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IMPORTANT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the City Council on Monday night was attended by many prominent citizens, and much interest was shown in the proceedings.

Mr. Griffin O'Neil, civil Engineer representing Municipal Engineering Company, presented a map of the proposed sewer system, a general discussion of citizens followed Mr. O'Neil's explanation of the plans and much valuable information was secured.

The most hopeful thing noticed by the writer was that several of the citizens present were men known to be opposed to the sewer and the fact that they clearly voiced the grounds of their objections and in many cases, an examination of the plans and the explanations of them by the engineer seemed to clear up the misunderstood conditions, and several were heard to express satisfaction and approval of the plans offered.

Mr. Emory McDonald presented a petition signed by 103 taxpayers asking the council to call an election that the people might have an opportunity to vote on the question. The council accepted the petition and set May 14, as the date for the election.

The City of Merkel approaches this election in a different spirit than it did the previous effort to vote sewer bonds, and when the election is passed if the bonds are not authorized it will not be for lack of full information on the subject, as the columns of the Mail are open to both sides alike.

The Municipal Engineering Co. have agreed to address letters to and send literature descriptive of sewers to every taxpayer as well as to write a full description of the sewer system and its operation for publication.

The principal grounds of those heretofore opposed to sewers as expressed at the council meeting were as follows:

The sewer system must as nearly as possible reach every taxpayer. If built it must not be of such character that the water family who secures their water from private sources can not use it.

It must not be of such nature that it will require great quantity of city water to make it operate satisfactorily.

The cost to connect to sewers must not be prohibitive. It must not be an expense to the city to maintain and operate the system.

The disposal plant must be of such character that it will not be a nuisance to any one. The amount voted must be enough to build the plant.

Plans will be sent to Merkel by Engineers and will be exhibited in store windows not later than Monday next. These maps will show the sewer lines in colors, they will also show each house in the city, those which will have sewer connections brought to the property lines will be colored red, those which are so far removed from the system as to make the connecting lines unusually expensive will be uncolored.

The cost to reach the houses that are considered out of reach will be shown in each case. It is stated that 98 percent of all houses are on sewer lines.

The article which will appear in the next issue of the Mail will be the Engineers explanation of the sewer system and an answer to the objections thus stated by taxpayers.

There will be nothing concealed, nothing held back, and certainly only good can come when

JUDGE W. R. ELY FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

District Judge W. R. Ely of Abilene has authorized the Mail to announce his candidacy for re-election to the place of judge of the court of the 42nd Judicial district.

Judge Ely has served a four year term as district judge and is well known to voters throughout the district, which is comprised of Taylor, Callahan, and Shackelford counties. He was first appointed district judge to serve through the unexpired term of Judge Harry Tom King resigned. He moved to Abilene several months ago from Barid where he had made his home for a number of years.

Judge Ely requests that his candidacy be given careful consideration by every voter. He has administered the office with justice during the past four years and pledges a similar policy if elected for a second term. His record during the past four years shows his ability to serve in the capacity of judge of the 42nd district.

In fact, this paper believes that Judge Ely has not only made the district an honorable, capable and painstaking district judge, but that he has made one of the very best to be found throughout the whole state.

THE LAST LYCEUM HERE ON THE 17TH

A whole company of capable and resourceful players is combined in the magnetic personality of Emma Dee Randle, who is to be heard on Thursday, April 17th at 8 p. m. at the Grace Presbyterian church in a program of interpretative recital. Whether the dramatic selection be from the magic pen of Shakespeare or simply from "Pollyanna" or something quite as in keeping with our time, this real artist of platform creates living characters with a straightforward simple art. Freshness and rhythm are interwoven into work. She unites vivid dramatic power and wholesome humor and awakens keenest interest and sympathy in appreciative audiences.

Critics declare Miss Randle's voice to be a wonderful musical instrument which responds, vibrates, throbs and echoes to every spiritual emotion and by its magnetic dramatic power inspires the same deep feeling, whether of pathos or humor in the hearts of hearers.

In "Pollyanna" Emma Dee Randle is at her best, critics have proclaimed her work in this sweet, wholesome play as being unsurpassed from the standpoint of real dramatic art. The announcement of her coming here insures a capacity audience for this gifted lady.

Miss Randle will appear at Grace Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Merkel Cemetery association Thursday, April 17th at 8 p. m. Admission by your season ticket or 45 and 50 cents. Come.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saffle of Plainview were here a few days for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. W. J. Largent.

A discussion is held which has as its object a full understanding of public questions.

If the sewer system proposed is a good thing for Merkel then Merkel citizens will have it and if it is not a good thing then we do not want it. Let us not be hasty in our decisions but first have these publicly posted maps and description of the system.

'LITTLE CLODHOOPER' IS PLAY TO BE GIVEN

Will be given by the Express ion Department of the Merkel Public school, under the able direction of Miss Lucy Tracy, to night (Friday) April 11th at 8 o'clock at the High school auditorium.

This is no doubt going to be a very fine and interesting entertainment, and should be given the cooperation and patronage of the entire town and community. It's a home affair, in which our own teachers and children are taking part, and by every thing that is right, should have the support of all the people. It's not a show put on by a lot of foreigners, harlots and gamblers, but by a good clean, decent company of folks. Lets give them at least as good attendance as is generally found at a Tent show or some other cheap transient affair. Will we do it?

Characters: Septimus Green, a young book agent, full of pep, Cleby Patterson.

Ocey Gump, a fresh country product, by heck! James Swann.

George Chiggerson, an innocent lamb from the city, Ray Garrett.

Mrs. Chiggerson, his doting mama, Minnie Coats.

Miss Julietta Bean, a Splinter ville boarding-house keeper, Mamie Ellis.

Chairman Carter, who thinks she is a vamp, Nell Sharp.

Judy, a little clodhopper from the poor-house, Lola Dennis.

Neighbors, Tommie Durham, Lucille Guitar, Alma and Juanita Patterson, Mae Helman, Mary Sue Walker, Mamie Coats, Herbert Dennis and Tom Wilson.

Between act numbrs consist of readings, songs and orchestra numbers. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

NUBIA TO HAVE ALL DAY SERVICES

The Merkel circuit will have services throughout the entire day on next Sunday, April 13 at Nubia. Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m. promptly we will have a thorough discussion of the Sunday school lesson. Preaching will begin promptly at 11:00 a. m.

The good ladies of Nubia have kindly consented to fill the hour from 12:00 until 1:00 with a good old fashioned refreshing dinner on the ground. Methodist chicken will be promiscuously scattered around. After dinner has been cared for the afternoon services will begin with a short song service. From 1:15 until four o'clock we will discuss problems appertaining to the interest of church work and especially with reference to the work of the Merkel circuit. Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Merkel circuit will be with us in the afternoon and will preach for us at 2:00. We are looking for a hearty support from the entire Merkel circuit. Several visitors will be with us. M. R. Pike, pastor.

PLAY AT MT. PLEASANT

It is announced that the Mt. Pleasant School will give a splendid play and entertainment on next Friday, April 18th at eight o'clock. The entertainment promises to be very interesting and entertaining, and is free to all who wish to attend.

Mr. T. T. Davis one day last week happened to quite a serious accident when an insulator bursted, cutting his eye ball rather badly.

Misses Ruby and Evelyn Hamm were in Abilene shopping last Saturday.

OLD SCHOOL BOARD IS RE-ELECTED HERE

In the election last Saturday for the Merkel Independent school board members, the three old members, Messrs. A. C. Rose, H. C. West and A. T. Sheppard were elected for the next two years.

The board is now composed of the three gentlemen above mentioned, and Messrs. R. O. Anderson, A. R. Booth, W. O. Boney and Thos. Durham.

Just recently the tax payers of the district have voted the sum of \$40,000.00 for the erection of a new high school building, which was badly needed to relieve the present crowded condition of the school, as well as to add a number of new and modern studies such as home economics etc., and just as soon as the blue prints and plans for the new building are complete the board expects to let the contract for the new building and hope to have same complete by Sept. 1st of this year.

The Merkel Public school has been for the past five or six years steadily improving, until now it ranks close to the school of the first class. The board invites and will appreciate any and all suggestions and same will be given fair and just consideration.

WORK STARTED ON STITH GRAVEL ROAD

Mr. A. J. Cannon, a splendid citizen and experienced road man, of the Stith community has been employed by the Jones county commissioners court to supervise and look after the building of a first class gravel road from the Stith and Sandburr community to the county line toward Merkel.

It will be remembered that that this community voted last fall a bond issue of \$25,000.00 with which to build this road, and which will bring them to within about three miles of Merkel. Now that they are to build this good road that far it is up to Merkel and the people along the balance of the road to see that same is completed on into the city. It should be done, we can do it. Will we do it?

MUSICAL LEAGUE MEETS AT LAWN 12TH and 13TH

In a communication from Mr. W. W. Wood, of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, who is also president of the Taylor County Musical League, we learn that League will meet next Saturday night and Sunday at Lawn, this county.

Our good friend Mr. Wood announces that the general public is cordially invited to attend this occasion, and especially all good singers.

ELD. CYPERT TO PREACH

Announcement is made that Eld. W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Christian church at both the morning and evening hours next Sunday, April, 13. All are cordially invited to hear his splendid discourses.

He will preach at Noodle in the afternoon.

Dr. M. Armstrong returned first of the week from attending a special course in medicine at New Orleans. He reports a fine trip, and that his son Dr. Frank Armstrong as getting along nicely.

POULTRY BUREAU ASSO. AGAIN BUYING

The Farm Bureau Poultry Association is now prepared to receive your poultry and egg products again; paying local prices for same, when delivered. Bring products to Mr. Hamblett as before. There is renewed interest in the poultry line, and new units are being organized. A new one just organized at Brownwood Texas, with women receivers. Yours for service, R. L. Adecock.

MRS. ROGERS HEADS PARENT-TEACHERS

The Parent Teachers Club met Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. A. R. Booth presided at the meeting. A fairly good attendance was had. The library was awarded to Mrs. Johnson's room. The choral club responded on the program with two good numbers, Miss Lucille Guitar read, "Little Brown Baby"; Mrs. Grace Tipton sang a solo. After the program the election of officers was held, with the following ladies elected: President, Mrs. Fred S. Rogers; 1st. Vice Pres. Mrs. Duncan Briggs, 2nd Vice Pres. Mrs. W. O. Boney; 3rd Vice Pres. Mrs. Fred Guitar Mrs. Twyman Collins, Sec. and Treas.; Mrs. Thos. Durham, corresponding secretary. The following committee was appointed to prepare plans for a banquet to be held for the Faculty and seniors, Chairman, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. D. Briggs, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. R. A. Burgess and Mamie Ellis.

VAUGHAN QUARTET IS COMING HERE

Posters have been placed about the city this week announcing that on Friday evening (tonight) the Vaughn Quartet, of Jacksonville, Texas, will be heard in concert at the Christian Church in Merkel at 7:30.

"The Sweetest Singers in the Southland" is the claim of those who know and have heard these fine singers and all Merkel would be delighted and highly entertained to hear them. A treat of a life time. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

DRUG STORES ADD NEW FIXTURES

Both the Merkel Drug Company and the Patterson Brothers Drug Store have this week added handsome new fixtures to their respective places of business, and which adds much to their appearance and comfort.

DISTRICT TRACT MEET

The district director, Roger A. Burgess reports 300 entries for the meet to be held at Abilene Friday and Saturday. This meet will be held at Simmons College and will begin Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Tennis and declamation contests will be held Friday and the tract meet on Saturday. Perry Shannon will represent Merkel in the one half mile race.

Mrs. H. A. Sanders and daughter, Dorothy were Abilene visitors last Saturday.

Miss Frances Mc Murray of Colorado City, Texas was the guest of Miss Hattie Conway last week end.

WILL BUY NEW ROAD MACHINERY

At a recent Luncheon by the citizens of Merkel the question of securing a big Catpillar Tractor or grader to be used in the improving of the roads in this vicinity, or County Commissioners Precinct No. 2, was discussed and County Commissioner Frazier being present informed the meeting that he thought he could secure through the Court, the above mentioned road implements, if only he had an initial cash payment to make on same. The business men present decided that a committee be appointed to go over the town and see if the needed amount, which was \$100.00 could be raised.

On this committee the following gentlemen were appointed: John Sears, Sam Swann, J. T. Dennis and J. C. Mason, and did they raise did you say? Well no man that ever knew that bunch of fellows ever heard of them failing to put over any proposition they undertook. And up to Tuesday morning of this week they had raised the following amount of \$961, which was donated by the list of names printed below:

And we understand that the Tractor and grader will be put to work on the roads in this precinct just as soon as it arrives from the factory and will be operated at the County's expense. And which assures us better roads. The town and community are indeed under obligation to Commissioner Frazier, the committee getting up the donation of the 1st payment, as well as the men and firms whose names appear below;

F. & M. Bank, \$50; Farmers State Bank, \$50; Liberty Hardware Co. \$25; F. C. McFarland, \$25; W. T. Daniel, \$25; Burton Lingo Co. \$25; West Co. \$25; Bragg D. G. Co. \$35; Max Melinger, \$15; Sam Swann GinCo. \$25; G. M. Sharp, \$10; Planters Gin Co. \$25; Crown Hardware Co. \$30; W. W. Campbell, \$15; H. A. Sanders, \$10; A. C. Rose D. G. Co. \$25; Barrow Furniture Co. \$25; Merkel Drug Co. \$25; W. V. Cranford, \$25; Bob Martin Gro. Co. \$15; Brown D. G. Co. \$25; C. H. Jones, \$25; Toby Adams, \$5; E. L. Turner \$25; J. D. Porter \$5; J. T. Darsey, \$25; R. I. Grimes \$25; J. T. Dennis \$25; W. A. Howard \$10; E. M. McDonald \$10; Wm. M. Gam bill \$5; Schindler Variety Store, \$5; Merkel Mail \$5; J. L. Winter, \$1; S. W. Johnson \$25; Chas. West \$5; W. O. Boney \$5; John W. Shannon \$5; T. L. Grimes \$5; W. H. Albertson \$2.50; M. D. Angus, \$15; T. J. R. Swafford, \$5; Hamilton & Case, \$15; Patterson & Baker \$20; Patterson Drug \$20; Frank Golladay \$25; T. J. Toombs \$25; Homer Patterson \$5; W. F. Hamblett, \$5; E. C. Warren \$5; Dr. M. Armstrong, \$30; H. R. Hicks, \$2.50; Merkel Lumber Co. \$15; H. H. Toombs \$10; Woodrum Filling Station \$10; J. M. Garrett \$5.

Messrs. J. N. Neighbours, W. N. Brown, Clark Perkins and Dave Overshine of the Canyon, report that recently while out on a snake killing trip they killed 48 rattlers; some of which were very large. It is the custom of these gentlemen to have a snake killing every year and they report this one the most successful.

Rev. J. W. Saffle preached at the Baptist church last Sunday morning, with many old friends and acquaintances hearing him from Merkel and Trent. Rev. Saffle was a former pastor here.

Based on the Following
STATEMENT

Close of Business March 31, 1924

Plus uniform courtesy and an unexcelled service, we solicit your account:

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	.....	\$350,404.25
Loans, Cotton	.....	1,171.14
Liberty Bonds and United States Treasury Cert. Indeb.	.....	138,450.00
School Bonds & warrants	.....	138,450.00
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	.....	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	.....	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	.....	3,850.00
Other Real Estate	.....	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	.....	312.50
Overdrafts	.....	1,536.44
CASH & SIGHT EX.	.....	168,307.32
Total	.....	\$693,716.55

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	.....	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	.....	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	.....	14,247.57
Circulation Acct.	.....	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	.....	NONE
RESISCOUNTS	.....	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	.....	NONE
DEPOSITS	.....	608,218.98
Total	.....	\$693,716.55

"Never Missed a Dividend, Never Assessed A Shareholder"

OFFICERS

J. T. Warren,	.....	President
L. R. Thompson,	.....	Cashier
Booth Warren,	.....	Asst. Cashier
Owen Ellis,	Asst. Cashier

DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman, Sr., Henry James
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**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS
National Bank**

A MOTHER PASSES AWAY

Friends and relatives were made sad indeed last Saturday morning at 2:30 o'clock when the death angel visited the home of M. F. Naron, of the Shiloh community, and took away the wife and mother.

Mrs. Naron had been in very poor health for about three years while living in east Texas so the family moved this far west about Jan. 1, 1924, hoping to improve her health but to no avail. We can't understand the work of the Lord who doeth all things well, for the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.

Mrs. Naron was converted when fifteen years of age and was a devoted Christian, a kind and loving wife and mother.

Although they will miss her loving words and tender smiles, we know she has gone to a better world where there is no pain or sorrow to await the coming of her loved ones.

Miss Melvina Tedder was born Nov. 5, 1871 in Mississippi and was married to M. F. Naron, on Aug. 19, 1890. To this union were born 10 children, 8 boys and two girls all of whom are now living except one son. Seven children were present when the end came, two sons having left for their homes near Ft. Worth Friday morning on account of sickness. Besides the husband and children there are two brothers and one sister left to mourn her going away. Her twin brother I. G. Tedder of Bell county who was with her when death came, and W. M. Tedder of Arkansas and Mrs. R. V. Doss of Mississippi.

Many friends join the writer in the deepest heart-felt sympathy for the family in this great trial and loss. May God shower each member bereaved with His greatest blessings and comfort each sad heart, is the prayer of a sympathizing friend.—Mrs. M. G.

In this issue of the Mail will be found the official bank statements of this city, as well as the Home State Bank of Trent. A glance at each of these fine statements will convince any one of the fine condition of the country as well as the stability of the three splendid banking institutions.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH AT
THE METHODIST CHURCH

Last Sunday was a good day, three hundred forty one in the Sunday school, and four joined the church by certificate, then a great communion service followed.

Come out next Sunday and let's make it a better day. Subject for the morning service, "The power of concentrated energy" and subject for the evening service, "The great fight before America". If you miss either of these services you will miss something worth your while. "Don't do it". Be there. Sunday is clean up day you know. T. J. Rea, Pastor.

The Keepers Class Meets
With Mrs. H. C. West

The Keepers Class of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. Henry West on last Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A brief business meeting was held in which Mrs. Geo. West was elected teacher. A pleasant social hour was spent in conversation and many interesting things were planned for this class during the coming year. The hostess assisted by her daughter, Miss Melba, passed a delicious plate of cream and cake.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. R. O. Anderson on May 9th. Let every member try and be present.—Reporter.

Frank Hogue, once a citizen of Merkel, a brother of L. A. Hogue at Sweetwater, died in that city Tuesday and was brought to this city Wednesday for burial. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives accompanied the remains to this city, and Rev. J. T. McKissick, pastor of the First Christian church of that city, conducted the funeral services at the grave. Deceased was a relative of Mr. W. R. Bigham, and was well known by many of the old timers here.

Special prices on oats, alfalfa, and prairie hay. Swafford, South Side. It.

Mr. O. R. Dye manager of the Burton Lingo Lumber Co. is in El Paso this week attending the State Lumbermen Convention.

Statement of Condition

Close of Business March 31, 1924

RESOURCES

Loans	.....	\$268,864.79
Overdrafts	.....	1,641.16
Banking House & Fixtures	.....	13,877.50
Other Real Estate	.....	24,364.40
Due From State Gty. Fund	.....	30,017.50
Stock and Bonds	.....	1,818.40
Other Resources	.....	16,798.63
CASH & EXCHANGE	.....	166,061.81
Total	.....	\$523,444.19

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	.....	50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	.....	33,772.73
Bills Payable	.....	NONE
Rediscouts	.....	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	.....	NONE
DEPOSITS	.....	439,671.46
Total	.....	\$523,444.19

OFFICERS

John Sears	.....	President
M. Armstrong	.....	Vice-President
R. L. Grimes	.....	Cashier
F. Y. Gaither	.....	Asst. Cashier
W. L. Diltz, Jr.	.....	Asst. Cashier

Farmers State Bank
Merkel, Texas
A Guaranty Fund Bank

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: Great Psalms: Psalm No. 24.

The Man whom God accepts introduction, by leader.

1. Eli and his wicked sons, Willie Swann.

2. and 3. David, the Builder and writer, Floyd Dowell.

4. Receive the king of glory, Girlie Howard

5. Music of the chorus, Mr. Stevens.

6. Clean hands and pure hearts, Mrs. Comer Haynes.

7. Men whom God accepts, Nell Swann.

8. A golden Text rich in truths, Ocie Teaff.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers and wife accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. James H. West, Mrs. Geo. F. West, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, Rev. E. S. Tucker, M. McElroy, W. L. Diltz Sr. and Marvin Smith, were among those attending the Abilene Presbytery of the Presbyterian church, which met first of the week at Snyder.

SENIOR BOYS S. S. CLASS

The Senior Boys Sunday School Class of the Baptist church, with their teacher, E. Yates Brown enjoyed a day and night fishing trip last Thursday. A nice lot of fish were caught, and the boys enjoyed the camping life very much. Those attending this sport were: Carlton Dennis, Jessie Childress, Louis Giles, Roy Giles, Dallas Hand, Floyd Dowell, Delbert Polly, Harold Wilson, Buster Haynes, Billie Cobb, Claude Dye, Gilbert Walton, Wiley Elliott.

W. W. Campbell, newly elected Councilman, left first of the week for a trip to Louisiana, where he was called on account of the burning of one of his farm residences in that state.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman accompanied by Mrs. L. R. Robbins were visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

Workk started on the new gin at Noodle, known as the McDonald Gin Company.

NO. 7481
Report of the Condition of

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
AT MERKEL**

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on March 31, 1924

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscouts	.....	\$351,575.39		
Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank	.....	NONE		
Total loans	.....	\$351,575.39		
Overdrafts, secured,.....	\$1,249.20	Unsecured.....	\$287.24	1,536.44
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value).....	\$6,250.00			
All other United States Government Securities.....	\$132,200			132,450.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	.....			26,684.90
Furniture and Fixtures.....				3,850.00
Real estate owned other than banking house.....				3,000.06
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....				38,606.78
Cash in vault and amount due from national Banks.....				128,769.77
Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10.....		8.25		
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank.....		363.04		
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.....		\$129,141.06		
Miscellaneous cash items.....			559.48	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	.....		312.50	
Total	.....			\$693,716.55

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....			\$50,000.00	
Surplus Fund.....			15,000.00	
Undivided profits.....			\$19,245.16	
Reserved for Dividends.....				
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes.....			\$ 4,997.59	14,247.57
Circulating notes outstanding.....				6,250.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. and foreign countries (other than items 21 22)	.....			16,138.47
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding.....				1,018.24
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25.....				17,156.71
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:				
Individual deposits subject to check.....			484,739.97	
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days.....			15,380.00	
Dividends unpaid.....				NONE
Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits) Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 \$500,119.97	.....		
Certificates of deposit.....			10,321.70	
Other time Deposits.....			80,620.60	
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, and 35.....			\$ 90,942.30	
Total.....				\$693,716.55

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1924.
J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,
J. T. WARREN
SAM BUTMAN, Sr., Directors.

FIRE BOYS RECEIVE \$25

Mr. Ross Ferrier, treasurer for the Merkel Fire Boys is in receipt of a check of \$25.00 with a letter of thanks to the Fire Boys from the Continental Cotton Oil Co., written by Mr. John Guitar, thanking the boys for their splendid work when the old Oil Mill west of town was recently destroyed by fire.

Program For The Presbyterian
Missionary Society Apr. 14

Subject—Africa.

Devotional—Great Women of the Bible, Mrs. Geo. West.

Seeking beyond the commandments, Mrs. James West.

Song—We've a story to tell the nations, Mona Margaret Jones.

Poem, Magdalene, Mrs. Smith

The gladness of hospitals, Mrs Compton.

Reading Editorials

David Livingstone, Mrs. Tucker.

Closing prayer, Mrs. Baker.

Read the Classified Column.

METHODIST SUNDAY
SCHOOL

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely, having a continued and steady growth. We are making a special effort to bring our school up to a higher standard of efficiency. The graded literature system is now being put through out the entire school and within a short time we expect to be able to claim at least a B type school. We are now having over three hundred in regular attendance, there being 340 one present last Sunday. Do not let us be satisfied until we reach four hundred in regular attendance. Be on time next Sunday and bring some one with you. The Business Mens Class will have charge of the opening exercise Sunday morning. L. W. Cox, Supt.

Special prices on oats, alfalfa and prairie hay. Swafford, South Side. It.

Roy Coats of Breckenridge visited with E. D. Coats and family last week.

To those who like their Cars
"DOLLED UP"

Just bring them around and tell me your wants and then come back a little later and see if I don't have to tell you which is your car. New top, new seat covers, paint top dressing, Linoleum on the running board, that cool slip seat covering, and if you have some nice furniture at home you want the best varnish to do the work. I have the Valve Spair the best in the world by test. I have the Camp Cot and the Stool, Water Bag, Water bucket, that will fold up, and the all wool blanket, so when you are preparing to go fishing come to see me and it will be a pleasure when you get to the fishing ground.

DOWELL, the top man
On Front Street

What I Saw At the
Carnival

THE PASTOR WILL SPEAK SUNDAY NIGHT ON
THE ABOVE SUBJECT

SUNDAY MORNING: BAPTIST ACHIEVEMENTS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES

MR. E. YATES BROWN Will take Charge of the
Choir Sunday Morning

LET'S GREET HIM WITH A FULL HOUSE AND A
GOOD CHOIR

30 MINUTE SONG SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT

Baptist Church

The HOOVER

It BEATS
as it SWEEPS
as it CLEANS

Across the dingiest room the HOOVER beats, sweeps and cleans an immaculate pathway---it gets all the dirt. It cleans things clean. Won't you let the HOOVER help you do your work, and keep your home as it should be kept? It pays for itself over and over again in the added life it gives to rugs and carpetings, not to mention the time and energy it saves. Let us give you a home demonstration of the new model with its ten added features. You can afford the HOOVER. We sell on such easy terms that its purchase is no burden.

**West Texas
Utilities Company**
Merkel, Texas

POPULAR FOX STAR IN STIRRING FILM

In "Stepping Fast", the latest William Fox picture which stars Tom Mix, the action starts in the ruins of the cliff-dwellers who formerly lived in the Arizona desert. Mix plays the role of a young cowboy who goes to aid of a scientist when he is attacked by three men. After driving away the attackers, the stranger tells the ranchman that he holds the secret of a hidden gold mine which a band of international criminals are trying to locate. The scientist dies and wills the cowboy a half interest in the mine and tells him that his daughter in China is to own the other shares.

This incident starts a series of thrilling adventure which carry the rancher across the Pacific to Hong Kong and back again to the Arizona mine. Claire Adams plays the leading feminine role. The others in the cast are: Donald McDonald, Hector Sarno, Geo. Seigmann, Edward Peil, Tom S. Guise, Minna Redman, Edward Pobson, and Ethel Wales. Cozy Theatre, Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12. Adv.

Missionary Ladies Society

The business meeting of the W. M. Society of the M. E. church was well attended on last Monday, quite a number of new members being added to the roll. Mrs. Tom Largent was elected delegate to the annual meeting of the W. M. conference which convenes at Vernon, Texas soon. Mrs. R. I. Grimes and Mrs. Thos Durham were chosen alternates.

Next Monday's lesson will be given from the 5th chapter of the Mission study book. Mrs. L. R. Thompson is teacher. All Methodist women are asked to contribute to the Bazaar to be given April 19th at Barrow Furniture Store.—Reporter.

Our chicken feed is put up under directions of probably the greatest chicken man in Texas, F. W. Kazemeir. He ought to know. Try our Baby chick Feeds Swafford, phon 44 South side. It

Mr. Hugh Mayfield underwent a slight operation at one of the local doctors offices one day last week. He is reported doing nicely.

"Avery Implements"

Don't miss getting a stand and have to plant over. Phone us to save you a Mr. Bill planter. A few Two Row Cultivators left. One Two Row Go-Devil left.

Let us Show you what we have.

Everything In Hardware, Pipes, Etc.

Oh! yes, and that AER MOTOR SELF-OILING WINDMILL.

We are Hog enough to want your business
TRY US WHEN YOU NEED ANYTHING IN THE HARDWARE LINE.

LIBERTY Hardware Co.

Located In the Center of the Clover Leaf City

Bro. W. H. Albertson, L. B. Scott and E. Yates Brown left Tuesday for Wichita Falls, Texas, where they will attend the Baptist Organized S. S. Class meet which convenes there the 8,9,10.

Mr. Luther Woodroof of Idabelle, Okla. formerly of Merkel stopped here for a few hours last Sunday to call on old friends. He was on his way to Crosbyton.

Miss Elsie Sharp was at home from Buffalo Gap last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Mr. R. L. Bland was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

PHILATHEA—BARRACA BANQUET

The Philathea—Barraca Banquet held to mark the closing of a very interesting contest between the two Sunday school classes of the Methodist church was held last Friday evening, and it was everything that one anticipated that it should be.

The banquet tables were arranged in the League rooms, and were made very pretty with cut flowers, using the colors of the two classes on the tables for colors. Placecards were uniquely placed for sixty members. The menu consisted of baked chicken, dressing, gravy, salad on lettuce leaves, olives, cranberry sauce, peas and creamed potatoes, with ice cream and cake served at a desert.

The toastmaster for the evening was Mr. L. R. Thompson, cashier of the F. & M. National Bank, and after places had been found and every one seated, Mr. Thompson called upon Mrs. Rea for the invocation. This was followed by a brief address from Rev. T. J. Rea, thanking the two classes for their able services to the church and the inspiration they gave him. Between courses Miss Julia Martin read a well chosen selection. After the eats were finished a round table discussion followed which included talks from Rev. Russell Pike, Martha Bird, Blanch Durham, Julia Martin, Sie Hamm, and Iva Bragg. Jack Durham acted as yell leader for the evening. The whole program was enjoyed and especially did those present enjoy having Mr. Thompson as toastmaster.

Attention is called to the readers of this paper to the display advertisement of the Star Hardware Company, Trent, Texas as published in this paper. This firm urges that you read it and profit by the offering made in same of their goods. 1tp

Blue Bird Class Entertained

The members of the Blue Bird Class and their teacher were very hospitably entertained last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats, with Miss Mamie Coats hostess. Misses Bessie Lou Yate and Lora Joyner assisted the hostess in entertaining. Various games were highly enjoyed, with Mrs. Thos. Durham winning one prize and Miss Sallie Brown winning another. Along with the games and contests, music was greatly appreciated. The color scheme of purple and white was carried out in the house decorations, favors, prizes and refreshments. A refreshment table of cream out in the house decorations, favors, prizes and refreshments. A cake, with plate favors of violets tied with white ribbon was passed to the guests.

No. 1398 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of Home State Bank, Trent, Texas

at close of business on the 31st day of March 1924, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 11th day of April, 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis. personal or collateral	\$140,536.82
Loans, real estate	2,359.00
Overdrafts	90.30
Bonds and Stocks	270.00
Real Estate (banking house)	4,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,500.00
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	109,563.71
Interest in Dep. Gov. Fund	753.00
Total	\$290,290.74

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,500.00
Undivided profits, net	10,863.44
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	221,884.97
Time Certificates of Deposit	22.33
Cashier's Checks	NONE
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	NONE
Total	\$290,290.74

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. T. Warren, as president, and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. T. Warren, President
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of April, A. D. 1924.
(SEAL) J. T. Howard
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:
H. V. Deekham }
T. L. Stevens } Directors
T. J. Williamson }

Mrs. T. J. Toombs and Mrs. J. W. Moore left Wednesday night for Fort Worth in response to a message announcing the death of their Uncle, residing there.

Mr. George McDonald of Abilene was a Merkel visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren of Knox City were here last week guests of home folks and friends.

Miss Deci Sharp was at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp last week end. Miss Sharp teaches school near Stamford, Texas.

No. 266 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of March, 1924, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 11th day of April, 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis. personal or collateral	\$225,418.79
Loans, real estate	10,416.00
Overdrafts	1,641.16
Bonds and Stocks	1,518.40
Real Estate (banking house)	8,900.00
Other Real Estate	24,394.40
Furniture and fixtures	5,277.50
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	106,061.81
Interest in Depositors' Gov. Fund	7,238.51
Asst. Depositors, Gov. Fund	22,778.99
Other Resources, Materialy Guar'ntee	18,798.63
Total	\$513,444.19

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	6,772.73
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	34,394.00
Individual Deposits sub. to check	414,258.77
Time Certificates of Deposit	24,394.00
Cashier's checks	763.00
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	NONE
Other liabilities	270.00
Total	\$513,444.19

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, John Sears as president, and R. L. Grimes, as cashier of said bank each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
John Sears, president.
R. L. Grimes, cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, A. D. 1924. C. L. McLeod,
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.
Correct—Attest:
M. Armstrong }
H. E. Probst } Directors
H. H. Toombs }
J. A. Patterson, Jr. }

Pennsylvania VACUUM CUP CORD AND FABRIC TIRES



No line has ever received more favorable comment than our line of Vacuum Cup Tires.

These big husky tires with their tough, non-skid Vacuum Cup Tread are giving extra-ordinary mileage.

Secure for yourself long tire life and satisfactory service, by equipping your car with these tires TO-DAY.

TUXEDO VACUUM CUP CORD TIRES

—A worthy addition to the Pennsylvania line. Massive, re-inforced, non-skid tread with corduroy, rut-proof sidewalls—more rubber and more plies of cord than the average cord tire. Built for the man who appreciates maximum service at small first cost.

BRING US YOUR TIRE NEEDS
YOU WILL FIND OUR TIRE STOCK BRIMFULL OF NEW, FRESH TIRES IN ALL THE POPULAR SIZES. OUR TIRES ARE DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE; OUR PRICES, YOU WILL FIND, ARE LOWER THAN OTHERS ASK.

WEST COMPANY
"MERKEL'S COMPLETE ACCESSORY STORE"

The Merkel Mail

Published on Friday Morning by
The Merkel Mail Printing Co.
Thos. Durham, Editor-Mgr.

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 YEAR.
In Advance
TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Mer-
kel, Texas as second class mail.

Of course you have a right to
your opinion about any question
or proposition, and so has the
other fellow a right to his opin-
ion though it be quite different
to yours.

Don't forget that on next
Tuesday evening at seven o'clock
there will be another meeting of
the Luncheon club. Every one
desiring to attend should let it
be known that they expect to do
so. The committee must know
by Monday afternoon just how
many will attend so that arrange-
ments can be made to serve
them at the banquet. Mr. R. L.
Grimes, is secretary of the or-
ganization, and Messrs. W. L.
Diltz Jr., L. B. Scott and Chas.
H. Jones, compose the Member-
ship Committee, and you can
give either of these gentlemen
your name and you will be prop-
erly registered for the occa-
sion. If you did not attend the
last one that makes no differ-
ence, you are welcome and urged
to be present at this meet-
ing or at any other time in the
future. It makes no difference
who you are, there are no
strings drawn. Come along, get
in and let all Merkel pull togeth-
er. We are all neighbors and we
should work together as such
for the common good of all.

An election is called for May
14th for the purpose of determin-
ing whether or not this city
shall issue bonds in the sum of
\$55,000.00 for putting in a
modern Sanitary Sewer System.
Against it did you say? Well,
have you investigated the pro-

posed proposition? If not, you
might find it different from
what you imagine it to be?
There are several blue prints
and plans of the proposition at
different points in the city, and
every one is welcome and urged
to hunt up any one of them, and
study and look it over. Also
talk with the City Officials
about the proposition, they will
gladly tell you about it. They are
all good honest men and they
are also entitled your cooperat-
ion.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: The officer who
would not believe.

1. Introduction, William Shep-
pard.
2. Horrors of the famine, by
Harold Boney.
3. Jehoran blames Elisha, by
J. D. Ashby.
4. The officer with Jehoram,
by Eris Ash.
5. The four lepers, by John
Frazier.
6. The lepers tell the king,
by Himalaya Swafford.
7. Jehoram sends out scouts,
by D. O. Huddleston.
8. The officer punished, by
David Gamble.

MOVING OUT SALE

I want 1000 people in my
store next Saturday to help
move out this stock of grocer-
ies, dishes, pitchers, bowls, jars
Wear-U-Well Shoes, Men's
pants, overalls, shirts, hose for
men and women and children.
Everybody buying \$1.00 worth
will receive a present. Don't
pass this chance up. A. L. Jobe.
Adv.1t.

Special prices on oats, alfalfa,
and prairie hay. Swafford,
South Side. It.

Miss Lola Armstrong of Mc-
Murray College, Abilene was
here last week to spend a few
days with parents, Dr. and Mrs.
M. Armstrong.

**T. E. L. CLASS MEMBERS
ENTERTAINED**

On Friday afternoon, the 4th
of April about seven cars load-
ed with ladies, members of the
T. E. L. class of the First Bap-
tist church motored to the com-
fortable home of Mrs. T. E. Las-
siter, where Mesdames W. J.
Largent, Thos. Bearden, Earl
Lassiter and Miss Dovie Teaff
were hostesses.

Every available chair was
occupied in the living room and
dinning room, for twenty-eight
members responded to the in-
vitation on that lovely after-
noon. The rooms were prettily
decorated in springtime flowers.

After an hour of business,
over which Mrs. Lytton Howard
presided, as president, and "cap-
sules" were exchanged and each
old "capsule" received a pretty
remembrance, contests were
passed and Mesdames I. L. Jack-
son and A.R. Booth, proved to be
the most efficient and were
awarded a lovely Easter basket,
containing chicken and eggs.
The "booby" was given to Mrs.
Jinks Winter and it was a small
Easter basket.

A tempting refreshment plate
consisting of iced tea, salad,
sandwiches, and plate favors of
candy easter rabbits was serv-
ed to the following ladies: Mes-
dames Winter, Howard, Higgins
Angus, Booth, Boden, Frazier,
Worley, Mayfield, Stanford,
Huddleston, Bullock, Derstine,
Bland, Pogue, Dye, Swann, Ow-
ens, Gibson, Barnes, Meador,
Jackson, Collins, Bearden, Lar-
gent, Lassiter, and Misses Eu-
genia Williams and Dovie Teaff
and two visitors, Mrs. C. M. Lar-
gent and Mrs. J. W. Saffle of
Plainview.

Messrs. W. E. Lowe and Geo.
McDonald returned Thursday
of last week from a business
trip to Lubbock.

Mr. Tom Allday has accepted
a position with the Bragg Dry
Goods Co. as salesman for the
Men's department.

**IN HARDWARE
AND FURNITURE**

We have the largest and most complete
stock, ever handled in the city of Trent
Texas, and we are therefore in a better
position to serve our patrons than ever
before. **Yes, We Can Take Care of
Your Every Want In This Line.**

We also have plenty of Single and Double
Row Flow Tools, Garden Hoes, Rakes, Garden Plows
Water Hose, Piping Etc., everything that
is needed for the field or garden, and at very low
and attractive prices too.
Our Line of Shelf Hardware is also complete, hence
when in need of any of these items--Hard-
ware and Furniture; call and see us.

We would also call your attention to our
Roman Pattern Cultivator Sweeps at the
following prices:

- An 8 inch Sweep at, 75c per pair
- A 10 inch Sweep at \$1.00 per pair
- A 12 inch Sweep at \$1.25 per pair

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TRENT, TEXAS

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.

APRIL 14TH.

for purpose of treating piles and skin diseases

FREE CONSULTATION

**YOUR Opportunity
To Save Money**

THE ORIGINAL REXALL ONE 1c SALE

**YOUR Opportunity
To Save Money**

**Thursday, Friday AND SATURDAY
APRIL, 17TH, 18TH, 19TH.**

REXALL Shaving Cream

Produces a thick creamy lather. Will stand up on your face throughout the shave.

Stand Price, One Tube 30c
Stand. Price, One Tube 30c

What Is a One-Cent Sale

It is a sale where you buy an item at the regular price—then another item of the same kind for 1c. As an illustration: The standard price of Jonteel Vanishing Cream is 50c. You buy a jar at this price and by paying 1c more, or 51c, you get two jars. Every article in this sale is a high-class standard piece of merchandise, just the same as we sell you every day at regular prices and have sold you for years.

A New Way of Advertising

This sale was developed by the United Drug Co., as an advertising plan. Rather than spend large sums of money in other ways to convince you of the merit of these goods, they are spending it on this sale in permitting us to sell you a full-size package of high standard merchandise for 1c. It costs money to get customers. The loss taken on this sale will be well spent if the goods please you.

Puretest Epson Salts

Is absolutely free from impurities and is easy to take.

One 4 Oz. Package 10c
Two 4 Oz. Packages 11c
One 16 Oz. Package 25c
Two 16 Oz. Packages 26c

Georgia Rose Talc

A real high quality talcum powder, made from genuine imported talc. The generous quantity of real attar of rose in every can gives it a wonderful rosy fragrance like the flower itself.



Stand Price, One Can 25c
Two Cans 26c



Goodform Hair Nets

Nets of the highest quality and carefully selected. They fit and last longer.

SINGLE MESH

Std. Price, One Net 10c
This Sale Two Nets 11c

DOUBLE MESH

This Sale Two Nets 16c
Standard Price, One Net 15c

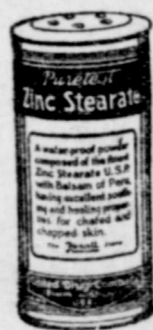
Rexall "93" Hair Tonic

is a delightful, stimulating tonic. Is not sticky or mussy. Easy to apply. Does not leave the hair dry, but gives it renewed life and lustre.



Standard Price

One Bottle \$1.00
This Sale Two Bottles101



Puretest Zinc Stearate

The New dusting powder for babies. Will heal diaper rash and will prevent it, because it sheds moisture.

Standard This Sale
Price Sale
One can 25c ;: two cans 26c

Georgia Rose Toilet Water

A true reproduction of the fresh flowers. Comes in a beautifully designed frosted glass bottle. Pretty enough for any dressing table. Sprinkler top.

STANDARD PRICE THIS SALE
One Bottle \$1.00
Two Bottles \$1.01

Jonteel Vanishing Cream



Keeps the skin soft and beautiful. Like a fairy's tounc is this wonderful cream with its fragrance of 26 flowers. Snowwhite, soft and smooth.

STANDARD PRICE

One Jar 50c
THIS SALE
Two Jars 51c

Peptona

Our best tonic for rundown conditions. Enriches the blood and improves health generally.

STANDARD PRICE

One Bottle \$1.00
THIS SALE
Two Bottles 1.01

Klenzo Dental Cream

Cleans and whitens the teeth. Hardens the gums. Removes tartar. Does not scratch the teeth. You can have beautiful teeth by using KLENZO

STANDARD PRICE

One Tube 25c
THIS SALE
Two Tubes 22c

Cascade Linen

One pound in a package. A good quality of writing paper and always in the best of taste.

STANDARD PRICE

One Pound 45c
THIS SALE

Two Pounds 46c
CASCADE LINEN ENVELOPES
50 in a box

STANDARD PRICE

One package 35c
THIS SALE
Two Packages 36c



Maximum Fountain Syringe

A high quality syringe Molded all in one piece and guaranteed for one year.

Standard price Sale price
One Syringe \$2.25
Two Syringes \$2.26

MAXIMUM

HOT WATER BOTTLES

Are of the same quality, carry the same guarantee, sell regularly at \$2.00 each and are offered on this sale at Two for \$2.01

BOQUET RAMEE FACE POWDER

An exceptionally high-grade complexion powder. Adheres to the skin. Contains a bouquet of rose, jasmine, heliotrope and lilac odors.



Comes in three tints.

STANDARD PRICE

One Box \$1.00
THIS SALE
Two Boxes \$1.01

TOILET GOODS

50c Klenzo Liquid Antiseptic .. 2 for 51c
25c Jonteel Talcum 2 for 26c
50c Jonteel Cold Cream 2 for 51c
50c Bouquet Ramee Talcum ... 2 for 51c
1.50 Bouquet Ramee Toilet Water
3 Oz. 2 for 1.51
25c Medicated Soap 2 for 26c
25c Klenzo Tar Soap 2 for 26c
50c Alma Zada Face Pwd 2 for 51c
50c Rolling Massage Cream 2 for 51c
1.00 Quinine Hair Tonic 8 oz. 2 for 1.01
50c Coconut Oil Shampoo 2 for 51c
35c Cream of Almonds 2 for 36c
50c Bay Rum, 8 oz. 2 for 51c
75c Harmony Lilac Vegetal 2 for 76c
50c Coconut Butter Cold Cream 2 for 51c

STATIONERY AND HOME NEEDS

10c Carryall Bag 2 for 11c
1.00 Le Claire Stationery 2 for 1.01
75c Revelation Plaid Stat'ny ... 2 for 76c
50 Lord Baltimore Statny ... 2 for 51c
3.50 Signet Pen 2 for 3.51
3.50 Signet Pencil 2 for 3.51
10c Writing Tablet, note size 2 for 11c
40c Maximum Pocket Comb ... 2 for 41c
75c Victoria Ladies' Comb 2 for 76c
75c Laborlite House Aprons ... 2 for 76c
25c Cedar Chest Comp. 2 for 26c
40c Firstaid Zinc Oxide Adhesive
Plaster, 1 in. by 5 yds. ... 2 for 41c
30c Oneida Community Puritan
Plate Teaspoons (Guaranteed
for 20 years) 2 for 31c

MEDICINES

50c Dyspepsia Tablets (75's) .. 2 for 51c
50c Antiseptic Powd., 6 oz. ... 2 for 51c
50c Rexall Eyela, 8 oz. 2 for 51c
40c Rexall Gypsy Cream 2 for 41c
50c Rexall Kidney Pills 2 for 51c
25c Lax. Aspirin Cold Tablets .. 2 for 26c
1.00 Rexall Liver Salts, 14 oz. 2 for 1.01
15c Toothache Stopper 2 for 16c
1.00 Syr. Hypo. Comp. 16 oz. 2 for 1.01
25c Castor Oil 2 for 26c
69c Aspirin Tablets (100's) ... 2 for 70c
15c Aspirin Tablets (12's) 2 for 16c
1.00 Mineral Oil, 16 oz. 2 for 1.01
30c Cascara Aromatic, 2 oz. ... 2 for 31c
13c Boric Acid, 2 oz. 2 for 14c
50c No. 6 Disinfectant, 16 oz. 2 for 51c
20c Fuller's Earth, 4 oz. 2 for 21c
12c Roachelle Salt 2 for 13c
15c Tincture of Iodine, 1/2 oz. ... 2 for 16c

BRUSH AND SUNDRIES

1.50 Hair Brushes 2 for 1.51
25c Jonteel Wool or Velour Powder
Puffs 2 for 26c
25c Permedge Nail File 2 for 26c
1.25 Shaving Brush 2 for 1.26
75c Cloth Brush 2 for 76c
35c Tooth Brush 2 for 36c
15c Wash Brush 2 for 16c

CANDY

60c Wrapped Caramels, 1lb ... 2 for 61c
35c Liggett's Choc. Bar 1/2lb ... 2 for 36c
5c Milk Choc. Almond Bar ... 2 for 6c
10c Milk Choc. Almond Bar ... 2 for 11c
5c Liggett's Mints, 5 flavors ... 2 for 6c
5c Liggett's Gum, 5 flavors ... 2 for 6c



Symphony Lawns

Highest quality, heavy fabric finish—24 sheets of paper, 24 envelopes. Ribbon-tied white with gold deckled borders. White and tints with fancy borders.

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One Box \$1.00

THIS SALE

Two Boxes \$1.01

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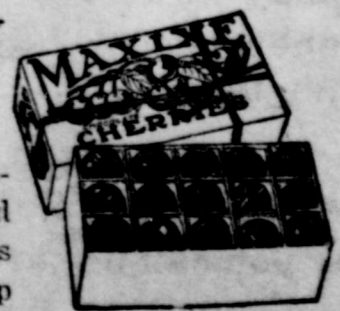
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Merkel, - - - Texas

Liggett's Assort- ed Chocolates

"Original Package"

Our standard popular assortment of high-grade mixed chocolates, including creams flavored with fruit and crisp nut meats. A package for every occasion. The kind everybody likes.



STANDARD PRICE

One Pound \$1.00

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

LEADING VARIETIES—Tomatoes, 1000-\$2.00, 500-\$1.25, Porto Rico Potatoes, 1000-\$2.75, 500-\$1.50. Sweet Peppers, 1,000-\$3.00, 500-\$1.75. Crystal Wax and Bermuda Onions, 5000-\$5.00, 1000-\$1.25, 500-70c. Dealers get our wholesale prices. **THE SEWELL COMPANY** Carrizo Springs, Texas. 4t4

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—Three Jersey Milk cows and one Poland China Shout, six months old. J. F. Davis, route 2 box 31. Phone 9010F14. 1tp

FOR SALE—Ferns, large and small; geraniums that are in bloom. Eula Sears, Phone 211. Adv. 1t

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. 1t.

COTTON SEED—Have some good Kasch Cotton Seed for sale. See J. C. Hartline Route Two, on the L. A. Watts place. 1tp.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Three good mares, well worth the money. Will sell or trade for good work mules. Roy Harrell, Merkel, Route 4. 1tp

WOOD—WOOD—Have some good cord wood for sale at my home 3 miles south of Trent at \$2.00 per cord on the ground. P. F. Tomlin, Trent, Texas. tf.

FOR SALE—Second Year Truett Cotton Seed for planting. See S. F. Haynes. 1t.

FOR RENT

LAND TO RENT—100 acres of sod land; all level and ready for the plow. Five miles north of town. Dr. Miller. 11t2

FOR RENT—Three furnished housekeeping rooms. Second house north of the Christian church. Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. Adv. 1tp

LOST

LOST—Abeaded hand bag containing \$5.00 in dimes. Finder please return to the Merkel Mail or Miss Hazel Bell, owner. Adv. 1tp

Candy Sale, Candy Sale all day Saturday. 1t

SEE THE GREAT HOUDINI

World Famous Handcuff King
In
"Haldane Of The Secret Service"

Travel around the world on the trail of a dangerous band of international counterfeiters! See the master of all dare-devils perform the most thrilling stunts in the largest cities of Europe, Asia and America! Enjoy the most novel detective story ever brought to the screen. You'll love it—and remember it for a long time! Gem Theatre, Friday April 11th. See the display advertising in the Lobby of the "Gem Theatre" and you will be convinced of the drawing power of this wonderful man. Adv. 1t

Mr. C. C. Campbell and little daughter, came in Wednesday from Falfurrias, Texas, where for several months they had been with Mrs. Campbell in the hopes that the latter might regain her health, but who was called to her reward March 31st. This paper joins this good man's many friends in extending to him and his little daughter deepest and tenderest sympathy in their loss of a true and loving companion and mother.

Mr. G. Brown was here Monday from Abilene on business. **MR. ICENBURG EXTENDS THANKS**

We take this method of extending our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors, the people of Merkel, and especially the business men for the liberal contributions given us recently on account of my continued illness and misfortunes. Again we thank you one and all. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Icenburg.

FOR SALE

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Mr. A. V. Dye, Chief of the local Fire Department, attended the District meeting of the Fire Boys at Abilene first of the week, and reports a large attendance and general good time. Merkel has a capable fire chief; Merkel has a fine fire fighting bunch of fire boys and our citizens hip is proud of them, and we should back them with our support, cooperation and means.

Mr. Sam Owens is among those of our citizens who has added nice concrete curb and walks about his home in the north part of the city.

A MARRIAGE

On Friday afternoon about three o'clock Miss Margart M. Graham and Mr. Lee C. Keys were married at the home of the bride, Rev. T. J. Rea officiating at the ceremony. Both the bride and groom live at Trent. The bride is well known in and about Merkel having been in the graduating class of '22. The couple will make their home in the White Flat community.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett returned from Clyde Wednesday afternoon where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Miller. She reports little Miss Margaret Miller recovering from a severe attack of measles.

Messrs. H. L. Propst, Percy and Ben Jones spent one day this week fishing and outing on the river. They report splendid luck.

Spring Suggestions

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Banker, L. E. Adrian of Trent was here Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Long spent last week end with Mrs. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Mrs. Claude Bigham, and daughter, Alice were here Tuesday from their ranch south west of Trent.

Tom Blair left last Sunday for Fort Worth, Texas where he goes to accept a place in the U. S. Mail service.

W. C. Sibley formerly of Merkel but now of Caddo Co. Okla. has been here visiting the past week.



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Merkel, Texas

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Senior League Program

Subject: Great Foreign Missionaries.
Leader: Leonard Wills.
Scripture: Colossians 4:7-15
Song—Prayer—Song
1. A missionary ancestry, by Roy Tucker.
2. Pioneering in th Orient, by Ollie Morton.
3. Walter Lambuths boyhood, Bro. Rea.
4. Lambuths school days, Sie Hamm.
5. a modern St. Paul, Blanche Durham.
6. The silent partner, Joe Rin-ey.
7. Announcements: Benediction. League meets at 5:30. All Leaguers urged to be present each evening and bring a new member.

Will Stith and J. M. Dunning of Abilene were here first of the week attending to business.

E. B. Barnes and family attended the Brookerson funeral at Buffalo Gap Wednesday.

Willie Brown left Tuesday for New Mexico, where goes to file on some land.

H. M. Rose was down from Sweetwatr Wednesday, coming to attend the funeral of Frank Hogue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblett and Mr. J. W. Schindler spent last Sunday in Roscoe visiting relatives.

We are glad to see Mr. Curtis Conley, formerly of Merkel at home again after three weeks in the Lubbock Sanitarium, where he underwent an operation. He is rapidly recovering at present.

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. 4t

FOR SALE—1 Firestone Ford Truck Tire, flat tread type, price \$15. West Company, Firestone Dealers. 4t

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. 21t4

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Subject—Honor Bright.
1. A firm foundation, Helen Booth.
2. Honest and true, Charlie Largent.
3. Poem—I'd rather, by Roy Giles.
4. Lying and Laziness, Joe Ben Ashby.
5. Some Bible people, Eunice Bird.

Read the Classified Column.



When in the Market for any of the following seasonable goods, as well as general hardware line, we would appreciate your coming to see us. It is now time to buy—Water hose, Garden Plows, Garden rakes, Net wire, Lawn mowers, Lawn sprinklers and various other seasonable goods.

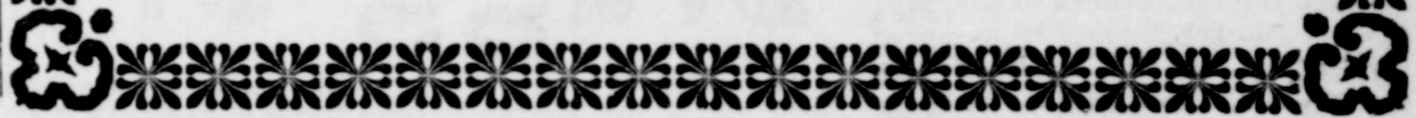
We have added to our stock a complete lines of Edison Mazda Electric Light globes; when in need of light globes, phone us and we will be pleased to deliver them to you. Our general line of Hardware is now in fine shape.

If you havn't as yet bought that John Deere Cultivator or Planter and intend to do so this season, you will have to do so soon, as our supply is almost gone.

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A NEW GARAGE

Messrs. Wade Darsey and Walter Warnken, splendid and competent mechanics, have purchased the Bill Brown Garage on Kent street and are prepared to serve their friends and the public in their line. Read their advertisement in this paper.

Candy on sale Saturday by the Sunshine class of the M. E. church.

FIELD SEED

All kinds of field seed, Hay, Hulls, and all kinds of grain. Also improved Spurr Fetireta seed. Gazzaway & Polly Feed Store. Phone 16. 4t

Paul Stanford has accepted a place with Ed's Cafe.

Miss Beatrice McLeod of Trent was here Tuesday the guest of her brother Carlton McLeod.

REBEKAH LODGE NOTICE

All members of the Bebecak Lodge are requested to be present April 15 for the purpose of finish quilting the I. O. O. F. quilt. NOTICE: The meeting time is changed from afternoon until 8 o'clock at night each Thursday.

Miss Ona Fae Rose has been quite ill all this week, but seems to be improving at present.

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ELECTION ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR
CITY OF MERKEL

On this the 7th day of April, 1924, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, convened in regular session, at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall, the following members thereof, to wit:

H. C. West, Mayor; J. P. Sharp, Alderman; A. T. Sheppard, Alderman; W. O. Boney, Alderman; J. S. Swann, Alderman being present, and among other proceedings had, was the following:

It was moved by Alderman W. O. Boney and seconded by Alderman A. T. Sheppard that there be submitted to the qualified voters of the said City, who are property taxpayers therein, the proposition for the issuance of the bonds of said City, in the following amount and for the following purpose, to wit:

FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, for the purpose of the construction of sewers.

The above motion carried by the following vote: A. T. Sheppard, J. P. Sharp, W. O. Boney, J. S. Swann voting "AYE"; none voting "NO."

THEREUPON, the following ELECTION ORDER was adopted:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned; therefore,

BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, that an election be held on the 14th day of May, 1924, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel, in the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000.00), to become due and payable serially as follows, to wit:

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (5,000.00) in the year 1932.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) in the year 1937.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) in the year 1942.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1947.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1952.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1957.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1962.

and bearing interest at the rate of not to exceed SIX PER CENTUM (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of the construction of sewers, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter Nine of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-seventh Legislature, at its Regular Session in 1921."

The said election shall be held at City Hall in the City of Merkel, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to wit: E. M. McDonald, J. A. Buford, W. A. Tittle, T. A. Beidleman.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter I, Title 18, Revised Statutes, 1911, as amended, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and none but resident qualified property taxpaying voters of the City of Merkel, Texas, shall be allowed to vote.

All voters who favor the proposition to issue the SEWER BONDS shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SEWER BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

And those opposed to issuing the SEWER BONDS shall have

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written or printed, upon their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF SEWER BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of the City of Merkel, attested by the City Secretary, shall serve as a proper notice of said election.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause notices of the

election to be posted at three public places in the City of Merkel, one of which shall be at the City Hall, the place herein designated for holding said election, for at least thirty days prior to the date of said election.

The Mayor is further authorized and directed to have said notice of election published in the Merkel Mail, which is a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Merkel, and which notice shall be published once each week for four weeks, the date of the first publication being not less than full thirty days

prior to the date of the election.

H. C. West, Mayor,
City of Merkel, Texas.
Attest: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.

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NOTICE

There will be a Bazaar on April 19th under the direction of the Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church at the Barrow Furniture Store. There will also be a market of pies and cakes and chickens.

Adv. 1t

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of expressing our thanks and sincere appreciation to the many friends who were so good and thoughtful of us in our recent illness. We hope that sometime it may be our pleasure to render some kindness to you good neighbors and friends. Mrs. M. E. Winter and children.

Candy, Candy, Candy, all day Saturday, sold by the Sunshine class of the Methodist church.,

1t.

"Special" For Easter

The Very Newest In Spring-Time Suits For men---New Hats In Latest Shades, Shoes and Oxfords the most correct

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COMPERE SAYINGS

As I have not seen any news from this place in some time, will let you know how the old homestead is getting along. The farmers of this place are about up with their work. Some have planted feed. My My how this warm weather makes us farmers want to plant cotton or to go fishing, which it is Editor?

Several cases of measles are in our community at this writing.

We are glad to report that grandmother Young is improving after several weeks illness.

Willie Spurgin, wife and mother were in Merkel Saturday.

John Patton and family made a flying trip to Merkel in their new Ford Saturday.

Geo. Rister and daughter and Miss Opal Rister were in Merkel Saturday.

R. C. Milliken and wife went to Abilene Saturday on business.

C. S. Childress and family were visiting relatives in Merkel last Saturday.

Roscoe Bland and family of Merkel spent Sunday with Mrs. Blands brother C. C. Rister of this place.

W. C. Clemer and wamily went to Hawley last Saturday visiting relatives.

The rabbit drive of this place last Friday was just splendid. Quite a number of rabbits were killed and a fine lunch was served for all. We were glad indeed to see our friends from Merkel and other places at that drive.

Several men of this community went to the rabbit drive on Swanns ranch Tuesday of this week. They report a nice time. Bro. Albertson filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon. We were glad to have Rev. John Saffle of Plainview here with us Sunday as he is an old friend and pastor to the old settlers of this community.

The B. Y. P. U. meets here every first and third Sunday nights. Everyone is invited to come.

O. B. Wade and Miss Gertrude Tarpley were quietly married Sunday afternoon. We wish for them many happy years to come.

D. W. Ashby and wife went to Merkel Saturday and Sunday. Thomas McKenney made a flying trip to Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. L. R. Robbins of Merkel spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Young. School is progressing nicely.

By Susan Jane.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank the good people of Shiloh community and elsewhere for their kindness shown us during the serious illness and death of loving mother. I thank all for the great help and comforting words. May God bless each one is our prayer.

M. F. Naron and children.

North Side Circle Meets

The North Side Circle of the Baptist church met with Mrs. Earl Lassiter Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with twelve ladies present. A business session was held after which the study class took the first chapter in the book, "A Wondering Jew in Brazil", with Mrs. Dye as teacher. The circle will meet with Mrs. Jinks Winter on next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The lesson will be the second chapter of the book.

Special prices on oats, alfalfa, and prairie hay. Swafford, South Side. 1t.

TYE CIRCUIT

There will be preaching next Sunday at Stith in the morning and at Comper in the afternoon. All are cordially invited to worship with us. B. Y. Dickerson, pastor.

M. L. Estes is visiting his son L. L. Estes of Plainview this week.

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SEEZEM and SQUEEZEM

By OSCAR HITT

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Along the Old Cow Trail

"Panhandle Jim" and His Red Top Boots
Captive an Indian Maiden.

By AUSTIN CALLAN.

Over two hundred cow-punchers of the old days met in San Antonio on November 3rd, 1923. They were from every part of the state attending the annual meeting of the Trail Drivers' Association. George Saunders is the president of this association and all Texas knows George. He's a noble Roman of the Southwest. J. B. Murrah, of the State Live Stock Sanitary Commission, was also a prominent member in attendance, and there were others like Joe Jackson of Alpine, ex-president of the Cattle Raisers' association and George Burrows of Del Rio, who made many trips over the Chisolm trail, when Indians were as thick along the way as flappers are now in a Broadway cafe.

Reading the proceedings of that great gathering, where the red-blooded men of a half a century ago met to live in memory again the camp scenes of days forever gone, we recalled a story told by Clay Mann more than thirty years ago. This is the story: Jim Murray was known as "Panhandle Jim," a name given to him by Mr. Mann, who was one of the early cattle buyers of the west and perhaps the biggest buyer who ever entered the game.

The title was acquired on the Mann ranch in Coleman county. This ranch was established in the early seventies when Clay rode a little pony away from old Birdville in Tarrant county to make his fortune out "where the West begins, and where hand-clasps are a little warmer." On one occasion the Mann outfit was gathering cattle along the Colorado river. A peddler from down about San Saba came by with a load of sweet potatoes. Mr. Mann bought a bushel and Jim Murray liked them so well that he took a long handled frying pan and fried up every one of them. Several times the remark was made that it looked like there was no chance to ever get Murray away from the panhandle again and from that time on the punchers all called him "Panhandle Jim."

"Panhandle" a Social Favorite.

In the spring of 1874 or 1875, Mr. Mann put up a herd of cattle for delivery at Cheyenne, Wyoming. The night before they were started out on the trail, a big dance was given at the Kin Elkins home near Camp Colorado, complimentary to the boys who were going away. The frontier belles were all present and until a very late hour they "tripped the light fantastic toe" to the music of Jop Brown's fiddle and the jangle of spurs.

"Panhandle" was a social favorite, and Jim Jackson said that this was due to the fact that he had won enough money on a horse race to buy a pair of boots with red stars around the tops. At any rate, the girls "fell" for Panhandle and before the dance wound up, one of the favorite belles of the settlement had promised to be his bride.

The next morning the boys were hustled from their bunks before daylight. "We want to get away and drive as far as we can while the dew is on the grass," said Mr. Mann, "then we



"The Long Horns Strung Out on the Lonesome Trail, With their Noses Turned Toward the North."

will let the herd drift along and graze."

It was a cool morning; a late spring norther had sprung up during the night and there wasn't a cow-pony in the outfit that didn't feel good enough to do a little bucking when saddled. Panhandle Jim had a pretty bay horse in his mount branded 2 D. This horse was of Rebel racing blood and spirited, and he put on a pitching exhibition that would prove a thriller today in Tom Burnett's Rodeo. Panhandle was able to stay in the saddle, however, without "pulling leather," and this added to his laurels and made him a regular hero with the ladies at the Kin Elkins home, who were up in time to witness the performance.

Shortly after sun-rise farewells were spoken and the long horns strung out on the lonesome trail, with their noses turned to the north. Jim Ivy and Bob Morgan pointed the herd. Bob Mann and Henry Ford worked at the flank and Panhandle was back with the drags. There were a number of other boys, whose names have passed from memory, but not their valuable service.

The country to be traversed was very wild at that time. Some buffalo were still on the range and deer and antelope were plentiful. It was along about Tecumseh Peak that a drove of antelope was encountered which must have numbered more than a thousand. No game laws were in force then and the average hunting party ruthlessly slaughtered at will. But Clay Mann had vision, and he instructed the boys to never kill any more game than could be used to advantage. As a consequence, only two antelope were brought to camp. Jim Ivy, who was riding a swift horse and was known as one of the best shots in the west, tumbled these over with his faithful old "Cap-an'-ball."

The trip was not accompanied by any special thrills from there on until the outfit passed over the state border. Once a tribe of Indians halted the boys in the Wichita mountains and for a while it looked like there was to be some real excitement, but the red skins were given a beef, which was all that they asked, and went their way rejoicing.

An Indian Pow-wow.

In the northwest corner of the Indian Territory the herd was bedded one night close to where the Cherokees were holding some kind of a pow-wow.

Henry Ford suggested to the boys that they saddle up and ride over.

"That'll be a dinged good way to leave the boss without any hands," said Bob Morgan. "Them Injuns will commence runnin' us an' never stop until they jump us off into Red River."

"Yes, an' skin up Panhandle's purty boots as he hits it through the tall sage grass," added Jim Ivy.

But Henry assured the boys that if they behaved themselves properly there wouldn't be any trouble, so the outfit dolled up in their gladdest rags and went over. A big buck welcomed the visitors with a few grunts which Bob said either meant "sit down," or "go chase yourselves." He could not be sure of which, as he had forgotten his Indian lingo. But the boys were attracted by a very good looking Indian maiden, who was dancing for the amusement of the assembly, so they put a welcome interpretation upon the grunts and sat down with good intentions.

"We're dressed as well as they are, anyway," whispered Ivy. "It looks to me as if it must have been wash day and that the squaws left the bucks breeches hanging on the clothes line."

"Yep, but watch that Jane out there shake her moccasins," put in Panhandle. "By gosh I'm going to get up and rattle my old hoofs with her."

"You'd better not," warned Bob Morgan. But before the words were hardly out of Bob's mouth, Pan was in the middle of the circle knocking the backstep and making his spurs jangle like a jazz band. For a moment a deep frown came across the face of the old chief of the tribe, who was seated with the rest of the savages on the ground.

Observing this sign of disapproval, Bob said: "Right here is where a fool and his friend soon parts. I think I am needed back at the herd right now. There might be a stampede any moment."

But when the chief saw that the Indian girl was amused by the capers of the cowboy, he commenced laughing and slapping his hands together. This was a signal for all to accept the act in a spirit of friendliness, and the "massacre" was indefinitely postponed.

Bob eased back to his former seat on the ground and after biting a jaw-full of tobacco from a big plug which he carried in his hip pocket, was heard to remark: "By jinks, one had jist' as

well be born lucky as with good sense."

During the evening Panhandle Jim and Venitta, the Indian girl became quite friendly—so friendly that when the boys started back to camp, he could not resist the temptation of giving her a good-by hug, at which the girl appeared startled and pulling loose from the cowboy's arms, she asked in broken English: "You no got a squaw?"

"No," replied Panhandle, and then she smiled, throwing a kiss at him as he turned away.

"Wop!" declared Bob, "those shop-made boots with the red stars have lassoed another filly."

"O, I guess not," answered Panhandle, "but the little dickens is as cute as she is wild. I couldn't help liking her."

"Of course not," continued Bob, laughing as he sang one of the favorite songs of the old trail days, with the words slightly changed:

"If ever I pass this way again
An' that Indian lass doesn't find me,
I'll hurry back to my pretty little girl,
The girl I left behind me."

Romance Along the Trail.

It was about the middle of the following afternoon that the herd passed out of the Indian Nation and was turned northwest in the direction of Cheyenne. A summer's sun was beating down on the punchers, as they whistled along by the side of the cattle and it was very dusty, for the country that was now being traversed had not been favored with rain for months.

Looking back, Jim Ivy saw a fog at the top of a ridge in the distance, and showing it to one of the other men he said: "Pears to be somebody following us on a horse." Several times between then and dusk the object was observed, always about the same distance behind the herd, and it was very evident that the rider did not wish to catch up. Ivy related the incident at the camp fire that night and Bob Morgan offered the suggestion that perhaps some Indian buck had formed an affection for Panhandle's boots and was bent on stealing them. He then said that Pan had better sleep with them on his feet.

No more words were spoken regarding the incident, and everybody "turned in" early. By ten o'clock the camp was silent, except for the loud snoring of Old Bob, the negro cook. Jim Ivy staked Jack Rabbit, his favorite horse, only a few yards away from the chuck

wagon and was sleeping under the wagon because, he said, the full moon hurt his eyes. Along about twelve o'clock, maybe a little later, Jack Rabbit threw up his head and snorted in such a way that Jim knew something was wrong about the camp.

Several of the boys were awakened by the noise and got up and joined Jim in making a search of the adjacent territory. About a hundred yards from the chuck wagon there was a little thicket in which a person could easily hide. Taking their guns with them and approaching this thicket, the cowboys cautiously surrounded it. Then Henry Ford agreed to go in and make a reconnaissance.

When Henry had got well into the thicket he thought he heard a rustling among the underbrush and someone breathing deeply. Advancing a little further, he was startled by the scream of a woman. The men accompanying him rushed in with drawn pistols ready for work, if resistance were offered. When Jim Ivy struck a match, a woman jumped up from her bed among the leaves; as the flame lighted her face, Jim exclaimed: "It is Venitta! What on earth are you doing here, girl?"

"I follow pale face," she said, in a trembling voice. "No send me back my people. Indian girl love heem very much."

"But we are going far to the north," declared Jim, "it would not do for you to go 'long. We are just a bunch of bad cowboys."

"O, meester, good white man," she begged, "me once went vere far, an' ride swift horse in hunt. Me no 'fraid an' no make trouble. Jes' love heem, that all, an' do what you care."

Jim saw that it was useless for him to reason further. "The Indian women are just like the American women," he exclaimed. "You haven't got a chance to win an argument with either the one or the other."

"But what shall we do with her?" asked Henry.

"Turn her over to Panhandle," replied Jim, "he's the one who threw a match in the powder house an' I guess every blamed one of us will be blowed up."

In the light of the camp fire, which Bob Morgan had brightened up by adding a few chunks of wood, Panhandle pleaded with the girl to return to the Indian tribe. She finally agreed to this on condition that he would come to her after he reached the end of the trail. Then she nimbly sprang to the back of her little pony and turned away, waving Panhandle good-bye, and saying: "Venitta go now, but Venitta's heart stay!"

A hush fell over the camp and there were moist eyes among some of those rough cowboys. Ivy put the big black coffee-pot on some coals that he raked out, and adding to it a little more water, said: "Boys, from here on to Cheyenne we're going to hang at the flank of this herd an' there ain't goin' to be any more durned monkey-business."

If You Haven't Much Money

How Some Students Work Their Way Through University of Texas.

By HOWARD C. MARSHALL.

Just a few years ago, Robert Stoll, age 18, of Taylor, Texas, was busily engaged nailing a few boards on the ceiling of a room. A nail flew from its place, under the blow of the hammer, and struck him in the left eye. In spite of the finest medical attention, young Stoll lost the sight of not only his left, but also of his right eye; he was totally blind.

At the time of the accident, he had completed the seventh grade in the Taylor public schools. Today he is a graduate of the University of Texas, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the highest honorary scholastic fraternity in the country. He will receive his Master of Arts degree at the close of the present session.

"When I knew that I would be blind the rest of my life," quietly states Mr. Stoll, "I realized that I would have to get an education. I made up my mind to go to the University of Texas, and to stay there until I had attained my goal. I intend to take my Doctor of Philosophy degree before I finish."

Robert Stoll did not have a rich father to help him financially, but his quiet determination told him that there was a way. He resolved to earn the necessary money for his scholarship, and, notwithstanding a handicap that would have caused most boys to despair, total blindness, he has earned every penny of his expenses during his four years as a student of the University of Texas.

Invented Two Slot Machines.

"I knew that I could not mow lawns, or wait on tables, or be a clerk in some store, or do any other of the hundred and one things that the average high school boy can do to work his way through college; I had to have something that would work for me. I noticed that the boys in B hall, the men's dormitory were always running down to the corner store for candy, cigars,

etc. So I brought the things which they wanted to their very doors, by means of those three machines which you see there. Two of them are my own inventions."

One of these machines, to which he pointed, looks very much like the familiar chewing gum slot machines that are seen in nearly all railroad depots. It delivers into the hand of the purchaser an ordinary Hershey chocolate bar when a nickel is deposited in the proper slot. Another built along the same plan handles cigars. In addition to these, he procured two ordinary chewing gum and peanut slot machines. All were put up in the corridors of B hall, and are now doing a rushing business. Stoll's only duties in connection with his machines, consists in visiting them once daily for re-filling purposes, and for gathering in the money which has been spent by gum, peanut, and chocolate-hungry students.

This is only one illustration of the courage and determination that is sending hundreds of boys to our State University in the quest for higher education and training. It is only illustrative of what almost any boy can do if he has the grit and the determination to work his way through school. It is because hundreds of boys with the same spirit of Robert Stoll in a student body of 4700 that has resulted in one-half of

them working their way through the University of Texas.

How It Can Be Done.

Block Smith, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at the University of Texas, was asked the question:

"Can the average high school boy

make all necessary expenses, and at the same time keep up with the ordinary school work?"

This was his reply:

"Of course he can; hundreds of the boys are doing it. But the average high school boy should, if possible, have about one hundred and fifty dollars when he arrives in Austin to keep him going until he can find employment. This will also enable him to get a better start on his first year subjects without being too much worried over financial

matters at the beginning. If he has that much money, he can undoubtedly make the remainder of the necessary amount to put himself through four years of university work."

There are really three ways by which students are making their way through the University: First, by regular positions and odd jobs after school hours;

second, by unusual and unique money-making schemes; and third, by working during summer vacations. The first group is the largest one, and the one most sought after by the students, for work of this type is steady, and, as a rule, comes when it does not interfere with study hours. These positions include: Waiting on tables, washing dishes, drying dishes, tending furnaces, and work of a like nature about the boarding houses. For this work a boy will be given, as a rule, his board

and room, and he is expected to put in from three to four hours of labor daily, though the actual time is often much less. Examples of odd jobs which are available from day to day are: Mowing lawns, delivering messages, moving furniture, driving automobiles for timorous ladies, and watching children while their parents are away from home. Two boys are guards at the State Treasury, in the Capitol, though their guarding duties consist in going to the treasury at six o'clock in

the afternoon, studying their lessons until the usual bedtime hour, and then retiring and spending the nights comfortably in beds near the vaults.

At the University cafeteria alone more than thirty boys are employed, their work consisting of washing and drying dishes, running the steam table where the meats are kept warm, and presiding over the counters by which the hungry college students pass three times daily with their aluminum trays. Cafeteria employes are paid thirty-five cents an hour during the first year and forty cents thereafter, and they are allowed to work three and one-half hours each day.

Other steady positions which net the holders from thirty-five to one hundred dollars a month include: Clerical and stenographic work in the different departments of the University and at the State Capitol, general clerking in Austin stores after class hours, collecting for Austin merchants, drumming trade for business houses, (particularly tailor shops and boarding houses), taking tickets and acting as ushers at the Austin theaters, serving as assistants and tutors in the various departments of the University. Six students are employed in the mechanical departments of the Daily Texan, the official daily newspaper of the University, and several others in the mailing, advertising, and editorial departments of The Texan.

Tommy Word's Experience.

Of course, it should not be believed that a boy can jump off the train at Austin, and find a fifty or sixty dollar a month job waiting for him, for usually these desirable positions are held by the students who have been at the University for more than one year. But the average high school boy can be sure of finding something to do that will provide him with board and room, and

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"These Six Students can Clean and Polish Windows in Record-Breaking Time."

CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

APRIL DAYS.



April is supposed to be like a certain church of history, but there's very little about April to suggest churches or to put a fellow in tune with the good things the churches teach. If April was the only month, and did not forsake its present follies and foibles, I doubt seriously whether the churches would long survive. When the Master said the gates of Hades should not prevail against the churches, He knew full well that it was April only one-twelfth of the time, and it would be easy enough to break, during the other eleven months of the year, the hold Hades gains upon the church and other institutions and impluses during April. But, as I said before, April is supposed to be like a certain church of history—the church at Laodacea—which was neither hot nor cold, and for its lukewarmness was spewed out. But April isn't like that church; April is cold, most of the time, and always at the wrong time—the time when people have no coal or wood, and can't get any, for love or money. Last week most of us bought a few hundred pounds of coal to finish up the winter on; we have "finished up" the coal all right, but winter comes up smiling each recurring morn and always spends the day. And in April it rains—rains when the clouds are worn to a thin fringe, and rains even when the sun is shining.

April gets a very bad start. It begins with April Fool day, the time people cause you to do foolish stunts by telling you a bare-faced lie about a dire catastrophe to something or somebody, and then calling you an April fool, while you try to laugh but have a strong inward urge to pound the purveyor of the falsehood into pulp. And April is chargeable with instigating more of the lying that men do than any other month, for it is April that ushers men into spring laziness, and laziness always suggest going fishing. To be sure, I am not saying all fishermen are liars, neither do I say it is impossible for a fisherman to tell the truth. I incline to the opinion that if some fellows should go fishing and catch, in an hour or two, a hundred pretty bass or trout, weighing from three to seven pounds each, he would probably give a truthful account of his catch, but truth may expect to be torn to threads and ruthless-

ly trodden under foot so long as there are fishermen who catch nothing or succeed only in landing a few small perch or cats. Somehow truth just won't hang around, but always takes wings and sails away when a fellow is measuring or weighing a small fish.

But April brings us other things which amply and gloriously compensate for its unseasonable cold, its belated fuel bills, its deluges and its fishermen and their attacks upon truth. It is in April that the buds of the honeysuckle swell and give their glories of tint and fragrance to gladden and sweeten the earth. It is in April that the young and velvety leaves appear and lace works of magic beauty are traced and woven as the sun sifts through them and casts their shadows upon the ground. It is in April that the very earth and the steamy air become rife with fragrance, and everywhere grace and beauty flush into life. And it is in April that the plow, the Alpha and Omega of civilization, strikes a steady gait in its long season of urging mother earth to provide food and raiment for her teeming millions. The whistled tune of the plow boy is the world's song of hope, his rees and haws and gid-dups to old Beck the commands that fill the world's grainaries and keep the world's machinery in motion. It is in April that we scent, by faith in God and man and the seasons, the aroma of the new-mown hay; in April that we vision golden harvests and see the great corn fields waving their golden banners and the endless stretches of cotton fields bedecked in white and crimson bugies pointed at the sun. And so, while April makes for us fuel bills that were not placed in our budgets of expense, and harnesses all the cloudly chariots and sends us showers and deluges we do not want, and instills into us a lassitude that turns our thoughts to the creek banks and the finey tribe, we find that the fourth month, like all others, is used by God to make the world better and add to the sum total of human happiness. If there be those who feel that they can not bear the ills of rain and cold and coal bills much longer, I would remind them that summer is only two months in the future, and ask them to look beyond these treacherous April days to the transcendent joys of good old summer time. Within eight short weeks, dear friends, you will be chasing and swatting the festive fly, a winged creature that has always shown an affectionate regard for your dome of

thought and for your dining table. Furthermore, within the short space of two months your anatomy will be a range of red, fiery bumps raised by the persistent chiggers and you will forget, as you try to scratch these smarting flesh hills away, that goose bumps were ever raised upon your frames by the bitter cold. Yes, in a few weeks you will forget all about deluges and coal bills and bestow your energies in pounding your ear-drums in a mad effort to murder the musical mosquitos. And when bed-time comes, instead of hunting more blankets and placing warmed brick to your feet, you will apply lotions to the wounds made by the ticks that stick closer than your kin folks, or the friends that want to borrow money. Ere there is a waxing and a waning of another moon you will have ceased to worry over fuel supplies and will be fussing at the ice man over the smallness of the block he left for a dime and the quality of the chilling product. Think not of the little ills of early April; look beyond them to the glories to be revealed in a few short weeks, to which they are not worthy to be compared. Eight weeks from now you who are worrying because winter will not go will be reaping all the joy and excitement attendant upon shaving the lawn with a dull lawn mower. All things come to those who wait.

ROBBED HAIR. When I first knew man he was meddling in woman's affairs; he is the same meddlesome creature now, and has been throughout the stretch of years that intervened between that ancient date and the present good hour. When I became acquainted with genus homo he was telling wife and daughter they should not wear hoop skirts, the big wire contrivance that encircled woman and made so much space between her and her dress that she looked very much like an inflated balloon; a contrivance that frequently caused rather startling revelations when the wearer attempted to sit down in a chair. The orders, as I remember, were given in words that were positive and in tones that left no doubt of the speaker's earnestness. After hearing the self-constituted heads of the household place so forcibly the ban upon the styles that were then coming into vogue I felt sure that never would I see a member of one of the households arrayed in hoopskirts, and that the new-fangled style of spreading woman out to such awful dimensions would never gain a hold in

the quiet little community in which I lived. The manufacturers of hoopskirts, however, paid no attention to the forceful orders and threats of the husbands and fathers; on the contrary, they made additions to their machinery, hired more help and made more hoopskirts. Neither did the dry goods dealers manifest any fears of a dropping off of the hoopskirt trade. They filled their stores with hoopskirts and placed big advertisements in the papers saying they had just received from the most up-to-date manufacturers large shipments of hoopskirts of widest dimensions and could fit every woman, no matter what her height or size, in the latest creations from the centers of fashion. While the man made louder protests and direr threats, the hoopskirts increased in diameter and circumference until it was very difficult for two wearers thereof to meet and turn around in a room of average size, and the demand increased, and the style grew in popularity until every woman in the country was the owner and the wearer of hoops. After a run of a few years the fickle goodness of fashion issued another decree, and hoopskirts and woman parted, perhaps forever. When this scribe left Tennessee many years ago one of the early spring jobs was to gather up the old hoopskirts so the gardens could be plowed.

mantua makers and the dry goods merchants did not become alarmed. The factories turned out garments a little smaller, the magazines showed pictures of femininity wrapped a little tighter, and the dry goods men increased their orders, enjoying a more lucrative business as the days passed on. And day by day, in every way, women learned the art of crowding her avoirdupois into smaller garments. And then the days of short dresses came. How short they were you well know; I dare not say. Again the husbands and fathers protested, and again the press and pulpit raved; but the protests and raving were answered by greater abbreviation, and the scenery grew in interest.

This brings me to the question of bobbed hair. It began with the smaller girls, spread to the larger girls, was welcomed by the younger matrons, and now, like death, claims all ages for its own. And today there are men ripping and rearing over the country, swearing their daughters and wives shall not bob their hair. Seeing how little they have learned from history, how quickly they have forgotten the lessons of the past, I am almost ashamed of my sex. Unless a woman has her hair bobbed she never can know how she would look with short dresses, neither can she ever experience the thrill that comes with the first appearance before friends after a visit to the barber and hearing them say to her face how she looks. Of course I am not taking sides on the bobbed hair issue. I am avoiding it just as I am the Klan and evolution issues, but if I were a manufacturer of hair pins, I would sell out, or at least lease my machinery for a few years. If I were the proprietor of a tonorial establishment I would put in more chairs and hire more barbers. That's just what I would do.

Speaking of the ground hog, I can not help believing he is a wicked Republican. I do not say this because a ground hog is as hard to get out of his hole as a Republican is to dislodge from a good office, but because the two are so much alike in their wicked predictions. Four years ago the Republicans predicted they would carry the country by two million majority and then went ahead and carried it by a majority of about six millions. And the pesky ground hog, after forecasting six more weeks of winter, gave us ten weeks. I despise such exaggeration in the fulfillment of prophesy.

Hatching and Care of Baby Chicks

By F. W. KAZMEIER.

A recent investigation unearthed the astounding fact that only fifty per cent of eggs hatched are raised, and in many cases, less. The thinking person will at once admit, there must be something wrong with the general principle causing such a loss, and the very foundation of a business that permits so much loss is not properly secured.

There is a reason for the above rather alarming facts. Some of these we shall endeavor to discuss in this article. The hen lays the egg so it will be hatched into a chick, and not for human consumption, as so many believe. The hen makes all plans, for the purpose of producing the egg, so that at the end of the 21 days it may develop in a perfect baby chick.

Cause of Poor Hatches.

Unless the breeding pen consists of vigorous and healthy stock, it cannot produce chicks that possess these wonderful advantages and essentials. A weak hen can only produce a weak-germed egg, that, if it hatches at all, the chick can only be a weakling that will have more or less of a hard time existing and certainly will not grow and produce a profit for its owner. What is a weak hen? Is it true that it is hard to distinguish weakness in chicks. Our answer is, no. It is possible and even a pleasure to hatch and raise strong chicks, and it is most discouraging to have to raise weak and ailing chicks. In view of all of this, the successful poultry raiser keeps in touch with the breeding pen.

Every individual in the breeding pen should be a strong, robust, healthy individual. A hen with a glossy plumage, short stubby beak, and head, prominent, bright clear eyes, active, singing, with a large bright red comb and wattles, to some extent measures up to our standard of a vigorous hen. The male should measure up to the same standard, in fact more so. The male bird that is gallant, active, and a great fighter, is the one fit to head the breeding pen. The male bird that can crow the loudest and longest, proclaims his right to be placed at the head of the breeding pen.

Too many persons expect weak, inferior breeding stock to produce strong, healthy and beautiful baby chicks. This of course is impossible.

The breeding stock should be allowed free range, and an abundance of green food. A closely penned flock will

not produce as highly fertile eggs and strong chicks as free range stock. It is not possible to get around this fact.

Lack of an abundance of green food for the breeders, is positively going to reduce fertility and hatchability. Any kind of succulent green food, like green clover, lettuce, sprouted oats, green cabbage, green grass of any kind will answer the purpose.

Milk fed to breeding stock is sure to help increase the fertility and hatchability of eggs-for-hatching.

Chilling also reduces the vitality of hatching eggs. Any temperature below 50 degrees is injurious.

Saving eggs for hatching for more than a week is sure to lower the vitality of hatching eggs.

Forcing the breeding stock to lay an abnormally large number of eggs, by such unnatural forcing methods as electric lights, forcing meshes and stimulants, is bound to reduce the vigor of the chicks hatched from such eggs.

A hen as a hatcher is now about out of date. The hen has no superior as a hatcher, but she is simply too slow for the present generation. She can hatch 15 eggs in 21 days, while our modern incubators take care of as many as one million eggs at a setting.

The hen knows her business. The incubator is a machine without any sense or knowledge. For that reason the operator must know his or her business. If he or she does not, then the chick will not be properly hatched. It may hatch, but it has been brought into this world at a disadvantage. Thousands of baby chicks are handicapped by not being properly hatched; they live only a short time, or remain unprofitable weaklings all their lives. It pays to see to it that the chicks are hatched right and under the proper con-

ditions, but it would take too much space to discuss in an article of this length. It is not so important, however, because baby chicks are now offered for sale by many so-called hatcheries or baby chick producers, who know the hatching business and the science and art of incubation, like the Chinese thousands of years ago, who carefully guarded this information and passed it from generation to generation, until finally it was lost, along with much other valuable information.

them from the incubator into their brooders, that have been thoroughly warmed up and dried out.

The hard coal heated hovers and blue flame kerosene hovers are the best. Natural gas burners may be used where natural gas is available. Electric hovers are satisfactory for small flocks in cities.

Sand on the floor is an ideal litter. The brooder should be kept warm enough to keep the chicks on the edge of the hover all the time.

We have found that one of the real secrets of feeding baby chicks is to give them whole milk and no water the first two weeks, and then either skimmed milk, sweet or sour, and water. It pays to buy whole milk for your chicks the first two weeks. There is nothing like it, and nothing that will quite take its place.

The best way of feeding, is to use any of the high grade buttermilk starting feeds manufactured by responsible feed manufacturers, and fed according to directions. Our experience has convinced us that the best plan is to keep the dry buttermilk starting feed before the chicks all the time in shallow feeders.

After the first week, allow the chicks to run outside in the direct sunshine. Sunshine filtering through glass is not as desirable as direct sunlight.

The chicks should have green food, of some kind. It must be tender and juicy. Young green clover, or any other grass, is satisfactory.

Keep the chicks warm, but not too hot, in clean well ventilated brooders, with dry buttermilk starting feed before them all the time, all the while milk they want to drink the first two weeks, and watch them grow.

IF YOU HAVEN'T MUCH MONEY.

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which he can later step into better paying work. Perhaps the experience of Tommy Word of Kingsville, Texas, assistant yell leader of the school, and one of the most popular men in the whole University, illustrates the point better than anything else:

"When I arrived in Austin, explained Tommy, 'a couple of years ago, I hunted a list of the boarding houses about the University, and telephoned the proprietors. At the third call, I landed a place for straight old hashing. Well, I was fired about two days later for being too green, but I found another place right off. I've tackled a bit of everything since I've been here, but I'm sure that if a kid really wants to stick it out he can easily do it. The whole town wants to help him.'

Tommy Word is now right hand man to Miss Jansen in the University cafeteria, and is, in addition, a skilled collector for one of the biggest business firms in Austin.

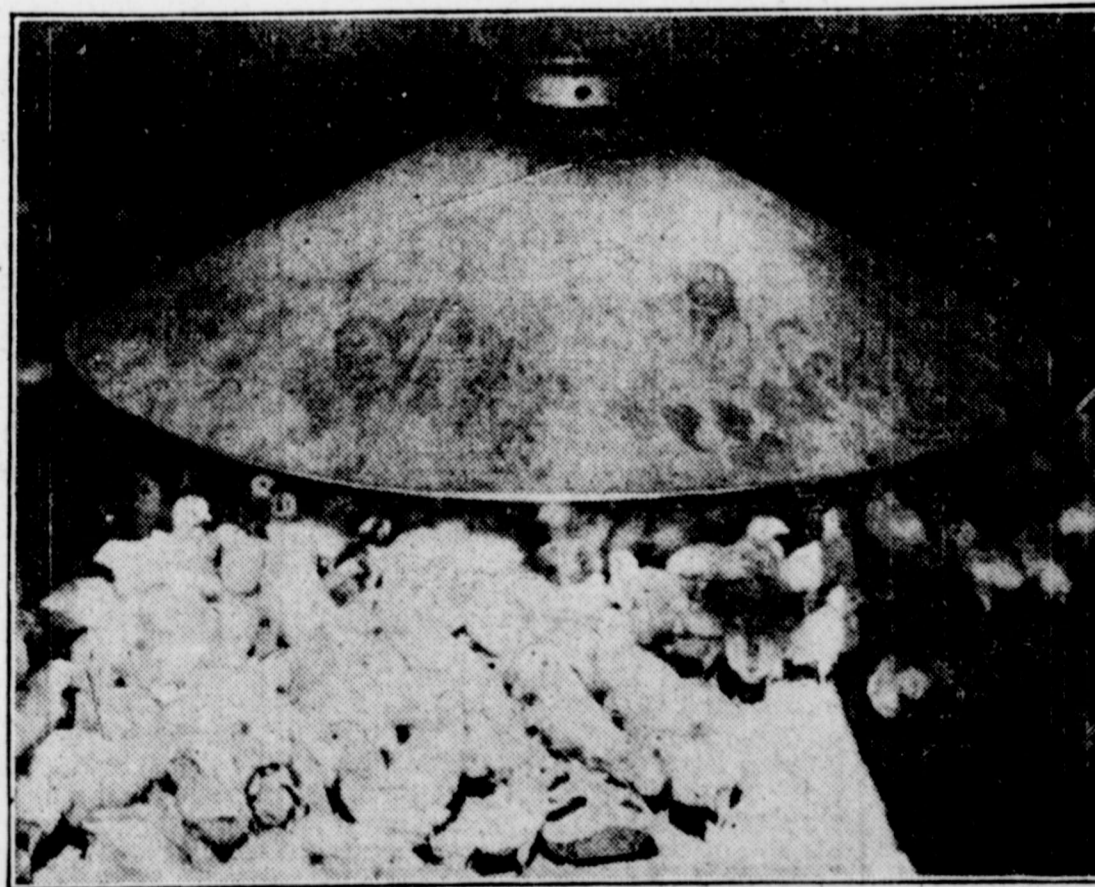
While the aforementioned means of working one's way through the University are the most reliable, and are most followed by students, there is always the chance that a boy, with an idea that is original and worthwhile, can make quicker, bigger, and easier money.

An enterprising and talented student, Jimmy Maloney, of Commerce, Texas, organized a college dance orchestra composed of himself and seven other students. For two years "Jimmy's Joys" were the rage of Austin and the surrounding country, and great were the financial returns of the venture. During the winter term of last year, Maloney and his band were offered a contract with the Majestic big-time vaudeville circuit. Since that time, this organization has appeared in nearly every state as head-liners on the Majestic programs.

Student Window Cleaners Company.

The Student Window Cleaners Company is one of the newest schemes, also, but it is already providing employment to six students. It is a national organization, being originally instituted at the University of Colorado, at Boulder, Colo., by W. C. Rose and W. E. Rose, brothers, both of that city. By means of ladders, and specially designed equipment, together with liberal application of Bon Ami, the students can

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Baby Chicks and the "Mother Brooder."

Raising the Little Chicks.

Since space does not permit our going into detail, we shall have to resort to the next best thing and that is to enumerate a few facts the successful chick-raiser always observe.

A little chick comes into this world perfectly helpless, no protection from cold or heat, no sense of taste or smell, not very much strength, but sufficient nourishment to keep it alive for several days, or until it becomes strong enough to search for feed.

Do not feed the chicks until they are at least 72 hours old. When they are 48 hours old remove

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER THE STATE

FIRE KEY RATES REDUCED.

During the year 1923 the fire key rate in 293 towns in Texas was reduced an average of four and one-half per cent.

WINTERS METHODISTS BUILD.

The Methodists of Winters, Texas, have let the contract for a modern church to cost \$40,000 and to be completed by August 25, 1924.

ODD FELLOWS TO MEET IN WICHITA FALLS.

The next meeting of the Texas Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held in Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1925.

GRAIN DEALERS TO MEET IN NEW BRAUNFELS.

New Braunfels has been awarded the privilege of entertaining the Texas Grain Dealers' Association, the convention to be held May 23 and 24, 1924.

PRO-HI ENFORCEMENT OFFICES MOVE.

The district headquarters for the Prohibition Enforcement Offices are to be moved from El Paso to San Antonio. A branch office will be maintained in El Paso.

TARRANT COUNTY USES BUDGET SYSTEM.

As a result of the use of a carefully prepared budget system Tarrant county, it is announced, will close the year 1924 in splendid financial condition, without an overdraft.

BROOKS COUNTY VOTES ROAD BONDS.

The Brooks county road bond issue has been voted almost unanimously and thus \$250,000 in bonds is made available for the building and improvement of Brooks county roads.

AUSTIN TO RAISE BOOSTER FUND.

The Austin Chamber of Commerce has decided to raise \$25,000 to be used in advertising Austin as a home town, a business town, a manufacturing center and an educational center to the whole wide world.

ABILENE GETS SPECIAL HOME SEEKER RATES.

The T. & P. Railway Company has included Abilene, Texas, in the special home seeker rates that apply from Dallas and Fort Worth to points west and represents a special reduction in the regular fares.

ADDITIONAL SEAWALL PROTECTION FOR GALVESTON.

Approximately 1400 feet of additional seawall fill has been constructed at Galveston, and, when completed, will protect the entire east end suburb of the island. Additional filling is to be done immediately and continued until the work is completed.

OLD RANGER SEEKS WORD FROM COMRADES.

All former members of Company B, Texas Rangers, who served between the years of 1876 and 1883 are requested to communicate with William B. Black, 69 years old, 225 1/2 West Thirteenth street, Fort Worth, a former member of that command.

PECAN AND WALNUT TREES DONATED.

W. R. Cavitt of Bryan will present the people of that city, free of charge, 1,000 fine pecan and 300 black walnut plants, for the improvement and beautification of their homes and improvement of the city in general.

CALF ROPER BREAKS HIS OWN RECORD.

Lee Robinson of Kingman, Arizona, world champion calf roper, broke his own record at Houston's rodeo, March 23, when he tied his calf in 15 1-5 seconds. Robinson's previous time had been 16 seconds flat.

FOURTEEN PARK SITES DONATED.

As a result of the first tour of the State Parks Board, headed by Gov. Neff, fourteen park sites, ranging in size from 10 to 100 acres, have been definitely donated to the State. The first tour was an eleven-day trip through Southwest Texas.

MILK MAIZE AND KAFIR SENT TO CONSTANTINOPLE.

A shipment of milk maize and kafir seed was made from Floydada recently and consigned to an implement and tractor firm in Constantinople, Turkey. The shipment is for demonstration purposes, with the idea of introducing this West Texas crop into Asia Minor.

TEXAS DOCTOR DISCOVERER OF "TRUTH SERUM."

Dr. E. E. House of Ferris, Texas, is the discoverer of scopolamin a drug that is becoming famous as the "Truth Serum." It is claimed that the administration of this drug destroys temporarily the will power of a person to an extent that said person is incapable of misrepresentation and when questioned will tell the actual truth regardless of how much he might be incriminated by so doing.

TEXAS RAILROADS SHOW INCREASED EARNINGS.

For the twelve months of 1923 Texas railroads reached high records in gross earnings and also showed a substantial increase in net operating revenues over 1922, according to figures made public by the Railroad Commission.

MOUNT PLEASANT RAISES \$1,000 FOR FARM CONTEST.

One thousand dollars has been raised at Mount Pleasant, Northeast Texas, to be distributed as awards in a farm contest. There will be about twenty prizes in corn and cotton classes. Application blanks have been mailed to 2,000 farmers in Titus county.

BEXAR COUNTY TAXES TO BE GREATLY REDUCED.

The County Judge of Bexar county has announced that as a result of some months of careful investigation it has been found that the County Commissioners can reduce the taxes of Bexar county at least 20 per cent for the year 1924.

RIO GRANDE BRIDGE CONTRACT LET.

El Paso, the gateway to Mexico, is to have a new International bridge across the Rio Grande river to cost \$180,000. It is to be constructed at the foot of Stanton street and the contract has been let to R. E. McKee, a local contractor of El Paso. It is to be a modern concrete and steel structure.

TEXAS MANUFACTURERS WILL MEET IN SAN ANTONIO.

Men engaged in manufacturing enterprises throughout Texas, and known as "Captains of Industry," will meet in the historic city of San Antonio, May 23, 1924, when the Texas Manufacturers' Association members gather there for a two-day session. This is expected to be the largest attended meeting of its kind in Texas.

TO SELL VAST ACREAGE OF SCHOOL LANDS.

Approximately 350,000 acres of state school lands have been placed on the market for sale May 1, 1924, by J. T. Robison, land commissioner. The land lies in 83 counties, large parcels being in Brewster, Hudspeth, Presidio and Reeves counties. The land will be sold to the highest bidder, a minimum price having been set by the land office.

SAN SABA MARRIAGE LICENSE CLERK BUSY.

This is leap year, and that the San Saba maiden heart beats high with matrimonial intent is demonstrated by the official score board at the marriage license clerk's desk. An increase of more than fifty per cent in number of marriage licenses issued to date is recorded for this little city as against the same date last year.

SANITARY ENGINEER NAMED FOR DALLAS SECTION.

Edgar Wheedbee, consulting engineer for Bonham, and a graduate of Cornell University, has been appointed sanitary engineer for the Dallas district by State Health officials. His work will be principally to direct the fight for mosquito control, supervise water purification and sewage disposal plants and to prevent stream pollution.

TEXAS WOMAN BECOMES JAILER.

Mrs. Tom Smith of Corsicana, Texas, has been appointed deputy sheriff and jailer of Navarro county, to succeed her husband who recently died. It is said that she is the only woman jailer in the United States. She has been given a full fledged deputy sheriff's commission by Sheriff Walter Hayes and will have complete charge of the jail.

TEXAS PRAIRIE DOGS EXPENSIVE PESTS.

It is estimated that there are about 400,000 prairie dogs in Texas and that they destroy every year enough grass and other food products to feed 1,562,500 head of cattle. They are called dogs but in reality belong to the squirrel family. It is claimed 32 of these little fellows will consume as much grass as one sheep, and 250 will eat as much grass as one cow. An organized and systematic fight is to be made in an effort to exterminate them. The Department of Agriculture of the United States is interesting itself in this extermination fight.

IMPORTANT COURT DECISION.

Judge Guy Rogers of the County Court at Law of Wichita Falls, Texas, in the case of Eighty-Four Syndicate vs. Charles F. Noble Oil Company, held that a firm operating under an assumed name and which had failed to file an affidavit and certificate with the County Clerk setting up the names of the various owners of the business as provided by statute could not recover under a contract made by it, as it was operating in violation of the penal code of the State of Texas. If this decision is sustained on appeal by the Supreme Court, it is expected to have a very important bearing on many firms doing business in Texas.

SAN JACINTO BATTLE GROUND ROAD BEING IMPROVED.

The road from Houston to the San Jacinto battle field, where Santa Anna fell and real liberty in Texas was born, is being greatly improved. When the work is completed it will have cost \$12,000, and then this famous battle ground, so dear to the hearts of Texans but actually viewed by so few of them, will be accessible to visitors from all over the state.

DOG SAVES FAMILY AND HOUSE FROM BURNING.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Heeter of Desdemona, would have been destroyed by fire if their faithful bulldog, that was sleeping on the back gallery, had not awakened when the kitchen caught fire. The dog set up such persistent howling and barking that he awakened the family and probably saved their lives.

MIDLAND GOES RABBIT HUNTING.

It is unusual for business houses to close doors an entire day and the citizens go rabbit hunting. But such was the case in Midland recently when 150 business men with guns took part in a rabbit drive that resulted in over 1500 rabbits being killed. Rabbits have become a menace to farmers in the Midland community by depredating the growing crops.

CLARIFIER PLANT TO RESUME OPERATIONS.

A. N. Chase, superintendent of the Darco Company plant at Marshall, has announced that the plant will resume operations after April 1st, this year. This is one of the largest plants of its kind in the south and converts lignite coal into a chemical clarifier. The plant was built several years ago by the Atlas Powder Company of Wilmington, Del.

\$500-FOOD PRIZE OFFERED WOMEN.

Mount Pleasant business men have completed arrangements for the distribution of \$500 in cash prizes to women and girls of Titus county for the largest and best displays of preserved foods. The displays are to be entered in the contest through recognized home demonstration clubs, under the supervision of Mrs. S. D. Murphee, home demonstration agent for Titus county.

MEXICAN QUAIL FOR SMITH COUNTY.

A. L. Pinkston of Tenaha, Deputy Game Warden for nine East Texas counties, will distribute some Mexican quail in Smith county in order to replenish the fast diminishing native Bob White stock. A number of the birds were placed on a farm a few miles west of Tyler and additional quail will be distributed until other localities are covered.

STATE SANITARIANS TO MEET.

In these times we are being taught how to live correctly and sanitarily. Many Texas cities and towns have their sanitary officers and city health officers. These sanitarians have formed a State wide association and will hold their state meeting at Houston in November, 1924, for the purpose of conferring on how to clean up Texas and keep it clean physically.

NEWSPAPER MEN THANK FAT STOCK SHOW MANAGER.

Newspaper men from out of town presented a resolution of thanks to Mr. Ed Henry, manager, and the officials of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, held at Fort Worth March 8 to 15, for the many courtesies extended them during their attendance upon the show. The total attendance this year was more than 125,000, exceeding 1923's record by 20,000, it is believed.

FORT WORTH GIRL TIES WORLD'S RECORD JUMP.

Miss Junie Arnold, student in the North Fort Worth High School, recently tied the world's record for the woman's running high jump, her score being four feet and seven inches, according to E. S. Farrington, athletic director in the public schools. Miss Arnold's feat was accomplished in the regular pentathlon competition, which is conducted in Central, Junior, Polytechnic, North Side and Arlington Heights High Schools of Fort Worth, under the auspices of the physical training department.

3,000,000 ACRES NOW VALUED AT \$10.00 PER ACRE.

Commissioners who appraised the Capitol syndicate lands and made selection of the State's acreage under the judgment of recovery have filed their report in the Travis County District Court. It gives an average valuation of \$10 per acre for the 3,000,000 acres of land the State gave for the erection of the Texas State Capitol. At the time the lands were given for the Capitol they were valued at 50c per acre, or \$1,500,000. The entire 3,000,000 acres were inspected by the commissioners, in order to arrive at a fair average value. Until the report is confirmed formally by the courts, the 57,871 1/4 acres recovered from the syndicate will not be subject to sale by the court.

MEXIA TO HAVE FERTILIZER PLANT.

Plans are being made for building the largest fertilizer plant in the state at Mexia, Texas. Mexia was selected because it is claimed that it is so located that the black land farmers of North and Central Texas as well as the sandy land farmers of East Texas will be more accessible and therefore easier served by the plant. A building 140 feet wide and 250 feet long is to be constructed.

COLORADO COUNTY HAS POTASH DEPOSITS.

Near Columbus, Colorado county, a red salt has been discovered that yields 10.8 per cent potash. Dr. J. A. Udden of the University of Texas, in discussing this important find, said: "Discovery of potash in Colorado county is in conformity with several other similar deposits that have been found in several West Texas Counties." Colorado county is one of the southern counties of Texas and indications are favorable that the deposits may cross the State line.

IMPORTANT TEXAS PROPERTY TAX DECISION.

The Supreme Court of Texas recently made a new law for Texas property owners in the case of Hoffman Tax Collector vs. Wood from Washington County, Texas, when the court held that a property owner has the privilege of paying taxes, interest, costs and penalties on one or more parcels of his assessed property, without being required to pay the same on all of his holdings. The tax collector had refused to accept the payment on one parcel, insisting it must be paid on all.

TEXAS CITRUS FRUIT LAND BRINGS ENORMOUS PRICE.

It is believed the highest price ever paid for land to be used for farming purposes in the South was paid recently when Eltwood Pomeroy near Velasco, Texas, sold to Barnet L. Hoffman, Kansas-City contractor, a 20-acre citrus fruit farm for \$100,000, or \$5,000 per acre. Another tract was also included in the sale and it brought practically \$2,000 per acre. Mr. Pomeroy came to the Rio Grande valley 15 years ago and purchased these lands at \$65.00 per acre.

EI PASO'S TEXTILE MILL.

Ground has been broken for El Paso's \$500,000 textile mill and the plant is expected to be ready for operation in October of this year. The buildings are to cost \$123,000. Contracts call for the construction of spinning, weaving and dyeing buildings. Construction will be entirely of concrete and steel. The spinning building will be 104x400 feet. The mill will start operations with 5,000 spindles, provision being made for the addition of 1,500 more as soon as business warrants. The machinery contract has been let also and all machinery is to be delivered by the time buildings are completed.

\$1,000,000 ALLOWED FOR HELIUM PLANT.

One million dollars will be allowed for the production of helium gas at the Government's plant in Fort Worth as disclosed by the army appropriation bill reported to the House. The army bill carries \$500,000 and the naval bill will make like provision, the total sum to be used jointly by them and the Bureau of Mines. The total sum will mean the production of about 1,000,000 cubic feet of helium per month from Texas natural gas.

The cost of producing the non-flammable gas is between \$60 and \$70 per 1,000 cubic feet. Helium is being used in all of the big airships of the army and the navy and the former this year will need between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 cubic feet.

PRIZE WINNING BULLS AT FAT STOCK SHOW.

Victor, a Hereford bull owned by the Gist Farms of Midland, was named senior and grand champion of his breed in stock-judging contest at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Good Donald, owned by Wallace and C. E. Good of Grandview, Mo., took the ribbon for junior champion Hereford bull.

In the Aberdeen Angus judging Playman of Miami, Oklahoma, was awarded the prize of senior and champion bull, while the junior and grand champion-ship honors in this breed went to Sunbeam's Blue Ribbon, also owned by S. C. Fullerton of Miami.

Augusta Sunrise, owned by Frank R. McDermand of Kansas City, was senior and grand champion Shorthorn bull, and Sni-A-Bar Royalist, owned by the Sni-A-Bar Farm of Grain Valley, Mo., was junior champion of this breed. In Jerseys, the senior and grand champion bull was Ed C. Lasater's Tormentor June Prince, while the junior champion was Jolly St. Clair Plymouth Lad, owned by Elbert C. Hampton of Crowley, Texas.

C. M. Largent & Son of Merkel took the junior and grand champion in Hereford cows with their Clo Ann, while the senior champion of this breed was Miss Stanway 18th, owned by Paul Hahnwald of Denver, Colo.

WOMAN TO MAKE RACE FOR SHERIFF IN HUNT COUNTY.

Announcement has been made in Greenville by friends and relatives of Mrs. Joe S. Willingham of Quinlan that she would make the race for Sheriff of Hunt County, assuming the candidacy of her late husband, who died of pneumonia.

Mrs. Willingham has stated that she will make an active campaign of the county.

As far as is known this is the first woman to announce for the office of Sheriff in this part of the state.

CATTLE RAISERS' ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT.

Herbert L. Kokernot of Alpine was elected president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, at Houston, at the closing session of the forty-eighth annual convention of that body, while San Antonio was chosen as the place of next meeting. Both Mr. Kokernot and San Antonio were selected by unanimous vote.

Richard M. Kleberg of Kingsville was named first vice president, C. C. Slaughter of Dallas second vice president, W. E. Connell of Fort Worth was re-elected treasurer and E. B. Spiller of Fort Worth was re-elected secretary. Mr. Spiller will serve in this capacity the ensuing year for the fifteenth consecutive term. New members of the executive committee are eight in number.

FOUR BRONZE STATUES TO CONFEDERACY.

Four of the magnificent bronze statues which will adorn the Littlefield Memorial to the Confederacy to be erected at the south entrance to the University of Texas, have been shipped from New York and upon arrival in Austin are to be placed in the rotunda of the Capitol for exhibition. The first four are of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Albert Sidney Johnson and Woodrow Wilson.

The bronze figures are eight feet in height and will surmount the \$250,000 Confederate memorial that Major Littlefield provided in his will for the University.

H. A. Wroe, trustee under the Littlefield will, said it would be three years before the memorial is completed and that it will be at least two years before it will be ready to receive the four bronze statues.

CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS \$32.00 FOR QUARTER.

Confederate pensioners for the next quarter will be the highest ever paid in Texas and will be \$32.00 each, against \$31.00 being paid for the current quarter, which terminates on May 31, 1924. The new amount was approved at a conference between C. V. Terrell, State Treasurer, and Lon A. Smith, State Comptroller, and will be sent out as of June 1, 1924.

Increased revenues and deaths among the old veterans and their widows is responsible for the increased amount to be paid those living. There now are more than 13,000 pensioners, a material reduction under the number of ten years ago. With the war over sixty years ago the average age of the surviving veterans is close to 80 years. The advanced average age means a heavy annual mortality rate.

Old veterans residing in the Confederate Home and the widows of veterans domiciled in the Confederate Woman's Home receive half the amount of pensions paid those not in the homes. For the next quarter they will get \$16.00 each, plus their board, clothing and quarters in the homes.

TEXAS SCHOOL FUNDS SHOW BALANCE.

For the first time in many years the school funds of Texas will show a balance left over. It is claimed the prosperity figures will continue through 1924-25.

There are 1,304,270 school children enumerated in Texas and one of the largest school payments in Texas was recently made when warrants for \$4.00 per capita were drawn. This made the amount apportioned for each year to-date this year \$12.00 and a warrant that broke the Texas record for single payments was drawn for \$5,217,080. A third warrant was also drawn for \$500,000 to supplement this warrant and a previous warrant. It is claimed by State Superintendent Marrs that the entire sum of \$12.00 per child will be paid by May 1, 1924, and that this will permit accumulations through the months of June, July and August to be added to the month of September when the next apportionment will be made. Texas school finances are said to be in much better condition than in many years. It is said the apportionment next year for each child will exceed \$12.00 per child, but will not reach \$15.00 per child, and that not a cent of this year's taxes has been used for the purchase of text books but all text books have been purchased out of the balance of 1922 to 1923. During this year school book purchases amounted to \$395,413 and other expenditures for office expense in handling the text books amounted to \$14,668.

Ghostly Radio Broadcasts

With No Receiving Apparatus Messages Are Heard From All Over the World.

Out in Brandamore, Pa., a little State town about 70 miles from Philadelphia, lives Edgar D. Boyer, a telegraph operator, who works in the little isolated railroad station of the town, which is on the Wilmington-Reading line of the Reading Railway.

By a weird and strange freak of radio, Mr. Boyer hears radio broadcasts from Alaska, Central America, Spain, France, England, Canada and practically every station in the United States. Such a record of reception would be remarkable for the best radio receiving set that is on the market today, and yet Mr. Boyer receives every one of these stations on the little antiquated receiver of a small telephone system used only for communication along the railroad line.

It is a phenomenon that nobody can explain, and yet it is true. This old telephone system in a little way station far out in the backwoods, and miles from anywhere, is many paces ahead of the most complete receiving sets, and also, from all indications, many paces ahead of the findings of radio scientists.

Treated as a Faker

Long-distance reception under such circumstances is extremely interesting, but the conditions attending it are such that it seems almost miraculous or supernatural that this freakish combination of wires and the old telephone instrument should do something greater than probably the greatest radio engineers in the world have failed to accomplish.

Mr. Boyer's story is interesting as to how it all came about.

"One evening last December I was working at the key, when I heard someone whistling. 'Listen to the Mocking Bird.' This is such a lonely place at night and, as no one rarely uses the road back of the station in the winter time, I thought I would go outside and see who was whistling. When I stepped out of the room I couldn't see anyone, and, furthermore, the whistling stopped. But when I stepped back into the office the whistling began again. It got me. I couldn't see anybody, and

still there was whistling as clear as you could want it. "Finally I realized that it was coming from the little horn I have on the telegraph sounder to make the signals louder.

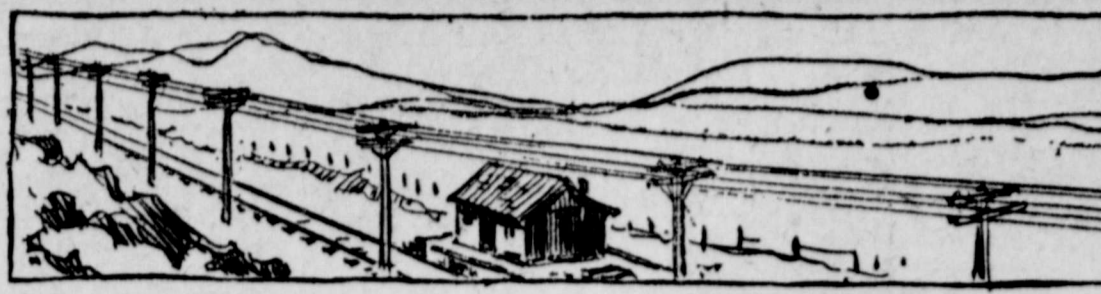
"I was scared for a moment, and for the want of something else to do I walked over to the telephone receiver and picked it up. As soon as the receiver left the hook completely, the whistling came out of it so loud and distinct that it filled the entire office. On the telegraph instrument the whistling was clear, although a little distorted, but on the telephone it was as clear and distinct as you ever heard anyone whistle. Puzzled, I listened until the whistling stopped. Then I heard someone say, 'This is Station WOO, the Wanamaker Store in Philadelphia.' I knew then what was up, for I had read in the papers that Wanamaker had a large broadcasting station in Philadelphia.

"Nearly every day since then I have heard some radio station over the telephone. A peculiar thing about it is that the stuff never comes over the wire before 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and sometimes continues all through the evening. On Christmas night, for instance, I heard Madrid, Spain, testing on 16,000 meters.

"After I first heard these broadcasts over the wire I decided to get a radio receiving set of the three-tube type, and also study up on radio reception. Then I realized that I had stumbled on something unusual and queer, and I decided to write to several places about it.

"No doubt the people I wrote to thought I was a good-natured liar, because I never heard from one of them. They thought life in the woods had gone to my head. Newspapers, big broadcasting stations and the Leland Stanford University, one of the stations I heard on the line, all ignored my letters. I then gave up asking anybody to come down to the station and listen in.

"Finally I thought I would try to interest people in the receiver, and wrote



"It is a Weird and Uncanny Experience to Listen in on the Receiver at Brandamore."

Horace Beale, who owns and operates a broadcasting station at Parkesburg, Pa. Mr. Beale forwarded my letter to Thomas Appleby, a radio engineer in Philadelphia, who took the trouble to come down and look the thing over. It was after his visit to the station that I heard Eiffel Tower, Paris, France. From this station I heard Dr. G. A. Fleming give a talk in English on the Fleming valve at 2:40 p. m., Eastern standard time. This was followed by singing in French by a man and woman. Then an announcer said in French and English that it was a high power test on 16,000 meters from Station FL, Paris. After that he introduced a speaker by the name of Dr. Geo. as I understood it, and the station then left the line.

"My knowledge of foreign languages is very scant, but I have heard stuff over the line that I know was Spanish from Havana, and French from the Canadian station. Not so long ago I heard someone singing a 'Barney Google' from a station in Galveston, Texas.

"My stations are coming in like wildfire now, as you will note the reception of England, Spain, Alaska and Central America. But several weeks ago I couldn't get a thing on it. We changed the batteries on the telephone line and there was no more radio for a while. I thought I had spoiled the combination, but it came on again after a week. Thunder or lightning has no effect on the reception, and it is perfect even when I can't get a thing on the tube set because of interference."

Vocal Sounds But Not Instrumental.

There are many peculiar things about the telephone radio receiver besides getting distant stations, and they make the

thing all the more freakish. For instance, Mr. Boyer will hear an announcer at the broadcasting station say: "The Blank Orchestra will now play a dance number, 'Way Down South.'" For a few minutes there will be nothing over the line, and then Mr. Boyer will hear the announcer say: "The last number you listened to played by the Blank Orchestra was 'Way Down South.'" Our next number will be another dance piece, 'Ain't Love Grand?'"

Mr. Boyer will not hear one note of the music. Nothing but voice comes over this freak 'phone. If a person is singing, and is accompanied by a piano, the voice comes over fine, but the listeners cannot hear one note of the piano music. Even when the voice comes over in sufficient volume equal to that coming from the loudest talking machine, not one note of the music can be detected.

Another peculiarity about the receiver is that it only receives the station that is transmitting on the longest wave length. For instance, if WOO and WDAR, in Philadelphia, each transmitting on different wave lengths, 509 meters for the former and 395 meters for the latter, should have the same amount of force, or allowing that WDAR was more powerful, Mr. Boyer would receive WOO, to the exclusion of WDAR. This is one reason why Mr. Boyer receives so many distant stations. The telephone instrument receives only that broadcast which is on the longest wave length on the air at that particular time.

Mr. Appleby gave full confirmation to Mr. Boyer's reports and offers an explanation of the freak performance. He believes there are many phases of this accidental condition worthy of a thorough investigation, because they may hold principles that may be applied to the future development of radio reception.

The telephone and telegraph wires are strung on the same poles for the same number of miles, and Mr. Appleby

thinks both lines play an important part in the strange reception.

"It is a weird and uncanny experience to listen in on the receiver at Brandamore, and I can readily understand that many to whom these facts have been communicated have appeared skeptical. The reception of one station at a time, or rather the automatic non-interfering properties of the system, has been unknown heretofore, and seems to involve phenomena of which radio scientists are no doubt ignorant. The most remarkable point of all is the elimination of all but the longest wave station transmitting at any particular time.

An Unexplained Freak.

"When I listened in I heard the voices of singers, male and female, from well-known broadcasting stations, coming in so loud that they could be heard all over the room. There was not a trace of accompanying music. The filtering medium acting upon these circuits is without parallel in radio. I know of no means by which music accompanying a singer whose vocal tones contain the same number of vibrations could be so effectively separated as to permit only the reception of the voice to the exclusion of instrumental tones of the same frequency vibration.

"I believe the rectifying signals are transferred inductively to the telephone line. The two lines run parallel on the same number of poles for the same number of miles. The rectifying agent in this particular case may be a corroded connection in the telegraph line, or a high resistance electrolytic ground, such as might be found if a branch of a tree were in contact with the telegraph line with sufficient bark worn off to expose a sap moist surface. There is one thing sure. What does act as a rectifier does not interfere with the normal operation of the telegraph and telephone lines."

Mr. Boyer never knows what station is coming next, and he says that he isn't surprised any more when he gets a far-off one. To get Manchester, England, one night, Alaska another, and Spain and South America on the following night, is some record, and he is, no doubt, the envy of everybody in this wide land who has a radio receiving set.

LARGEST SPREADING TREE IS IN TEXAS

By HORACE C. WALKER.

Treaty Oak, just off Sixth street, near the banks of the Colorado River, in West Austin, Texas, is the widest spreading tree in North America, according to Mrs. Walter H. Caldwell, owner of the tree for the past forty-two years. The age of this venerable landmark is said by University of Texas botanists to be at least 500 years.

The spread of Treaty Oak is 120 feet in diameter, and its circumference covers one-fourth of an acre, by accurate measurement.

Mrs. Caldwell bought tree in 1882 from Judge Ireland, who had purchased it two years before from James H. Raymond, the first treasurer of the State of Texas. Judge Ireland had bought the tree with the intent to preserve it because of its size and the traditions which clustered about it; but when he began his campaign for the governorship of Texas he was forced to sell the lot upon which the tree stands.

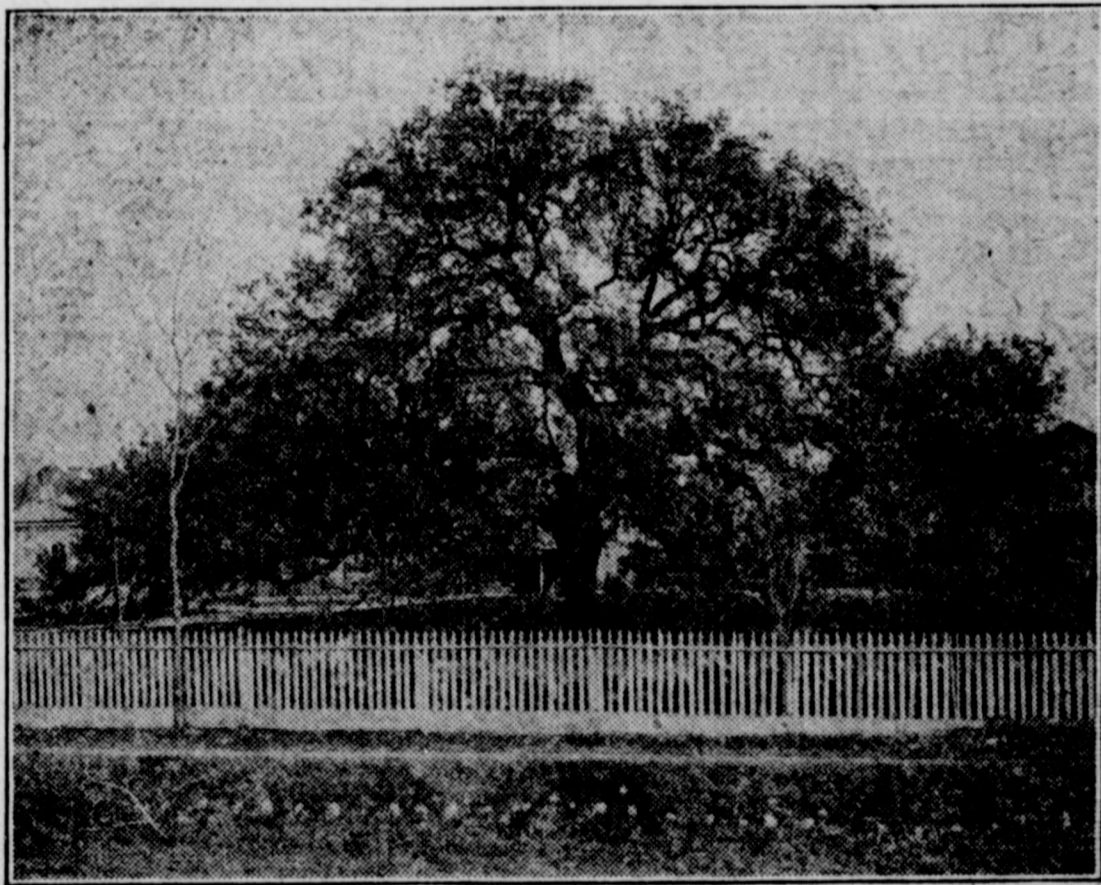
When Stephen F. Austin established his little Texas colony on the banks of the Colorado River, more than a century ago, one of his first acts was a treaty with the Comanche Indians under this old oak. By the treaty, which was in force for many years, a line running north and south from the trunk of the oak tree marked the boundary line between the Indian territory and the small white settlement. It was in this way that the ancient father of the forest received its name.

The Comanche and the Tejas Indians used to make regular pilgrimages to this old landmark, which was regarded by

them as an object of venerable worship—a nature god. Tradition also runs that many tribes of Texas Indians would meet under this tree annually to barter and trade. Evidently, even in these early days, the site which was later chosen as the capitol of the greatest state in the Union was regarded as the logical center of the South-west long before civilization and modern forms of government existed, probably before the discovery of the western hemisphere, if the age of the tree, as given by Texas University botanists, is correct.

In past years, Mrs. Caldwell affirms, she examined practically every spreading tree in North America of any size and note in order to see how her tree ranks in its spread with other trees.

"The 'George' and 'Martha Washington' oaks in Audobon Park, New Orleans, are the only trees that approach the size of mine, but the largest of these



"Treaty Oak," Owned by Mrs. Walter H. Caldwell, Austin, Texas, has a spread of 120 feet.

measure only ninety feet in diameter of spread. These two trees and the famous 'Americus Georgia' in the state of that name, are the only three I have ever seen that approach anything like the size of my Treaty Oak," declares Mrs. Caldwell.

She has been a tree lover for many

years, is a member of one of Austin's oldest families, and tells tale after tale concerning events and happenings connected with this father of American trees.

"One day before the Civil War," says Mrs. Caldwell, "Senator Morgan Hamilton was dining with a neighbor family; in the afternoon he accompanied three sedate young ladies over to the ancient oak tree to admire its beauty. They had been there but a few minutes when suddenly all three ladies screamed and threw their arms around the senator. They had seen a tribe of Indians approaching. 'When women expect a man to be brave they shouldn't embrace him without warning,' Senator Hamilton afterward remarked, half humorously and half soberly."

The 120 foot diameter measurement of the spread of the Treaty Oak holds from any angle, as the tree is well

rounded, forming an almost perfect circle. The George and Martha Washington trees and the Americus Georgia, says Mrs. Caldwell, are not only much smaller in spread than her tree, but they are also of irregular shape.

In 1922 an enlargement of the accompanying photograph of Treaty Oak was placed in the Hall of Fame of the American Forestry Association at Washington, D. C., where it has been declared the most perfect specimen of tree in this country.

"I know that my tree is the biggest in North America," modestly affirms Mrs. Caldwell, "and I challenge any other tree owner in the world to produce evidence of a tree with bigger spread than mine."

Mrs. Caldwell, of course, has a great affection for her tree, but she feels that tax burdens on the lot upon which it stands, now located in the heart of Austin, are too great. She desires to make the tree "purchase itself," and in this way insure its preservation even after her death, at which time she fears it may be cut down in the disposal of the Caldwell property. Other trees in America about which traditions cluster have been cared for in this way, she asserts. It is her plan to have postcard pictures made and placed on sale, the funds from which will go toward the purchase of the ground upon which the tree stands. The back lot, which the tree covers, is valued at \$6,000 by Mrs. Caldwell. In this way, she points out, no one can ever disturb the tree, and it will be preserved for another 500 years, and probably even longer.

YOUR HOME TOWN.

EDITORS NOTE—This is the ninth of a series of talks on "Your Home Town." Other talks will follow. There is food for thought and profit to you if you will read carefully each one of these talks. The publisher of this newspaper is not finding any fault with his Home Town, but wants it to go forward at a pace that will be the envy of all towns in Texas—now the biggest and potentially the richest state in the Union.

In previous talks on your Home Town the editor has stressed the importance of civic beauty, civic pride and civic cooperation. This talk is to be on extending the trade territory of your Home Town. Nothing can be more vital to any town's growth than a wide trade territory, especially if that town is supported by field crop and livestock farming. Nearly all towns in Texas are prosperous to the extent of the size of their trade territory; if this territory is restricted, or not fully developed, the town will not grow as it should, and its business will likely remain at a standstill. We know several towns in Texas that had a population, 20 years ago, of about 1000 persons and these same towns yet have a population of 1000 persons. The matter of a town standing still is fatal, and has a great deal to do with its trade territory. If the trade

territory of your Home Town contracts, the town is doomed to failure. The farmers' trade is the backbone and sinew to all towns which are surrounded by and dependent upon the products of the soil as their main sources of income.

It is very essential, therefore, for your Home Town, if it be located in a farming community, to cultivate the good will and confidence of the farming classes. Try to create a reliable market for all the produce they bring to your town and offer for sale. By always paying the best prices for the farmers' products you show that you are doing all in your power to further their interests and that you are cognizant of their welfare. One of the biggest blunders committed by any small town is to "stint" on prices paid to farmers for cotton, grain, butter, eggs and poultry. Always pay the highest market prices and you will make a friend of the farmer and a steady customer.

There are many plans whereby your Home Town can extend its trade territory. Besides the creating of a good market at home for the farmers' products, there is the plan of establishing

a monthly Trade Day, offering attractive bargains in merchandise, and widely advertising this day throughout the county. Tell the farmers to bring to town anything they may have to trade or sell—whether it be livestock, produce, or second-hand furniture. By employing a good auctioneer these sales can be put over with snap and effectiveness. A Trade Day is one of the best mediums of getting the farmers to come to your Home Town, where you can meet them on common ground, exchange friendly greetings and discuss important matters which affect the welfare of both town and community. It always has been a wonder to the writer of these Home Town talks that more towns have not put into effect the Trade Day plan and stuck to it year in and year out. A day of this kind, set aside each month, will not only bring into closer relationship the merchant and the farmer, but it will build up a community interest and a personal friendliness that will be a profit and a pleasure to both town and country folk. The Neosha plan is along this same line—of a series of Trade Days—and it goes even so far in this respect that the

merchants and professional men of the small towns hold a Trade Day with the farmers out in the rural communities, grouping the farmers at some farm house and having a general get-together-meeting for the good of all parties concerned. The thriving towns of Hillsboro and Gatesville, Texas, have recently adopted the Neosha plan, which plan, in brief, is a co-operative retail advertising-merchandising and community development idea that had its origin in Neosha, Mo., in 1913. When unanimously adopted and faithfully carried out, the Neosha plan is said to be capable of greatly extending the trade territory of any Home Town.

BREAKS RECORD BULLDOGGING STEER.

Buck Lucas of Douglas, Wyoming, established a new record for bulldogging at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show when he downed his animal in 7 1-15 seconds, which is only one-fifth of a second above the world's record of seven seconds flat, held by Mike Hastings.

Bob Askin of Miles City, Montana won the bronco riding contest, taking

the purse of \$300 and a silver trophy cup. Dave Whyte of Fort Reno, Oklahoma former world's champion, was runnerup, followed by Patty Ryan, of Miles City, and Roy Mays of Erick, Oklahoma.

Allen Holder of Big Springs finished first in the calf roping contest and was awarded the big purse of \$350 and a silver trophy cup. Elmer Jones of Pecos, King Merritt of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Sam Stuart of Fort Worth were the runnersup in the order named.

SAN MARCOS SEEKING TEXTILE MILL.

Many citizens of San Marcos are bending their efforts toward obtaining a textile mill like the one at New Braunfels, and it is believed that, as a result of their determined efforts, another set of smoke stacks will soon belching forth the token of industrial development in Texas.

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Reports from around Clarksville say a great deal of fertilizer is being used in that section this year.

In some sections the use of fertilizer will be resorted to speed up the crops where they are late.

Farmers are nearly a month late with corn planting in North Texas. The corn first planted is expected to rot.

John Pickett of Gilmer, Upshur county, acting for a group of farmers, loaded a car of sweet potatoes for shipment, which was sold on the track for \$2.00 per bushel.

Reports from West Texas and the Panhandle indicate a splendid season for ranges and a good reservoir of moisture for the crops, especially growing wheat.

There is such a demand in Angelina county among the farmers for terracing that O. C. La Grone, Angelina county agricultural agent, says he will find it impossible to meet all requests made upon him for this character of service. Terracing of hillside farms is fast becoming a regular practice in Angelina county.

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President H. G. Lucas of the Texas Pecan Growers' Association of Brownwood, issued a call for a meeting of the association at Fredericksburg, June 9, 10 and 11.

Aggies' Colonel was adjudged champion barrow of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show hog contest. This hog was shown by Texas A. & M. College. The A. & M. College hogs were the big winners of hog exhibits all the way through.

J. M. Wagner of Paint Rock, one of the successful poultry men of Hopkins county, during January and February sold \$170.10 worth of eggs. Five years ago he paid \$11,000 in cash for his farm and lately refused to sell it for \$22,000.

Judging from reports throughout the state, it is evident that Texas cattle raisers have decided that it is more profitable to stock their farms with blooded stock than to continue to raise scrubs, and many have indicated their intention to stock their farms with better breeds. This is especially true of farmers who are not extensively engaged in cattle raising, such as farmers in Ellis and other North and East Texas counties.

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Farmers will resort to diversification in some parts of Texas on a larger scale than heretofore and the acreage to tomatoes, melons, blackeyed peas and other small fruits and vegetables will be increased.

Farmers of Lampasas county are manifesting more interest in securing the best cotton seed for planting than ever before, and the acreage this year, planted with choice seed, will probably be several times that of any previous year.

Emil Behrens, a Lee county farmer living near Giddings, sold 438 dozen eggs, which netted him close to \$130, during December, January and February. The amount did not include eggs consumed at home by the Behrens family, nor those used for setting.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Longview have accepted a plan to pay \$500 for the best acres of cotton raised in the Longview trade territory. Already twenty-five farmers have asked to be allowed to sign up. The \$500 will be divided into three prizes.

A consignment of two cars of hogs from Oklahoma, meant for the packers, turned out to be the grand champion carlot of the 1924 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. The consignment was purchased from a breeder by Edgar Kenyon of Thomas, Okla.

Reports from various sections of the state indicate that the damage to fruit from freezes of the 9th and 10th of March is not so great as was at first thought although in some sections the peaches and plums have been damaged.

In Travis county much corn will be replanted, according to information from Austin, while crops and gardens are reported three weeks late in Houston county. Reports of a similar nature have been received from other counties in South and East Texas.

More than a hundred acres will be planted in cucumbers around Pilsburg this year, according to pledges made by Camp county farmers. A contract for a salting plant has been closed with a pickle factory and construction of the building and vats will start in time to receive the spring crop.

Ellis county retains the lead in cotton production, according to the Government report on ginning up to March 20. Williamson county follows with 110,480, McLennan 101,586, Collin 92,270, Nueces 92,250, Navarro 89,993, Hill 89,393, Bell 71,451, Hunt 71,299, Kaufman 69,629.

August Baack of the Concord country, in Lee county, says he planted corn as late as May 20 last year and gathered a heavy crop, having had little rain on the crop after planting. Baack says every farmer who keeps his ground well stirred after he once gets his crop in can't keep from making a good crop this year with the extra heavy moisture stored up from six months of rainy winter weather.

Contracts are being signed up for the California black-eye pea crop in East Texas at a minimum price of \$2 a bushel, according to J. B. Henry, manager of the Henry Pea Company of Athens. The advanced price is due to the drought in California, the worst in forty-six years, Mr. Henry said. The Henry Pea Company handles several hundred cars of peas annually and is said to be the best authority on peas in Texas. The company operate a large plant at Athens, which kiln dries the peas before they are shipped, preserving them from weevils and other damaging causes. J. B. Henry, manager, has successfully operated this plant at Athens for the last eighteen years.

A trainload of fed lambs were shipped from the irrigated section of Toyah valley to Kansas City. The lambs were bought by the farmers last fall and fattened on alfalfa and grain. This is proving to be a profitable industry. Two cars of fed lambs and five cars of fed cattle were shipped recently from this section to Fort Worth.

The Panhandle Live Stock Association convention recently held in Amarillo, and the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, at Fort Worth, has greatly stimulated the cattle market in the opinion of prominent cattlemen. This together with the splendid snows in the Panhandle Plains country and West Texas, has given the ranchers and cattlemen renewed optimism.

Farmers of the Hillsboro trade territory are becoming greatly interested in the five-acre cotton and corn crop contest, sponsored by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, as is evidenced by the fact that already thirty-five farmers have entered the contest, and more are enrolling each day. The Chamber of Commerce is offering \$1,000 in prizes, \$500 being split into good sized prizes for the best production of corn on five-acre tracts, and \$500 for the best production of cotton on five-acre tracts.

Farmers about Ranger are planning to plant large acreage this year to watermelons. Clyde Winstead, an expert melon grower of Parker county, recently addressed a group of the local farmers on the culture and marketing of melons and urged them, if growing melons for shipment, to raise and market only the best. He said there was no profit to be made off inferior melons, and it was not worth while to raise melons unless it was intended to produce the best.

Continuous rains and snows of the last two weeks, and especially the rains of 18th and 19th of March, have greatly hampered farming operations in North, East, South and Central Texas. Reports from Navarro, Travis and adjoining counties are that farming operations are thirty days behind. In many sections farmers are despairing of getting in their early corn crop and many signify their intention of planting corn lands in some other kind of feed, probably peanuts.

The second ton litter contest has been instituted by the A. & M. College of Texas in co-operation with the Texas Swine Breeders' Association, to continue in the state this year. Any farmer in a county employing a county agricultural agent or in which a director of the Swine Breeders' Association resided may enter, provided his application is sent to A. L. Ward, A. & M. College Extension swine husbandman and secretary of the association, before April 1. Prizes totaling \$250 will be offered by the association and several hundred dollars more will be offered by breed associations and commercial bodies, making it possible for a large number of entrants to profit other than by the success of their own feeding experiment in profit returned on production. Prizes already definitely extended make it possible for a single entrant to win more than \$200 in awards. Medals will also be awarded to designate the winners. Ton litters contest is the original designation given to the feeding test and that name has persevered, though it would more properly have been called the two-ton litter contest in Texas as the last year, as the winner produced a litter weighing 3,896 pounds in the 180-day period of the contest. That there is expected to be two-ton litters produced this year is indicated in prizes that are being offered for contestants who reach that goal.

To enable farmers and stockmen to estimate the shrinkage for which they are charged when they sell their wool and mohair to buyers the agricultural experiment station of the A. & M. College of Texas is operating a wool scouring plant. Samples sent to the station prepaid will be scoured, graded and a detailed report sent to the grower immediately without any charge, and at the end of the season all the samples received will be sold and remittance made to the grower for the return on his wool or mohair.

The ranges throughout the cattle country are reported to be in good shape due to the heavy moisture and intermittent warm, sunny weather. Wild grasses in some sections have grown large enough to be grazed upon, it is said. No loss of cattle is reported in any section of the state visited by the freezes and snows of 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of March, although some suffering among herds in certain sections are reported.

IF YOU HAVEN'T MUCH MONEY.

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clean and polish windows of both business houses and residences in record-breaking time. By working in odd hours, it is an easy matter to earn from forty to fifty dollars per month. Harvey T. Fleming of Houston, a sophomore in the University, is the manager of this organization.

Vacation work is one of the most lucrative sources of income for University students, this work being, as a rule, some type of salesmanship. During last summer, it is probable that more than one hundred students, some of them just out of high schools, made enough money to put themselves through school in the winter. The selling of kitchen aluminum, and the taking of subscriptions to magazines are particularly popular with University boys. The profits of the majority of the men engaged in this work ranged from two hundred to one hundred dollars.

The question might arise as to just how much time has the average student to put on his studies if he works his way through the University. Let Block Smith, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., answer:

"Boys who work learn to utilize every minute. It is a very rare thing for a working student to fail in any course, and the percentage of Phi Beta Kappa's is very large. In addition, such students learn the value of a dollar, learn to meet business men on equal terms, and do not go out into the world with so many false ideas that have to be changed."

It is interesting to know that some of the biggest men in the state and country have worked their way through the University of Texas. One of these is Morris Sheppard, present United States Senator from Texas. While in the University, he waited on tables. T. W. Gregory, former attorney-general of the United States under Woodrow Wilson, tended a horse and milked cows to pay for his board and room. Judge Mallory Brown, Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals at Austin, milked cows during his first year at the University of Texas, and during the last two years was a guard of the State Treasury at the Capitol. He is proud of it. He has this to say to boys who might want to work their way through some university:

"Can it be done? It certainly can, if you first make up your mind that that is what you are going to do, and shoot straight for your goal every minute. Never be cynical or grouchy, because some other boy has more money than you have. Remember, that each person is really anxious to help you if you will but give them the chance."

EDITOR'S NOTE—In a later article Mr. Marshall will tell the readers of the Magazine Section how 600 girls work their way through University of Texas.

Cattlemen throughout the Panhandle, West Texas, and South and Central Texas are elated over the present range conditions and the prospects for a good year, as a result of the abundant moisture occasioned by the recent rains and snows. A number of cattlemen say that the best season in many years now is assured.

A tiny insect, classified as "the hop bug" by entomologists of Texas A. & M. College, recently put in its appearance in the grain fields of Tarrant county, and unless some means of checking its ravages is found, the wheat, oat and barley crops are threatened with destruction. One of the large planters of the county, W. J. Bailey, has had 300 acres laid waste by the parasite within two weeks. The insect, about the size of a pin head, infests the growing grain in literal millions and wither it as effectually as would a blaze of fire. Spraying of the field is thought to be impracticable because of the great expense attached and because the quantity of solution necessary to destroy the pest would, in all probability, harm the grain.

Texas cattle will not be shipped to Kansas and Oklahoma for finishing this year, but will go to market fat for slaughter, J. E. Boog-Scott, chairman of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas, asserted recently on his return from a 1,100-mile overland trip through South Texas. In the past, said Mr. Boog-Scott, the cattlemen of that section have sold their cattle to fatteners and in other instances they have leased pastures and fattened their stock themselves, but the demand outside of Texas for grass this year will be the lightest in many years.

Grapeland, Texas, shipped its first carlot of eggs to a foreign market, recently, the consignment going to Havana, Cuba.

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ADJUSTED COMPENSATION.

Mary and her big brother Harry had a few angry words. In her anger she kicked the cat. Johnny, her favorite brother, saw the performance. "Mary, that cat ain't all Harry's; it's part mine," he exclaimed reprovingly. "Well," replied Mary, with a rather self-satisfied air, "I kicked Harry's part."

There was a young fellow named Joe, Had a car that really could go. But he stepped on the gas And they made a huge mass With a shovel, a rake and a hoe.

PARTY PLATFORMS.

John R. Voorhis, the Tammany Sachem, said on his ninety-fourth birthday: "Politics and politicians haven't changed at all since I was a young fellow. Once, when I was a young fellow, I was talking to a conductor on a train about a certain party platform. I said it was a platform impossible to be carried out, a platform no good man would stand on. "Oh, gosh," said the conductor, with a disgusted look, "don't you know, young fellow, that a party platform is like the platform of this here car? It ain't meant to stand on. It's only meant to get in on!"

SHOES STAI'D AT 'TENSUN.

The supply sergeant had just issued the last assortment of shoes to the colored outfit. There were plenty of kicks, but the loudest and most prolonged came from Private Johnson, who, failing to receive satisfaction elsewhere, betook himself to the captain. "Cap'n, suh," he announced, "mah shoes am too big fo' me." "You'll have to make the best of it," answered the captain. "Plenty of men have shoes that don't quite fit." "Yas, suh, cap'n," replied Johnson. "If yo' says 'tenshun, Ah comes to 'tenshun. Den if yo' says to right about face Ah right about faces, but mah shoes dey stays at 'tenshun."

WHY THE PRINTER LEFT TOWN.

Before linotype machines came into general use in newspaper printing plants all type was set by hand, and quite often a printer, in those early days, would show up on the job intoxicated. One Monday morning an editor handed over to a printer, to be set into type, copy of a wedding announcement and a notice of an auction sale. Here is what the editor found in the printer's "galley proof." "Wm. Smith and Miss Lucy Anderson were disposed of at public auction at my farm one mile east of a beautiful cluster of roses on her breast and two white calves, before a background of farm implements too numerous to mention in the presence of about seventy guest, including two milch cows, six mules and one bob sled. Rev. Jackson tied the nuptial knot with 200 feet of hay rope and the bridal couple left on one good John Deere gang plow for an extended trip with terms to suit purchasers. They will be at home to their friends with one good baby buggy and a few kitchen utensils after ten months from date of sale, to responsible parties and some fifty chickens."

A SERIOUS CASE.

A notoriously absent-minded man was observed walking down the street with one foot continually in the gutter, the other on the pavement. A friend meeting him said: "Good evening. How are you?" "Well," replied the absent-minded one. "I thought I was very well when I left home, but now I don't know what's the matter with me. I've been limping for the last half hour."

THE SAFETY LINE.

Oswald Garrison Villard, the brilliant reformer, said at a dinner in New York: "If only we could put in the front line trenches the politicians, diplomats and above all, the generals who are talking so loud now about the inevitability of another war! It's the men who don't want war who always do the fighting. If only we could reverse that condition! War would then cease forever. "A doughboy got scared one day during an attack in France, so he turned tail and ran for dear life. "Halt!" yelled a terrible voice. 'You coward, how dare you run away and disgrace your regiment?' "I couldn't help it," said the doughboy, "I was scared stiff, sergeant, and that's the truth." "Sergeant?" yelled the terrible voice. 'Who are you calling sergeant, you fool? I'm General Gunning.' "My God!" said the doughboy, "Have I run that far?"

USED TO LOUD NOISES.

The milkman was making up his weekly account in the hall, and Caroline, the prima donna of the family, was singing at high pressure in the drawing room. Her mother was waiting for the bill, and she thought the man was being mixed up in his figures by the singing. "Caroline, dear," she said, "kindly stop singing for a moment and let the milkman make up his account." "Oh, it doesn't trouble me a bit," said the milkman; "I'm used to the noise of the cans!"

INSULT TO INJURY.

An elderly Scotchman was standing in a railway station when a traveler trod heavily on his foot. "Hoot, mon!" groaned the Scotchman. "Canna ye take care? Ye've nearly killed me. Hoot, mon! Hoot, hoot!" The traveler looked the suffering Scotchman up and down. "Hoot yourself," he said. "I'm a drummer, not an auto."

UNCLE SI.

Uncle Si Perkins had been listening all the day to pessimistic talks from customers as to rains retarding farm work and the gloomy prospects for planting this year's farm crops. "I've bin in bisness nigh on ter twenty year in Texas," said Uncle Si, "and I ain't never seed too much rain yit. When the dry, summer days cum roun evry drap now in the groun will be needed ter cary us thru sum dry spell. The Lord generally knos whuts best for us mortels and all we got er do is ter trust Him an' wurk—wurk early an' late—an' forgit whut the weather is a goin' ter do. I've never lost a dollar on the man who stuck to his land, wurked it fer all it was worth an' planted lots of feed. But I lost money many a time on the feller who was allus complainin' 'bout the weather an' thout thar was no use plantin' nything or cultivatin' nything. Jest a little faith an' lots of wurk will pull most eny crop outta a bad hole."

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When shifting out of "second," knowing that at the end of a short stretch it will be necessary to revert to it, keep the gears in "neutral." There is no need to inflict further wear on the clutch, gears and rear end by shifting into "high." Take advantage of the car to coast and save gas, gears and general wear.

Front wheel skids come chiefly from rounding a corner or curve at so high a speed that the front wheels lose their traction. To over-come this apply the brakes gently, which will drag the rear wheels and give the front wheels a chance to take hold.

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WOMAN'S PAGE

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HOME PROBLEMS.

BLANKET WASHING.

Now, that spring is here, I can hear you say "We must wash the blankets; but, dear, how I dread to wash that new one; they always look so shabby afterwards." This is not necessary if they are washed carefully and properly. The discrete and economical woman will wash her own rather than send them to the laundry. I am going to give you detailed directions for washing and, if followed to the letter, you should have perfect results, then, next fall, when you get them out they will look as good as new ones.

Wool is an animal fiber and is very sensitive to heat. The natural oil in the wool is one of the factors that protects it and gives it the characteristic look. Therefore, we must use all precaution to protect and preserve this oil.

The first secret is the temperature of the water. A temperature about 105 degrees is about correct. The next step is to select a good soap. A white soap or flakes is most desirable. If a bar is used, do not rub on the material but make into a jelly by dissolving a medium-sized cake in two quarts of water. If your water is soft, soap is all that is needed, but if the water is hard, dissolve one or two tablespoons of borax in a small amount of water and add to the water before you do the soap. Make a good suds of the soap before you put in the blanket. Squeeze the suds through the blanket and do not rub, if it can be avoided. If quite soiled on the edges, rub with the knuckles and palm of the hands.

If you have a machine, it will be very much easier. Put the soap into the machine and run for about four minutes before adding the blanket.

The rinsing is as important as the washing. Make the temperature of the water as near the same as the washing water as possible.

Squeeze the water through the blanket and "joggle" up and down in the water. If the water is soft, use it clear. If the water is of medium

hardness, it is best to add a small amount of soap to each water; if very hard, add one-cupful to the first water and one-half cupful to the second water. Squeeze the water out of the blanket, but do not twist or run through a ring, if it can be avoided.

Hang out of doors to dry when possible. A clear, windy day is best. Shake well before hanging.

Fold over the line evenly lengthways. Place hand at top on line and stretch with other hand from the bottom. Do the same with the lengthways of the blanket, only you will need a person to assist at each end of the blanket.

A cotton blanket is washed much in the same way. The secret is to wash quickly, dry quickly and do not rub. The water should be considerable hotter than for woolen blankets. Use the soap in exactly the same manner as with the woolen blankets.

Rain water is excellent to wash any blanket with and should be used whenever possible.

Rinse in two waters as near the same temperature the wash water as possible. Add the soap if very hard, as previously directed.

Shake vigorously before hanging. If large blankets, this is best done by two people.

Hang over the line evenly. If striped, let them run perpendicular, so there will be less danger of fading and running into the other color.


Next to drying out-of-door an indoor heated dryer is the next best method. However, always place in the sunshine before putting away, if only in the window.

A blanket of wool and cotton combined is washed the same as a woolen blanket.

The d-m-t's of blanket washing can be summed up as follows. Don't rub on the board. Don't rub soap directly on the blanket. Don't hang by the edges or end to dry.

LATE FASHIONS

Girls, here is a lovely new negligee for the bride or the sweet girl graduate. I am giving you this pattern early so you can make it yourself. This will save about half the price and you will have better material. For the brunette, I would suggest a burnt orange color trimmed in baby blue. For a blonde, a light green trimmed in a darker green. Use 4-3-8 yards 40-inch crepe de chine for a size 36, and 1 1/2 yards of trimming.



HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

A mother in California recommends a very instructive and economical practice for the children. If broken toys are put in a box and kept until a rainy day, then get out the glue and under the direction of mother let the children mend the toys. This will serve two purposes, the toys will seem as good as new to the children, will save money, and the work will furnish different amusement for one of those trying rainy days.

Another good way to amuse the children during rainy days, when they are shut in, is to let them cut paper dolls. Save your old magazines for the occasion. Advertisements, fashion news, pictures, many other illustrations will do. Furnish each child with a pair of scissors which can be bought at a five and ten cent store. Keep them hanging on a hook, one for each child. Teach them to be neat by sitting on newspapers and collecting all the trash afterwards. Put the dolls in an envelope and mail to the nearest children's hospital that you know of. They will be a great joy to some poor little "shut-in" girl or boy, besides amusing the children and teaching them neatness.

A small paint keg with a two-inch hole cut in it makes an ideal blue bird house. Be sure to place a perch under the entrance. Suspend from a bough with a wire. They will repay you for your trouble in keeping the garden free from pests. Fight the sparrows from taking their nest.

Teach the children to sew.

If you haven't done your spring painting do not delay any longer.

Any hints that you wish to pass on to your neighbor will be published if sent to me. P. O. Box 544, Fort Worth, Texas.

FIRST AID TREATMENT and QUESTION BOX.

Last month I stated that I would tell you how to move an injured person. This applies to very sick persons as well.

A stretcher can be made out of several different things. A very stout sheet, a bed spread, a piece of canvas, or anything that is strong enough to hold a person's weight. A very common and handy way is to use two long overcoats or three short coats for a long person. These are turned wrong side out and two long poles run through the sleeves. The tails are put together and the sides are pinned securely around the pole. A well person must try the stretcher before the injured one is put on. For the poles, burgy shafts may be used or the sides of the bed or anything that is strong. To put the injured person on the stretcher, one person each must stand on either side of the patient, placing their hands under the shoulder and under the hip. If possible, a third person should lift the feet, and always should, if a leg is broken. Lift gently and place in position with as little jar as possible. If person is to be carried any distance in a wagon a litter of straw or hay is placed in the bed and the stretcher placed on this. If carried in an automobile, the stretcher can be placed on the back of the seats and securely fastened or held into place. If the head is injured, be sure that it is elevated.

When a bone is broken, the part should be mobilized and given special care. I will tell you about this next month.

CHEESE AS A PART OF OUR DIET.

Cheese has too long been considered a "tid-bit," or delicacy, when it should constitute a portion of a well balanced diet.

Cheese has been considered as hard to digest, but this is not true, if prepared properly, not eaten in excessive quantities and thoroughly masticated. As a matter of fact, cheese is highly assimilative, but should not be used in the diet of the sick because of the very concentrated protein content.

There are many appetizing ways to serve cheese and there are many different kinds and classes. Some of the best known are, Cottage, American Full Cream, Swiss, Limburger, Cream, Roquefort, and Pimento cheese. Then there is a list of those not so well known but equally as good and very appetizing; they are: Pineapple, Gouda, Edam, Sage, Italian Gotconzola, American Cheddar, grated Parmesan, Camembert, Stilton, Swiss and Gruyere cheese. Some appetizing ways to serve cheese is given at the end of this article.

The main principal in cooking cheese is not to cook it too long or it will be tough and unpalatable.

In the manufacture of cheese a different method is used than in "home made" cheese. An outline of the process will show you that it is a food well deserving of your attention. The process begins with the pasteurizing of the milk to destroy any bacteria that might impair the taste. Then this milk is acidified by the action of the lactic acid bacteria which causes the milk to sour. Then rennet is added which causes the casein to coagulate and separate from the whey. The curd is then salted, pressed and put in a cool place to ripen and develop flavor. In some cheeses there are added different ingredients at different stages in order to give flavors. The main ingredients is pure milk which we all know is one of the fundamental foods.

A delicious sandwich may be made by adding finely chopped sweet green pepper and olive to grated American cheese. Mix the ingredients thoroughly and add enough mayonnaise dressing to spread easily. Salt may be added if desired. Toast the bread and serve while hot, if at home, or use on whole wheat slices for picnic lunches.

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