

NOODLEITES SERVE DINNER TO HUNTERS

Two hundred people or more started in a rabbit drive at the Collins Stock pens this morning and wound up the half day's hunt at Noodle at noon, where they found a big dinner awaiting them, prepared by the good women of that community. The crowd was large but after each had had his fill there was remaining enough food to have fed them several meals. Such food—good old country ham, fried chicken, roast beef, pies, cakes, salads and other things to tickle the palate and satisfy hunger. The food was supplemented by that fine spirit of hospitality and good fellowship that is markedly characteristic of the good people of that neighborhood. W. J. Bicknell, Tom Jenkins and others acted as captains, and hosts Mr. and Mrs. John Sears were there to assist in the welcome and to make every one feel at home. The beef was furnished by Mr. Sears and was so fine as to make every one of us town folk long for a taste of more of it. Mrs. Sears was active in seeing that every one was served with plenty of food. Every one deserves equal credit and all displayed that fine community spirit of hospitality. The writer deprecates the fact that a whole year is a long time between rabbit hunts at Noodle.

In connection with the above, the editor of this paper had fully intended to drive out to Noodle and partake of the fine spread that we knew would be in waiting, but owing to sickness in our family and the further fact that it was press day with the Mail, we had asked Mr. L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, to bring us in a report of same. Although his report is indeed interesting and correct, we feel certain that had he the time, (and had not been so everlastingly full of the good things mentioned to eat) he would have made it even more extended, and of course we were really pressing him for the item in order that it might appear in this issue of the Mail. We appreciate the item, but we here and now promise to attend in person next year, even if we have to delay the Merkel Mail for a day.

13 YEAR OLD PREACHER TO BE AT SALT BRANCH

A Thirteen year old preacher from Simmons College is to preach at Salt Branch Baptist church Sunday at 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:30 o'clock p.m. Sunday, March 8. Everybody come out to hear him. It will be worth more than your time.

Mr. C. I. Powell, who for several months has held a position in the office of the West Texas Utilities Company here, has received notice from the headquarters office to the effect that he is to receive a promotion on the 15th of the month from his position here to the place of manager of the West Texas Utilities Company property at Tuscola, Buffalo Gap, Lawn and Ovallo. Mr. Powell is indeed a very capable and accommodating man in the employ of this company, and by his honesty and gentlemanly manners has won the friendship of a large circle of good friends in Merkel, who with this paper regret that he is to leave this city. Announcement also comes that Mr. C. A. Branton, of Tuscola, will come here to take the position of Mr. Powell, and we welcome him to our city.

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BAPTIST REVIVAL IS WELL ATTENDED

At the Baptist church in this city, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Albertson, is in the midst of a two-weeks revival. The meeting began on last Sunday, and we are glad to learn that the interest and attendance is growing nicely as the meeting progresses.

Rev. Albertson is indeed an able and fluent speaker, a consecrated and untiring minister of the Christian Religion. He is in the business of bringing men and women to know and accept their Lord and Christ. And in his efforts he should have the greatest cooperation and support of all Christian people within this city and community. A preacher may preach and exhort, but if he is to do the good and bring about the results that should be obtained from a meeting of this kind, he must have the assistance of the Christian people of the town and community, and especially those of his own church.

Rev. Albertson is using for his themes some very timely and live subjects and as the meeting continues, this paper feels certain that same will become more interesting and that before the close many will have been converted and the general Christian citizenship benefited and further inspired by the faithful efforts of the pastor in this two-weeks campaign.

The meeting will continue on over next week, with two sermons daily; morning and evening. Let all Merkel cooperate with pastor Albertson and the members of his church, and help to make this meeting one of the best and most successful ever before held in our city.

MOTHER, 90, CALLED TO HER REWARD 26th.

After having spent ninety years, one month and 23 days among the walks of men of this world, Mrs. Martha Jane Doan died at the home of her son, Jas. Doan, in the Blair community, on February 26, and was tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery, Merkel, on the day following, with Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

Born December 31, 1834, in McNary County, Tennessee, deceased was married to Newton Joseph Doan when quite young, moving to Texas about 1851 and settling in Henderson county, where some years ago the husband preceded her in death. To this union there were born six children, of which only three survive as follows: Jas. Doan, Merkel, Sarah Elizabeth Hamilton, of Cherokee county, and Rushia Estella Bell, of Tecumseh Oklahoma.

This good mother had been a member of the Methodist church for about 70 years, always standing firm and active for the Christian Religion.

P. T. A. PROGRAM

Program for the Parent-teachers meeting, to be rendered by the second and third grades.

1. Song, Low First.
2. Health Rhymes, Low First.
3. Piano solo, High First.
4. Play, High First.
5. Reading, Third Grade.
6. Piano solo, Second Grade.
7. Reading, Second Grade.
8. Story, Third Grade.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland and children of Abilene visited here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis, and son Castle, visited at Winters, Texas, first of the week.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Here is the America envisioned by President Coolidge as he took the oath of office:

"Here stands our country, an example of tranquility at home, a patron of tranquility abroad. Here stands its Government, aware of its might but obedient to its conscience. Here it will continue to stand, seeking peace and prosperity, solicitous for the welfare of the wage earner, promoting enterprise, developing waterways and natural resources, attentive to the intuitive counsel of womanhood, encouraging education, desiring the advancement of its religion, supporting the cause of justice and honor among the Nations. America seeks no earthly empire built on blood and force. No ambition, no temptation, lures her to thought of foreign dominions. The legions which she sends forth are armed, not with the sword, but with the cross. The higher state to which she seeks the allegiance of all mankind is not of human, but of divine origin. She cherishes no purpose save to merit the favor of Almighty God."

LOCAL TEXAS EXES HOLD BANQUET ON MARCH 2ND

Celebrating March 2nd, Texas Independence Day, the ex-students of Texas University held their annual banquet at Ed's Cafe on Monday evening, with fourteen ex-students and a few visitors present.

The balcony of the Turner Cafe was made most attractive with colorful crepe paper decorations, forming draperies at the windows, and carrying out the Texas University colors of Orange and white. A most unique decoration was the large "T-U" in the colors white and orange, which was suspended in one of the windows, and which was made and presented to the Club by Mr. Ed Turner. The banquet tables were arranged in the shape of a "T" and were carefully covered with pretty linens, with strips of orange paper through the center of the tables. Potted plants used as centerpieces on the tables made the decorations complete.

Mr. Jack Durham was the toastmaster for the occasion. The banquet was opened by singing "The Eyes of Texas are upon You." This was followed by a roll call, each member present answering with the name of an instructor, building or something about the campus. Mr. Roger A. Burgess, a faithful Texas Ex and superintendent of the Merkel schools gave the invocation.

A very appetizing three course banquet was served, and was much enjoyed by all. Between courses songs and yells were enjoyed, led by Mr. Castle Ellis.

Following the eats, a varied program was presented by the toastmaster. This program included discussions, talks, and jokes and was indulged in by almost every member attending.

Officers were elected at the close of the meeting as follows: President, Jack Durham (re-elected); Secretary, Miss Lynne Thompson; Reporter, Wrenn Durham.

This happy and enjoyable affair was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James H. West, Messrs. Castle Ellis, Wrenn Durham, Doyle Garrett, Marvin Mayfield, Misses Marie Williamson, Madge Pearce, Julia Martin, Martha Bird and Lynne Thompson.

Mr. J. T. Howard and family have this week moved to Abilene where Mr. Howard will accept a position with a large business firm in that city as bookkeeper. Mr. Howard for many years has been one of Merkel's best citizens, a man who numbers his friends by his acquaintances, and it is with regret by all that he and his excellent family have moved away from Merkel.

We are glad to have the renewal of Mr. W. F. Dunn's subscription to the Mail for another year.

KENTUCKY SALE IN 1849 SEEMS UNUSUAL TODAY

There was recently discovered and reproduced the contents of old sale bill printed in 1849 for a sale held in Woodford County Kentucky. It is very interesting to note some of the items included in a sale of farm personalty in Woodford County, Kentucky 75 years ago. The wording of the bill follows:

Sale.
"Having sold my farm and I am leaving for Oregon territory by ox team, will offer on March 1, 1849, all of my personal property, to-wit:

"All ox teams except two teams, Buck and Ben and Tom and Jerry; 2 milk cows; 1 gray mare and colt; 1 pair of oxen and yoke; 1 baby yoke; weather boards; plow with wood mole board; 800 to 1000 three-foot clapboards; 1,500 ten-foot fence rails; 1 60 gallon soap kettle; 85 sugar troughs made of white ash timber; 10 gallons of maple syrup; 2 spinning wheels; 30 pounds of mutton tallow; 1 large loom made by Jerry Wilson, 300 poles; 100 split hoops; 100 empty barrels; 1 32-gallon barrel of Johnson Miller Whiskey, 7 year old; 20 gallons of apple brandy; 1 40-gallon copper still, of oak-tanned leather; 1 dozen reap books; 2 handle hooks; three scythes and cradles; 1 dozen wooden pitchforks; one-half interest in tan yard; 1 32-caliber rifle, 1 bullet mold and powder horn; rifle made by Ben Miller; 50 gallons of soft soap; hams, bacon and lard; 40 gallons sorghum molasses; 6 head of fox hounds, all soft-mouthed except one.

"At the same time I will sell my six negro slaves—2 men, 65 and 50 years old; 2 boys, 12 and 18 years old; 2 mulatto wenches, 40 and 30 years old. Will sell all together to same party, will not separate them.

"Terms of sale, cash in hand, or note to draw 4 per cent interest with Bob McConnell as surety.

"My home is two miles south of Versailles, Kentucky, on the McCouns Ferry Pike. Sale begins at 8 o'clock a.m. Plenty to drink and eat.

White Church Cemetery

Don't forget to look up your last week's Merkel Mail and show some of your friends who have not seen a copy, the article concerning our Cemetery meeting. Don't forget to tell them to bring some kind of instrument to work with, and come prepared to spend the day, Wednesday, March 18th.

Dillard R. Snow.

Mrs. S. D. Gamble and children returned first of the week from a visit to relatives at Ranger, Texas.

Mrs. P. A. Sandifer is recovering from a severe illness of several days.

MR OWEN ELLIS IS NEXT TOASTMASTER

Those attending the next Luncheon meeting, which will be on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Ed's Cafe, are assured of an interesting and inspiring program with Mr. Owen Ellis, excellent and splendid young banker of this city, as Toastmaster. Mr. Ellis has been reared in Merkel and is thoroughly familiar with the city, its needs, and is well qualified to bring forth a most interesting and constructive program, one that will give some of the older ones something to think about when it comes to making plans and suggestions for making a bigger and better Merkel.

As this paper has said time and again, there should be a greater and closer cooperation of all business interests in this city if the town is to grow and prosper and hold the trade that justly belongs to it, and it is sincerely hoped that every one who can will arrange to attend the next Luncheon, and thereby join those who have been trying to promote and bring about development and improvement of this our splendid city.

McMURRY COLLEGE QUARTET IN PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday promises to be an interesting day at the Methodist church next Sunday, with special features at both the morning and evening services.

A greater attendance is expected at the evening service, however, as a special musical program has been arranged, and a sermon theme in connection will be of much interest. One of the special features of the evening service will be a program of various selections by the McMurry College Male Quartet, a quartet that has gained a very large following in Merkel although it has only appeared a few times in the city. These numbers alone will be well worth your time, and besides that the choir has arranged a special musical program for the evening service. At this time also, the pastor will preach on the subject "How big is your World?" Is your world confined to Merkel or even the United States? Do you really know how big your world is? Hear this subject discussed in detail Sunday evening.

The sermon theme for the morning service will be "The Holy Spirit." Several special features have also been planned for this service, and a large attendance is expected.

Sunday School begins promptly at 9:45 a.m., and we have a class for every one, regardless of age. The Sunday School last Sunday was fine but fell a little short of the average attendance, however that may be accounted for by the sickness now prevalent in our community. Every one be on time for Sunday School and then stay for church.

A hearty welcome is extended to every one, visitors especially. T. J. Rea, Pastor.

Messrs. H. L. Propst and Jas. A. Patterson, Jr., returned first of the week from an extended trip to Plainview and other points on the South Plains. Mr. Propst, who is one of our best and most substantial citizens, also owns almost a block of fine brick business houses in Plainview, and went to look after them mainly. And we are told that Mr. Patterson, who owns many fine farms in this locality, is thinking seriously of making some extensive investments in land and city property on the Plains.

PUT UP THOSE MARAUDING HENS

The old combination of flowers and chickens bobs up every spring, and the Reporter is importuned almost every day to remind the owners of chickens that there is a city ordinance against chickens running at large.

It is a good law. It protects flower beds and vegetable gardens, and works no harm to the owner of chickens. It is little or no trouble to keep chickens confined to pens.

Abilene just now is promoting a movement to beautify the city. But the city cannot be beautified with flowers unless chickens are kept away from them.

"A good many people have come into Abilene since the chicken ordinance was passed," said a flower-lover, in registering a kick against marauding hens. "Most of them do not know it is against the law to permit chickens to range at will over the neighborhood. People naturally hate to report a neighbor for letting his chickens run at large. But nothing makes a person madder than to have his flowers or vegetables uprooted by chickens."

The chicken ordinance has been given enough publicity that everybody ought to know it by this time. All the Reporter can do in response to appeals to "say something about chickens running at large" is to advise the injured party to call the police.—Abilene Reporter.

Merkel also has an ordinance against the aforesaid marauding hens, and this paper has also been requested to remind said owners of hens and other fowls, that there is a city statute against the letting run at large of chickens of the feathered kind and since the article above from the versatile editor of the Abilene Daily Reporter fits the situation so nicely, we are pleased indeed to reproduce same, with the sincere hope that it will be sufficient to cause marauding hen owners to take cognizance of the law and keep their feathery chickens caged up and thereby thwart the possibility of a "feminine hair-pulling."

MRS. MIDDLETON NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

At two o'clock Thursday afternoon, according to latest reports from the sick bedside of Mrs. B. P. Middleton, her condition is still very critical, following an illness of several days, infact it is reported that she is hardly expected to survive the entire day.

Box Supper at Shiloh

The Merkel Mail is requested to announce that there is to be a box supper on Friday night, March 13, at Shiloh, to which the public is most cordially invited to attend. The proceeds of the supper will be used to buy a piano for the church. It is a worthy cause. Attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jinks Winter are preparing to leave this week for O'Donnell, on the Plains, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Winter has just completed trading his half section of land some twelve miles south of Merkel, for 1,600 acres of land near O'Donnell. They have a host of friends in and about Merkel who wish for them splendid success and much happiness in their new home.

Mesdames Willie Joe Largent and Earl Lassiter returned first of the week from a visit with friends and relatives at Plainview.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

At the meeting of the Women's Missionary Society last Monday afternoon there was a short business session followed by a program from the Voice. The business and program were combined because there was no meeting of the society the preceding Monday. At the meeting next Monday there will be a lesson from the Bible Study Book. May each member who is taking the study be present for the lesson. It has been said "there is inspiration in numbers" but whether or not this is so we do know the lessons are more interesting and we seem to get a broader vision if a large class is present to enter into the discussion of the lesson. Let's have a large number present Monday. The teacher, Mrs. Thompson, will also be encouraged and helped by your presence. The time of the meeting at 2:30 o'clock. Supt. of Publicity.

Presbyterian Notes

In the absence of a pastor, Rev. A. G. Fitzgerald, of Anson, will fill the pulpit at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday. Every member is earnestly urged to be present next Sunday and give this pastor a hearty welcome. A cordial invitation is also extended to as many as will visit with us on that day. Sunday School services will be held at 10:00 o'clock as usual. Let every one try to be present and on time. We are very anxious to keep our Sunday School organization going big and that there be no letting up of our efforts during the absence of a pastor. H. C. West, S. S. Supt.

Mrs. L. P. Ligon left first of the week for Waco, Texas, for a short visit with relatives.

Mr. R. T. Williams of Rotan, Texas, was here last Sunday looking after business.

KING'S DAUGHTERS IN CLASS MEETING

On last Tuesday afternoon Mesdames Geo. Brown and H. A. Sanders were joint hostesses to the King's Daughters Class at the home of Mrs. Brown. This meeting took the form of a St. Patrick's day party. Unique invitations had been sent to each member of the class bidding them come to the party and bring an offering of 10c. Promptly at three o'clock the guests began to arrive and soon the rooms were filled for the weather was ideal, just the kind for an afternoon of pleasure. The devotional and business were conducted by the class president, Mrs. Charlie Russell. After all business had been transacted, the president announced that the treasury contained \$25.00, just the amount for which the class has been working in order to furnish a bed at the Waco Orphans' Home.

The meeting was now turned over to the hostesses. Mrs. Sanders first gave a brief history of St. Patrick, informing us that he was a great missionary and used the Shamrock to teach the great doctrine of the trinity. Of course he was a great man of Ireland. The Irish potato race was very amusing, and perhaps a bit rough on muscles and nerves. The contestants were required to hop on one foot and carry potatoes in a teaspoon from a pan on one side of the room and place them in a pan at the other side. There were four who tied for the prize in this contest. Sheets of paper having the word "Killarney" written at the top were passed and we were told to make as many words as possible from the letters in this word in the given time of five minutes. Mrs. Bob Martin won the prize in this, making 28 words. Piano music by Mrs. Hollingsworth and Miss Inice Brown, an Irish reading by Gladys Watts completed the afternoon of entertainment. The hostesses were very charm-

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REMEMBER THE DATES

There will be singing at Elm-dale next Sunday evening at 2 o'clock and at Trent the third Sunday at 2 p.m. and on the fourth Sunday at 2 p.m. at Eula, southeast of Abilene, at 2 p.m. These are dates fixed by Profs. Alphin, Haley, Woods and Jones, and you well know that our friend Prof. Eason never fails to be there, so be on hand as something is going to happen musically. They were all at Stith last Sunday, and woke old Stith up and placed her on the map once more and she is now alive and wide awake again. So if there is any place that is dead, invite these men and they will restore it to life and liberty, and place a tune in its mouth—one that every body can sing and enjoy. Then comes next that awful big singing the Fifth Sunday convention at Salt Branch, so come to Salty with your baskets full of some good things to eat and have the time of your life. Good-bye, Tom Spears.

Senior B. Y. P. U.

March 8, 1925.
Topic: "Bible Study meeting—The Bible, its authority."
Leader, Lucille Guitart.
Introduction by leader.
1. Lola Dennis. 2. Delbert Polly. 3. Fred Giles. 4. Althea Boden. 5. Dovie Teaff. 6. Chas. Deut-schman.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Roll Call.
2. Our Home Mission board, by Mary Ellen Ashby.
3. Some of our neighbors, by Charli Largent.
4. Some ways to be friends, Helen Booth.
5. Poem, Lillian Hughes.
6. Where is my Jerusalem, by Clyde Mayfield.
8. My Favorite Home Mission, Pauline Chinn.

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ing in their manner of entertainment and spared no pains in making this an afternoon of pleasure for their guests. The house was beautifully decorated in white and green, and huge Shamrocks in white and green were noticeable on the piano, table and window draperies. The chandelier was also beautifully draped in green and white with Irish motifs tucked here and there in the drapery. A lovely refreshment plate consisting of bread and butter sandwiches, salad in lettuce cups, potato chips, olives and tea was passed to the guests by Misses Sally and Inice Brown, who also bore out the St. Patrick idea by wearing cunning little aprons and caps in green and white. The guest napkins were white with green figures of Irish peasants and the plate favors were green shamrock leaves. This was indeed a very pleasant and profitable party. The guests were very hearty in their voice of appreciation and gave Mesdames Sanders and Brown a rising vote of thanks for such a pleasant afternoon. There were about thirty-five present to partake of the hospitality of the two hostesses and we sincerely hope they see fit to entertain again soon.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The meeting is going well. The crowds are increasing with every service. We will continue on through next week. There is a deeper spiritual feeling among the people. The morning discussions next week will be on the Holy Spirit. You are cordially invited to come. W. H. Albertson.

Be sure to hear the McMurry College Male Quartet at the Methodist Church Sunday night.

Bring your cream to me, will pay 35 cents for Butter Fat until further notice. C. E. Conner, at J. D. Porter's Grocery. 1t

Mrs. F. P. Hamm and daughters, Misses Ruby and Evelyn, were in Abilene last Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Hamm Entertains

On last Friday evening at 3:00 o'clock the Althean Class of the Baptist church met in a social and business meeting in the home of Mrs. Frank Hamm on Oak street. The rooms were decorated with green and white. Mrs. Hamm greeted each guest at the door as they entered with a smile of welcome. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in various contests.

Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Holden proved very successful in the guessing contest.

And after the business and merriment, to our surprise, a girl in a St. Patrick costume entered the room with the napkins and then a plate of delicious refreshments was served which consisted of ice cream and individual angel food squares with the clover leaf on top of each.

Each member expressed their sincere thanks as they departed. There were twelve members present and one visitor, Mrs. S. A. Barker of Austin, Texas. The class will meet with Mrs. A. M. Giles on March 28.

By Class Reporter.

Try a sack of Peace Maker Flour. It's the best. G. M. Sharp. 27t2

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Intermediate League Program

Subject: "The Master's method of winning Followers."
Leader, Tommie Durham.
Song: Scripture (Matt. 4:18-22) Reading, Irene Campbell.
Talk by assistant leader (Luke 5:27-32) Ruby Fae Golliday.
Talk by second assistant leader (John 4:35-51) Lola Hays.
How Christ wins us today, by several leaguers.
No. 1. Elizabeth Harkrider.
No. 2. T. J. Rea. 3. Inice Brown.
4. Victor Smith.
Prayer; Benediction.

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WARREN NEWS

As I have not seen any notes from this vicinity for some time I resolved to send in a few.

Our school is doing nicely as Misses Lena and Lila Bradley are teachers.

Farmers are still going ahead with their plowing. Most every one will finish breaking next week if not hindered.

Mr. John Daniels has begun building a nice bungalow which will be the finest home in our community.

Mrs. I. W. Manscill has had her house worked over by adding another room and porch.

Our gravel road was finished last week. It is a fine road. Mr. W. R. Sumpter who supervised the work from start to finish is again living a private life.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Anthony are rejoicing over a fine baby girl which arrived a few days ago.

Mrs. Stella Hobbs, who has been very sick, is improved at present.

The singing at Stith last Sunday afternoon was well attended and some of the best singing I ever heard.

Mr. Milo Jones returned to Dallas the first of the week after a week's visit at home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter made a round trip to Winters Sunday to visit his nephew who is high school athletic coach at that place.

Warren school is preparing a stage play which will be announced later.

June Bug

MT. PLEASANT NEWS

A delightful dinner was enjoyed at Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson's. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Humphreys and family, Miss Stinnett, Miss Little, Homer Campbell and Rev. Stutts of Abilene.

There will be a play at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church Friday night, March 6. Every one is invited to come. The admission is 25 and 10 cents. The name of the play is "The Old Maid Convention" or "Spinsters Convention."

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan spent Sunday afternoon with relatives in the Nublia community.

The Revival meeting will begin at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Saturday night, March 7. Rev. Riddle of Abilene and Rev. Dunlap are going to hold the meeting. Every one is invited to attend the services.

Senior League Program

Subject: "The Master's method of winning followers."

Leader, Ethel Wilson.

Song; Prayer.

Violin solo, Lynn Thompson.

Scripture: John 4:5-17.

Song: "A charge to keep I Have."

Jesus attracted men to himself, Murphy Thomas.

Jesus' confidence in all men, Mabel Toombs.

Jesus Faith in the redeemableness of man, Cyrus Pee.

Jesus calls men in terms of their ordinary life, Lorena Frazier.

Announcements; Benediction.

Mrs. W. P. Browning has had her home repainted, which adds much to its appearance.

The World is big. But "How big is your world?" Hear the pastor discuss this subject at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Carpenters and decorators are busy this week at the Bragg Dry Goods Company, where they are engaged in re-arranging the show windows and making other substantial improvements on the interior of this place of business.

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WHITE CHURCH NEWS

Weather conditions are still so changeable farmers are beginning to wonder whether or not to go fishing, dry plant some early feed or fix up their phone lines. Many are working on their phone lines and others are talking of doing likewise. It is very evident that this work needs to be done.

Mr. Costepheas is making some additions to the house on his farm where Mr. Harrison is living. Although Mr. Costepheas has retired from the farm he has not tired of progression, and we see evidences in looking over his farm that he believes in making splendid provisions for his renters.

Mr. A. D. Wilson and family, Mr. B. B. Presley and family visited Author Coats and wife on the divide last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Teaff from east of Merkel visited Mrs. Teaff's brother, Mr. Tom Maddox, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Chitwood from Bitter Creek near Sweetwater visited in the home of Mrs. Chitwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shuff, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, while on their way Sunday from Abilene to Bitter Creek, where Mrs. Wilson is teaching, stopped in for a few minutes visit with Mr. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

Miss Viola Snow, accompanied by Mr. John S. Hughes and family, visited her sister, Mrs. F. A. Irvin at Rule Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer are entertaining a new baby in their home since our last writing.

Misses Lorena Frazier and Lucy Mae Patterson, teachers of Salt Branch school; were given a holiday Monday and were visitors to the White Church school. As they were the teachers in this school last year, no doubt they were glad to meet with the pupils of this school again.

We are sorry to learn that Uncle Bill Brown is still in bad health.

PERSONALS

Mr. A. A. McGehee is having his home on Main street repainted, which will add much to its appearance.

W. C. Leopard of Stamford was here last week attending the funeral of Mr. W. L. Johnson.

Mr. Milo Jones returned to Dallas Monday after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Johnes.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson, of Abilene, was a guest of Mrs. E. L. Wills, at the latter's home two miles north, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson were down first of the week from Sweetwater for a visit with relatives and friends.

Victor Mellinger and family of Big Spring were here last Sunday, guests of the former's brother, Mr. Max Mellinger, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg spent last Sunday in Westbrook, where they were guests of the ladies' parents.

Mrs. H. B. Young of Holden ville, Oklahoma, has returned to her home after a visit with relatives here during the sickness of Mr. W. L. Johnson.

Miss Mittie Atwood of Lindsay, Oklahoma, was visiting at Mrs. Lucy Blackburn's residence last week. Miss Atwood is a granddaughter of Mrs. Blackburn, and a daughter of Mrs. Effie Atwood. Miss Atwood returned to Oklahoma by the way of Brownwood, Texas, to visit her brother and family.



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Pep service led by the boys. Leader, Mildred Richardson.

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Scripture: Num. 21:1-9, Opai Huskey. Prayer.

Reading, Glenna Rea.

Talk, Theodore Roosevelt, by Lynn McSpadden.

Strong Minds, Dahlia Watkins.

"Slightly soiled; Greatly reduced," Nadine Tippett.

Reading, Jim Chaney.

Form circle around the room asking God to make us a strong link in our Junior League.

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CITY FURNITURE Co. buys, sells and exchanges new and second-hand furniture. Large shipment of dishes, rugs and army goods. Joe Garland, Prop. Across from Post Office. It

For some ten days there has been considerable serious sickness in and about Merkel; there are not many homes where every member has escaped, and the editor's family was not among the few.

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THE AUTOMOBILE AND PROSPERITY

After considering all that can be said for and against the automobile in its relation to prosperity, L. R. Thompson of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, in addressing the Seventh District Bankers in Fort Worth on Monday, reached the conclusion that economically it is a net gain.

It is good to have such testimony from a banker, and a small town banker at that. It is becoming fashionable to decry the circumstances that the American people own more than 80 per cent of the automobiles of the world and to cite it as evidence that we are the most extravagant among the nations. Frequently to this is added the statement that there are more automobile owners than home owners in the United States. And in other ways it is pointed out that we are "crazy on the subject of automobiles."

On the other hand it can be shown, and Mr. Thompson touch-

ed on this point, that the automobile has done much to wipe out distance in the United States and this has had such a wide-spread economic effect that it would be next to impossible to compute it accurately in dollars and cents. The automobile has extended the suburbs of our cities and has very nearly abolished to distinction between between rural and town life. For the past decade or more it has been averaging up the standard of life of the American people as a whole. It has been promoting education and social life among elements of the population which were almost stagnant 20 years ago. It is not too much to say that it has done more than any other one thing to raise the standard of literacy among the people as a whole. When you get right down to the matter, it can be shown that the automobile costs more than even its critics imagine—for such elements as road building and maintenance and traffic control are frequently omitted by those who estimate the cost of motor traffic. But we think it could be shown also that the automobile is worth to society as a whole all that it costs, no matter how many specific cases can be cited of persons who would be better off without an automobile. Moreover, it has come to stay as a permanent fixture in American life. It is one of the symbols of our prosperity and serves to emphasize in striking fashion that the standard of living in the United States is not only the highest in the world, but is the highest that has existed in any country since the dawn of history.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

ELECTION NOTICE

By virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the City Hall in said city on the first Tuesday in April, same being the seventh day of said month, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, two Aldermen and a City Secretary, to serve for a period of two years.

B. C. Gaither is hereby appointed election judge.

The polls shall open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 4th day of March, A. D. 1925.

H. C. WEST, Mayor.

REVENUE BILLS ARE REJECTED BY COMMITTEE

PROPOSERS CLAIM PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE PRODUCED \$10,000,000.

Austin.—Two proposed revenue producing measures which its authors claimed would have yielded nearly \$10,000,000 have been effectively buried as far as this session of the legislature is concerned when both of these bills were reported unfavorably by house committee of revenue and taxation.

One of these bills is the Beer Tobacco bill in which it was proposed to raise, according to calculations made by former governor Ferguson, over \$4,000,000 annually on a graduated occupation tax on cigars and cigarettes. Governor Ferguson believed that the imposition of such a tax was not only practicable but could be enforced. The bill was discussed at a recent conference by the governor with the heads of the various educational institutions of higher learning, as the plan was to turn this immense amount of revenue to these schools.

The other bill was one by Representative Loftin of Henrietta, known as the soft drink tax, in which an occupation tax of ten per cent was to be imposed on soda fountain and other dealers of soft drinks. Loftin said that had his bill received a favorable report and passed in the legislature, it would have produced approximately \$5,000,000 in revenue. The defeat of these measures means that the lawmakers do not mean to increase the burden of taxation against the people by additional taxes or by increasing appropriations. There was no minority report on either of these bills as they have been effectively disposed of as far as the regular session of the thirty-ninth legislature is concerned.

This committee also unanimously voted adversely on the Rawlins ice cream bill. This is the bill which would have required a standard formula in the manufacture of ice cream. Rawlins, however, had introduced this bill by request.

\$12,000,000 EXPECTED FOR ROADS IN TEXAS

Burkett Says Construction and Main-
tenance Will be
Followed.

Austin, Texas.—"We expect to have \$12,000,000 to spend on the Texas highways this year," said Senator Joe W. Burkett, member of the State Highway Commission, "and of that amount \$8,000,000 will be available by July 1, next. As a result of this condition the commission will proceed with the usual program of construction and road maintenance."

Another statement by Mr. Burkett was that it is probable that the State Highway Engineer will not be elected for a month. "We want to take our time and find the best man available for this responsible position," the Commissioner declared, "and we are not going to be rushed in finding him."

"One definite policy decided upon," explained Mr. Burkett, "is that the commission is going to personally direct the program of construction and maintenance. Instead of leaving it to the State Highway Engineer, which has prevailed in the past, this commission is going to see that the highways are built properly and maintained as the law contemplates, and we are not going to leave it to any other person. That is our duty under the law and we intend to fulfill it."

The State Highway Engineer receives \$8,000 per annum, being the highest salaried official in the State Government, and Mr. Burkett said he did not think the next one will come from the present organization.

\$237,253 on Wards in January
Austin, Texas.—The State expended \$237,253 in the care of its wards in the various eleemosynary institutions during January, the per capita cost being \$22, according to the monthly report of the State Board of Control. The average monthly per capita cost for the five months of the current fiscal year was \$23.

\$3,000 for Texas Electors.
Austin.—An appropriation of \$3,000 for the Texas presidential electors who met here last month to select a messenger has been passed in the house finally. About \$1,000 of the sum goes to the messenger, Mrs. John D. Claybrook of Austin, who carried the official presidential returns to Washington, and the other \$2,000 pays expenses of the electors.

New Policy is Adopted.
Austin.—A new policy in letting road contracts, providing for submission of bids to the highway commission before they are set by Commissioners' courts, is announced by the new state highway commission. Under the old system the Commissioners' courts let the contracts and they were then submitted to the highway commission for approval or rejection. Rejection of a bid meant readvertisement and untold expense. The new policy was introduced by Frank V. Lanham, chairman.

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TRENT MISSIONARY NOTES

The Womens Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday, March 2. Their program was taken from the Missionary Voice, and was enjoyed by all. They take for their next lesson, which will be next Wednesday afternoon, the first 9 chapters of the book "The task ahead," by Elmer T. Clark. This book will be finished by March 15. The Womens' Missionary Society will put on a play April 3, "The Old Fashioned Mother." We hope every one will come out and enjoy themselves. It has 3 acts and plays two and one-half hours. If you come you will be entertained. Reporter.

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Mr. F. F. Freeman of Oklahoma City, returned home last Saturday after a brief visit with his mother, Mrs. P. A. Sandifer and sister, Mrs. S. W. Johnson.

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Phone 265

WHAT IS YOUR DUTY?

It is the Duty of every Loyal citizen to keep talking and boosting constantly for Merkel.

It has been said that "A community's growth and permanent progress is measured by the scope of its commercial activities." By its ability to support that portion of its population which depends upon it for a livelihood. If this is true, and it is, this situation undoubtedly rests in the hands of all of us as citizens not only as civic but a patriotic duty.

We Merkel folks should be known all over this section as big-hearted, hard-hitting home town boosters, and we want you to join with us, without hesitation, to make this a feature of our community life and on a 100 percent basis. Let this be our slogan: "I buy all I can in Merkel." Investing your money in some other community is just another way of knocking the supporting props from under your home town foundation. Patriotizing other business firms in cities while you live in Merkel is simply straddling the fence, dividing and weakening the splendid force which you could otherwise be lending to our city's progress. This is plain talk founded on plain facts.

Getting "right down to brass tacks" we would like to ask you what sort of an excuse you can offer for sending or spending your money elsewhere? The Merchandise, prices and service offered the Merkel purchasing public, eliminates any excuse that might be offered for trading elsewhere. Nine times out of ten there is nothing to justify such action and you can't do it and still be known as a loyal home town citizen.

For instance, the furniture stocks of our city, the clothing, drug, hardware, men's furnishing, millinery, bakery, jewelry, building supplies, electrical, auto, plumbing, tailoring, grocery, and shoe stocks, in fact almost every class of merchandise of service to be found elsewhere, is here in such varied grades and sufficiency as to make Merkel a trading center able to supply your every want and at prices which will compare favorably with any other point.

We want every reader to realize the truth of this statement. Remember that to withhold your patronage from the business men of your Home Town means only to place a hardship upon them and to the benefit of out-of-town institutions whose owners are not in the slightest degree concerned about you or your personal welfare. Think of this every time you decide to make a purchase and resolve, deep down in your heart, to be a 100 percent loyal Merkel citizen, loyal to her commercial, professional and manufacturing interests.

Do you know what this spells? It spells prosperity. It means civic advancement, and all brought about by a community that is standing solidly together and bucking against anything that, in any way, tends to retard our civic progress.

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M. A. Dunn, on receiving a message that his mother was ill at her home in Merkel, left on Thursday for her bedside. We sincerely hope Mr. Dunn will find his mother better when he reaches her.—Hale Center American.

We are very grateful to Mr. Lige Harris, splendid citizen on route two, for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail for another year.

Mr. M. A. Dunn, splendid and progressive citizen of Hale Center, was here several days this and last week, being called here to attend the sick bedside of his mother, who, we are glad to learn is improving at his time. Before leaving for his home Mr. Dunn had us send him the Mail for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Ball of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.

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If you suffer from any form of skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guarantee. It will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor. For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO

ALLEGED SHORTAGES IN VARIOUS FUNDS

AUDITOR SAYS HE CALLED MATTER TO ATTENTION OF GOVERNOR NEFF.

Austin, Texas.—Legislative prison investigators have centered the spotlight on alleged "irregularities" involving Col. J. A. Herring, chairman of the board of prison commissioners, and two managers of prison farms. The name of former Gov. Pat M. Neff, as one who had received both verbal and written reports of certain alleged "irregularities," was mentioned frequently.

M. E. Bogle, employed by the Comptroller, the State Treasurer and the Attorney General to be "auditor of facts as well as figures of the prison system operation," was the single witness examined here in the final session of the committee before leaving for Huntsville. He testified regarding "various irregularities," which he alleged were found by him, and said that after taking one matter before the Walker County Grand jury he was assaulted by R. E. McAdams, manager of the Ferguson State Farm; by a son of Col. J. A. Herring, chairman of the board of prison commissioners, and by three other men who were unidentified.

"I caught McAdams stealing," Mr. Bogle said in his testimony brought out under questioning by Representative Irwin, who, by general consent of the committee has taken the lead in examining witnesses.

"I made McAdams pay back some money to the State," the witness continued. "I caught him short on cattle, short on ferry funds and found duplications of expense funds. McAdams has been manager of the Ferguson State Farm since October, 1921.

"McAdams ought to have been fired over any of several matters I reported to Col. J. A. Herring, chairman of the board."

Testimony of the witness next concerned his idea of the law regarding limitations on prison commissioners.

"The law says," he answered Representative Irwin, "that prison commissioners and officials shall not engage in any other business and that they must not be interested personally in any contracts for supplies for the system."

"Then was Mr. McAdams engaged in any other business than 'ending to his duties as farm manager?'" asked Representative Irwin.

"Yes," replied the witness, "McAdams was engaged in other business. He had three leased pastures near the farm and he sold cattle to the prison system. Under cover he is in partnership with J. A. Herring, chairman of the board of prison commissioners."

"Do you mean to say," interrupted Representative Irwin, "that Col. Herring is engaged in another business?"

"Col. Herring is half owner of the Herring-Turner Hardware Company at Madisonville," responded the witness, "and the prison system bought from Herring's own store a number of items used around the farms. I examined accounts, various ones of which were incorrect. In some instances the bills were paid two or three times. These were items bought by Mr. McAdams for the farm."

SAILORS HAVE FIRM BELIEF IN OMENS

Deep Sea Seems to Breed Quaint Superstitions.

There is no place in the world where superstition is so powerful as on the sea, R. Barry O'Brien, writing in the Washington Post, asserts.

Let an absent-minded sailor whistle on board ship and his mates will curse him for bringing on a stiff breeze when it is not wanted.

But for a sailor to whistle when the ship is enveloped in dense fog is permissible, since the occult wind may disperse the very material fog.

Until comparatively recently, under no circumstances was a young steamship-trained helmsman allowed to mount the "weather side of the bridge."

This privilege was reserved for old shellbacks who had been seven times round Cape Horn. But as few seamen can claim such distinction in these days of "iron ships and wooden men" the "leeside" is now universally used.

Pafsons are never popular aboard. They are supposed to bring bad luck, and are therefore blamed by the crew for any misfortune that occurs.

Seamen no longer believe that rats leave an ill-fated ship before she sails. But they still regard the arrival of a corpse for shipment as a very bad omen, and I have known them to desert sooner than sail with it.

Strangely enough, the extent of their apprehension on this account varies with the social standing of the deceased, the remains of a celebrity being more unlucky than those of a humble citizen.

So strong was this superstition in bygone days that the packing case containing the casket had to be labeled and stowed as ordinary cargo.

The luck of black cats is proverbial. But what is not so well known is the reason why seamen are so over-indifferent to them. This is to prevent their bringing ill-luck to the ship by running away.

During the war black cats were at a premium. With so much extra tonnage afloat there was not enough to go around.

Sometimes a young midshipman could be sent ashore in search of one, and a certain youth, sooner than return empty-handed, dyed the white patches of a black and white "stray" with ink.

Those Smart Children

"My three-year-old nephew Anaximander, hurried breathlessly into the living room where we were entertaining the minister and his wife.

"Mamma!" he cried without regard for consequences, "Bruver's gone and torn his rubber rompers and now you'll have to vulcanize them."

Little Willie, my eighteen-month-old cousin, was earnestly watching his father (my uncle) repair his automobile.

"What seems to be the matter?" he finally asked his dad.

"I'm afraid the differential's gone wrong," said his daddy, wiping the grease off his forehead with his \$8 silk shirt.

"Heck!" ejaculated Willie. "A fellow's got to understand calculus to run a car these days!"

Ermytrude is a trifle precocious and for that reason her parents temporize with her.

At the dinner table the other night she brusquely asked her mother to pass the mustard.

Mother smiled wearily and said expectantly, "If you—?"

Imagine our embarrassment when the little darling retorted, "If you know what's good for you!"—Roswell J. Powers in Judge.

Dead Spots at Sea

While we have come to accept "dead spots" on land, there is another form of "dead spot" to be found right in mid-ocean, hundreds of miles from land, for which no adequate explanation has yet been given, according to A. Dinsdale, member of the Radio Society of Great Britain. Some scientists maintain that they are caused by large mineral deposits on the ocean floor, but this explanation hardly seems satisfactory, though it is true that such dead spots can also be overcome by increasing the wavelength of communication. There are several such spots in the different oceans, and they cause quite an amount of inconvenience to ships at times, although the study of them is interesting.—Scientific American.

Something New in History

She was proud of her kindergarten class and was anxious to show off the little ones to a number of visiting mothers.

"Who discovered America?" the teacher asked.

"Columbia," shouted a little girl, easily beating her classmates to the answer.

Overlooking the error, the teacher went on:

"And what was his first name?"

"Hall," was the quick reply that sent teacher and mother into spasms of laughter.

Stars in Pairs

There are many stars that are double, says Nature Magazine—that is, they are made up of stars revolving around one another. Most of these pairs are of contrasting color, one blue and the other gold, or one red and the other green. Albrecht is considered to be one of the finest of the pairs that are visible in small telescopes.

Comfort and Elegance in Revolutionary Days

Those who are under the impression that our Revolutionary ancestors spent their daily lives without the comfort which helps to make life more worth while are in error. The articles of household ware, for instance, used by them were abundant, various and serviceable.

The bed and all that pertained to it were the pride of the mistress of the house. It was almost invariably of sweet, soft and downy feathers; its sheets were of fine "homespun"; the blankets and rugs of "spotted woolen" and flannel; and the towering posts at either corner of the bed were garnished with snowy curtains of dimity.

For table use they had napkins of linen and tablecloths of diaper; "diaper-wove buckaback," kersey and "damask plain and flowered."

The household goods and furniture of those simple times were in strong contrast with those now in use. China was as rare as gold and as highly prized, most commonly three china cups and saucers comprising the entire outfit of a respectable family, though the numbers rose sometimes to six, but seldom to a dozen.

Pewter and copper were the ornamental, and iron, then as now, the serviceable metal. Of the two former were made basins, ewers, mugs, porringers, ladies and tea and coffee kettles.

There was little glassware in use, and the few "jelly glasses, half pint and gill glasses," salt cellars, punch goblets and tumblers of glass were considered unusual elegances.

Clocks and "looking glasses" embellished the houses of the wealthy, and the size of the "looking glasses" corresponded with the degree of its owner's social standing.

Stoves were not in general use, and coal was unknown except for blacksmithing purposes; wood, charcoal and turf were the only fuel. Wood was just beginning to be burned in "franklins," but generally was used in fireplaces, which were provided with dogs and andirons, and in kitchens were huge ovens garnished with a forest of chimneys, pots and truncheons, swinging on iron cranes or "smoke jacks" over fires that were fed by great logs.

Civilizations Compared

"Nations and individuals are judged by two factors—their virtues and their vices," writes Ahmed Abdallah, distinguished novelist and playwright from the Orient, comparing the East and West, in Hearst's International. He says:

"I asked myself: Did the Europeans live up more to the altruistic teachings of Jesus than we to those of Mohammed, Confucius, Buddha and Moses? Were the teachings of Jesus more apt to lead his followers in the golden path than those of the other great prophets? Did the Europeans have finer loyalty than the Arabs, finer fidelity than the Chinese, finer family cohesion than the Jews, finer sex morality than the Persians?"

"My answer was—still is—'No!' and I challenge anybody above the level of asinine bigotry to show me where I am wrong."

"Looking at the other side of the medal: were the unwashed of Calcutta dirtier than those of Liverpool? Were the perverts of Bokhara more degenerate than those of Naples? Were the murderers of Canton more blood-thirsty than those of Paris? Were the saber-rattlers of Constantinople more arrogant than those of Berlin?"

"Again my answer was—still is—'No!'"

Boys Chief Stutterers

For every girl who stutters there are five or six stuttering boys.

Dr. James Sonnett Greene of New York, medical director of the National hospital for speech disorders, explains this curious fact in writing for Hygeia, health magazine, published by the American Medical Association.

Girls, as a rule, talk more than boys, and, therefore, get more practice in speech production. Doctor Greene states. Although it is generally conceded that girls are more nervous than boys, yet the girl is more capable of maintaining her co-ordination under emotional strain because she is naturally more graceful and her co-ordination more complete.

For that reason it requires an exceptionally severe shock to cause her to lose her standard, hesitate and stutter.

Sure to Succeed

Original men are not content to be governed by tradition; they think for themselves, and the result is that they succeed where others fail.

Now, a certain photographer never says to a woman customer, "Look pleasant, madam, if you please." He knows a formula infinitely better than that.

In the most natural manner in the world he remarks: "It is unnecessary to ask you to look pleasant; I am sure you could not look otherwise."

Then click goes the camera and the result is never in doubt.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Blind Ex-Athlete Elected

Perry T. W. Hale, a Yale football star twenty years ago, and an All-American center at the time, but now totally blind, has been elected tax collector of Portland, Conn., getting the support of all parties and factions practically. He lost his sight in an explosion about fifteen years ago. He will keep his records in the Braille system of raised letters and figures.

Youth Is No Longer "Seen But Not Heard"

The baby of today seems to be born with wireless phones over his ears. And as we watch him through the stages by which he reaches manhood we hold our breath and marvel. For he is not as we have seen.

He has no time for the childish pleasures once so satisfying, now but a pleasant memory. His whole life, writes Richard Carol in the Edinburgh Scotsman, takes advantage of all that the progress of scientific discovery has made possible, eliminating that which does not help toward the grand ambition. Science it is which, at an early age, seizes hold of him and, enthraling him with its mystery, soon adds him to its list of victims.

His very toys are marvels of scientific endeavor. But he is not content, as we were, to remain in simple wonderment at their efficiency or pull them to pieces to see how it worked. He examines them as scientifically as they were put together and lays bare their mystery. And so he talks in technicalities and leaves his fond parent tongue-tied and amazed at his wonderful progeny.

With a confidence and assurance that rouses the jealousy of the older man, whose more intimate knowledge of the world has brought a discretion in argument, he launches out into discussions on subjects voted deadly dull and boring by the schoolboy of the previous generation, and even by us now, who were those schoolboys.

No longer does the modern youngster call his father and mother pater and mater, respectively. Now it is Dad and Mom. He is on equal terms. Respect for elders is obsolete. In fact, he almost despises, or perhaps hates, the kinder word, his parents who are so faithfully behind the scenes with their plans. Sometimes he even consents to undertake their further education.

Where will it all end? Are we now the beholders of a race of coming supermen who, with thoughts at fifteen dollar to ours at thirty, will go leaping forward to a state of mental efficiency hitherto undreamed of?

I should like to think it so. Yet, in all other matters Nature seemsaverse to this missing out of steps. And then there comes back to my mind the case of a professor who discovered Greek while his convales played with bricks; soon after he had passed his sixth year he was discovered in his study playing with bricks—and I wonder.

When Dad's Used the Whip

I once tried smoking Aunt Mahalia's pipe after she had laid it aside, and became very sick. While in this condition someone reported the incident to my father, who came after me and gave me what we called a whipping. I saw him coming, trimming a switch, and understood what it meant, for whipping children was very common in that day.

The first compliment ever paid me was from my mother, who said I was a good-looking baby but had gotten bravely over it. The second came from my Aunt Beekie, who said I was smart; that when my father hit me the first lick I fell and screamed so loud he thought he was murdering me and soon quit, whereas my brother Jim sullenly took punishment, which caused the whip to be laid on all the harder.

We never made camp in our trip to the West by covered wagon, that some of the children were not whipped; frequently fathers and mothers led their children off, the children screaming, "I'll be good! I'll be good!"

In this modern day I have not seen a child whipped in many years. Whether the old custom was better than the new I do not know, but I have never whipped my own, and have good children.—E. W. Howe in the Saturday Evening Post.

Camel Flesh as Delicacy

If, as predicted, the erection of a motor factory in Egypt spells the doom of the camel as the "ship of the desert," other uses may be found for that most stubborn of beasts. By some epicures, for instance, remarks the Manchester Guardian, it is highly esteemed as a table delicacy.

The hump, when roasted, is said to be delicious, while the head, served with sauce piquante, is also described as a noble dish.

Apparently, however, camel flesh is not to everyone's taste. Some years ago several large consignments of it were imported from Algiers into France, and "Chambeau Mozabite" figured in the bill of fare of certain Parisian restaurants. After a brief vogue it fell rapidly and completely from favor, and the restaurant keepers ceased to supply it.

Portable X-Ray a Boon

Dr. W. D. Coolidge, formerly a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has invented a portable X-ray machine, which will be a boon to rural residents besides being valuable in commercial life. The machine may be carried around like a small hand grip. It will enable plumbers to see pipes hidden in walls, gem buyers to detect fake gems, and will enable the country doctor to carry modern curative science into the inland home.

Faked Birth Certificates

Charged with issuing false birth certificates supposedly copied from the church register, and selling them so that applicants could receive old-age pensions ahead of time, the session clerk of the Free church of Lewis, Scotland, was arrested recently.

SOLON WOULD CALL HALT ON REMISSION OF TAXES

McFARLANE SHOWS PROPEITY WORTH \$200,000,000 NOT TAXED NOW.

Austin.—That the legislature should call a halt on the passage of bills releasing counties of the state from the payment of state taxes ranging from periods of 10 to 15 years, in the opinion of Representative McFarlane of Graham, who has prepared statistics showing that property valued at approximately \$200,000,000, of which the state is losing and will lose by tax exemptions nearly \$700,000.

The following is a list of the counties that are now exempted from the payment of state ad valorem taxes for various reasons, also the taxable values and the amount of the tax exemption.

	Value	Exempt
Brooks	\$ 4,467,828	15,649
Duval	7,677,675	28,881
Jim Hogg	2,876,206	10,000
Jim Wells	7,967,196	27,885
Kierberg	7,670,534	26,849
Nueces	20,217,329	70,760
Willacy	5,554,671	18,350
Galveston	56,248,374	190,908
Hidalgo	30,117,684	105,412
Matagorda	20,607,530	60,253
Wharton	15,540,090	54,320
Atansas	2,614,985	9,152
Calhoun	4,682,985	16,287
San Patricio	9,755,265	34,448
Total	\$195,985,918	473,196

McFarlane stated that these totals did not include proposals now before the legislature to also exempt from taxation for a long period of years of the city of Freeport, the counties of Cameron and Brazos. Passage of the Cameron county bill would mean the remission of \$199,000 in taxes while exemption of Brazos county would mean about \$80,000.

"The people back home should know about this," said McFarlane, "so they could advise their representatives."

BUS CARRIER BILL KILLED IN THE HOUSE

Claims Measure Would Create Monopoly for Established Concerns.

Austin.—The important common carrier bus bill, to place automobile bus lines under regulation of the state railroad commission was killed in the house by striking out the enactment clause 72 to 42.

This was considered one of the most important measures before the legislature, as it had been agitated throughout the state and discussed for weeks before the legislature convened. Regulation of the bus lines as common carriers had been demanded in some form by many organizations and lawmakers, and even by some of the established bus lines.

The argument against the measure was that it would create a monopoly of established companies and that it was incompatible with the functions of the railroad commission, whose duties are to regulate road rates.

May Get Out of Politics

Austin.—Representative T. K. Irwin of Dallas, leader in the prison investigation, announced that with but one exception, after the present session of the legislature, he would retire from politics. "What's the exception?" he was asked. "I intend to stay in politics until the legislature cleans up the prison system and any other state department that needs attention," he said. "If the Thirty-ninth legislature does the job, I will retire, and will devote my time to my personal affairs, but if it does not, I intend to again run for the legislature, and stay in the race until the cleanup is achieved."

Uniforms for Road Officers

Austin.—Representative Williamson of San Antonio, obtained final passage, under suspension of the rule of his bill requiring traffic officers in cities or on highways to wear uniforms and badges so that the people may know who they are. "The bill is to protect the public so we may know whether we are being arrested for violation of the speed laws," said Williamson, "or being held up by hijackers."

Holderness Appointed

Austin, Texas.—C. O. Austin of Dallas, State Bank Commissioner, who succeeded J. L. Chapman, announces appointment of C. N. Holderness of Greenville, departmental examiner and office deputy. Mr. Holderness was an examiner when Mr. Austin was Banking Commissioner under the administration of former Governor James E. Ferguson.

Labor Pays Its Respect

Austin, Texas.—Organized labor paid its respects to Governor Miriam A. Ferguson recently when its legislative representatives called at the executive office in a body and had a brief conference with the Governor, who was assisted by her husband, James E. Ferguson. No business matters were discussed, and the representatives paid only a social call. It was the first meeting of Governor Ferguson with the labor representatives.

AMNESTY FOR J. E. FERGUSON VOTED BY SENATE

GOVERNOR AND HUSBAND IN HALL WHEN POLL IS TAKEN.

Austin, Texas.—By a vote of 21 to 6 the Senate passed finally a general amnesty bill to restore to former Gov. James E. Ferguson his political rights.

With Mr. Ferguson and his wife, Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson seated on the floor of the same chamber where he was impeached in 1917, the Senate first voted 19 to 9 to adopt the majority report recommending the amnesty bill be adopted, restoring rights to the ex-Governor. The action followed immediately a 2 to 9 adoption of a motion to table the minority committee report which would have submitted the question to a vote of the people as an amendment to the Constitution.

The bill came to a vote following more than three hours of argument in the Senate chamber over the two plans proposed for removing Ferguson's impeachment disqualifications—legislative act through bill of amnesty and constitutional amendment.

The rules requiring the reading of bills on separate days before final passage were suspended. The vote on final passage of the amnesty bill was as follows:

For—Berkeley, Davis, Farchild, Floyd, Hardin of Erath, Hardin of Kaufman, Heilbrook, Miller, Moore, of Cooke, Murphy, Parnell, Parr, Pollard, Real Rossak, Smith, Strong, Ward, Wirtz, Witt, Woodward—21.

Against—Bledsoe, Moore of Hunt, Price, Reid, Stuart, Wood—6.

Present and Not Voting—Bailey and Tipton.

Paired—Lewis, who would vote no, with Powers, absent, who would vote yes.

TO PROVIDE AUDIT IN HANDLING OF FUNDS

Will Enable Legislature to Have Reliable Figures on Revenues.

Austin, Texas.—To enable the legislature and the Appropriations Committee especially, to have reliable figures on the revenues of the state for the next two years, a certified accountant will be employed by the House to audit the books of departments handling state funds.

The House adopted a resolution authorizing the audit without opposition, after Representative Eugene Blount, chairman of the Appropriations Committee and author of the resolution, explained briefly the purpose of the audit.

"This is purely a business proposition and casts no reflections on any department," said Mr. Blount. "We won't want to flounder around in the dark in striking a balance in revenues and appropriations. It's not an investigation in any sense. No other business in the world the size of Texas exists where every base of it would not be audited."

Plans for Caring for the Insane

Austin.—The state system of caring for insane would be completely reorganized by the Wallace and Irwin bill which was engrossed and passed in the house. The bill enacts the major recommendations of the Texas eleemosynary commission appointed by the Thirty-eighth legislature.

The house also passed the eleemosynary appropriations bill carrying a total of \$7,787,910 for the next biennium, an increase of \$598,419 over the appropriations for the present biennium, but \$100,350 less than the board of control recommendations. The bill includes \$139,520 for the girls' training school at Gainesville, an item stricken from the senate appropriations bill. Opposition is expected when the house bill reaches the senate.

The house passed the Dale and Donnell bill raising the tax on gasoline from one cent to two and a half cents a gallon, and refused to reconsider votes by which bills permitting counties to vote bonds for park purposes and authorizing a commission to a national conference on uniform laws failed of engrossment.

Fish Law Amended

Austin.—There was passed finally in the house the Wells-Baker of Orange house bill designed to strengthen the present fish law passed at the last session of the legislature. The bill as passed makes it unlawful to catch or sell any red fish or channel bass of greater length than 32 inches and 14 inches, respectively; any salt water or speckled sea trout of less than 12 inches; pompano of less than 9 inches; mackerel of less than 14 inches.

Schools Get \$500,000 Check

Austin, Texas.—A check for \$500,000 has been handed the Department of Education by the State Treasurer to apply on the available school fund. The money is paid from the general revenue on appropriation by the Legislature. It is one of the largest amounts ever paid by the Treasurer on a single warrant. This leaves the general revenue with about \$100,000. Within a few days the general revenue will have several hundred thousand dollars and will be safely out of the deficit.

CITATION

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE of TAYLOR CO., GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Taylor County, Texas, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all persons interested in the Estate of S. P. Martin, deceased, you are hereby notified that L. R. Thompson has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said S. P. Martin, Deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 3rd Monday in April, A. D. 1925, the same being the 20th day of April, A. D. 1925, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 21st day of February, A. D. 1925.

W. E. Beasley, Clerk
County Court, Taylor County, Texas.

By Bernice Britain, Deputy.

CARD OF THANKS

Through the columns of this paper we wish to thank our dear friends for their kindness shown us through the late illness and death of our dear Mother, May God's richest blessings be upon each one of you. Mr. and Mrs. James Doan and children, and Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Bell.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS STARTED IN THE HOUSE

COMMITTEES WILL BE APPOINTED BY SPEAKER SATTERWHITE.

Austin, Texas.—With the organization of the house, including the election of the house officials, introduction of bills is in progress.

All committees will be appointed by the speaker at once.

A record-breaking fight for the speakership was staged with Representative Lee Satterwhite of Pampa receiving the honor over Representative T. K. Irwin of Dallas and Representative J. W. Hall of Houston. Six ballots were necessary before Mr. Satterwhite received the majority necessary.

The officers elected are as follows: Carl A. Phinney, Brownwood, chief clerk; Joe White, San Antonio, sergeant at arms; Hal Bourland, reading clerk; N. A. Gordon, Fort Worth, assistant reading clerk; Mrs. Ida C. Ewing, Austin, enrolling clerk; Mrs. Besa Odell Strong, Austin, engrossing clerk; W. M. Dickinson, Austin, doorkeeper; M. G. Jackson, Eastland, assistant doorkeeper, and the Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Austin, chaplain.

Following are the first six bills introduced in the Thirty-Ninth legislature:

Senate Bill 1—Davis: appropriating \$125,000 for mileage and per diem expense of members of the legislature and salaries of officers and employees.

Senate Bill 2—Davis: appropriating \$40,000 to pay the contingent expenses of the regular session of the Thirty-Ninth legislature.

Senate Bill 3—Wood: providing for protection of fish and all aquatic life of Texas streams and that part of the Gulf of Mexico under State jurisdiction, also for the requirements of an angler's license.

Senate Bill 4—Wood: providing for protection of wild game and fowl of Texas and for the appointment of a deputy game and oyster commissioner.

Senate Bill 5—Murphy: for making an appropriation for the State's portion of compensation to be paid by the State and the federal government, to owners of live stock destroyed in the foot and mouth disease epidemic.

Senate Bill 6—Pollard: making it a felony for use of false statements in writing respecting the financial condition or means to pay for the purpose of obtaining money, property or credit or in making acceptance, discount, sale or indorsement of a bill of exchange or a promissory note amounting to more than \$50.

SENATE COMMITTEES WILL BE PRO-FERGUSON

The Important Committee on Nominations by the Governor is Headed by Senator True Strong.

Austin.—Analysis of Senate committee assignments, announced by Lieut. Gov. T. W. Davidson following conference with Barry Miller, lieutenant governor-elect, indicate that they are strongly pro-Ferguson.

The important committee on nominations by the governor is headed by Senator True Strong of Dallas, an East Texas anti-Klan, pro-Ferguson member. He is counted a strong Ferguson man. On this committee is the only Republican member of the senate, Julius Real of Kerrville.

Governor Neff's recess appointees as well as Mrs. Ferguson's appointees must go before this committee for approval before they get confirmation by the senate. This committee considers the evidence and reports its recommendation to the senate on the question of all the governor's appointments. The ticklish question of whether some of Governor Neff's appointments shall stand in the face of other appointments to the body which is considered entirely Fergusonian.

Austin, Texas.—"Hot" checks, the little orders to pay that come back marked "NSF," will come under fire in the Thirty-Ninth Legislature. A law to punish severely the giving of such checks will be introduced by Senator Jesse R. Smith of Breckenridge.

Austin, Texas.—H. M. Hargrove of Beaumont has been appointed by Governor Neff as a member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of former Gov. W. P. Hobby of Beaumont.

Granbury Speaker's Secretary.

Austin, Texas.—Read Granbury of Austin, who has been an employe of the House in some capacity for the last nine Legislatures, was assured of his place as parliamentary secretary to the speaker no matter who would have the speakership contest. All three of the candidates spoke for the services of the young man many weeks before the race was decided. He is the finest parliamentarian that has ever... aiding officer in a Texas Legislature.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS. To all persons interested in the welfare of Ila May Hughes, a girl 19 years of age, G. W. Hughes, a boy 15 years of age, and Lulella Hughes, a girl 8 years of age, Minors; John S. Hughes has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, an application for Letters of Guardian-

ship upon the person and Estate of said Minors; Which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in April, A. D. 1925, same being the 20th day of April A. D. 1925, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 27th day of February, 1925.

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BILL TO BAN THE BAT RUNS INTO REEFS

SENATE FINALLY LAYS IT ON TABLE SUBJECT TO CALL.

Austin, Texas.—The House Bill by Representative T. K. Irwin, providing for abolishment of the use of the "bat," heavy leather strap, in whipping convicts, ran onto the reefs when it was called up for second reading in the Senate and was temporarily piloted into quieter water by being laid on the table subject to call.

Senator John H. Bailey of Cuero, who made the motion to lay on the table, asked that this be done in order to give further time to look into the provisions of the bill.

"I am not one who believes in cruel or inhumane treatment," he said, "but I think we ought to go slow in this matter. There are times in the handling of thousands of prisoners, men who have been sent to the penitentiary because of the commission of crime, when vigorous method of punishment is necessary in order to maintain discipline. I think this bill should be placed on the table subject to call until we have had time to study this matter thoroughly."

An amendment to the bill, striking out that provision which says the "placing of prisoners in stock and the whipping of prisoners shall be prohibited" was offered by Senator M. L. Lewis of Navasota prior to the bill being laid on the table. The effect of this amendment would be to take from the bill its principal provision, the provision that is aimed at prohibition of the use of the "bat."

Another penitentiary reform bill, House bill by Representative McDonald and Irwin, was laid on the table subject to call by the Senate also. This bill proposes regulations in the matter of handling trustees around the penitentiary and penitentiary farms.

STATE LOSES CLAIM TO BED OF FRIO RIVER

Holders of Title Under Land Grant Are Declared Owners

Austin. The State in the Third Court of Civil Appeals lost its contention that it owns the bed of the Frio River and can grant oil leases thereon.

The court, in an opinion written by Chief Justice W. M. McClelland, reversed a holding of the Fifty Third District Court which declared that the beds of the rivers belonged to the state.

Holders of title under a Mexican land grant, in cases where the land borders on public streams, are the owners of title to the bed of the stream, the opinion held.

The suit was brought by the state against various parties as the present owners of the grants made in 1836 by the Mexican government which called for the Frio river as one of their boundaries.

A J. Coyle and others were brought into the suit on the ground that they were holders of oil leases in the bed of the river granted by the land offices. The state insisted that minerals lying under the bed of the stream belonged to the State and accordingly granted permits to drill for oil, but the appellate court holds that the minerals belong to those who hold title under the Mexican grant.

Thomas D. Barton Weds. Austin, Texas.—Thomas D. Barton, former Adjutant General of Texas, and Mrs. Lillian M. Haynes of Austin, for the last four years' private secretary, campaign manager and "deputy" Adjutant General were married quietly Tuesday night. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas W. Currie, president of the Texas Presbyterian Theological Seminary. They will make their home in Austin for the time being.

To Increase Gross Levy on Oil. Austin, Texas.—An increase in the gross production oil tax from 2 per cent to 3 per cent is proposed by a bill introduced in the House by Representative E. D. Downs of San Augustine. The present tax of 2 per cent on the value of the oil netted the State \$4,148,832 in 1924. The increase to 3 per cent would net \$5,198,442 on the same total production. One-fourth of the money from this tax goes to the school fund, and the remainder into the general revenue.

2800 Cases of Flu in Texas. Austin.—Twenty-eight hundred cases of influenza and 547 cases of pneumonia were reported to the surgeon general at Washington by Dr. H. C. Sappington, state health officer, for the week ending February 21. Other diseases reported were: Chicken pox, 149; diphtheria 46; dysentery 7; measles, 106; mumps, 106; scarlet fever 42; smallpox 72; whooping cough, 61; tuberculosis, 30; typhoid fever, 28; paratyphoid, 1; trachoma, 13; pellagra, 8.

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MISS LOYCE DRY TAKING PHOTOGRAPHY WORK

Denton, Texas, March 5--Miss Loyce Dry of Merkel, a senior in the College of Industrial Arts, is in her first year of photography work. Miss Dry is the daughter of Mrs. J. M. Dry of Merkel.

The course in photography at C. I. A., which covers three years, prepares the student to operate a studio and familiarize her with the different types of cameras. She learns posing, lighting, developing, retouching, printing and mounting, as well as theoretical study of light, optics, lenses, and the chemistry of developing agents.

Classes in photography at C. I. A. are composed of students who are preparing to make use of the knowledge and skill acquired here in various ways. Some are studying photography in connection with journalism,

expecting to make use of it in newspaper work; some intend to find employment in photographic studios at retouching, or to establish studios of their own; some are devoting their attention to panchromatic photography, and still others are specializing in photomicrography. These latter expect to enter hospitals or pathological laboratories where they will assist in the diagnosis of disease by the making and photographing of slides.

B. Y. P. U. Program

March 8, 1925.
Leader, Lewis Giles.
1st part, Lola Dennis.
2nd part, Fred Giles.
3rd part, Lucille Guitar.
4th part, Bill Haynes.
5th part, Delbert Polly.
6th part, Susie Bell Weedon.

Mrs. Frank Sears is confined to her bed with influenza.

SUB-SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM FOR MARCH 8TH, '25

Subject: "The Master's Methods of Winning Followers."

Leader, Intha Bird.
Hymn; Scripture lesson: John 1:35-51, by Doris Durham.
The Lord's Prayer.
Hymn No. 41.
Reading, Ermalee Rea.
1. Jesus attracted men to himself, By W. L. Harkrider.
2. Jesus' confidence in all men, by Eva Mae Johnson.
3. Jesus' Faith in Redeemableness of man, by Elfe Chaney.
4. Jesus calls man in terms of their ordinary life, by Lewis Tucker.

Prayer; Hymn.
Piano solo, by Gladys Milliken.
Business; Benediction.
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We have organized a Sub-Senior League and we expect all the young people to meet us at the church at 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening. Notice the program above.

C. E. PROGRAM

Subject: "Christ Winning Followers."

Leader, Melba West.
Scripture reading and discussion John 1:35-40, Mildred Smith.
John 1:41-45, Roy Elliott.
John 1:45-51, Evelyn Curb.
Questions, by C. E.
These souls of ours, Venice Bell.

C. E. meets in the basement of the Presbyterian church each Sunday evening at 6:15.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews among the splendid folk residing on route five, were in the city one day this week doing a little shopping among our merchants, and while here renewed their subscription to the Mail for another year.
Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

LEGISLATURE PASSES ANTI-MASKING BILLS

DISGUIISING IN PUBLIC DEALT BLOW BY BOTH HOUSES AT AUSTIN.

Austin, Texas.—The Legislature dealt a decisive blow to masking in public when both houses passed anti-masking measures, making it a felony to appear in a church, commit an assault or to go near a private home while disguised.

The Mankin House measure and the Holbrook Senate bill, providing identical penalties, were passed by large majorities. They differ only in that the Holbrook measure does not exempt the Shrine or any other organization. It does, however, exempt social gatherings in private homes.

Both measures provide a penalty for prison sentences of five years or more for assault while masked. Appearance at any public place masked or disguised so as to make identity difficult carries a fine of \$500 or confinement in jail one year, or both. Appearance near or an attempt to enter a private home while masked is punishable by imprisonment for a term of from one to ten years. Entry into a church by masked persons would be punishable by imprisonment of from two to ten years. Entertainments conducted by churches are exempted from this provision. Parades by any secret society by masked members are given a fine of from \$100 to \$500 or a jail sentence of six months or both.

The Holbrook measure was an amendment to the original bill which Senator Holbrook himself offered. It incorporates all the essential provisions of the Mankin bill as it emerged from the House. It excludes the amendment to the House bill, however, which would exempt the Shrine organization. Authors of the House bill are agreed, they declared, to this change by the Senate, believing that the exempting of any organization would impair the validity of the act. One bill probably will be substituted for the other to cover all phases of the anti-masking question demanded by the Democratic platform.

The vote in the House was 84 to 22. The Senate passed the Holbrook bill 26 to 1.

DAVIS WOULD TAX STUDENTS TO MEET CUTS

Dallas Solon Introduces Bill Providing \$100 Tuition Fees.

Austin.—Senator John Davis of Dallas introduced a bill in the senate requiring all students entering any of the educational institutions of higher learning to pay a tuition fee of \$100 for the nine months' term and \$35 for the short or summer term. Senator Davis estimates 20,000 students will attend the colleges and universities during the 1925-26 long term, which will produce \$2,000,000, "which may be used in such manner as the Legislature shall direct to cover cuts which the Legislature is making on the educational budget."

Senator Davis added that "if we are to build dormitories at all, the amount needed would be about \$40,000,000 for the coming biennium, while the requests for amounts aggregating the sum of \$23,320,983 can and must be cut very materially; it is really impossible to meet the reasonable demands of these institutions at a figure less than \$17,000,000 for the coming biennium."

Wants to Adjourn March 21. Austin.—Since the adjournment of the regular session of the thirty-ninth legislature at 6 p. m. on March 21, is proposed in a house concurrent resolution introduced in the house by Representative Purl of Dallas. At Purl's request the resolution was laid on the table subject to call. Should this resolution be adopted in both branches, it would mean an extension for eight days over the regular sixty day period of a regular session. When the resolution was offered there were several cries of "noes" by members of the house.

Favorable Report on School Tax. Austin, Texas.—Senate committee on constitutional amendment have made a favorable report on the joint resolution by Senator Murphy of Houston, proposing an amendment to the constitution to increase the ad valorem tax limit for schools from 35 cents to \$1. Murphy believes it should the resolution be adopted and the amendment submitted to a vote of the people and ratified it will obviate the necessity of enacting laws to raise special taxes to help the school.

Bills Signed. Austin.—Gov. Miriam Ferguson signed the cotton futures bill, permitting cotton futures in the state, but prohibiting bucket shops. The bill makes enforceable contracts made on cotton for future delivery. The governor signed the Pollard-Murphy senate bill providing that overhead clearances on railroads shall be twenty-two feet from the top of the rail and six feet on each side of the rail. This was one of the preferential measures of the order of Railway Trainmen.

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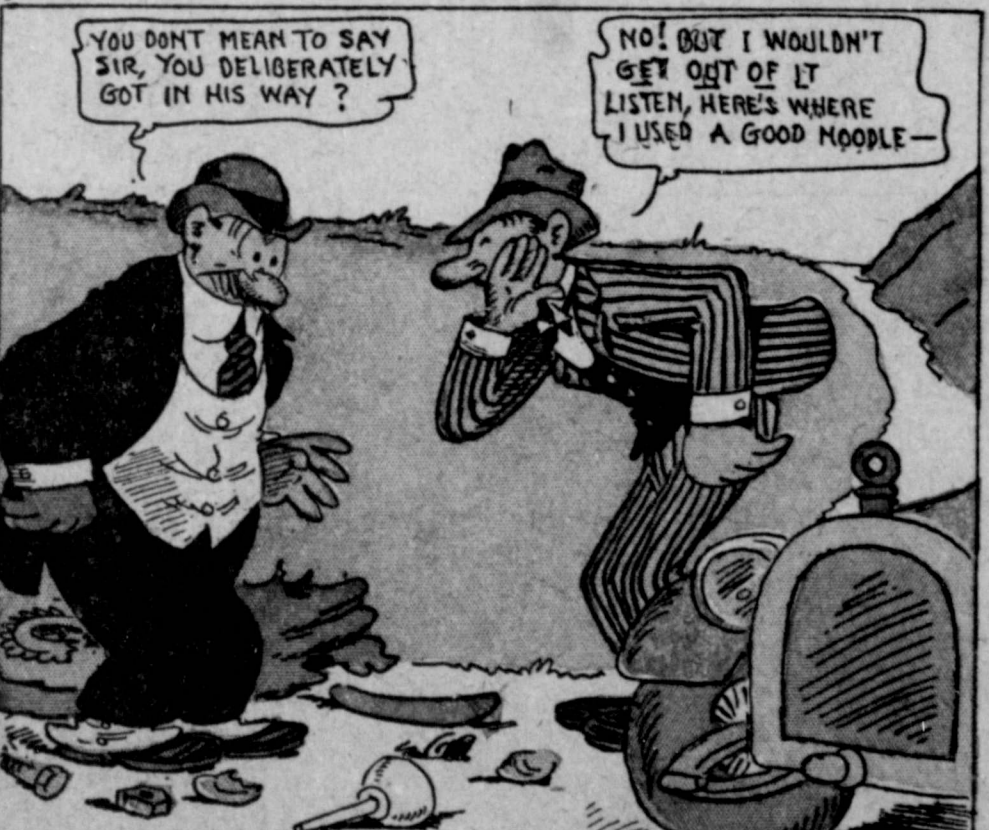
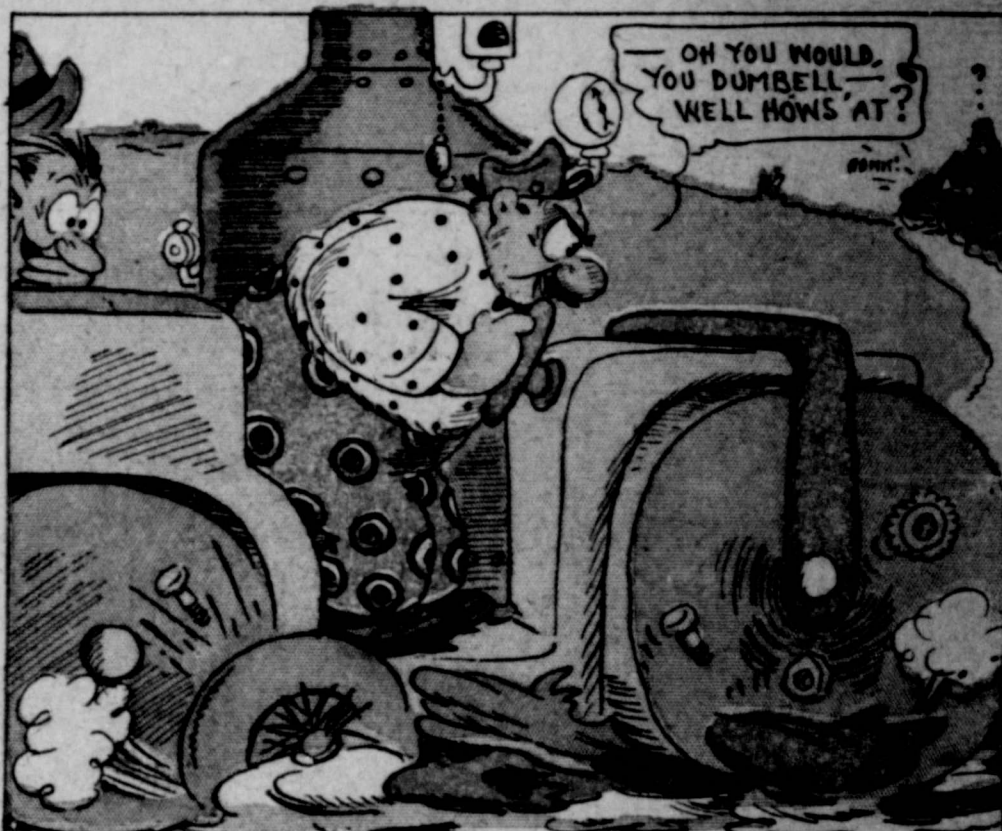
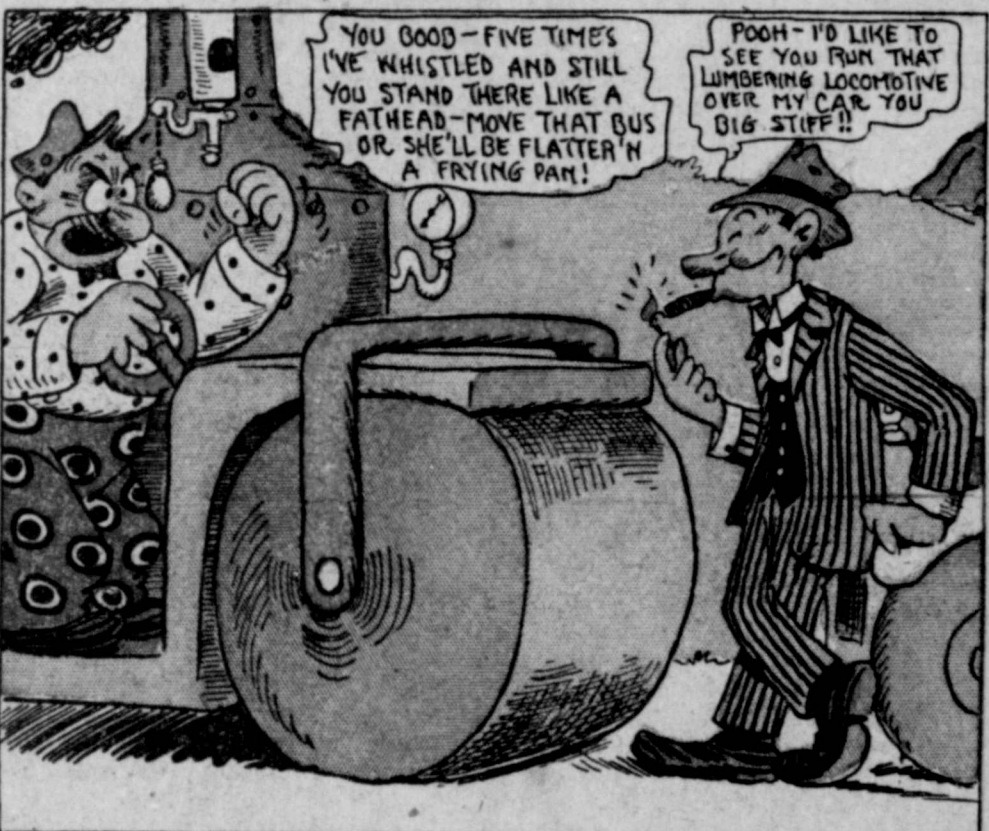
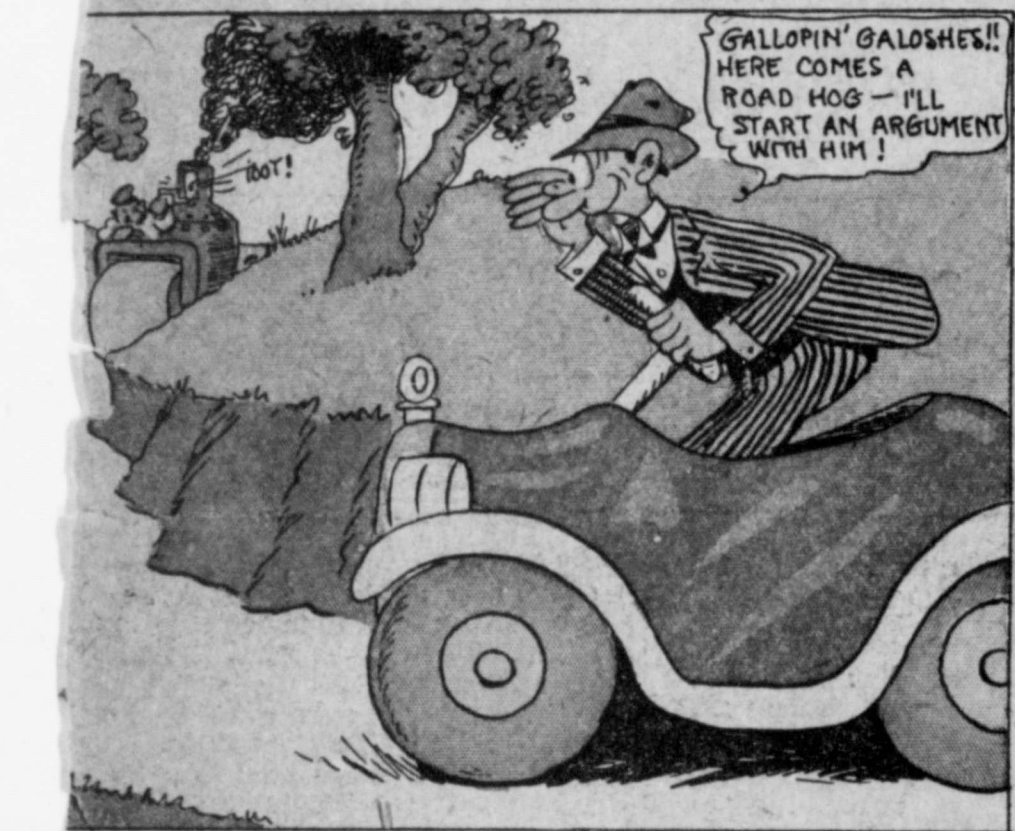
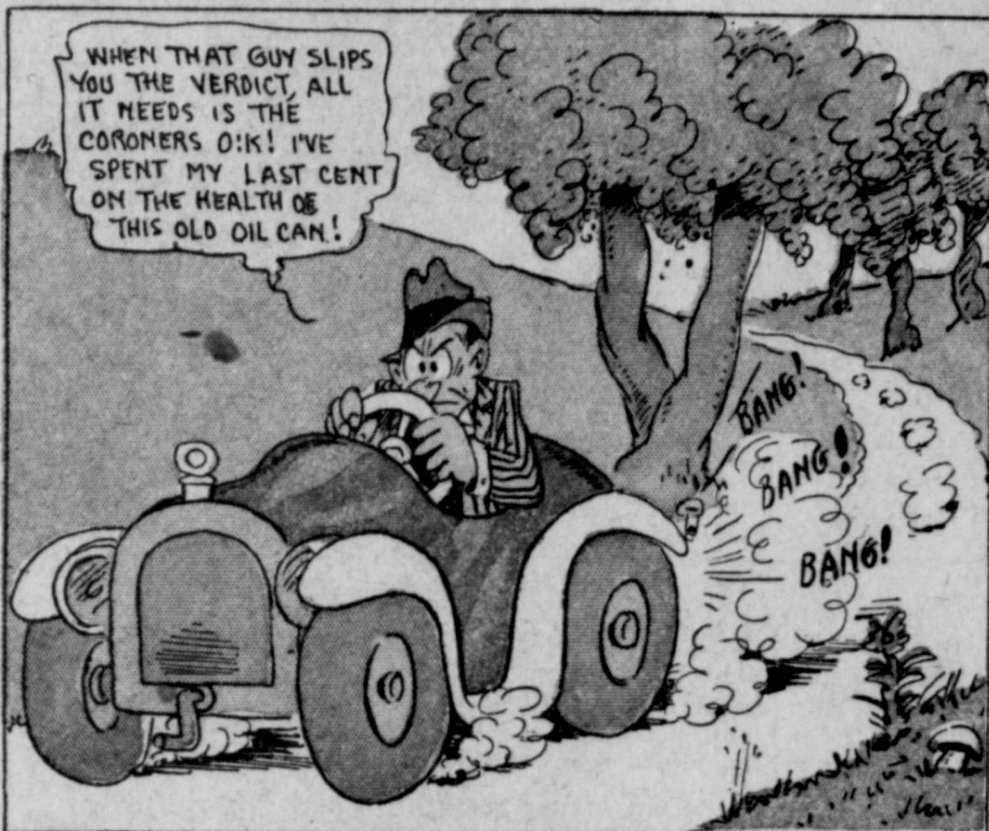
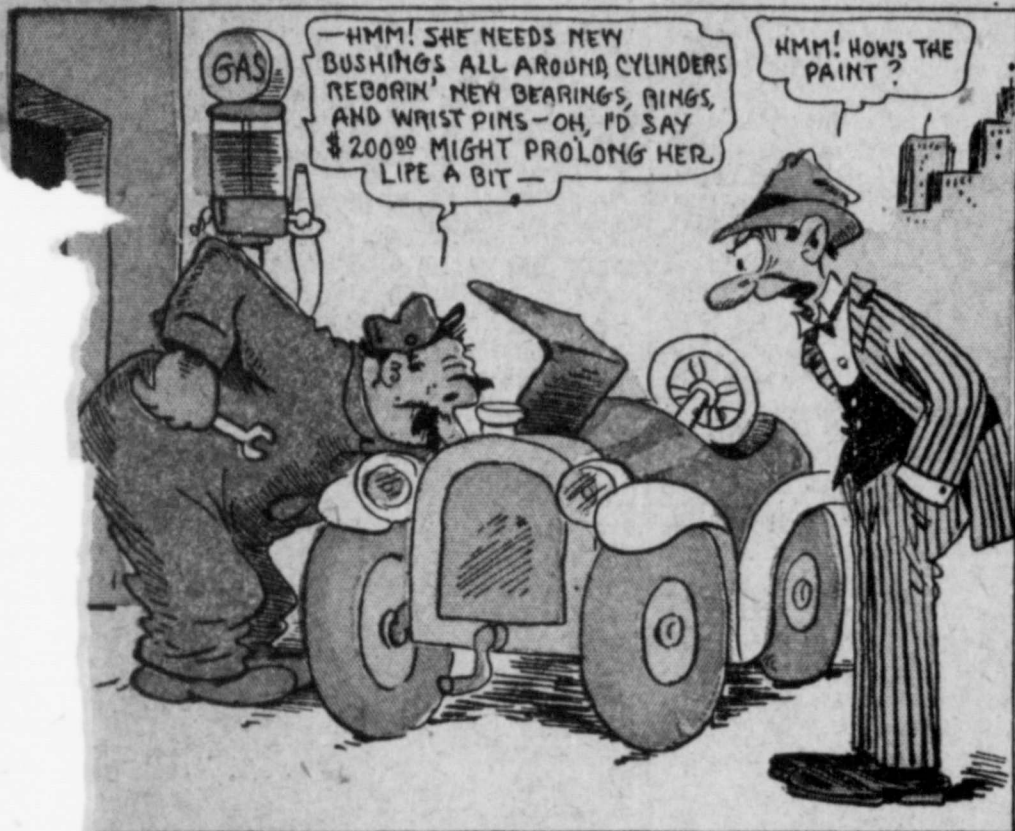
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The Mormons' First and Last Drive

Mormons Attempt to Drive 30,000 Head of Texas Cattle to Utah.
By HUGH M. LINCECUM.

IN the spring of 1873, J. A. and T. E. Van Ness, brothers and Texas cattle dealers, made a sale of 30,000 head of cattle to the Mormons of Salt Lake City, Utah, and agreed to deliver them to the Mormons the following summer. The 30,000 cattle consisted of cows, calves, yearlings, and two-year-old steers, the cows bringing \$32, the two-year-old steers \$22, and the yearlings and calves \$10. The Mormons were to receive the lot at the old Stage Stand, in Bell county, on the Austin and Waco road, known as the "Bill Warrick Place."

Warwick's Bookkeeping System.

Warrick's store was about sixteen miles from Belton, the county seat of Bell county, which at that time was a very small town. Bill Warrick was a picturesque Westerner, and carried on quite a business in cattle dealing, in connection with which he conducted a mercantile store. Many are the stories told of his peculiar and crude ways of doing business. This story, in particular, while amusing, is characteristic of the man, and I will here digress somewhat in order to tell it.

When Bill sold anything on credit (not being able to read or write) he drew a picture of the article sold in his account book and set the price underneath the article. It was the surest way, reasoned Bill, to avoid clerical mistakes. But one day a man by the name of Richards came in to settle his account. All went well until the two men came across an item where Warrick had Richards charged with a block of cheese. Richards swore by all that was good and bad that he had bought no cheese. Uncle Bill had him charged with it, however, and in all seriousness pointed out to his customer the crude drawing of the cheese in his account book and the price marked beneath it, protesting all the while that there could be no mistake on his part. One word brought on another, until Richards invited Warrick outside to settle the dispute with fis-

tic encounter. A crowd of cowboys gathered about the men to witness the fight, and each one was hammering the other unmercifully until Warrick suddenly backed off, exclaiming: "Wait a minute, Richards, I know what it was; it was a grindstone. I forgot to put the hole in the middle!"

Wild Cattle.

The Van Ness brothers and their men were in the saddle early and late, rounding up the 30,000 head of cattle they had sold to the Mormons. Most of the cattle were in the hill country, where they had been wintering on the early spring grass that grows along the canyons. All of them were wild as deer, and it took some daredevil riding to induce them to leave the mountains. When the cattle were finally out on the prairie, it took day and night vigilance to keep them there.

The Mormons arrived from Utah with their cowboys and chuck wagons, the bosses coming in the old-fashioned carriages they had brought from Vermont. They went into camp at what is known as Bonner Springs, Bell county, near the old Stage Stand, ready to receive the cattle, which were to be delivered in lots of 10,000 head. In order to handle such a large number of stock, many corrals had to be built; and, as material was scarce, the corrals were built of native rock. They were commodious and each corral would take care of 1,000

head of cattle. A long chute was made of cedar poles, just wide enough to allow one animal to pass through. When a sufficient number of cattle had been gathered to fill the pen, or corral, a count would be made, and the stock delivered. A Van Ness cowboy stood on one side of the chute, while a Mormon boss stood on the other side, and these men took down the number of stock which passed through the chute. Two other men stood at the outlet, checking the kind—whether cows, calves, two-

ed out the money in payment for the cattle (all of it in gold and silver); took a receipt for the money, broke camp and started their herds on the long journey to the Northwest.

The three herds of ten thousand head each, were arranged about a mile apart. On the fourth day out, for some reason known only to a wild cow, the leading herd stampeded and headed for the brakes. This caused the whole 30,000 head to break loose, and the Mormons, not knowing Texas cattle and their capricious ways, let them run, in the hope that they would soon tire of running and would slow down so they could be herded again.

Six months later the Mormons gave up the hunt for the stampeded cattle, leaving about 6,000 head unaccounted for—lost in the brakes.

At that time there were many bands of cow thieves roaming at large throughout the West, and they did not fail to take immediate advantage of the unlucky Mormons. These

thieving bands doggedly followed the Mormon herds, lurking in their wake like wolves, and causing many stampedes, from which it was an easy matter to pick up small scattering herds and drive them off to market.

Venture Unprofitable.

The venture proved very unprofitable for the Mormons, as they managed to get through to Utah with only a few thousand of the original 30,000 head of cattle. They never made



"The leading herd stampeded and headed for the brakes."

year-olds, or under. The Mormons kept a big fire going to heat the branding irons, while a gang of men were kept busy placing the road brand on the cattle, which was a big "Y."

Paid in Gold and Silver Coins.

Three months was required to gather, brand the stock and deliver them to the Mormons. When the last of the herds had been delivered, and moved out on the prairie, several Mormon leaders arrived in a big four-horse wagon; count-

Only Indian Reservation in Texas

Located in Polk County (East Texas)
By I. A. COSTON.

THE most unique community of the entire Southwest is, beyond doubt, Indian Village in the eastern part of Polk county, Texas, the present home of a small remnant of Alabama Indians, all that are left of a once proud race, decimated by the inroads of disease and civilization of the white man. Here on the pine-covered hills of East Texas can be found today thirty-five families of the Alabama tribe, the ever steadfast friends of the white man, barely eking out an existence on a reservation of two sections of land given them by the State of Texas, in 1854, through the influence of General Sam Houston.

The original home of the tribe, so far as the records of white men in America indicate, was in the present commonwealth of Alabama. While De Soto and his band of Spaniards, in 1540, were making their explorations on the Mississippi river, they came in contact with this particular group of Redmen near the junction of the Coosa and Tallapoosa rivers. Almost two hundred years later, the French pushed their way down the Father of Waters and built Fort Toulouse within one mile of the Alabama Indian Village.

Indians Friendly to French.

The French explorers had scarcely begun the construction of their rude palisade homes, when this tribe of Indians, armed with furs, visited them. These Indians exchanged for trinkets that were in the possession of the explorers. An amicable feeling developed at once between the Frenchmen and Indians, and this relationship continued as long as the two peoples were in close proximity.

But at the close of the French and Indian war, in 1763, the French relinquished their claim in America and Fort Toulouse, the trading center for the Alabama Indians, was evacuated and burned. The soldiers who commanded this fort slipped away during the darkness of the night, keeping the Indians ignorant of their movements, so as to avoid the wails and lamentations which they knew the tribe would give vent to as soon as it was discovered that the French had departed. Later, the Indians learned that the fort and surrounding territory had fallen into the hands of the English, so they burned their homes, destroyed their crops, cut down their peach trees, gathered their families together and drifted down the Mobile river in search of their former French friends and allies.

Alabama spent a short time in Alabama, and then began to push westward to the West to avoid contact with the English. They established a village north of New Orleans, where they could again trade with

Life in Texas.

They eventually become ad-

justed to their new surroundings when France sold Louisiana to the United States. So the tribe pushed farther west and finally settled on lands in what is now Tyler county, East Texas. Here they were unmolested for half a century, and here the tribe found an ideal hunting ground, in which deer, wild turkey, squirrel and fox abounded. The land was fresh and the gardens worked by the women of the tribe yielded an abundance of corn, potatoes and beans. In this quarter, the Indians were happy, for they could easily satisfy all their simple wants.

But, in course of time, settlers from the United States bought the Tyler county lands upon which the Indians had settled and to which they had no title. The purchasers ordered them to leave at once, not even permitting them to carry with them the supplies they had stored away for the winter months. The new landlord himself occupied the house that John Scott, chief of the Alabamas, had erected and lived in for many years.

Gen. Sam Houston Intervenes.

Following their ejection from the village in Tyler county, General Sam Houston, then a member of the United States Senate, interested himself in the welfare of the much-abused and much-misunderstood Alabamas. It was through his influence that Texas, in 1854, deeded to their chief, John Scott, free from taxes and to be held in common, two sections of land in Polk county, their present home, the only Indian reservation within the borders of Texas.

The first twenty-five years spent on the reservation was a decidedly happy period for the Indians. They dressed in bonnets and blankets, typical Indian fashion; they made their living hunting, fishing, trapping, and working small patches of corn and vegetables. The woods were full of wild game and the cultivated lands were fresh and gave a fair return for the labor expended upon them.

The Alabamas were heathenish at this time in their religious belief and practice, clinging to the idea that there were both good and evil spirits and that "Abba Mango," the chief in the sky, was above them all. They also believed in witchcraft, and

there were several members of the tribe who exercised the power of casting spells over fellow members. In addition, there were both the medicine men and medicine women, whom the tribe relied upon to break a spell of sickness by the use of herbs as well as by sorcery. The Indians observed faithfully the festivals and dances of their ancestors for centuries back. Their greatest day was the holding of the Green Corn Dance in the spring, the observance of which, they believed, insured them an abundant yield of this product.

Moral Sense High.

The moral sense of the tribe is highly developed, despite the fact that no one seriously attempted, during the first twenty-five years of their residence in Texas, to bring to them the teachings of

Christianity. They are honest, abhorring deception more than any other human failing. They love peace, and would make almost any sacrifice among themselves for the sake of harmony. On one occasion, a white visitor attempted to find out how the Indians settled their difficulties and, in order to do so, created a hypothetical situation. Addressing one of the tribe, he asked: "If Charlie's jumping horse jumps over your poor fence and destroys your growing corn, how would you settle the trouble?" After thinking over the situation for a few moments, the Indian replied:

"Charlie got no jumping horse, Me got no poor fence."

They believe also in chastity and in the virtue of their race, insisting that all members of the tribe keep intact their integrity.

During their more than 150 years of domicile in East Texas, this race of In-

Tribe Accepts Christianity.

A new day dawned for the tribe in 1881, at which time, the Southern Presbyterian church sent to the reservation Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Currie as missionaries.

These workers found 250 Indian souls, who at first, regarded them with some degree of curiosity and misgiving. But the attitude of the native soon changed, and within a short time a large number of the Indians joined the church, and placed their children in the little mission school.

Since 1899, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chambers have spent their time among the Indians as missionaries, the former doing the work of preacher, nurse, and doctor; while the latter has given her entire time in teaching the children in the public school located on the reservation. These missionaries have done their work so effectively that almost all of the adults are members of the church and are today living consecrated lives. In addition, all members of the tribe, between the ages of ten and forty, can read, write and solve simple problems in arithmetic.

In all probability, the percentage of illiteracy on the reservation is lower than in any other community of Texas.

The population of the village today numbers 249, male and female, adults and children, an increase of more than 42 per cent over that of 1900. This increase is the result of better living conditions, a stronger belief in the virtues of materia medica, and absolute absence of alcoholic drinks of any kind.

Peculiar Social Code.

Although the church and the school of the community have effected a great many changes in the life of the tribe, a very strange social code exists. They believe and practice, "The white man first, the Indian next, the dog next, and the negro next." For some inexplicable reason, they have a natural antipathy for the colored race. The only trouble the tribe ever had with the whites liv-

ing near the reservation arose over a white boy calling an Indian boy a negro.

While the Alabamas are very friendly with all white persons, and particularly so with the missionaries, still they are always reserved, talk but little, and answer questions in the fewest words possible. They prefer to have no relation with the whites other than that of a business nature.

The Indian men have, within recent years, deserted their farms because they claim, the land is too poor to yield a worthwhile crop. They work in the nearby sawmills and the women attempt to cultivate small garden patches near their homes, a task in which they take a great deal of pride. The women of the tribe are happy when they have something growing in the open. They do not work the garden patches, as we commonly think, because their husbands force them to do so, but because such work appeals to them.

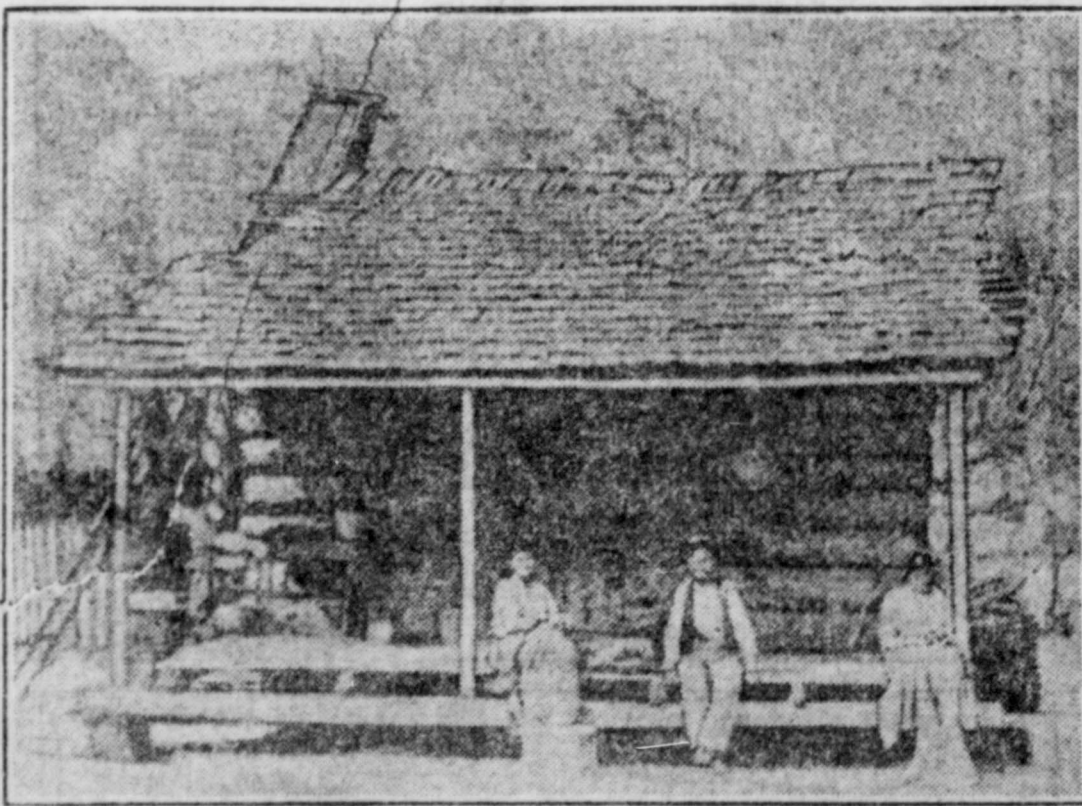
National Government Unconcerned.

The national government has at no time rendered a very great service to these people. Several years ago, Congress did appropriate \$13,000 for the welfare of the reservation, and spent \$5,000 of this amount in constructing and equipping the present school building. The Indians have not yet received the benefits of the remainder of the subsidy, for some reason inexplicable to them. At a later date, the federal government set aside \$3,500 to be spent in teaching the girls on the reservation domestic science and art, but up to the present time, the community has not added these departments to the school.

When the sawmills, near their reservation, cease to operate, the inhabitants of the village will probably have no means of support. Then, if no aid comes to the Indians, many of them will die of malnutrition and consequent tuberculosis, both of which are manifest among them today. These mills will evidently be forced out of business after all timber is cut from nearby lands. This tribe cannot be induced to leave their accustomed haunts. Indian Village is their home and their last resting place. They recall with much pride the final words of General Sam Houston, spoken to them in 1854: "Always stay in Indian Village."

Unless the Federal or State Government gives these Indians fresh lands, the very thing they want and need, or gives them doles or rations, which they do not want, or places among them an agricultural expert who can teach them to rebuild their wornout soil, the proud Alabamas within a few years will perish from the face of the earth.

Should that not far distant day arrive, and the Alabamas will have perished, we can then say of ourselves as others have said of us, "we civilized the Alabama Indian tribe, but did not teach them to live in civilization."



A Typical Indian Home.

CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

How Environment Shapes Our Opinions.



"We the people," are not always the same. To be sure we are the same people, but our opinions and ideas are shaped and colored by environment. Take us in our offices, shops, homes, or on our farms, and we have some splendid ideas and give voice to many sensible, patriotic expressions. Find us at our places of business, in our homes, on the streets, or in great public gatherings, and you will hear us condemn in strongest terms such crimes as murder, speeding on the highways, and driving automobiles while intoxicated. To hear us talk in the places named one would vote us men who stand for law and order, and for the punishment of law-breakers who hold human life and safety lightly. But we are a different race when we are placed in a jury box and exposed to the plaintive pleadings of high-power attorneys for mercy, or are caught in the network of technicalities woven by smooth-tongued lawyers. More than likely we will then say those who were killed should have been killed, and that those who burned the wind on the highways, endangering the lives of hundreds of travelers, were not traveling at a rate exceeding fifteen miles an hour. And yet we talk eloquently in favor of law and order and punishment of law-breakers.

Back to Galluses and Better Days.

At times I have been inclined to join in the pessimistic wail that the world is headed for Hades, with steam up and track sanded. I have shouted it from the housetops that the rich are growing richer, and the poor are daily falling deeper into the depths of poverty. I have said that women are losing their modesty and men their chivalry, and that men in high office are not as patriotic or as competent to guide the destinies of State and Nation as those who held the reins of government in days of yore. All this I now retract. President Coolidge made his son throw away his belt and put on galluses, and has advised all men and boys to wear galluses. It is easy for one to look upon a race of male bipeds with trousers hanging on their hip-bones and bagging

at the seat and believe the country is headed for the demitition bow-wow, but with the President of the world's greatest nation urging all men to safely anchor their breeches with galluses, and the fashion makers announcing that all new style breeches will call for galluses as a support, hope springs again in the breasts of patriots and the future is tinted with prophetic ray.

Discriminating Against Women Smokers.

One of the big hotels of Washington has posted orders that women may not smoke in the hotel building, except in the cafe. Where are the advocates of women's rights? If they stand for this, they are a weak and a cowardly set. Surely there could not be a ranker discrimination than to permit men to smoke anywhere in a building, but force a woman to go to the cafe and buy a beefsteak or an order of ham and eggs before wooing blue smoke from her gold-tipped cigarette. If this rank discrimination fails to call forth their wrath and their oratory, we shall be forced to conclude that the women's rights advocates never saw more in their contention than a ballot for woman and an extra poll tax receipt for her husband to buy.

Doings at Our Penitentiaries.

I have never been strong for the suspended sentence law, and have complained much against its abuse by our courts and juries, but perhaps after all it is a wise enactment and should be more freely given. In truth, I am about to reach the conclusion that every person convicted should be given a suspended sentence, or pardoned outright. If the charges of brutalities at our penitentiaries that have been freely and publicly made are true, not another human being should be sent to one of the penal institutions. Better permit the criminals to run at large, or be kept under guard at good hotels, than for the great State of Texas to be a party to such outrages upon humanity.

We have had a very hard winter, with long freezes that killed much of the wheat and virtually all of the winter oats, but the entomologists tell us the boll weevils were not frozen, or even chilled. Certainly not. Like the Democratic party, the boll weevil was not born to die. Even as the grand old par-

ty of Jefferson must live to save the freedom of our people, so the boll weevil must remain to keep our Southland away from bankruptcy. The weevil lives and flourishes in a cake of ice, or in the kitchen stove, and its indestructibility is one of God's greatest gifts to the South, where cotton must be grown that people may be fed and clothed. The weevil is the only thing that stands between the Southern cotton grower and five-cent cotton, and the Lord loves the South too well to let the weevils perish from the earth.

Volsteadism Going Too Far.

Those of us who have been Volstead act advocates all along, believing in search and seizure, espionage, rangers, abolition of three-mile limits, and everything that goes to make enforcement more effective, are somewhat staggered by and alarmed over the announcement of the discovery by an enforcement officer that sauer kraut has an alcoholic content that makes its manufacture, sale or possession illegal. A way must be found to denature sauer kraut, and we must not be long in finding it, either. Possibly cooking kraut with wieners will decrease the alcoholic content sufficiently to enable it to pass muster with the Volstead law; if not, some other plan of denaturizing must be found, or many of us will vote for an amendment to the national prohibition law permitting the manufacture and sale of "light brine and slaw." We positively will not stand for enforcement officers smelling in the kraut barrel or dumping our supply of kraut in the gutter. Array the kraut eaters of America against a law, and the law will be kicked from our statutes in a month.

Percentage Table Out of Order.

In my humble opinion the troubles of our own dear country are due very largely to the percentage table, which is sadly out of order and should have immediate readjustment. The percentage of our country's population engaged in operating street fairs, selling patent razor hones and oil stocks, conducting tent shows and demonstrating automobile shock absorbers is far too high, while the per cent of our population engaged in guiding the meanderings of the old gray mule up and down the corn and potato rows is several figures too low. Adjust the percentage table by adding about 60 per cent of the former to the

ranks of the latter, and there'll be far less cause to fling gems of profanity at the times and the government.

There's Good Money in This.

I am not sure that any of the schemes I have given the people for getting rich easily and quickly has been acted upon by any considerable number of our people, but I have another which promises such splendid results that I cannot, in justice to those who are anxious to build a plethoric bank account speedily, withhold it from publication. Fish worms are plentiful now, in yards and gardens, and any owner of a yard or garden will give you all you want. When the drouth strikes in June or July, not a fish worm can be found, even though the anglers dig deep in the low places and under rotten logs. Why not store fish worms against the day when anglers will dig in vain for them and gladly pay fancy prices for this popular bait. The only capital necessary is a hoe, which can be borrowed, and no industry that can be named will yield greater returns.

Drives and Quotas Still Flourish.

More than six years have passed since the glad news came that the Germans had sued for peace and the world was once more safe for democracy. We are so far away from that dark period in the world's history when the very name of Kaiser Bill struck terror to our souls that few of us could give the correct definition of "salient," "camouflage," "sector" or "barrage," and most of us have forgotten the names of all the rivers in France. We have even quit calling the Germans "Huns," and we have everything we had before the war except a good nickel cigar. This being true, don't you feel that people should quit stirring up our memories afresh to the horrors of the awful conflict by rising up every few months, starting "a drive," and flinging "quotas" at towns and communities? Peace will never reign supreme in our hearts until these awful words are banished from speech and the public prints.

An Old Scheme—Try a New One.

Book agents need no advice, I am sure, but if they will permit a suggestion I would like to say that an occasional change is good for nearly every line of business. A few years ago when the agent asked the prospective cus-

tomers to accept a set of fine books free, so that his name as a purchaser would help the sale of the books in the community in which he lived, the prospective purchaser felt very much puffed up over the recognition of the weight of his name and his standing; so elated, in fact, was the prospective purchaser that he readily fell for the scheme when informed that the books given him were not bound, and the binding would cost him fifty-eight dollars. But things have changed. When the agent makes such an offer and statement now, the prospective purchaser does not swell up over the recognition of his standing. He merely winks and asks, "How much for the binding?"

What Becomes of the Church Members?

One of our Texas papers is anxious to know what becomes of all the pins. It is true that a great many pins are bought, and under the present reign of few clothes and many buttons not many pins are used, but why bother with such little things as pins? A more pertinent inquiry would be, "What becomes of the church members?" Choose your town and get your figures, and you will find that more people have joined the churches of the town during the last fifteen years than now live in the town, to say nothing of the church membership at the beginning of the period. The death rate has been low, and as many members have moved in as have moved out. But how much has the attendance upon prayer meetings or the enrollment of the Sunday schools increased?

If Laws Were Made by Candidates.

What a pity that legislation is not enacted by candidates for office instead of office holders. When the campaign was on last summer I felt that soon we would see the dawn of a better day, with a big reduction of expenses and a material lightening of the tax burden. All of the candidates for the Legislature and Congress were strong for economy, and all seemed anxious to serve State and Nation, not for the sake of salary, but for the good work they could do in reducing governmental expenses. But it is different now. The Texas Legislators voted in favor of free passes for themselves and members of their families, and the Congressmen passed a bill increasing their salaries 25 per cent.

POULTRY RAISING FOR PROFIT

Hatching and Care of Baby Chicks

By MRS. MARGARET STUTE.

THIS article will conclude the series of four articles on "Poultry Raising for Profit," as dictated by Mr. M. C. Allison, who has been in chicken business for 55 years, who lives near Fort Worth, Texas, has experimented with almost every breed of chicken. In the three previous articles Mr. Allison recommended the Single Comb White Game as the most profitable all-around chicken for this climate. He has a big flock of White Leghorns, which he mates carefully each year, and an incubator which will hold 15,000

Mr. Allison will answer any question from subscribers of this newspaper on poultry raising, and shall be pleased to help beginners in the poultry business with suggestions if they will address him at Box 1218, Fort Worth, Texas, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Selection of Stock.

In taking up the subject of baby chicks, Mr. Allison said it was most important to once more mention the stock from which the eggs are selected for hatching. He said, "You wouldn't expect to get a race horse from a plow horse. No more can you expect to get strong, vigorous chickens from scrubby, undersized hens and roosters." Method of selection has been described in the Magazine Section in a previous article, but your attention to the importance of sound stock is repeated, so it will not be overlooked.

After you have selected your stock and mated them, the next step is to select the best eggs from this mating. It is an indisputed fact that the pullet has a strong tendency to lay eggs similar to the one from which she was hatched. The selection of eggs has been described before. A review will be of benefit very soon. Briefly, eggs should be of a special size, not rough or weak to order, and avoid round

hatchability, while those held the full twenty-eight days had merely 5%. This demonstrates the fact that it does not pay to hatch eggs held over six days. The sooner they are hatched the stronger and more virulent the fertility.

Hen vs. Incubator.

The method of hatching depends largely on the circumstances of the prospective chicken raiser. It has been proven many times, however, that where it is possible custom hatching is the cheapest and safest in the end. Where only a very few chickens are desired, hatching with hens is very satisfactory, provided you have a few hens not of the leghorn breed. (Leghorns are not primarily good setters. They will set a week or so and then leave the nest. Egg production is their field.) But Mr. Allison believes that the hen produces the most perfect hatches. He says: "God made the hen; but man made the incubator. The more natural way of hatching is the safest for a small amount. However, if it were not for the incubator eggs would be selling at prohibitive prices. For persons who wish to raise a hundred or more chickens, an incubator and brooder are the more profitable." Custom hatching is where one man gives his entire attention to hatching and has a large machine that will hatch several thousand chickens. He either hatches his own eggs and sells day-old baby chicks or hatches eggs for the public at a nominal sum. When it is considered that incubators are expensive and are used such a short time of the year, the expense of operating, the time that must be given to them and the great danger of loss to an amateur, it is easy to see that custom hatching is much cheaper when it is possible.

Choosing and Running an Incubator.

Frequently it is more profitable and more convenient for a person to own and operate his own incubator. There are a few pointers that will be well to keep in mind for choosing and running an incubator: It is always the safest and best, also the cheapest in the end, to buy the best in the market. There are many styles and makes, each claiming to be the best and none without their good points. In making your choice, a few

eggs, and when the chickens hatched they were weak and sickly. There is one point that is vital, though. The incubator should be built so as to be well ventilated at all times. The developing chick breathes through the shell and must have fresh, pure air. Impure air is fatal to the chicken. Oxygen, the life-giving quality of pure air is absolutely necessary. A slatted bottom in an incubator is the best. This admits pure air all of the time. Hot water incubators seem to be the most practical,

solely because they are easier to regulate and hold a more even heat. However, this altogether depends on the type. It is best to remember that the type that hatches most nearly like a hen is the best. Mr. Allison's mammoth incubators are slat-bottomed and heated with hot water.

Temperature of Incubator.

The temperature of the incubator is the next important point. At all times it should be regulated according to the instructions sent with the machine, as each company makes thorough tests and knows how best to obtain satisfactory results from their machines. Mr. Allison maintains a temperature of 103° during the entire hatch. There must be little or no variation. Chilling or over-heating ruins the hatch. Small machines heat quicker than large ones and must be watched more closely.

When placing the incubator, select a well ventilated place that can be kept at an even heat. The incubator should be sitting perfectly level and on a solid floor. A cement floor is best, but a dirt floor is good, if dry and level. Do not put incubator in a deep cellar or basement, where there is no side ventilation. It is necessary to have a constant supply of pure air. Carbon-dioxide is a

heavy and deadly gas, which generates from poor ventilation, and settles downward, so it is necessary to have a circulation of pure air on the floor.

Turning of the eggs is another much-argued point. Mr. Allison does not turn his eggs until the third day; he then turns them twice a day (morning and evening) until the seventeenth day; after this date he does not turn them further. He advises to never touch the egg with the hand. Turn eggs by placing an empty tray on top of the full one, hold securely, and turn eggs into the empty one.

Culling of the Chicks.

Eggs of strong fertility usually hatch on the nineteenth day and up to twenty-first day. The strongest chickens usually come off first. Chickens that have to be helped out of the shell are rarely worth keeping. They are subject to disease which they transmit to stronger chickens. They rarely grow to maturity and you run the risk of losing many more healthy chicks, besides.

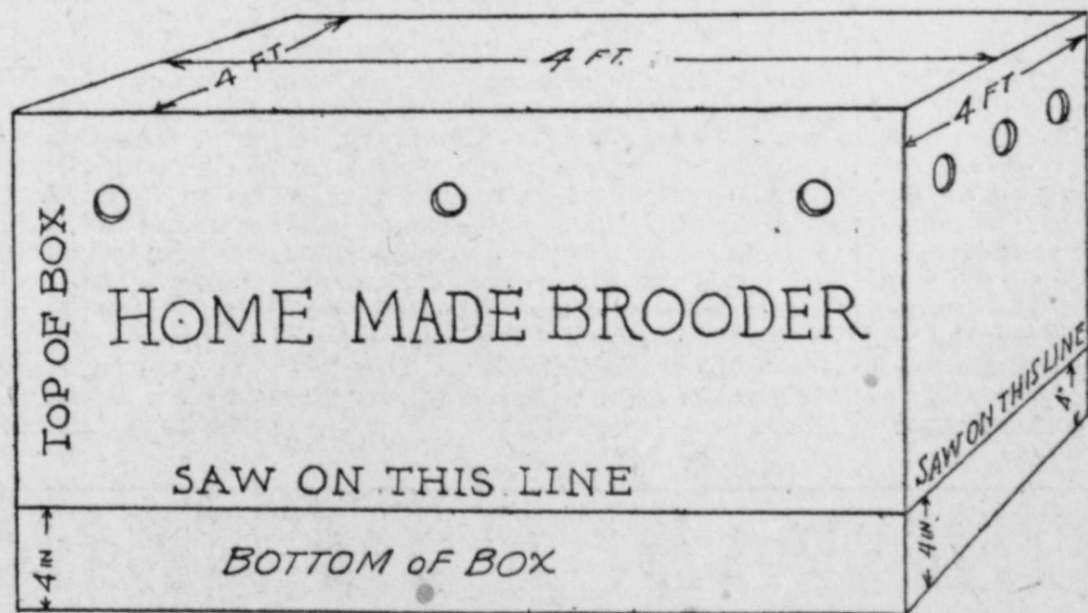
After your chickens are hatched you should cull carefully. It will pay to keep only the perfect and healthy ones. At least, the weaker ones should be segregated to themselves. Where there are a large number hatched it is cheaper to get rid of the undersized and weak ones as they rarely live to be over three or four weeks old. Then Mr. Allison points out that the food they eat was a total loss and makes your profits less. Keep culling your chicks, as they develop and get rid of the undersized and weak ones. It will pay in the end. Culling closely is the secret of success for profit. A healthy chick should be peppy, fully developed, ready to eat and "scrap" as soon as dry and strong. Common sense has to be the guide in this case, Mr. Allison says.

Hatching with a hen is too well known to dwell on here.

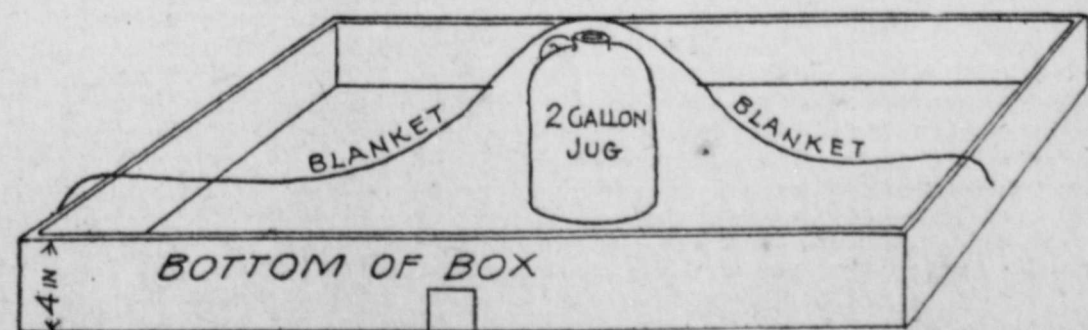
The Brooder.

Brooding is as important as incubation, Mr. Allison believes. This because in order to have strong, vigorous hens and roosters they must be given the proper attention during development.

Chill and dampness are mortal enemies to little chickens. A good, reliable brooder is described and pictured on this page by Mr. Allison. Get a light pine box with no openings or cracks, closed on all sides, the box to be four feet square and fourteen to sixteen



Light pine box 4 feet square to hold 100 baby chicks. If to hold 50 baby chicks build 3 feet square.



hints kept in mind will help you to determine the best incubator for your purpose. Many firms emphasize the fact that their incubator gives moisture. Stop and consider for one minute. Does a hen moisten her eggs? This has but one answer, NO. A hen has no sweat glands and therefore could not moisten her eggs. Moisture is not necessary in hatching and should be avoided. Never wet or moisten eggs during hatching, under any circumstance.

Mr. Allison tells of an experiment made by him wherein he moistened the

Ask your Ford for our new catalog. Experiment Station results of extending lengths of time to test fertility is necessary. These eggs were lengths of time up to before hatching. The eggs held for after being laid had held up to four-hatchability; those days had only 25%

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BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

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90-YEAR-OLD TWINS.

Mrs. G. F. Parker, of Dallas, and Mrs. Lucy Mays, of Austin, are believed to be the oldest twins in America. They were 90 years old on January 11, 1925. Both are active and healthy.

TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT.

Ninety-six crates of Texas grapefruit were sent to Washington Feb. 8, one crate for each member of the United States Senate, and was a gift from the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

STATE GETS \$94,744 OIL TAX.

The State of Texas has received \$94,744 in oil production tax from the receiver who had been in charge of the disputed area along Red River, this representing the net result of the award of oil land to Texas under the decision of the United States Supreme Court.

MARSHALL POSTMAN TO GET PENSION.

J. R. Everett, for 20 years an employe of the Marshall postoffice, will retire soon and be placed on the pension roll. The greater portion of his work was on the rural routes as a carrier. During that time he traveled 162,000 miles.

LEAVES \$40,000 TO ORPHANS.

It has been announced that all of the estate of the late Charles Bannister, who died at Waco, following a lengthy illness, has been left to the Methodist Orphans Home of Waco. It is understood that the estate will aggregate between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Mr. Bannister had no immediate relatives.

PINEY WOODS MEET.

A two-day track and field meet, to be known as the Piney Woods Track and Field Meet, is to be staged at the Stephen F. Austin State Teachers' College in Nacogdoches April 10-11, according to announcement by Robert H. Shelton, director of athletics. Shelton is urging all schools over East Texas to be represented.

MEXICAN QUAIL FOR LAMAR COUNTY.

W. H. Lee of Sulphur Springs, district deputy game warden, has placed several pairs of Mexican bob white quail on a farm in the southern part of Lamar County to propagate and replenish fields now almost destitute of quail. They were released on condition that they would be protected during the next season.

WORTH MILL MAKES INITIAL SHIPMENT.

The first car of textile products made from Texas cotton in a Fort Worth textile mill was shipped over the Frisco lines to Findlay, Ohio, in February.

The shipment, consisting of more than 10,000 pounds, was consigned to the Cooper Corporation of Findlay. It is of the fabric for use in making the Universal cord automobile tires. Additional shipments will be sent forward as rapidly as the training of the mill workers can be completed.

LEGION HOSPITAL BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

House bill No. 230, authorizing the State Board of Control to sell to the United States Government the American Legion Memorial Sanatorium at Kerrville, built under an appropriation of \$1,500,000 made by the Thirty-seventh Legislature, was signed Feb. 19 by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. For the last two years the sanatorium has been operated by the government under lease from the State.

Under the sale to the United States Government, the State will have returned to it \$1,500,000 and the amount over that figure, which is expected to be \$250,000, will go to be used in financing its activities.

EAST TEXAS BAND TEACHERS MEET.

The East Texas division of the Texas Band Teachers' Association will hold its annual band contest and business meeting at Corsicana, April 21 and 22, at which time 60 bands from all parts of East Texas will take part in the contest. Extensive plans for the entertainment of the visiting bandmen are being made.

EXPECT \$12,000,000 FOR TEXAS HIGHWAYS.

"We expect to have \$12,000,000 to spend on the Texas highways this year," said Senator Joe W. Burkett, member of the State Highway Commission, "and of that amount \$8,000,000 will be available by July 1 next. As a result of this condition the commission will proceed with the usual program of construction and road maintenance."

\$7,000,000 FOR GOOD ROADS.

The amount of the Navarro County good roads bond issue was raised from \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 at a meeting of the Navarro County Good Roads Association.

There will be constructed 110 miles of cardinal and twenty miles of subcardinal concrete highways, eighteen feet in width; ninety miles of concrete lateral roads, nine feet in width, and 150 miles of lateral roads to be constructed of gravel, a total of 370 miles of good roads.

GEN. BUCK PORTRAIT TO HANG IN SENATE CHAMBER.

The Texas Senate has adopted unanimously a resolution authorizing that the portrait of Major General Beaumont B. Buck of San Antonio be hung in the Senate chamber. The portrait, with appropriate legend, was presented by the Reserve Officers' Association of Texas, which at its last State convention adopted resolutions urging that the portrait of General Buck be hung in the Texas Senate chamber.

CIVIL WAR PREACHER DEAD.

Rev. S. B. McJunkin, 86, known as the "boy preacher" of the Civil War through which he served in the Confederate Army, died of apoplexy at San Angelo Feb. 21, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Johnson.

Rev. Mr. McJunkin baptized 500 soldiers during the Civil War and was credited with 5,000 conversions later during his ministry, when he became an outstanding Baptist leader. He served mainly in rural churches from choice.

COMMANDER DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS ELECTED.

Judge Royall R. Watkins was elected State Commander of the Disabled Veterans of the World War at the closing session of the State convention held in Dallas. It was decided that officers should hold office for two years. It also was decided to open State headquarters in Dallas.

Fort Worth was the unanimous choice for the 1926 meeting place. Dates will be decided later by the executive committee.

RESTOCKING TURKEY AND QUAIL.

"A considerable number of quail have been distributed by the Game, Fish and Oyster department during the last year and released in counties where they had become almost extinct. The transplanted birds will be carefully protected and it is believed the restocking system will prove successful," said W. W. Boyd, Game, Fish and Oyster commissioner.

"Many localities favorable to the propagation and protection of wild turkeys also have been restocked during the last two years and it is thought these fowls will greatly multiply in places from from which they long ago disappeared."

LONDON NEWSPAPER MAN TOURING TEXAS.

A. B. Kay, correspondent of the London Times, England, has been touring Texas gathering material for articles to appear in his newspaper. The meeting of the 1925 convention of Advertising Clubs of the World at Houston, Texas, is attracting attention of the English to Texas. Last year's meeting of the advertisers was held in London, but this year it will be held in Houston.

A large number of pictures of Texas cities and scenes are being assembled by Mr. Kay.

WANT FARMERS REIMBURSED.

The attitude of Texas toward paying claims of farmers in the non-cotton zones created to combat the pink bollworm was declared to the Federal Government by the adoption Feb. 12 by the Texas Legislature of a Senate concurrent resolution by Mr. Holbrook and Mr. Murphy. The resolution sets forth that the State is not contending for any claim on payments for the State itself, but wants the money to be paid to the individual farmers, as specified in the bill before Congress.

The pink bollworm claims total \$115,336. The Federal Government, while declining to pay the money to the State, had indicated its readiness to make payments direct to farmers.

NEW RAIL RATE BENEFITS DAIRY AND POULTRY INTERESTS.

The dairy and poultry interests of Texas will reap great benefits from the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in which a proposed re-adjustment upward of rates on butter, eggs and poultry from points in Arkansas to certain defined territory was found not justified, in one portion of the decision and in another portion of which it was found that present rates on butter, eggs and live and dressed poultry from points in Texas to certain eastern destinations are unreasonable.

In reaching its decision, the Interstate Commerce Commission took notice of the growing butter and dairy interests of the Southwest, especially in Texas.

The commission then gave figures to show that Texas annually ships to New York 3,446,000 pounds of eggs and 5,295,604 pounds of dressed poultry, and to Chicago 1,176,000 pounds of eggs and 709,474 pounds of dressed poultry.

\$450,000 GIVEN BURNETT HEIRS.

Heirs of Mrs. Burk Burnett, who agreed to a settlement with the trustees of the Burnett trust, created by Mrs. Burnett during her lifetime for the benefit of Texas Christian University, has received certified checks, totaling \$450,000, as their share of the estate.

The settlement was made with all of the heirs with the exception of those entitled, by law, to receive the share in the estate belonging to the late Mrs. H. L. Mosely, who was recently killed in an automobile accident.

The heirs-at-law who filed suit against the estate, upon death of Mrs. Burnett, were her four sisters, namely, Mrs. Susie Grant of Weatherford, Mrs. Martha Putnam of Mexia, Mrs. Leah Anderson of Weatherford, and Mrs. H. L. Mosely of Brazos.

The rest of the \$4,000,000 estate of the late Mrs. Burnett, wife of the late Capt. S. Burk Burnett, will be held in trust to Texas Christian University, of Fort Worth, until twenty years after the death of the last trustee, during which time all the income will be paid to the university, except a small portion to be paid to the negro orphanage. Twenty years after the death of the last trustee the principal will be turned over entirely to the beneficiaries. This terminates the legal controversy over the estate.

CATTLE RAISERS PREPARE FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION.

A. S. Gage, of San Antonio, was elected convention chairman of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association at a meeting of the convention committee to arrange for the forty-ninth annual gathering of that organization, to be held at San Antonio, March 17, 18 and 19. Charles Schreiner was chosen vice chairman and W. W. Collins treasurer of the committee.

VALUE OF TEXAS CROPS AMOUNTS TO \$750,000,000.

The value of Texas crops of every nature amounted to more than three-quarters of a billion dollars for the year 1924, according to statistics compiled by H. H. Schultz, statistician for the Department of Agriculture, with offices in Houston.

Texas headed the Nation, leading by \$300,000,000 over Iowa, the State with the next highest value in 1924 crops, according to the same estimate.

The Lone Star State led in the production of beef cattle, sheep, mules, cotton and grain sorghums. It took third place in the production of watermelons, peaches, rice, broom corn, sweet potatoes, peanuts, sorghum syrup, pears, corn, oats, wheat, wild hay, barley, rye, tame hay, white potatoes, horses, milch cows and swine.

The importance of the cotton crop in Texas, as compared with other crops, is shown by its value, which was \$534,240,000, as against the total of all other Texas crops, which was \$763,667,000.

GLARING HEADLIGHT MEASURE PASSES BOTH HOUSES.

The Williamson headlight bill, prohibiting glaring lights on motor vehicles, has been finally passed by both houses of the Legislature, and is in the hands of the governor for approval.

The House concurred to Senate amendments to the bill shortly after it had been passed by the Senate. The Senate amendments decreased the penalty for violation of the act from a felony to a misdemeanor and corrected defects in the measure.

The law was written by Read Granberry, parliamentarian of the House, who is also an electrical engineer, having taken his degree at the University of Texas. The anti-glaring headlight bill was the result of his experimentation and is modeled after the automobile laws of many other States.

The law, as affecting motorists, is as follows:

"At the first of each year, the motorist will be required to go to any one of the numerous county testing stations and have his lights adjusted for focus and tilt. For this service he is required to pay a fee of 25 cents. This fee is all that the motorist will have to pay for the whole year, and entitles him to tests and adjustments at any time during the year. The motorist will receive a certificate showing that his lights have been tested and adjusted. For the purpose of testing and adjusting the lights on motor vehicles county test stations will be established in the various counties. The number and location in any particular county will be decided by the County Commissioners' Court.

"If a person is arrested for having headlights which are not adjusted properly, that is regarding focus and tilt, the officer making the arrest is instructed to release the person and he will have three days in which to have his lights tested and adjusted; and upon presentation of the certificate of test and adjustment to the Judge before whom he has been instructed to appear, the Judge is directed to dismiss the case. It is the idea of the law to place no hardship upon any motorist, and for that reason the motorist is given sufficient time to have his lights tested and adjusted before he is called to answer the charge."

CAMP TRAVIS \$3,000,000 SUIT DISMISSED.

The Government's case against Stone & Webster, Inc., of Boston, to recover \$3,000,000 damages demanded for alleged waste, delay and incompetence in the construction of Camp Travis at San Antonio, Texas, was dismissed in United States Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans Feb. 25.

STATE MEETING OF LEGION.

A feature of the State American Legion convention, to be held in Fort Worth in August, will be a reunion of veterans of the Thirty-sixth and Ninth-tenth divisions. This will be the first joint meeting of these two organizations. National Commander John Quinn of Indianapolis has promised to attend the meeting.

ANOTHER TEXTILE MILL.

A proposed site for the Fort Worth Textile Mills has been purchased.

The site consists of 180 acres and is located southeast of the city limits, a short distance from the Glen Garden golf links.

Officials of the company announce that the mill will be the largest west of the Carolinas, with a capital stock of \$2,500,000 and a capacity of 50,000 spindles. This will be Fort Worth's second cotton mill.

PURCHASES BIG GAME PRESERVE.

Shearn Moody, of Galveston, has purchased from Preston Austin, of Victoria, 14,000 acres in Calhoun county, which Mr. Moody will convert into a game preserve for the hunting of ducks, geese and other wild fowl.

The land consists of that portion of Mr. Austin's 60,000-acre ranch in Calhoun county lying south of the Gulf Coast Lines along the railway from Bloomington to Port O'Connor.

RANGER FORCES RESTORED TO DUTY.

Constitutionality of the Texas Ranger law is upheld and State Rangers are restored to their former legal status in a decision handed down by Chief Justice W. S. Fly in the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals, Feb. 25. The decision reverses the judgment rendered by Judge R. B. Minor of the Fifty-seventh District Court, which restrained State officials from paying, supplying and otherwise maintaining the State Rangers.

WOLF HUNTERS ELECT OFFICERS.

The Southwest Texas Wolf Hunter Association, with headquarters at San Antonio, has elected R. C. Delevan, owner of famous "Rock" trial, who won 1 place in the recent field trial at Fort Worth, as president; John Covin, first vice president; Hugh Tesson, second vice president; Fred C. Bruce, third vice president; Hugh Henslee, secretary and treasurer.

It is the plan of the association to make the next field trial far surpassing anything in this class of dogdom bring to San Antonio some of America's great kennels.

\$500,000 WILL GO TO TEXAS UNIVERSITY.

Legatees favored in the will of late Maj. George W. Littlefield of Austin, will receive \$3,000,000, and that amount \$500,000 will go to the University of Texas for a main building to be erected on the campus in Austin. It was announced recently by H. A. Wroe, one of the executors of the will and chairman of the board of the American National Bank, which was founded by Major Littlefield.

With the distribution of the \$3,000,000 the University gets all that it will receive under the will, an aggregate of over \$1,500,000 from Major Littlefield, which makes him the largest donor to the University.

CONCERNING THE VALUE OF MARKET REPORTS

Farmers should give more time to the study of market reports, in the opinion of J. Austen Hunter, market news specialist with the Texas Markets and Warehouse Department.

A thorough knowledge of markets enables farmers to pick the best time at which to take their produce and poultry to market. And it assists them to determine to what part of the State or country they can ship most profitably, Mr. Hunter says.

The market news service that is of most value to farmers and other shippers takes two forms, the daily radio reports and the monthly summaries.

The radio reports are now being made accessible to practically everybody that is interested, through the courtesy of many banks that post the reports.

These reports deal with all lines of poultry, produce and vegetables at various times and always feature the particular line that is ready for the market at the time the report is made. For in-

stance, during the fall up until the middle of December considerable space was devoted to the turkey market. Following that feature primary attention was given to spinach.

The report always gives quotations from various Texas marketing centers and from the big eastern markets. It tells of other factors that affect the market, such as shipments made from other states, total receipts in various large cities, weather and anything else that may increase or decrease the demand.

The daily reports, Mr. Hunter says, tell clearly what market conditions are, but they can be used to best advantage only in connection with the summaries.

These summaries are sent out by mail and comprise detailed information of shipments and prices for every day of the year. The proper way to use them is to file them away for permanent reference and study and to compare quotations and shipments of other years with those of the present season.

When used this way, after careful study, they enable the farmer to judge just when it will be best for him to have

his products ready for shipment, to what points it is best to ship them, and to forecast with considerable accuracy what turns the market will take. If he has thoroughly assimilated the summary reports the daily reports will be ever so much more valuable to him in his interpretation of market news.

The summary reports also assist the farmer in checking up prices on any shipments that he has recently made. He is in a much better position to be able to tell whether or not his consignees have attempted to use sharp practice with him.

Concerning the value of the reports, Mr. Hunter said:

"It might be asked how the listing by States of the total carlot quantities of various commodities assists distribution. What reference to the marketing of Texas spinach does the listing of shipments from Virginia bear? What is the significance of that light Missouri watermelon movement when we are shipping well past the hundred car mark daily?"

"The answer to these questions is simple. Everyone knows it, and yet not

everyone uses market reports to take the best advantage of his knowledge.

"The extent of markets is enlarged or concentrated in proportion as the competition of outside States more favorably located is light or heavy. The object of a market news service is to assist in making the market as steady as possible, for a steady market is the most profitable in the long run.

"The market report tells you on spinach that you may or may not hope to ship with advantage to New York, Boston or Philadelphia. If you read it well it tells you in plenty of time to take advantage of falling off of shipments from Virginia, Texas' most serious competitor in the eastern markets. Considering watermelons, it tells you of the future; the shipping of melons from Missouri means that the market radius for Texas melons is greatly restricted.

"And so it is with other commodities. Shipments by other States carry a vast and varied significance to the constant reader of market reports. Their meaning grows with one's experience, one's familiarity with the commodity's quality and shipping radius, and the vary-

ing strength of competition from other States.

"Our daily reports can be picked up by any one that has a radio or who makes a trip to town, and our monthly summaries are mailed free to those making application to the Market and Warehouse Department."

Mr. Hunter defined some of the terms that are used in market reports, such as dull, steady, firm and strong.

"If there is little trading," he said, "and the tendency is not for the taking over of much stuff, the market is steady. If the situation is featureless, the market is steady. If there is an optimistic sentiment but little concrete price advancing, the market is firm. An there is a pronounced up trend of price it is strong. Various other terms used that are easily understood.

"I'd like to say as a final word reading market news that each report should be taken as a new item in a correspondence course in marketing commodities in definite cities changing demands, a knowledge which is essential to the efficient marketing of perishable commodities."

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MOHAIR CROP LIGHT.

A lighter crop of mohair and no more wool than was raised a year ago is in prospect for Texas this spring, according to buyers making headquarters in San Angelo—America's largest inland wool market. Their estimate of the 1925 spring mohair production, following trips over most of the sheep and goat country, is around 3,000,000 pounds, or 500,000 pounds less than in 1924, while wool should again total 18,000,000 pounds. Wool estimates in the fall were as high as 21,000,000 pounds.

Dry weather will be the cause of the lighter shearing, although a general rain, coming up the range, would materially improve the grade of the wool and perhaps lengthen the staple, since shearing of goats does not begin until March 1 to 5, continuing through the month, the shearing of sheep not get under full head—until April 20, lasting about June 10. Contracting this winter of mohair started at said to be higher than before known, in a few places as high as 62½¢ for crown hair and 80¢ for rips, according to unconditioned reports.

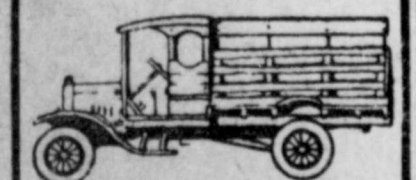
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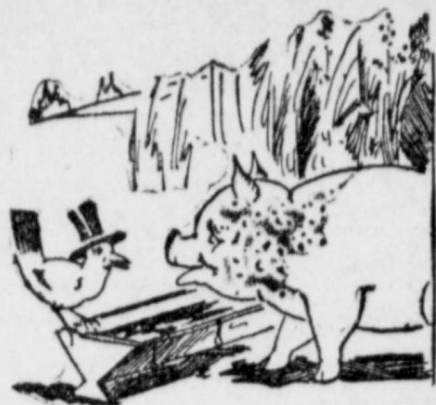
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"Could you direct me to the home of the swallow?"
"Yes, just at the end of my throat."

EVIDENCE.

Slim Slokum: "What makes you think there are bootleggers in this town? I haven't been able to find a single one."
Lem Frisby: "Don't you see blind men selling pencils on every corner?"

ETERNAL PUNISHMENT.

A rich plumber who passed away and went where all rich plumbers go, reported to the devil and was told to go ahead and install the new hot water system.
"All right," answered the plumber. "Give me a helper and I'll start in."
"Oh, you'll have to do the work yourself," chuckled Satan. "You don't have a helper. That's the hell of it."

ALTRUISM.

It was the year 2024. The United States had just elected its first woman President.
"Don't you feel that your home life will be ruined?" the Inquiring Reporter asked her husband.
"My only regret," he said with a sigh, "is that I have but one wife to give to my country."

BUSY BOBBY.

Little Bobby came crying into the house rubbing the places where he had been butted by a pet sheep.
"But what did you do," his mother demanded, "when the sheep knocked you down?"
"I didn't do nothin'," Bobby declared protestingly. "I was gettin' up all the time."

THE PROUD FATHER.

Modern education was being discussed, Jimson saying it was of little value, while Johnson protested it was a good thing.
"Now here's my son, Jack," said the latter. "Only 8, but ask him any question, and he'll answer it."
"Well, Jack," murmured Jimson, "how many are seven and four?"
"Twelve," came the prompt reply.
"There you are," said the proud father, "only missed it by one."

STRANGE?

The doctor had called at the Jones home. The occurrence was so unusual that Sed Smith, from the next farm, decided to investigate.
"Yes," answered Old Jones, upon being questioned, "Eliza, the wife, is sick. Don't know jest what's ailin' her. She got up this mornin' and had breakfast for me and the hands at five, and then she did some washin' and some bakin' and the churnin' and a little cleanin', besides a-diggin' some taters and a-weedin' a patch of garden. She got dinner, and was a-sewin' and a-mendin' this afternoon when she sorto' keeled over. I jest kaint think what kin be the matter, for she's been a-doin' nothing but keepin' house here, easy-like, for the last fifteen years."

LONG JUMP.

An Irishman was visiting the Zoo. He saw over the kangaroo's cage a sign declaring, "A NATIVE OF AUSTRALIA."
"My Heavens!" he muttered. "Me sister married one of them!"

LOSING HIS OPTIMISM.

Car owner—"You sold me a car about two weeks ago."
Salesman—"How do you like it?"
Car Owner—"I want you to tell me everything you said about that car all over again. I'm getting discouraged."

THE CLOCK WATCHERS.

Those who work with one eye on the clock might profit by the experience of Thomas A. Edison.

During Mr. Edison's vacation last summer a peddler tried to sell him a watch, but the great man smiled and said:

"No, no, friend. I never owned a watch in my life. The one thing I want least of all to know is the time."

THE MODERN YOUNG MISS.

Miss Margaret, age 3, was up and dressed early on a recent morning and before breakfast made a call on her grandmother, who lives nearby on the same street.

"Hello, Grandma," she said. "How are you? You look fine. What do you know?"

SCHOOL-GIRL COMPLEXION.

There recently appeared in the advertising columns of a popular newspaper an offer, for one shilling, of a recipe by the use of which the hands would become soft and beautifully white. Many thousands of girls responded, and in due time they received a piece of paper containing the following words, which could not be bettered: "Soak the hands three times a day in dishwater, while mother rests."

PASSING IT ALONG.

Clarence Darrow, the noted Chicago lawyer, was discussing high prices at a luncheon.

"The trouble is," he said, "that we all pass these prices along. No matter how rich we are, if somebody in our employ obtains a higher wage, we pass that higher wage on to our patrons—we will never pay it ourselves."

"This is a worse spirit than that of the mother who brought her little boy to school and said:

"My little boy is very delicate, so we mustn't whip him. If he does anything bad, teacher—and he surely will—just whip the boy next to him. That will give him a good scare and bring him round, maybe."

POOR DOG!

Jack was home for his holidays from college. One day he said to his mother: "May I tell you a narrative, mother?" The mother, not being used to hearing such big words, said, "What is a narrative, my boy?"

"A narrative is a tale," said Jack.

That night, when going to bed, Jack said, "May I extinguish the light, mother?"

His mother asked, "What do you mean by saying extinguish?"

"Extinguish means put out," said Jack.

A few days later Jack's mother was giving a party at their home, and the dog walked in. Jack's mother raised her voice and said: "Jack, take that dog by the narrative and extinguish him."

AUTO HINTS

A storage battery will give its best service by keeping it in active work, and frequently charged. When a battery remains idle long it becomes "rusty," the plates becoming sulphated, which is a filling of the plate pores, stopping circulation of the electrolyte. The discharge rate of the battery in amperes should not exceed 5 per cent of its capacity, and the same figure should be observed in charging.

Keep the spark plugs clean. Inside and outside keep them free from carbon and oil. Don't widen the spark gap and wonder why you have trouble starting your car and why the engine misfires and doesn't work well. Spark plugs should be snappy workers. Nothing conduces more to spark plug cleanliness than gasoline treated to prevent accumulation of carbon in the vital parts of your engine.

It is a bad practice to let the motor run idle when standing. The suction of the pistons will draw oil up from the crank case with the throttle closed, fouling the spark plugs and carbonizing the motor.

It does make starting easier over a period of several hours to choke the engine an instant as you shut it off, but it is a poor plan to follow. In the first place the extra charge of gas vapor under compression in one of the cylinders soon condenses, turns into liquid gasoline, leaks down past the piston rings of the respective cylinder, dilutes the oil and, in addition, cleans all oil off the valve stems of an L-head motor so that valves are likely to start sticking. When you get into the habit of doing this each time you stop you are quite apt to do it when you put the car away for the night, and that simply means getting maximum results from your mistake.

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\$1,136,039 FOR STATE ROADS.

First allotments of aid for road construction by the new State Highway Commission were announced Feb. 27 and total \$1,136,039. Counties awarded allotments are:

Shackelford \$353,188 on highways 1-A, 18 and 23; Wichita, granted 50 per cent aid on bridge over Red River on highway No. 2; Fayette, \$58,712 on highway No. 71 from Plum to Eastrop County line, and \$12,847 on Federal aid project No. 236; Grimes, \$80,000 on highway No. 6; Taylor, \$2,636 on highway No. 7; Robertson, \$30,330 on highway No. 6; Scurry, \$3,750 on highway No. 7; Reeves, \$2,389 on highway No. 1; Jones, \$75,000 on highways Nos. 18, 30 and 92; Ward, \$3,186 on highway No. 1; Williamson, \$70,000 on highway No. 95; DeWitt, \$224,000 on highway No. 81; Gonzales, \$220,000 on highway No. 81.

Applications for aid in the following counties were postponed pending more information and investigation: Navarro, Fayette on highway 17 southeast of LaGrange; Brazoria, Stephens and Guadalupe.

GAIN OF 20,000.

While arrivals of sheep and lambs to the Fort Worth market thus far in the year show a gain of over 20,000, when compared with the same period in 1924, the surplus has been chiefly in feeder stock, slaughter consignments showing up in decreased numbers. At the same time, prices on both slaughter and feeder sheep and lambs are higher this winter than during the winter season last year. The reduction in numbers of slaughter sheep and lambs is attributed to the lack of feed on the ranges, the usual crop of weeds having failed to materialize, owing to the absence of late fall and early winter rains.

U. S. GINNING REPORT.

The Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of the Census, announces a preliminary report on cotton ginned, by counties, in Texas, for the crop of 1924. The total for the State, up to January 23rd, counting round bales as half bales and not including linters, was 4,761,175 bales. Ellis county led, with 120,228 bales; Williamson county is second, with 104,299 bales; McLendon county third, with 103,422 bales; Collin county fourth, with 97,801 bales; Hill county fifth, with 92,665 bales; Navarro county sixth, with 83,122 bales.

More than 10,000 baby chicks will be distributed to 100 club members in Eastland county through the efforts of county agents. These chicks, which are largely White Leghorns, will be distributed in lots of 100 and the boys and girls will take care of them and keep full records of expense, profits, etc., under the supervision of the county agents.

Dead weevils and other dead insects found in the Spanish moss which grows so prolifically on trees in Victoria county, South Texas, is taken as indicative that insects generally have been killed by the severe winter weather.

Oat sowing has been about completed in North Texas. The acreage is larger, in some sections, than last year.

PIGS DECREASE 41 PER CENT.

More and better hogs for Texas farms and a return to profitable marketing methods were urged at the annual midwinter meeting of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association, held at Arlington, February 5.

In opening the meeting, Dr. Flowers said government statistics showed that within the last twelve months there has been a decrease in the number of pigs in Texas to the amount of 41 per cent, and spoke of the urgent need of remedying this condition.

Members of the Nacogdoches County Tomato Growers' Association at a recent meeting decided to market tomatoes green this year. A committee has been appointed to work out plans for the construction of packing sheds for the tomato growers.

Poultry Raising for Profit

(Continued from Page 2.) inches high; saw the bottom out of it four inches deep. Cover the bottom with wood ashes and then put in a layer of sawdust or chaff about an inch deep. The wood ashes help to keep away mites and lice. Place a two-gallon stone jug that has ter in the center of the sawdust, and wrap blanket been filled with boiling water around it. Cover over the top of the jug with another flannel blanket that is large enough to fall over all the sides of the box and draped over sides of jug so as to touch the backs of the chickens. (As shown in the illustration.) Put the top of the box over all this, so as to hold the blanket in place. Bore three or four holes in the sides, near the top, on each side, to admit fresh air and let off steam. Put chickens in bottom section of box under top blanket. A small opening can be made in the side of the bottom section to let the chickens run in and out. This will hold one hundred chicks. Do not put in more. Thoroughly clean, air and disinfect every six or seven days. As the chicks grow older and stronger, or as the weather gets warmer, use a one-gallon jug instead of the two-gallon. The brooder of this type should be kept in a room or house. Pen off a small space as a "run" for their use. Increase the size of the pen as they

grow older. Place the brooder and pen where the chicks will get plenty of fresh air and sunshine. They must have it for proper growth. Let chicks out on the ground as soon as they are five or six days old, providing the ground is dry and warm. Keep the chicks in the brooder until they are ready for the roost. Fill the jug every night; and on cold days fill jug in the morning, too.

Feeding the Little Chick.

Feeding of the little chick was taken up in the article on "Poultry Raising for Profit" published in the February Magazine Section. Briefly, it was not to feed chicks for forty-eight to seventy-two hours after hatching with any kind of food except buttermilk and charcoal. Don't give any water until six weeks old. Give plenty of buttermilk or sour milk. NO SWEET MILK. For further details consult February issue of the Magazine Section of this paper.

Mr. Allison wishes me to thank the editor of this newspaper for space in its columns, and hopes he has been of benefit and help to readers by giving them the main facts and figures of his methods of chicken raising. He has been singularly successful and is looked upon as an authentic authority on chickens. His fifty-three years of constant study and experiments with all breeds of chickens are invaluable, and I am sure we are all grateful for his untiring assistance in helping me to compile these articles.

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TEXAS FARM NEWS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Hershel Dunn, a farmer of Parker county, who has learned how to make farm life pay in a financial way, received \$80 during January from the sale of butter.

Cattlemen of Midland have already contracted for 3,000 head of steers for spring delivery. It is estimated that Midland will have about 30,000 head of steers for May delivery.

Some of the farmers of Franklin county, Northeast Texas, have pledged "to grow more cotton on fewer acres" this year, and plant more acres to feed and truck crops.

Texas points shipped 373 cars of broom corn in 1924 and stocks in the hands of the Texas trade amount to 143 cars, according to the report of the State Markets and Warehouse Department.

A total of 1,357,691 bales of cotton had left the port of Houston for foreign and American ports up to and including February, which shows a steady climb of export business in this commodity.

J. M. Coker of May, Brown county, claims to be the champion cotton picker of Texas. He picked cotton 119 days, beginning at Corpus Christi and moving by counties northward into Oklahoma, and says that he gathered 45,793 pounds, which was an average of 384 pounds per day. His best day's work netted 603 pounds. He was paid \$870.90 for his season's work.

After a thorough investigation, Dr. A. P. Swallow of the Extension Department of the Texas A. & M. College, has stated that a small percentage of the citrus trees in Victoria county were killed outright by the December cold snap, but that some of the trees will have to be pruned back. He found many of the trees infested with scale, and recommended Atrio emulsion spray as the best remedy.

A thousand dollars in crop prizes is offered this year by Gregg county, East Texas, business men to farmers throughout the county. The sum is divided into two prizes: \$500 for the highest cotton yield on five acres, and \$500 for the highest feed production on five acres. The purpose behind the award offered is to stimulate the growth of higher crop yields on fewer acres.

W. T. Noelke of Sheffield, Crockett county, and nine other fellow ranchmen have purchased a power-operated shearing machine with twelve drops, and will employ Mexicans to do their shearing. Mr. Noelke recently contracted his spring wool, which will be of seven months' growth, at 52 1/2 cents per pound. This is believed to be the record price for short wool in Texas this year. He expects to shear about 20,000 pounds of wool from 4,000 sheep.

The heavy breeds started in the third month of the eighth Texas national egg-laying contest which closed Jan. 31 at the A. & M. College. A pen of White Wyandottes belonging to R. F. Miller of Brenham was high pen of the month with 116 eggs, or an average of over 23 for the five birds. Buff Orpingtons and Barred Plymouth Rocks came between the record of the Wyandottes and the best performance of White Leghorns, which ordinarily lead the field.

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First week in March was designated as "plant-a-tree week" in Terrell, Texas. Every citizen was asked to plant at least one tree, and as a result many trees were planted during the week.

A Percheron stallion which won second place as a yearling in the International Exhibition and Livestock Show at Chicago last year, has been added to the Percheron herd of the A. & M. College of Texas as sire.

M. T. Sharpe of Garland, Texas, won the Dallas county gold medal in the "ton-litter" contest of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association. The prize was given for raising a ton of meat from one litter of pigs in six months. Sweet clover was one of the principal feeds used by Mr. Sharpe.

Rains that fell over sections of Texas the latter part of February have been of great benefit to farmers, according to reports. The moisture will enable the farmers to prepare their soils for early planting. Precipitation, however, is reported to be needed in other sections, both for preparation of the soil and for reviving the ranges.

George Ratliff of Midland recently shipped a carload of purebred bulls to the big Higginbotham ranch in Durango, Mexico. Owners of this ranch are breeding up their herds by placing purebred bulls from Midland on the pastures. Higginbotham has so far shipped about 6,000 head of cattle from Midland station to the old Mexican ranch.

Following up the experiment which proved successful last year, the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce is ordering commercial fertilizer for the farmers in the sandy land section of Hill county. The Chamber of Commerce acts as agent for the farmers, in grouping the orders, and is letting them have the fertilizer at cost. So far, orders have been placed for four carloads, an increase of three carloads over last year.

Two carloads of purebred registered Chester White hogs, prize winners at State and national swine shows, bought in Iowa by Jo Moore, president of the Pure-Bred Swine Growers' Association, of San Antonio, will be used to build up Southwest Texas herds. One carload, consisting of forty-seven sows, was unloaded at Schulenburg and were distributed to farmers in and around that city.

An experiment is being tried by A. W. Woodruff, pecan grower of San Saba, in the planting of ten acres to Mexican pecan nuts for budding stock. The nuts were ordered from Mexico by Woodruff, and he has planted them on a ten-acre tract sixty feet apart; if they grow rapidly and are of hardy stock, as claimed, he will let the trees remain in the hill where planted and bud to improved varieties of San Saba pecans.

A feeders' meeting took place March 4 at the Spur (Dickens county) experiment station, a substation of the A. & M. College, at which time the results of a long line of experiments in connection with the feeding of cattle and sheep were made available to the public. The Spur station for the last ten years has been conducting experiments to determine the relative feeding value of the grain sorghums as compared with Indian corn.

The feeding experiments at the Spur station this year are the largest and most comprehensive in the history of the station and include twelve tests with sheep and lambs and four with cattle.

Many Wise county farmers will plant this year a uniform variety of standard cotton seed.

The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce has offered \$600 in prizes to Parker county farmers, for the best production of cotton, corn and melons on five acres of land which is to be fertilized.

County Judge Davis of Brownwood, Texas, has received a large shipment of quails to be placed on the 30,000-acre game reserve which has just been established in the southern part of Brown county.

In discussing the present shortage of marketable hogs, E. J. Hosey, of Armour & Co., made the following statement: "Texas people consumed over 100,000,000 pounds of meat in 1923 that was imported from Northern States, and there is good reason why this meat should not be supplied by Texas farmers themselves."

By raising twenty bales of lint cotton on twenty acres of land, without irrigation or the use of fertilizers, Robert Bruton of near Hale Center won first prize in the \$1,500 cotton contest conducted by the Plainview Chamber of Commerce. More than 500 twenty-acre tracts of cotton had been entered in the contest by farmers in the Plainview trade territory and many yields of from three-quarters to a bale per acre were reported.

V. P. Tippett of San Antonio paid Allison Bros. of San Angelo around \$185,000 for their ranch of fourteen sections located in Tom Green and Irion counties, eighteen miles west of San Angelo on the Arden road, together with 2,551 head of ewes. The property formerly was owned by Mark Pulliam.

The 9,000-acre ranch in Crockett county, belonging to the estate of the late Charlie Williams, former Crockett county sheriff, has been sold to J. C. McCollum of Sonora at \$10 an acre. Mr. McCollum sold his four-section ranch south of Sonora to Edgar Shurley of Sonora at \$14 an acre.

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WOMAN'S PAGE
MRS. MARGARET STUTE
HOME PROBLEMS.
REMOVING STAINS.

If there is one thing that tries the patience and good nature of the careful housewife it is for some one to carelessly (or otherwise) spill some staining substance on her fine linens, dresses, etc. There are, however, many simple remedies that can be tried. If there is a mixture of several things in the stain it complicates matters and makes the stains harder to remove.

Following are a few briefly described treatments that might be tried:

Acid, i. e., vinegar, etc. If the color of the cloth has been changed try holding over the mouth of an open ammonia bottle. If this is not effective, try sponging with a solution of baking powder or boracic acid powder in water.

Alkali, i. e., washing soda and ammonia, etc.: Immediately use vinegar or lemon juice, diluted with water.

Machine grease from non-washable material: Place a pad under the material, sponge carefully with carbon tetrachloride, changing the position of the pad frequently.

Argyrol: Remove as much of the stain as possible with soapy warm water. If this is not effective try Javelle water.

Chewing gum: Scrape with a knife. Then sponge with gasoline.

Coffee: Coffee if washed out immediately will usually come out in the laundry, or if article is placed over a dish and boiling water is poured from a distance above on the spot.

Iodine: Apply ammonia until the stain disappears.

Iron Rust: Can best be removed with a solution of oxalic acid.

Blood: A fresh stain can be removed with clear warm water for objects that can not be

boiled. For silks and wool, add a little ammonia to the water. Boiling in soapy water will remove from washable material.

Chocolate from fine fabrics: Place absorbent pad under material; sponge with luke warm water. Use carbon tetrachloride when possible.

Ink: Blue black ink use ammonia and oxalic acid alternated. For purple, blue, red, etc., use potassium permanganate and oxalic acid. If the stain is fresh sometimes lukewarm water is all that is necessary.

Fruits and berries: Try pouring boiling water on material from the height of two feet.

Candle wax: Remove excess by scraping with dull knife or the finger nail. Remove the rest of the stain by rubbing with carbon tetrachloride.

Egg: Sponge with lukewarm water.

Mildew has long been the "bane of existence" to Southern women. Here is a good and effective remedy: Use potassium permanganate and oxalic acid if the spots are small. If large spots put in a bleach of one cup Javelle to one quart of water. Leave from five to fifteen minutes, according to the size of the spot. Rinse well, so as to leave no trace of the Javelle.

Paint and varnish: Soak in benzol and then wash thoroughly.

Silver nitrate: Sponge with ammonia.

Carbon tetrachloride dissolves fats and is a cleaner while Javelle bleaches. It is well to keep these articles on hand where they can not be procured easily. Keep on a high shelf, out of the reach of children, as some of them are poisonous. Every chemical cleaner, medicines, etc., should be kept on a high shelf, or in a locked closet. Little prying hands are always trying something new.

LATE FASHIONS.



For little sister's Easter dress, or her "Sunday best," I am sure she would be happy with this one: Dainty, trimmed in pretty lace, with the lovely embroidery; it is a picture, indeed. The bloomers to match makes it more serviceable. For everyday wear it can be dyed brown later.

The flare for every dress is seen from the simple morning dress, to the elaborate evening gown.

Waist lines are low, while the neck line varies in shapes and height.

Coats are in all lengths this year, from the short to the long, full ones.

PREPARATION FOR MOTHERHOOD.

It is in the body of a young girl that the foundation for a healthful and successful motherhood is laid. There are more things to think of than mere moments of pleasure, and it is the mother today who is responsible for the health and well-being of future generations. It is by guarding the health and physical well-being of her daughters (and sons, too,) that she lays the foundation for healthy offspring.

Youth is impulsive and gay. It lives for today only, and it is almost impossible for it to see the tomorrow, or the thousand tomorrows, when it will conquer or fall by the way.

The girl of today cannot see how dancing until two or three o'clock in the morning, then eating a heavy meal and whisking home in a cold car, with scarcely enough wraps to keep warm, will impair her health. I believe in dancing. I think it is a splendid exercise, if it is properly conducted and not indulged in to excess. Excess in anything is dangerous. Excessive and strenuous exercise lays the foundation for female disorders, and tuberculosis. Improper and insufficient clothing is detrimental to a girl's health. The constant wearing of low-cut shoes, winter and summer, makes the ankles large. However, when high shoes are worn during winter days, it is utterly folly to exchange them in the evening for low ones, with no extra cover provided for. In Northern climate high, outside shoes are worn over evening shoes.

A young woman should have regular hours for sleep, eating, working and exercise. And above all things, she should eat her meals regularly and avoid too much sweets between meals. Of course, it would be impossible to treat her like a prisoner, but teach her moderation in all things, and in after years, when she is a mother, she will thank you and be a better mother, wife and citizen.

(Note.—This series of articles will be continued next month.)

LATE FASHIONS.



Big sister, or the young matron, will find in this model an ideal and charming afternoon dress. Made up in black and tobacco brown, it is very stunning. The unusual neckline gives it a smart appearance.

Brown, grey and navy blue seem to be some of the most popular colors for early wear.

Sport clothes show the one-piece type of frock, or the simple jacket and skirt. Combination of colors is good this season in sport clothes.

Slippers are very plain, this spring. Single strap or for afternoon wear the tongue and bow is good.

TESTED RECIPES.

- Rice Pudding.**
Wash four tablespoons of rice in cold water, put with one quart of milk in a baking dish, add three tablespoons of sugar and two-thirds cup raisins. Cook in the oven until the rice seems to come to the top, stirring down the "crust" three or four times. Serve cold. If carefully cooked, this pudding is creamy, not thick. If too thick, you have cooked too long. I like to add a well beaten egg and a little cinnamon to mine.
- Salad Dressing.**
1 teaspoon salt.
1 teaspoon mustard.
1 teaspoon sugar.
1 pint can Wesson oil.
1 egg (yolk).
1-3 cup vinegar.
Mix dry ingredients, to well beaten yolk, add slowly and alternately oil and vinegar. Beat as you add oil and vinegar. Have all ingredients cold.
- Cheese Biscuits.**
2 cups flour.
1/2 teaspoon salt.
2 teaspoons baking powder.
2 tablespoons shortening.
Milk to make stiff dough.
2-3 cup grated cheese.
Sift dry ingredients together, add shortening and mix well, add cheese and then milk. Toss on slightly floured board, pat to thickness desired, cut and bake in hot oven.
- Banana Tart.**
Cover the backs of small pattie-pan with thinly rolled pastry. Prick with fork and bake in a hot oven seven to ten minutes. Remove the pastry-shells and fill with sliced bananas. Cover with sweetened whipped cream. Serve at once.
- Russian Dressing.**
1 cup mayonnaise.
1 pimento (chopped).
1 tablespoon chopped white onion.
2 tablespoons chili sauce.
1 tablespoon tarragon vinegar.
1/2 teaspoon salt.
1/4 teaspoon pepper.
Mix in order named. Serve on cabbage, spinach or romaine salad. We like it on very cold chopped lettuce.
- Russian Salad Dressing.**
1 cup mayonnaise dressing.
1 teaspoon pimento.
1/2 cup chile sauce.
1 teaspoon chopped green peppers.
1/2 teaspoon pepper.
1 teaspoon vinegar.
Few drops of onion juice.
- Cottage Cheese Sandwiches.**
One-half as much chopped dates as cottage cheese, salt and cream enough to make pastry enough to spread. Very delicious on whole wheat buttered bread.
- Cocoanut Custard Pie.**
2 eggs.
3 tablespoons sugar.
1/4 teaspoon salt.
1 1/2 cups milk.
1 cup shredded cocoanut.
Beat the eggs, add the remaining ingredients in order named. Pour into a deep pan lined with pastry. Bake until the custard is firm and the crust is brown, using a hot oven for a few minutes, then lowering the temperature.
- Sugar Cookies.**
((Good for young folks.)
2 cups sugar.
1 cup butter.
1 cup sour cream.
2 eggs.
1 teaspoon soda.
1 1/2 teaspoon salt.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
4 1/2 cups flour.
Cream butter and sugar thoroughly. Add the well-sifted dry ingredients and lastly the cream with the soda mixed in. Roll out on slightly floured board. Cut in fancy shapes, sprinkle with sugar and bake in well greased pan, moderate oven. Add nuts or raisins if desired.
- Muffins.**
2 cups flour.
4 teaspoons baking powder.
1 teaspoon salt.
1 tablespoon sugar.
1 tablespoon syrup.
2 tablespoons butter.
1 egg.
1 cup milk.
Sift together all dry ingredients. Add melted butter, syrup, well beaten egg and milk. Stir until well mixed. Bake in muffin pans in a hot oven about twenty or thirty minutes. Makes twelve medium sized muffins.

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