











TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bright made a business trip to Lubbock last week, returning Saturday. Buddie Burks of Burnett spent Sunday and Monday of last week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks, and other relatives. Mrs. Burks remained for a continued visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hamner. Edgar Lee Mangum, student of McMurry college, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mangum. Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Carleton had as their guests Thanksgiving and Friday her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Crutchfield, and brother from Denton; Miss Rachel Carleton, sister of Rev. Mr. Carleton, a student in McMurry college, also spent Thanksgiving here, returning to school Sunday. Willie Weaver of Lamesa spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Weaver, and sister, Mrs. Oscar Jones. Miss Magdalene Payne attended the State Teachers association held in Fort Worth last week, also visiting the Centennial in Dallas. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ray Causseaux of Abilene and they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Causseaux while in Fort Worth. Mrs. Tom Williamson and children, Dow and Hazel Wanda, went by automobile to San Antonio for the holidays to visit with Mrs. Billy Dempsey and family. Mrs. W. M. Murdock and children returned home Tuesday of last week from Dallas where they spent the week-end. Mrs. Mary Archer, who accompanied them, remained over for a brief visit. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep entertained all of their children and their families Thanksgiving day, namely: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter, Dorothy Nell, of Paint Rock. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rogge and children, Billy Mae and Clifton, of Abilene. Mrs. Raymond O'Neal, also of Abilene, and Mrs. Clifford Estep and two children of Trent. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis in Merkel. Mrs. Olin Lusby, of Ozona, sister of Bob Dennis, was also a guest in the home. Winslow Beckham and family of Lamesa spent Thursday with Mrs. C. T. Beckham and other relatives. Royce E. Dowdy of Odessa attended business here Monday. Mrs. George Baker and daughter, Jean, of Austin spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn. They also had as their guests Mrs. E. O. Evans and two daughters, Mary Ruth and Mrs. Bud Roy, and Mrs. Hattie Boozar and two children, all of Sweetwater. The party motored to Sylvester to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Winn. Mrs. George Thompson of Warren, Ark., spent Thursday and Friday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer.

SCHOOL MEETING.

The monthly community meeting was held Tuesday night of last week with Supt. G. W. Scott acting as chairman. Preceding the business session, the following program was rendered: Mrs. Merton Bell, speech artist, presented Kirby Steadman in piano selections of popular numbers; two dialogues, "Lucky Hit" with Lois Orand and Lucille Howell; "Married Happiness," with S. E. Armstrong, the husband, and Hazel Wanda Williamson, the wife. Grade teachers' numbers were as follows: rhythm band, Mrs. O. J. Reaves, sponsor, Billy Payne, director; playlet, "Little Red Riding Hood," with Patsy Scott, Don Armour, Juno Bratcher, Billy Don Dingle, Walter Williams and others, sponsored by Mrs. G. W. Scott; vocal solo, Peggy Titsworth, presented by Miss Glas-

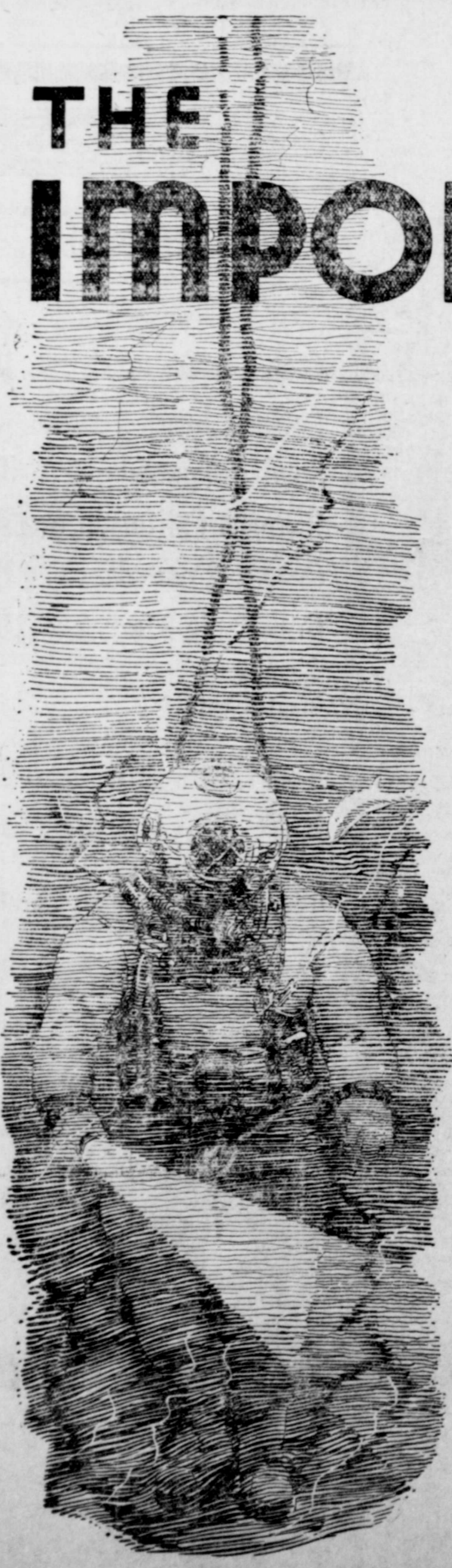
gow; vocal duet, Billy and Gene Billington; reading, "My Hair Cut," Betty Jane Tittle; old-fashioned spelling bee, demonstrated by Miss Payne's room. During the business hour, spirited talks were made by local patrons and Messrs. G. W. Scott, L. E. Adrian and Joe Nalley gave reports on facts they found on a recent trip to Austin where they presented local school problems to State Supt. L. A. Woods. This report proved favorable for the local school and all patrons missing this discussion should get in touch with these men. All interested should be present for the next meeting, the date to be announced later. SURPRISE SHOWER. On Wednesday evening a group of friends and fellow members of the Methodist church gathered for a surprise shower for their pastor. They met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and proceeded to the parsonage. The gifts were presented informally, after which Rev. and Mrs. Carleton responded with impromptu talks. Approximately fifty persons were present. HANDKERCHIEF SHOWER. A group of friends surprised Mrs. Mollie Williams with a handkerchief and gift shower on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Williams is convalescing from a fall received a few weeks ago. Those presenting gifts were Messdames R. B. McRee, Sr., Bob Dennis, C. C. McRee, Allen Terry, E. L. Mangum, Elbert Rogers, Lesley Beasley, Malcolm Beasley, John Payne, W. E. Shouse, Tom Williamson. (Note—Items omitted this week will be carried with next week's news letter.) BIG DAY AT BLAIR. Well, our Fifth Sunday singing was very good and we had a good crowd, a mighty good crowd, considering the weather, and we wondered why there were not more people from Merkel—gravel road all the way and a shelter in case of rain; so why did you not come? Had some fine singers from Coleman county, some from Abilene, Anson, Hamlin, Trent and other places; yes, Brother Jennings with his aides from Wingate. How we thank each one, and all the Blair people and those from other places for their presence and fine spirit of co-operation in making the day such a fine success and enjoyable occasion and how we appreciate your help in the noon hour; plenty of good eats for all and seemed to be enjoyed by all, and that good White Swann coffee donated to us on this occasion by Eli Case & Son gro-

cery and market, just imagine how good it tasted on a damp day like we had at this time! Mr. Case, you should have been present to hear the people say "that hits the spot" and "that rings the bell every shot," how we thank you! And, before we close, we are going to say, come to the Butman tabernacle the Fifth Sunday in January, as we hope to have another day just as good or better, if we can, and, if the weather is somewhat unfavorable, come on; this convention is about 14 years old and has never missed a Fifth Sunday and we are going to hit the Fifth Sunday in January. Mr. Editor, you have been nice in helping us out in your good weekly Mail; so we are giving you special invite to come and be with us next time. Lovingly yours, Tom Spears. TEXAS ALMANAC. Every home should have a copy of the Centennial edition of the Texas Almanac. For sale at the office of the Merkel Mail for 65c per copy. The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money. Out of gas or got a flat? Phone 245. We hurry. Use The Mail Want Ads.

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Water . . 4 pounds per day	{ An adult can exist for approximately 12 days without water
Air . . . 27 pounds per day	{ An adult can exist for approximately 10 minutes without air

The air supply of a person is of first importance. Therefore it is a wise precaution to keep the air in the home during winter as pure as the warm oxygen-laden air of summer. A room that is poorly ventilated can be injurious to health. Inadequate fresh air and a lack of pure, warmed air throughout the home make it easy to "catch cold."

A simple method of providing a constant circulation of fresh air is found by keeping a window in each room slightly open. Connecting doors left open between adjoining rooms, when the entire house is adequately heated, provide a natural circulation of pure, warmed air from one room to another.

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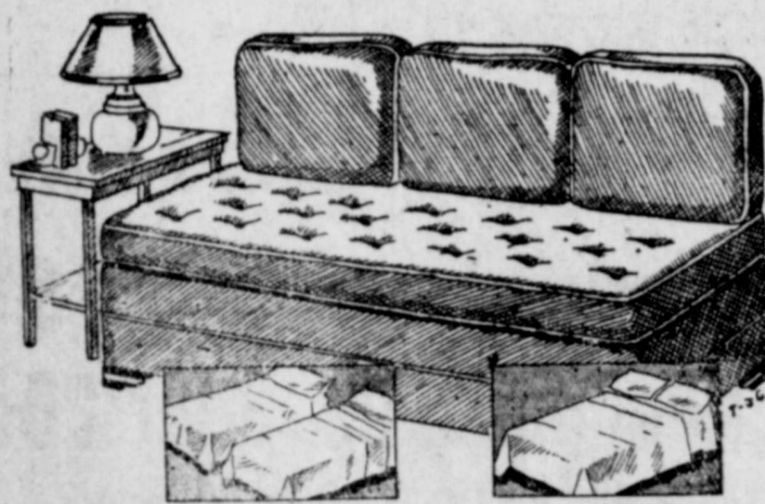
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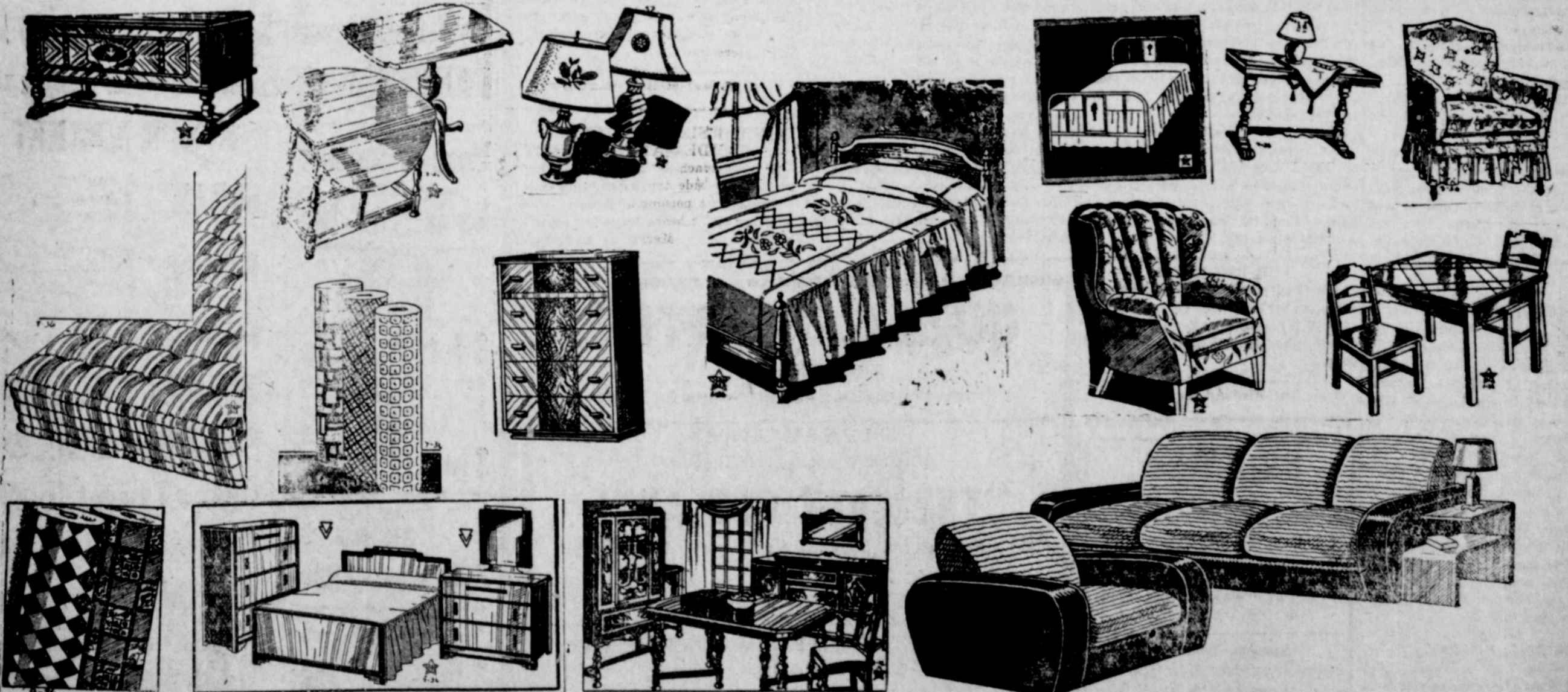
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