or look upon a painting. He has no ideals, and he is said to his credit, he will frankly tell you so if he finds you are disposed to listen.

And such a man without suspecting it, acts as a warning signal to the earnest men and women who give heed to their engagements or consider it a sin to break them.

He is the bane of his wife's existence, being always late at dinner, making trouble in the kitchen and driving away her carefully trained servants.

That he is alive, yet dead, is unbelievable except to those who know him, and the ease with which he will with the utmost seriousness make a promise and forget to keep it.

Nobody will take him on trust. Having failed to learn that punctuality is the chief ingredient of confidence, he is woefully lacking of friends from whom he has unconsciously cut off his means of profitable communication by being habitually late and untrustworthy. "Some other time" has wrecked millions!

Has Anyone Laughed At You Because—
By ETHEL R. PEYSER

You Do Not Gamble?
Many a good party you have missed, haven't you? Many a sneer has been leveled at you— isn't it too true? Yet when you hear of the doings in your heart of hearts you're glad that you stuck it out and didn't go back on your notion. You have missed a lot of things such as companionship, such as the half-fellow-well-met attitude of the crowd, three being included in everything. Yet the very missing of it has made the gang (only they wouldn't say it) think a "hull lot" of you. Who do they go to for advice, the fellow who sits up all night, and the fellow that treats money like dirt and cheats his family out of necessities, or the fellow whose office keeps office hours with him in it? Who, I ask?

SO
Your get-away is:
Gambling's losing, not gambling's keeping: Sleep, cash, job and RESPECT.
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THE THINGS WORTH WHILE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THE things worth while are not so many. The things worth while are not so great;

Whatever else, there isn't any Like hearts that love and arms that wait.

With all our working, all our scheming, With all our labor, all our guile, With all our doing, all our dreaming, We often miss the things worth while.

All day we know the competition Of other men on other quests, We follow fiercely our ambition, A thousand daggers at our breasts; But, if we battle on undaunted, Success may come, and fortune smile.

We yet may win the things we wanted— And yet may miss the things worth while.

The things worth while, worth more than money, Worth more than fame, or place, or pride,

That keep the road forever sunny, The heart forever satisfied, Are children's sturdy arms about you, A neighbor's hail, a friendly smile, Some soul that couldn't live without you— These are the things, the things worth while.

If you have these, then cease repining; If your wealth is won if you can turn Tonight to where love's light is shining In someone's eyes, where candles burn.

For rich or poor, or high or lowly, If smooth the road or long the mile, If you have these to make life holy Your heart has found the things worth while.

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The Young Lady Across the Way



The young lady across the way says she doesn't blame France for complaining a little after the way she was bled red.

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LUNATICS



"Every time the moon changes that man and his wife have a fight."

"Well, the moon has a direct influence on the tied."

FIND FORTUNES IN WASTE WATER

Profits From Simple Processes to Remove Metals.

Thousands of pounds' worth of gold and silver are saved each year from dirty water which would otherwise pass into the sewers.

Wherever business is conducted on a large scale, and more particularly where articles of commerce are turned out on the mass production system, the control of waste is a vital part of organization. This is especially the case where the raw materials used are precious metals.

In factories producing gold and silver articles, such as jewelry, gold-rimmed eyeglasses and so on, minute portions of the metals become attached to the hands of the workers. Special arrangements are therefore necessary to prevent the loss of these minute particles, which aggregate to large values in the course of a year.

Where gold is concerned, the wash-basin is the trap used. All the workers wash in special basins, the dirty water from which is stored and treated. The gold, being heavier than water, sinks to the bottom, the water above it being drained off periodically. The accumulated sludge is sent to the refiners, who extract the gold and pay for it.

Large sums are also saved in photographic workrooms by rescuing the silver which escapes from plates and films and photographic papers during the process of development.

The hypo in the fixing bath dissolves out the unused silver. When the bath becomes exhausted and dirty, instead of going down the sewer it is run into tubs into which a chemical is thrown. The silver falls to the bottom. The water is then run off and more exhausted hypo is added, the precipitating process being repeated, and so on until the tub is nearly full of sludge.

The refiner extracts the silver from the sludge, returning to the factory sums which are often large enough to cover the rent.—London Tit-Bits.

Vegetable Pear

The chayote, a popular vegetable in Mexico and Central America, has been grown for more than a generation under the names "vegetable pear," "Mirliton," "mango squash," etc., in certain sections of the South.

A single vine in a garden or yard will produce more than enough chayotes for an average family. It is an excellent fall and winter table vegetable.

The chayote is related to the cucumber and squash. It weighs from eight ounces to a pound, has a smooth surface, a fiber-free flesh and a delicate, agreeable ornamental vine for training over a porch or outbuilding. It flowers profusely, and for that reason is a good bee plant.

The fleshy underground tubers are used in some places much the same as potatoes in temperate regions. Its foliage makes good food for cattle and poultry.—Detroit News.

King Invents Language

A few years ago Njoya, king of Founban, in the Cameroons, became jealous of the particularly good set of secret languages of neighboring tribes and invented from French, English and German words a code tongue of his own which is reserved for the exclusive use of the "cabinet" and upper administrative officials.

The interesting feature of this state language, which was discovered and studied by a Frenchman, Lieutenant Clapot, is that, instead of meaning their usual equivalent, the European words have entirely different code significations. "La mission," for instance, means "to see," and "franc" means "the king." "Ordnung" means "we," "savant" means "an egg," and "franc" means "a bill," "left" means "which," and "England" means "a head."—Manchester Guardian.

Braggarts Both

A Yankee visitor to a London club was making himself rather unpopular by bragging about the American navy. "The fact is, friends," he said, "Mrs. Britannia no longer rules the waves. Why, if it ever came to war between your country and America our fleet would come out and tow your fleet right into New York harbor, and that would be the end of it."

"Perhaps you're right," said one of the listeners quietly, "but it would take a better man than Columbus to discover America afterward."—Boston Transcript.

R-r-r-revenge!

Little Jack had been so persistently naughty that mother just had to give him a good spanking, and all that afternoon a desire for revenge rankled in his little breast.

At length bedtime came and, kneeling down, he said his evening prayer, asking a blessing upon all the members of the family individually—except one. Then rising, he turned to his mother with a triumphant look, saying, as he climbed into bed, "I suppose you noticed you wasn't in it."—The Christian Guardian.

Belle of the Funeral

One of the best narrators of Irish stories is Lord Carson, who always tells them with the gravest face. One of his best is an Irish "wake" story. A pretty girl was invited to the funeral of a friend. When it was over, she was telling how much she enjoyed it. "Sure, it was grand," she said. "They put me in the second coach with the brother of the corpse, and I was the belle of the funeral."

Discovers Odd Fish on Trip to Northern Brazil

A vulture that barks like a dog, a flat fish something like the plaice but equipped with a nasty poison spike, and vampire bats galore, are among the attractions reported by Capt. S. C. Bullock M. C., in a paper which he recently read before the Royal Geographical society in London, as having been encountered in his expedition last year to the Tocantina and Araguaya river regions of northern Brazil.

One of the members of the expedition, which traveled in a 25-foot steam yacht taken out from England, was bitten by one of the vampire bats and difficulty was experienced in stopping the bleeding. The bat is said to frequently attack humans and animals and is found in considerable numbers in the region.

The arara, as the flat plaice-like fish is called, lives in still waters and anyone bathing or walking in the water is very apt to have a foot pierced by the sharp spike with which it is equipped. The tail of the fish averages about six inches in length, and half-way along this tail is the spike, which contains a kind of poison. Natives of the district were ready with tales of many having died from the poisoned wound of an arara. The fish raises the spike perpendicularly when he senses danger.

"At one camp in this district," said Captain Bullock, "a large bird, quite new to us, was encountered, like a vulture, having five talons on each foot and one talon or spike on the middle joint of the wings, which measure nearly six feet from tip to tip. The bird is black, except for the breast and under side of the wings.

Locally it is called 'luma' and it makes a noise very much like a dog barking. It is generally found near a lake and when frightened it takes refuge in a tree."

Captain Bullock told of an incident at one place where some waterhogs were encountered at a lagoon a short distance from the river. Two of them were shot and one fell into the water. The water was too shallow to cover the animal and before the party could get to it the piranha fish began to eat, it jumping right out of the water and onto the waterhog's back in their haste to do so. Northern Brazil abounds in curious birds, beasts and fish according to Captain Bullock.

A Marked Man

It is a custom of some hospital doctors who are treating patients suffering from heart or chest complaints of putting a blue pencil mark round the part affected, so that the condition can easily be examined day by day, sometimes leads to comedy.

One man so marked died the night following. A new patient was admitted to his bed, and the same blue-pencil process was repeated.

After the doctor had gone the neighbor of the new man turned to him and said, mournfully: "Your number's up all right."

"What do you mean?" said the patient.

"Well," continued his neighbor, "they always put a blue pencil mark round a chap what's going to die."

In a moment the new patient was out of bed, had seized his clothes from his locker and had left the hospital. As his condition was not serious, his dash led to no ill effects.

Unfortunate Man!

It used not to be common for Englishmen who have trouble with their "altches" to own costly mansions, but the war has changed all that along with much else—which makes the following story credible:

Two Americans met at a London garden party. Said the first: "To look at that Englishman you'd think he was a tramp, wouldn't you?"

"Well, I know for a fact that he hasn't a place he can call home," replied the second dryly.

"Nonsense! Why, his mansion in London is—"

"Sumptuous, you were going to say? Yes, but he calls it 'ome.'—Youth's Companion.

Capitalizing a Misfortune

A clerk in a retail clothing store stayed out so late at night that he felt compelled to snatch naps during store hours.

Being a relative of a member of the firm was all that saved him from being fired.

The manager, becoming exasperated, enlisted the aid of one of his assistants. The next day the lethargic clerk found himself in the pajama department. On the counter before him was a sign which read:

"Our pajamas are of such superior quality that even the man who sells them can't keep awake."—Printers' Ink Monthly.

Bow-Legged Ones

A Lanarkshire coal miner, hearing a chum say he was going to Glasgow, asked him to bring back a pair of stockings. The friend accordingly called at a hosiery to make the purchase, but, although shown every kind and variety of stocking, declared all unsuitable. The anxious shopman assured him that he had seen every variety that was made and could not see why some of them would not suit, whereupon the miner replied: "What I want is a pair of bow-legged ones."

Both Ways

"Crimson Gulch hasn't parking space enough to accommodate the automobiles that come to town."

"No, sir," answered Cactus Joe. "This here is a growing community with expenses to meet. If we can't catch a 'stranger' for spending we can't be fur standin' with 'em."—Washington Star.

SCHOOL DAYS



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Why I Do Not Go to the PICTURE-SHOW

ARE YOU DRINKING BOLSHEVISTIC OIL, RAB-BINICAL PROPAGANDA, CATHOLIC BUNK?

MANY PEOPLE HAVE ASKED THE PASTOR WHY HE DOES NOT ATTEND THE SHOW. HE WILL TELL YOU IN A RED-HOT AMERICAN MESSAGE SUNDAY NIGHT MARCH THE 30TH. AT

The Baptist Church

METHODIST CHURCH

A fine spirit prevails throughout our church work. Everyone seems to be up and doing "while 'tis called this day" for this fine spirit we are truly proud. But "Stop Look, Listen," had it ever occurred to you that the people of Merkel are not attending church and Sunday School as they should? We had three hundred and thirty eight at Sunday School and an auditorium full at our preaching services, something to be proud of, but yet there were those of our own communion who were not in attendance. What about these? we need them and they need us and God needs them.

Our Quarterly Conference which met Wednesday night was of the very best. A good report on all lines. A steady pull together will make us one hundred per cent in every thing by District Conference April 29-30 at Baird Texas.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach. Subject: "How to get What You Want" and Miss Blanche Durham will read "When Cross Roads Cross Again." At night Brother Russell Pike will preach, and of course we want to hear him.

J. T. REA, Pastor

Merkel Must Have Sewers NOW.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take Lula from our midst.

In the death of this our departed loved one the class has sustained a great loss.

The memory of her beautiful life as she lived it daily will live in the heart of each member of her class forever, and will stand as a monument of truth and beauty.

That in life she was true to the Christ and in death is triumphant over the grave.

The absence of her dear face will be missed by the ones that loved her so well as we sojourn on life's pathway and which we will again see in that perfect day when we meet in the after a while.

May God's undying love and sympathy be ever present in the hearts of the bereaved ones.

That a copy of these resolutions be given to Yates Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown, Miss Willie Swann, recorded in our class book and sent to the Merkel Mail for publication.

(Signed) Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. Thomas Bearden, Mrs. Luke Huddleston, Mrs. J. L. Winter. It

I will have a car of Good Bright Kakkir Corn by first of next week. Price \$30.00 per ton at car. L. L. Murray. It

New Device Is Used to Restore Old Buildings

In England there is employed an interesting process, called grouting, whereby old buildings are restored. In its original sense grout means no more than gruel. In its building sense it is a mixture of sand, cement and water sufficiently thin to be poured. It is not a new thing, for it was probably used by the Romans, and has been employed very much since their time in engineering work. The comparatively new thing is the grouting machine, which enables the grout to be driven into places where it cannot be poured.

It is a simple machine, consisting of two parts, a cylinder of compressed air, the pressure being 100 pounds to the square inch, and a churn. A flexible hose connects them and another flexible hose with a nozzle leads out of the churn.

The dust and decayed mortar are blown out of the cracks between the stones with a jet of compressed air; clean water is then blown in to dampen the masonry just enough to make the cement adhere. Meanwhile the cement is put into the churn or grouting pan and is beaten up until it is about the consistency of cream. The preparation of it must be made carefully or the cement will grow hard in the churn and the hose. The wall being ready, the nozzle is inserted into a crack, the cracks above and below it are covered with clay to prevent the cement from leaking out, the compressed air is turned on and, passing through the grouting pan, drives the cement deep in between the stones.

Starting at the base of the building and working upward, the grouting machines will fill the whole of its walls with a new cement that reaches every crack and hole, so that when it has grown hard the building is as firm as if it were cut out of one stone. And it does this without breaking the weather-crumbled surface of its masonry or even rubbing off the mosses and lichens that have grown there.

Memory

"I am certain that in the academic world we always have put too much stress upon memory and not enough upon reasoning," Dr. Herbert S. Langfeld of Harvard said recently.

"Memory is the storehouse of information and one of the best assets of the high-powered brain. But memory under another guise is harmful. There is the student, for instance, who easily memorizes lessons, using his mind as a kind of photographic plate, without any real mental activity.

"Memories of that sort often are the most fertile for the time being; they will easily absorb and supply on demand almost any information required. But the mind as a whole does not get the instruction required, and this information later on slips from the photographic memory plate without any special benefit to the student, no matter how high he may have stood in classes."—New York Times.

First Sound Over Phone

The first sound was transmitted by telephone in Boston June 2, 1875. The first words were transmitted in the same city March 10, 1876, over a line less than 100 feet long, when Thomas A. Watson heard Alexander Graham Bell say: "Mr. Watson, please come here; I want you." At the time Bell was standing in a little attic at 5 Exeter place and talked over a crude telephone of his own invention to his associate. The first real telephone conversation took place October 3, 1876, over a line two miles long, between Boston and Cambridge, Professor Bell and his associate doing the talking. The first newspaper report transmitted by telephone was sent from Salem, Mass., to the Boston Globe February 12, 1877.

To Stop Shoe Squeaks

Shoes squeak because the pieces of leather forming the soles do not lie close together, and rub and bend with the movement of the feet.

A good plan to stop squeaking is to put a little sweet oil in a pan or dish and place the shoes to soak over night. They will take up enough oil to deaden the squeak and it is also good for the leather.

Another method is to remove a few rivets along the side of the shoe and insert powdered graphite or chalk or thin pieces of felt rubbed with chalk, and rivet up again. Three or four more small nails or pegs may be driven into the center of the sole, but this reduces the flexibility of the shoes.—London Tit-Bits.

When Asquith Laughed

Mr. Asquith was addressing a political meeting one day when some one in the audience made a very personal remark concerning Mrs. Asquith.

"Who said that?" demanded the speaker, angrily.

There was a sudden silence. Then a man in the rear stood up and, pointing to a farmer wearing a dilapidated straw hat, shouted: "It was him who ate the coo's breakfast on his head."

The reply was altogether too much for Mr. Asquith, and he had to join in the general roar of laughter.—Boston Transcript.

Diplomacy

Distracted Lady—Oh, dear me, please tell me how to word this telegram to my husband. I want to tell him that the baby is sick, the cook has left, the water pipes are frozen and I want him to come home at once.

Telegraph Clerk—If you want him to come at once you'd better say: "Good news—return immediately."—Boston Transcript.

TRENT NEWS

Mr. M. G. Scott and Mr. C. T. Beckman motored to Abilene on Tuesday of this week.

Misses Ethel Tomlin and Kathryn Freeman were in town shopping Tuesday.

The revival meeting conducted by Rev. Meadow of Abilene, is now in progress and will continue over Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend and enjoy Bro. Meadow's wonderful sermons. Morning services at ten-thirty, young people's meeting at 6:30, and evening services at seven-thirty o'clock.

Mrs. Rogge of Sweetwater spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estep of this place.

Mrs. Louis Murdock of Big Spring is here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Dingle.

Mr. J. W. Minnick and Albert Bright returned Monday night from a short visit to Gordon, Fort Worth and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hassell and Mr. R. P. Hassell of Eskota attended services at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Rev. Rea of Merkel attended the revival services here one day last week.

Miss Beatrice Billings of Abilene returned to Trent with her mother Sunday afternoon and spent Monday in Trent. Miss Rea is a student in Simmons College this year.

Mr. W. C. Thomas and T. E. F. Johnson of Eskota were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Eula West of Merkel visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson on Thursday.

Miss Margaret Graham has returned to Trent after being absent several months teaching school.

Mr. Lee Keys is building a new bungalow on his farm west of town.

Rev. Steeths of Abilene is here attending the revival at the Methodist church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimberly and Misses Laverna Wimberly and Bertha Vtley of Eskota were in town shopping Monday.

Mr. Jim McAninch of McCauley was in town on business Monday.

Mrs. Joe Naley one of the Trent school teachers has resigned on account of her health failing.

Mr. Watson and Emmitt Thomas of Eskota were injured very badly last Friday evening when E. K. SoRel Jr., accidentally discharged his gun, shooting both men. Mr. Emmitt Thomas being shot in the leg receiving 17 shot, Mr. Watson was shot in the back and hand 34 shots being imbedded in his flesh. We hope that these wounded ones will not prove serious.

Mr. John Payne from Mc Murray College at Abilene is at home for a few days on account of a sore hand.

Mrs. Dickerson of Tye is here for a few days to attend the revival meeting.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met Monday afternoon they are taking the Book of Acts as their study lesson. The Ladies will meet with Mrs. E. M. Rogers next Tuesday night for a social.

Miss Zala Drake of Simmons College and friends of Snyder spent a few hours, Sunday with Miss Drake's grand parents, Rev. and Mrs. Humphreys.

Mrs. R. B. Mc Rea is on the sick list this week, we are sorry to report.

Mrs. Hardesty and little son, Tonnie, from Vernon, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Hardesty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford. Since their arrival little Tommie has taken the measles, but is doing nicely we are told.

The Baptist Ladies Aid of Trent will put on a play at the High school auditorium Saturday night, April 5th. The play being a negro minstrel

titled: "Colored Ladies Political Club." Benefits going to the church. See the free parade in connection with the play Saturday, evening April 5th, at four o'clock.

J. M. STEVENSON CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Mr. Stevenson has lived in Taylor County four years and for ten years before that was at Sweetwater and made frequent visits to Abilene.

He is forty-two years old and a graduate of Yale College and the Law School of University of Texas and George Washington University. Before coming to Texas in 1907 he spent three years in General Electric Company Testing Department. Since then he has been an abstractor at San Antonio, a student at Austin, a lawyer and abstractor at Sweetwater and for three years was an Assistant Examiner in the United States Patent Office.

In 1912 he married Miss Ellouise Cockrell at Abilene, daughter of Judge Fred Cockrell. At Sweetwater he served on the Road Improvement Committee in 1914 which cooperated in improving thirty miles of road and has been president of the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce and member of the City Development Board. In 1918 he was assistant to the County Engineer of Nolan County working on highway plans and construction, and was accepted as a candidate for a commission in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army.

Since coming to Abilene he has made Income Tax Law a specialty and has spent much time on improving his properties at Sweetwater and his farms near Abilene where he has three tracts under irrigation. In motor trips he has driven over much of Texas and through thirty-two states including all but two east of the Mississippi.

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