

The O'Donnell Index

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BELL GETS MORE SKY JUICE

Jupiter Pluvius has been with sky juice since the long broken last week. On morning of this week he people of the O'Donnell ded additional moisture the population of O'Don what it was all about and came boiling out of the and spread over O'Donnel too wet. The cotton tation of from a light approximately a half an sections. The precipia to be heaviest to the town.

farmers claim it will be of fit to growing crops, es the cotton that was plan heavy rains of last week which was planted when the too wet. The cotton that planted before the heavy additional moisture in break through the heavy believed this will enable in the O'Donnell ter a stand of cotton and

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR BUMPER CROP

Prospects for a bumper territory are good, provid other man will decide in uring the late summer.

FIREMEN RETURN FROM CONVENTION

The last of the local delegates to the State Firemen's Convention which was held at San Antonio last week, arrived home Sunday. Those attending were: Chief Clyde Ash, Assistant Chief and Fire Marshal Grady Gantt, J. D. Fairley, Jeff Shook, Geo. Shumake, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hubbard. All reported a great convention with plenty of entertainment Thrilling and varied experiences were related by each of the delegates. Chief Clyde Ash is a former resident of San Antonio and was appointed as chief guide for the delegation and attempted to lead the party to the many places of interest around the historic old town and experienced some difficulty in locating The Alamo situated on the plaza in the heart of town. Jeff Shook being among the oldest of the party acted as a kind of guardian and was only successful in keeping himself out of jail according to his own story. Cecil Hubbard was quickest to make new friends while in the metropolis of Texas, but it seems that on a second meeting his memory would play leap frog causing him to forget just what had transpired a few hours previous. Had it not been for Mrs. Hubbard who struggled hard to keep the boys in the straight and narrow path, the bunch would have probably still been in San Antonio. The sheiks of the party, J. D. Fairley and Geo. Shumake, Jr., who furnished entertainment for the shebas of the city during the convention were the first to arrive safely back in the old home town, coming in Saturday. The remainder of the delegation reached O'Donnell Sunday. Grady Gantt came very near winning next year's meet for O'Donnell with his oratory while making a two hour plea, finally losing to Denton who will entertain the Firemen in 1928.

INCREASE NEWSPAPER ADS

The gas industry of the United States is steadily and rapidly increasing the amount of its newspaper advertising according to Joe Carmichael of Des Moines, Ia., director of the Iowa Committee on Public Utility Information. "Our public utility companies in Iowa alone," says Mr. Carmichael, "have increased their newspaper advertising 1,000 per cent in the last five years. As a result the usefulness of the gas industry is being greatly increased. Service is being extended to new territory, additional labor-saving appliances are being sold and the public relations of the industry are being improved. This advertising, backed up as it is by good service, has brought the industry to a prosperous stage."

CASE REVERSED

Roberts case has been remanded for a new trial to the mandate relet clerk Happy Smith of Criminal Appeals.

Charged with the murder of Pettit near O'Donnell in 1925. He was tried in the district court and the jury found him guilty of manslaughter and assessed a term of five years in the penitentiary.

will probably be tried at the court this year. Lynn County News.

elder of Anson is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. family.

EDD THOMPSON DIED FROM OPERATION

Edd Thompson, aged 19 years, died Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Standifer Sanitarium at Lamesa where he was taken two weeks ago and underwent an operation for appendicitis on June 15. He was the son of Dr. A. W. Thompson and was born and grew to manhood in the O'Donnell territory and has a wide circle of friends who joins in extending condolence to the bereaved family.

He is survived by a wife, father, two brothers and five sisters, all of whom are residents of O'Donnell with the exception of one sister, Mrs. Phillips who lives in California, all being present at the funeral.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the O'Donnell Cemetery by the Rev. W. C. Hart.

HARD SURFACING OF HIGHWAYS IN DAWSON COUNTY DISCUSSED

Hard surfacing of highways in Dawson County was discussed at a meeting of the Luncheon Club in Lamesa last week. Judge M. C. Lindsey in discussing the advisability of hardsurfacing ninety miles of Dawson county roads explained that it could be done at an estimated cost of \$900,000.00 to the property owners of the county. The county under such a project would receive state and Federal aid amounting to \$1,888,000 making a total of \$2,700,000 which would be expended in putting the highways of the county in prime and permanent condition. No definite action was taken at the Luncheon, but it is the consensus of opinion that this is the beginning of a movement which will be carried out in the near future, and should cause Lynn and other counties traversed by Highway No. 9 to set up and take notice. Citizens of Lynn county should by all means keep pace with the march of progress. Eventually highway No. 9 will be hardsurfaced through the county, so why not now?

O'DONNELL COUPLE WED IN TAHOKA THURSDAY

Miss Lena Vesta Cook became the bride of Mr. Alfred Shipman on last Thursday June 16, the marriage taking place in Tahoka at the office of the Justice of the Peace, Judge I. P. Metcalf performing the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. John Earles and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sorrels left Tuesday for a visit with friends and relatives at Wildorado, Amarillo and White Deer.

Mrs. Major H. Rodgers of Levelland and her cousin, Mrs. Lena Tedford, also of Levelland, are the guests this week of Mrs. Rodgers parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Doak.

Wade Christopher spent the past week in Amarillo where he went on business.

Mrs. R. O. Stark returned Sunday from a three weeks visit with relatives and friends at Floydada, Lockney and Plainview. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. K. H. Burns of Santa Anna, California, who is her guest this week. Mr. Stark drove to Plainview Saturday where he met the ladies returning Sunday evening.

Mayor E. M. Wilder and family have moved to the Carl Cox home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brown. The Browns have moved to their residence near the Brown gin.

Lee R. Ellis of Cambridge, Kansas is here this week visiting his brother W. T. Ellis, operator at the Sante

tion.

Busy Days Along This Rural Route



PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR BUMPER CROP IN THIS TERRITORY

Future prospects are brighter for O'Donnell and surrounding country today than they have been in six months. The old saying, "It is always darkest just before dawn," seems to hold good on the South Plains. The drouth of several months duration which was broken last week was perhaps a blessing in disguise. It was possibly the only means of getting the cotton acreage in West Texas reduced, resulting in a greater amount of feed stuff being planted and greatest of all, it has shown the value and need of diversification on the South Plains. In the past little thought had been given to diversification, but the low price of cotton last fall followed by the long drouth of this spring created an emergency causing the people to seek new sources of revenue and many diverted their attention to dairy herds poultry and hogs, which, if generally followed, (and we have no reason to believe it will not) will be the beginning of a new era on the South Plains of Texas—the gradual climb to prosperity and independence.

Fred Henderson returned Friday from Quanah where he has been the past two weeks visiting relatives and friends. Fred reports crop conditions very promising in Hartman county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roberts returned Monday from El Paso where they attended the 48th annual convention of the Texas Press Association which was held in that city Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

W. E. Vermillion and family returned from Amarillo and Borger Sunday where they spent several days visiting and sightseeing. Their daughter Mrs. H. L. Wallace and baby accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Singleton, Jr. returned last week from their vacation spent in the mountains of New Mexico, near Ruidoso Springs. They report an enjoyable time. Hal Singleton says he would like to spend the rest of his life in the pine covered mountains of New Mexico.

Mrs. Carl Westmoreland returned Friday from a months visit with relatives and friends at Stamford, Rule and Abilene. The bachelors club accepts Carl's resignation with much regret.

L. D. Tucker and two daughters of Roswell, New Mexico, were here over the week-end looking after business interests and visiting old friends.

TELEPHONE IS AID TO LINDBERGH'S FLIGHT

At least one great public utility played its part in the historic flight of Captain Charles Lindbergh from New York to Paris May 20 and 21. As all America waited breathlessly for news of the daring aviator, the wires of the press associations throughout the country were standing ready and fully manned to flash the announcement of his arrival the instant he landed. A large percentage of these wires, which carry the world's news, are telephone wires leased by the press associations from the Bell Telephone Company and converted to telegraphic use. The official time of Lindbergh's landing is given at 3:21 P. M. Saturday, May 21, Central Standard Time, and the flash which sang out over the press association wires telling of the success of the great event was timed in Dallas and other Texas cities at exactly 3:21 P. M., showing that the people of Texas knew of Lindbergh's success in the very instant of his landing. This tremendous feat in reporting was made possible by the service of a public utility. The telephone played another important part, because one of the first acts of the heroic flyer was to telephone his mother in Detroit. She heard the voice of her boy over thousands of miles of land and sea because a great public utility was abreast of the time. Fifty years ago there were only four telephone men in the United States. Today there are 293,480 persons in the employ of the Bell Telephone system alone, which operates about 72 percent of all telephones in this country. The four men who founded the telephone industry were Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas A. Watson, Gardiner G. Hubbard, and Thomas Sanders. The Bell System now has 18,000,000 telephones in use.

Hundreds of big Texas ranches have been broken up into farms in recent years but Texas still has many ranches of more than 100,000 acres.

Texas has more miles of railroad than any other state and is this year building more new miles than any other state.

Texas has the largest state capitol building in the United States and land that was traded to the contractors for building it is now of value enough to build several such structures.

Almost every one of the more than 250 counties in Texas is potential oil producing area.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Morgan of the Draw community are the proud parents of a fine boy born on June 21st.

PENN DRILLING CO. SPUD IN WELL SUNDAY

The Penn Drilling Company spudded in their 3500 foot test on Section 16, 7 miles southeast of O'Donnell on last Sunday. The well was spudded in with a twenty inch hole which is sufficient to go deeper than the contracted depth if the company encounters formations to warrant such. A day and night crew is now at work and will rush the operations with all possible speed which will be watched by oil men of the state with much interest. By the time the Index reaches its readers the magic bit will have traveled three or four hundred feet in this fascinating search for the liquid gold.

CONTINENTAL OIL CO. CHANGES MANAGEMENT

Eugene Wilder, son of Mayor and Mrs. E. M. Wilder, who has been attending A. M. College, become one of O'Donnell's business men on Monday of this week when he purchased the Continental Oil Agency from Jeff Musick. Mr. Musick has been handling the Continental products in O'Donnell for the past two years and has enjoyed a splendid business and wishes to thank his customers for their past patronage and ask that a continuance of same be tendered the new agent which will be greatly appreciated. Mr. Eugene Wilder is a splendid young business man and has shown his faith in O'Donnell's future development by investing in an enterprise which he hopes to build bigger and better upon the merits of his products coupled with willing and courteous service at all times. He asks for a continuance of the patronage received by Mr. Musick in the past and invites new customers assuring them that the Continental products are as good as the best.

RELIGIOUS RALLEY WILL BE HELD AT T BAR SUNDAY

An all day religious ralley will be held at T Bar Sunday. There will be three services during the day and dinner will be served on the ground. Rev. W. L. Henderson of O'Donnell will conduct the services. Everybody has a special invitation to come.

G. C. Grider returned from Austin the last of the week where he took the bar examination. G. C. has labored hard the past few months preparing for the examination and anxiously awaits the results of his effort which will be within the next few weeks. His many friends and acquaintances will be within the next few days.

THOROUGH TEST BEING GIVEN HERE FOR OIL

Oil men have their eyes on the South Plains. This fact is proven by the thorough test that is being made over this entire section. Besides the number of wildcat tests that are being sunk in different sections of the South Plains, the torsion balance is being used extensively over Lynn, Dawson and Terry counties. Many tests have already been made west of town with the torsion balance and this week the little machines are being placed over the town section at intervals of every two thousand feet in checkerboard fashion. We understand these test machines will be used in every section of this country that has not already been tested.

The torsion balance is a piece of mechanism we know less about than we do of linotypes and printing presses. But we are told they will register a log of the formations of the earth below the surface and are very dependable, giving practically the same result as sinking a shallow test well.

As to what the torsion balance reveals under the surface of the South Plains, you will have to gather from other sources, as they are in charge of men who seemed to be air tight when it comes to talking to newspaper men.

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Highway No. 9 through Lynn and Dawson counties is in splendid condition. This highway was recently widened and regraded and was in bad shape, most of the traffic being detoured, but since the recent rains it has settled and has been dragged and today it is in better condition than for many months.

IMPROVED ROADS CHEAPEST

Although we spend millions annually for improving roads, only about one farm in twelve is located on a hardsurfaced or paved highway. A much larger proportion are near enough to paved thoroughfares to make considerable use of them, but even one intervening mile of muddy road often makes the use of farm automobiles impossible.

Good roads used to be classed as luxuries but such is no longer the case. When the loss of time incurred by rough or muddy unimproved roads is considered, together with the wear and tear on vehicles, paved or hardsurfaced roads are essential and should be built as rapidly as possible. The Department of Agriculture says:

"For the movement of every vehicle over a road there is a certain cost, which is less if the road be improved. Logically, therefore, the only limit that should be placed on expenditures for road improvement is the amount that can be saved in vehicular operating cost. The country loses more in increased cost of operating vehicles by not improving roads than it does to improve them. In other words, it pays for improved roads whether it has them or not, and it pays less by having them than by not having them."

A rain waterproof wearing surface is being placed on existing gravel and macadam roads in farming communities with great success and at moderate cost.

"INSIDE" INFORMATION

A slight scorch may frequently be remedied if moistened and hung in the sun to bleach.

When pancakes stick to an aluminum griddle it may be because the recipe does not include enough fat. Add a little more and the trouble may be corrected.

Cranky prejudices about certain foods increase the burden of the mother who must plan the meals. Train the children to like and eat all good wholesome foods.

Any true mayonnaise, made with egg, oil, acid and seasonings will keep as long as a week in a refrigerator. It's a good idea to make up a sufficient quantity to last a week.

Learn how many servings can be expected from each kind of food you buy, and you will go a long way toward economical management of the food supply. Buy by weight or number when you can.

When steaming a pudding in a coffee can, the lid must be securely fastened on, but if a small hole is pierced in the top to let the steam escape there will be less need of tying the lids on and the pudding will not become too moist.

A freshly spilled liquid should never be rubbed from a carpet or rug because this only drives the liquid into the fabric. Instead, cover the liquid with corn meal, talcum powder, blotting paper torn to bits, or any other absorbent material which will take it up and prevent its spreading.

Butterscotch flavor is made by melting together 1 cup of brown sugar and 2 tablespoons of butter until the mixture is waxy. It can then be used to sweeten and flavor many desserts such as ice cream, cornstarch pudding, custards, or gelatin.

Sell your Cream and Produce to Ed Payne at Singleton Hardware & Grocery Company.

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We buy Maize. See us before you sell. Singleton Hardware & Grocery Company.

African Prickly Pear Has Its Good Points

The prickly pear is said to be so tenacious of life that a leaf or even a small portion of a leaf, if thrown on the ground, strikes out roots within a short time and becomes the parent of a fast-growing plant.

Mischievous though the African prickly pear may be, it is not without its good qualities. Its juicy fruit, though rather deficient in flavor, is delightfully cool and refreshing in the dry heat of summer, and a kind of treacle is made from it.

Great caution is necessary in peeling this curious fruit, the proper way being to impale the fruit on a fork or stick while one cuts it open and removes the skin. The person who undertakes to pluck this treacherous fruit with unguarded fingers meets with an experience he does not soon forget. Concentrated essence of stinging nettle seems all at once to assail hands, lips and tongue, and the skin wherever it comes in contact with the ill-natured fruit, is covered with a group of minute bristly hairs, apparently growing from it, and venomous and irritating to the last degree.

In dry weather these spiteful little stings do not even wait for the newly arrived victim, but fly about, light as thistle-down, ready to settle on anyone who has not learned by experience to give the prickly-pear a wide berth.

Fruit Said to Bear Mark of Eve's Teeth

A fruit supposed to bear the marks of Eve's teeth is one of the botanical curiosities of Ceylon. The tree on which it grows is known by the significant name of "The Forbidden Fruit," or "Eve's Apple Tree."

The blossom is said to have a very pleasant scent, but the really remarkable feature of the tree, the one to which it owes its name, is the fruit. It is beautiful and hangs from the tree in a peculiar manner. Orange on the outside and a deep crimson within, each fruit has the appearance of having had a piece bitten out of it. This fact, together with its poisonous quality, led the Mohammedans to represent it as the forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden and to warn man against its noxious properties.

The mark on the fruit is attributed to Eve. Why the bite of Adam did not also leave its mark is not explained, but as only one piece seems to be missing, its loss is ascribed to the woman.

Move for World Peace

The first international peace conference around 1900 was called by Czar Nicholas of Russia, May 18, 1899. This was a preliminary conference and a second was called for October 21, 1904. Many questions of international law and procedure were discussed and a later conference assembled in 1907 when such items as humanizing war agencies, the establishment of neutral territory, the freedom of the seas policy, and many others were discussed. Preliminary steps had been taken to call a third conference in 1915, when many matters were to be finally adjusted. This conference was halted by the World war.

Riches of Golden State

The poet who spoke of "jeweled peaks" must have had California in his mind's eye, for some mountains in southern California are fairly studded with whole mines of gems and precious stones—so much so that the Golden state is one of the world's greatest producers of gems and precious and semi-precious stones of great value. Nearly every lovely jewel known to man and adored by woman is found somewhere within the confines of the state, and splendid collections of them are in the world's great museums, both in this country and in England and Europe.

Invention of Radio

Modern radio is the result of a long series of inventions and discoveries in the various fields of science. It cannot be said that any one man invented or discovered radio. However, Guglielmo Marconi, the Italian "wireless wizard," is usually regarded as the "father of radio." He patented the first commercially successful wireless system in 1897. The next revolutionary step in radio was about 1906 when Lee De Forest, an American, invented the audion or three electrode vacuum tube.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Changing the Subject

Dickie is five years old and goes to kindergarten but he realizes that education for him, has just begun. The other day an intelligence test was given him by some of the older boys.

"Spell pig," said one of the boys.
"P-i-g," Dickie responded.
"Spell telephone," the boy suggested.
"Well," declared Dickie, after a moment's hesitation, "we might just as well talk about something else."

Information Wanted

The midday rush was at its height in a big self-service grocery department when a dear old woman sidled up to one of the busy clerks.
"Have you any more jam like I had last time?" she asked.
"What kind was that?"
"Well, now I really forget what it was called. But it was very nice and I thought perhaps some of you might remember."—Vancouver Province.

JUST HUMANS
By GENE CARR



"YEAH, HE'S ALL SMOKED UP 'CAUSE SOMEONE CALLED 'IM A BAREFACED LIAR!"

LOCATING THE FINANCIAL LEAKS THAT TAKE THE PROFITS OUT OF FARMING

By DAN H. OTIS

Director, Agricultural Commission, American Bankers Association

INDUSTRIAL lines suffer because of inefficient firms, whose officers cling to old methods and place goods on the market, even at a loss, to compete with the more efficient institutions. Agriculture, too, has this problem to face. We find farmers who fight new methods. They retard the prosperity of other farmers by throwing on the market poor quality products, frequently produced at a loss.



D. H. OTIS

The nature of the banker's business places him in a position to help this type of farmer as well as the more progressive farmer. At the same time the banker can assure himself of good loans based on the farm as a going concern.

A study of the investments, sources of income and expenses of the successful farmers in his community will give the banker a measuring stick by which to gauge the hazard entailed in furnishing loans to other farmers. This study is readily accomplished through the use of summaries of farm records. In the absence of good records, survey blanks which can be obtained from the agricultural colleges, may be used for collecting the information.

A banker in a dairy district would use data similar to Farmer A's summary in the following table as a measuring stick to judge the condition of Farmer B:

	Farmer A	Farmer B
Farm receipts.....	\$5,465	\$2,214
Farm expenses.....	2,122	1,079
Rec'pts above expenses	\$3,343	\$1,135
Interest on total investment @ 5 per cent.	1,070	989
Net income after deducting interest.....	\$2,273	\$146
Acres.....	127	139
Total investment.....	\$21,400	\$19,773
Operating capital (machinery, live stock, equipment).....	5,862	4,473
Number of cows.....	18	11
Investment in cows.....	\$2,202	\$1,200

The total investment of Farmer A is moderate with a large percentage (27 per cent) of operating or working capital. Farmer B is low in operating capital. The number of cows is also low, which is reflected in the farm receipts, these being \$3,251 less than those of Farmer A. The expenses of Farmer B, although about one-half of those of Farmer A, are, nevertheless, high in the ratio to receipts.

The only way to safeguard a loan to Farmer B is to consider assets and not income. Before any loan should be considered at all the banker and the farmer should go over the situation, uncover the leaks and outline a definite program of improvement.

Diversity of Business Good Sign

	Farmer A	Farmer B
Income from crops.....	\$1,476	\$851
From dairy products.....	2,343	752
Sale of livestock (including increased inventory).....	1,656	280
Miscellaneous income.....	327	181

A good diversity of income serves to protect the farmer against years of over-production of any one farm product. Farmer A has a good diversity of income. Notice that the leading source of income, dairy products, constitutes less than one-half of the total income. The various enterprises that make up Farmer B's diversity of business all show marked decreased income.

Quality of Business Shows Leaks

	Farmer A	Farmer B
Receipts per cow.....	\$150	\$68
Receipts per livestock unit other than cows.....	94	32

Under the heading, "Quality of Business," Farmer B shows that his cows are bringing in \$62 less per year than Farmer A's. The \$63 a year which they are producing is undoubtedly less the cost of feed and keep. The income per live-stock unit is still worse, and while this farm needs more cows to increase its volume of business, it would be financial suicide to invest in the same type of cow. This poor farmer must weed out his poor cows and feed the balance properly to get results before money is loaned to him to increase his herd with good stock.

An analysis of the farmer's records will bring out many other leaks which the farmer may not have noticed. He may be paying high prices for feed when less money spent for fertilizers and lime may enable him to raise the right kind of feed on his own farm and stop this drain on his pocket-book. Barring temporary emergencies, farm loans handled on the basis of income, indicating a going concern, would hasten tremendously the day of a permanent and prosperous agriculture.

More And Better Poultry

Texas needs more and better poultry, these thrifty little citizens of the farm are factors in wealth that no farmer afford to overlook.

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WEST TEXAS NEWS

FLOYDADA—Two new brick buildings to serve as business houses will be completed here within the next sixty days. Fifteen new homes representing an expenditure of more than \$40,000 have either been completed or are nearing that stage since January 1. These bring the total building permits this year to approximately \$85,000.

POST—The Post Hatchery has added another 12,096 egg Buckeye incubator to their equipment, bringing the capacity to a total of 25,000.

MERKEL—Contract has been let by the City Council for paving ten blocks in the business section of Merkel, and for a \$23,000 extension of water works. The paving contract calls for two and a half inch concrete base. Additional work will be done on water system at a later date.

CLAUDCROFT, N. M.—Hon. R. C. Dillon, Governor of New Mexico, will be a distinguished guest at the Pecos-Inter Mountain District Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be held in this city on July 9. The regional gathering calls together delegates from almost a score of Eastern New Mexico towns.

SLATON—Rapid progress is being made on Slaton's paving program which embraces work on seven blocks. Other paving to follow this project is being talked of and funds are available for this purpose.

LUBBOCK—The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is making elaborate preparations for its sixth annual "Traveling Men's Stag Party and Jubilee" to be held June 25. An attractive program has been arranged for the event and plenty of entertainment is being provided for.

ALPINE—Senior L. Gutierrez Otero, Consul of Mexico, and other high Mexican officials, will be in attendance at the Big Ben District convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce which is to convene here July 4. The annual Cowboy's Round-Up and Old Settler's Reunion of the Big Bend country will be held in connection with the regional meet. Another attraction will be that the distinguished personnel of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce motorcade party to the resort section of the Davis Mountains and Eastern New Mexico will attend in a body.

WOODSON—The Woodson Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Throckmorton Chamber of Commerce, has voted to establish mile posts on the state highway leading from the city, on which advertising and road directions will be placed. This is in line with the road marking campaign sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

BORGER—Hutchinson County's mammoth road building election, authorizing issuance of \$1,250,000 in bonds has been passed.

THROCKMORTON—Throckmorton has met the proposal of the Texas and Pacific Railroad for a branch line from Breckenridge with the raising of a \$50,000 bonus. The line will be begun about July 1.

RANGER—Enlargement of the Oil Belt Power Plant, southwest of Ranger is to begin this month. The improvement will increase the voltage from 30,000 to 50,000 horsepower, and will increase the service of 400 men for a period of nine months.

KNOW TEXAS
In West Texas are found Pacific Coast pine trees and in East Texas are found pines that grow only in the South.

Shipments of turkeys out of Texas in 1926 amounted to about 900 carloads.

Turkeys produced in Texas in 1926 are estimated to have had a value of ten million dollars.

About two million miles of wire are now used by the telephone companies in Texas.

The largest single holding of land in Texas is in Brewster County and amounts to 387,606 acres.

Miss Molly Lykes of Sweetwater is visiting this week with her sister Mrs. Roy M. Smith.

Miss Florence Henderson returned Tuesday from Colorado City where she has been visiting her sister for the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes are the guests this week of their daughter, Mrs. G. C. Grider and family.

Many Tales Told of Production of Pearls

Although pearls have an ancient history, the beliefs of how they are produced have been largely a matter of the imagination. These views have resulted in the production of some of the prettiest fairy tales that human imagination has achieved. It seems almost a pity that these must be replaced by the prosy findings of the science of today.

Some of the ancient tales date back for more than 5,000 years in Chinese history, where we are told that pearls were used to adorn not only favored human beings, but the images of their deities. One of their legends tells of a certain pearl so brilliant that its radiance made it possible to cook rice a hundred yards away. Mystic qualities are even now ascribed to pearls by the Chinese, for we find them prescribed by their old school doctors, crushed to a powder or dissolved in acid, as medicine.

They are mentioned in the Vedas, while the Old and New Testaments, the Talmud and the Koran all exalt them as symbols of beauty and purity. The Persians, long before Christ, valued them, as is shown by their medals and coins and actual pearls found in their burial places.—Exchange.

Had Long Experience With Moving Pictures

A burly man sauntered into the offices of a film-producing company and managed to reach the managing director's office without being accosted.

He told the director that he wished to secure an engagement with the company. As the applicant looked a most unlikely person for such a post, the director asked if he had had any previous experience.

"I get Saturday afternoons off," said the would-be player, "an' I reckon I might as well pass the time actin' for pictures."

"But have you had any experience in moving pictures?" asked the director, who was rather doubtful on the point.

"Have I?" exclaimed the man, and his voice was full of scorn. "I've been driver for the Shiftum Transportation company for five years."—Los Angeles Times.

Rise of the Bathtub

The grand old Potomac river is designated by Fairfax Downey as the "bathtub of Presidents." It is said to have washed George Washington, as well as numerous other succeeding Presidents, for it was not until the inauguration of Fillmore as the head of the American government that the first bathtub was installed in the White House, this being in 1850. This tub is said to have served other Presidents following Fillmore until the Cleveland administration, when new and better facilities appeared to be in order.

The contrast with today, when two bathtubs in the small home are common, is remarkable.

No Sale

A Salem woman called a ticket agent on the telephone and asked him to route her to some obscure place in a Southern state. The agent never heard of the place, but he went through the railroad guide and figured out a route necessitating numerous changes and connections. Armed with all this information he returned to the telephone, gave it to the inquirer, and then heard her say: "Well, do you suppose a letter would make it in the same time? I was writing one to the town and wanted to know how long it would take to get there." Despite all his trouble he didn't sell the woman a ticket.—Salem News.

Fine California Gems

From near Ramona, Calif., come lovely spessartite garnets, very fine gems of from three to six carats each, and deep red to light yellow in hue. One mine produces spessartite garnets of from one to six carats—flawless beautiful gems of the finest quality, that are retailed at \$20 a carat. Other mines farther south furnish aluring essonite or hyacinth garnets, some of them very large in size and of the best quality. Some of them are very rich in color, with fulvous shades of red and yellow, or a beautiful orange-red peculiar to certain localities in our Southern wonderland of gems.

Complimentary

Seldom was old Tamson, the road-mender, to be seen in the local church, yet on this particular occasion he had managed it somehow.

The minister, as he came out after the service, was quick to notice the old chap as he hobbled toward the gateway.

"Hello, Tamson!" called the minister. "Did you like my sermon?"

"Aye, sir," answered the old fellow. "It was jist like water tae a drooin' man!"—London Tit-Bits.

Ring Cures

Until quite recently the belief that rings could cure disease was held by many. The London Medical Journal for 1815 reports that a silver ring worn constantly by the patient cured a case of epilepsy when ordinary medical means had failed. There was a superstition in Somerset that a gold ring rubbed on the eye was a certain cure for a sty. In the absence of a gold ring the mere rubbing of the ring finger on the part would have the same effect.

PUBLIC URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN CAREFUL CROSSING CAMPAIGN

The Santa Fe Railway Company has had under way for some time "A Careful Crossing Campaign" with the hope of educating the traveling public and reduce the crossing accidents fifty per cent. The Santa Fe has been spending thousands of dollars in their railroad crossing safety first campaign, and feel that the public should give more cooperation to the movement.

Below is a copy of a letter which we are glad to reproduce which is self explanatory
Mr. F. J. MacKie,
Superintendent,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:
The Santa Fe is at present conducting a railroad crossing safety first campaign, and I wish to call your attention to the lack of cooperation the public gives the railroads in safety-first movements.

June 6th at 5:54 p. m. on Extra 1167 West at First road crossing west of Folsom, I had whistled for crossing and was making speed of about 30 miles per hour with 33 cars of oil when what appeared to be a Dodge truck drove on crossing and driver killed his engine. I saw a man and women catch up two little children and jump out of the truck. I placed brakes in emergency and stopped about a hundred feet from the truck. When the man saw I was going to get stopped, he cranked his truck, loaded his family in and drove off, not even coming near the engine to offer a word of thanks. The Railroads are spending thousands of dollars to educate their employes on the safety-first movement, but it seems to me the press is doing very little to educate the public. If some method could be brought about where all the Sunday papers could inform the public the distance it takes to stop a passenger or freight train and explain to them the chances they are taking in attempting to beat the train to the crossing, I believe we could decrease our crossing accidents fifty per cent. Far better to lose two minutes waiting in safety until the train goes by than to be rushed to the hospital in a high powered ambulance and crippled for life.

Yours truly,
S. T. Harmor

WHEN I WAS TWENTY-ONE

BY JOSEPH KAYE

AT 21—John Lyle Harrington was about to begin his career.

"AT TWENTY-ONE I was preparing to enter college. While living on a farm as a boy I formed the habit of counting things—anything and everything. It's a habit I've never quite broken myself of entirely. Even today I catch myself counting the number of pieces of clothing I put on, or the number of steps I take in a walk or in a flight of stairs. I was still very small when my mother's uncle, visiting us, noted this habit. 'You ought to be an engineer,' he said to me.

"That casual remark helped me to make up my mind what I wanted to do. As time went on the original idea was strengthened; therefore I decided very early that I wanted to go to the university, and my studies were chosen so I would be qualified to enter. However, I did not finally enter until I was twenty-two.—John Lyle Harrington."

TODAY—Mr. Harrington is a great engineer, who has designed and constructed bridge work to the value of a hundred million dollars, many of the structures being of his own invention. His contracts have taken him all over the world, even as far as New Zealand. He is also ex-president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

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FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. See Mrs. H. E. Gillespie. tfe

PLANTS—I now have plenty of the following plants for sale: sweet potatoes, 50c per 100, tomatoes, 40c per 100; cabbage, 40c per 100; Bermuda onions, 20c per 100; pepper, have beets soon. T. C. Leedy, Tahoka, Texas. 34-tfc

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

WOMEN AS SHOPPERS

IT WOULD be almost possible to prove the superiority of the feminine intelligence over the masculine...

The average male person is a pathetic creature in a department store. He is lost and bewildered.

As a consequence he usually takes what is offered to him. His main object is to get the order over and done with...

This masculine helplessness as compared with feminine resourcefulness in the matter of buying explains one of the greatest tragedies of bachelorhood.

In the last century the political economists invented an imaginary creature called "the economic man."

He was absurd because he never existed, except in the minds of those who created him.

He was supposed to "buy in the cheapest market," for example. If a man wants a few shirts or a few pairs of gloves...

But his wife or mother or sister does not do anything foolish like that. She seems to know where to buy in the best market in the town.

If a man is able to do things which are of this nature, for a woman of average level of intelligence and common sense...

The man, the lord of creation, is the natural prey in most cases of the modern offender known to the law as the "murderer."

It is a simple matter but significant. The supposedly wise philosopher who imagined the "economic man" made a great mistake to start with.

They would have been "on a safer ground if they had talked about the "economic woman."

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How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

"GOOD AS A PLAY"

FREQUENTLY, when something particularly amuses us we say that the occurrence or the remark was "as good as a play."

Most of us in using the expression are quite unconscious that we are quoting royalty. For in "as good as a play" we have something more than four mere words.

He was Charles II and it was while visiting parliament and listening to the debates that he is known to have used the expression for the first time.

In Macaulay's "Review of the Life and Writings of Sir William Temple" we find these words:

"The king remained in the house of peers while his speech was taken into consideration—a common practice with him, for the debates amused his sated mind, and were sometimes, he used to say, 'as good as a comedy.'"

THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says nearly all the people going abroad on an English ship are said to throng to the cabin deck the minute the 12-mile...

Use of Green Foods

Common in All Ages

Lettuce is one of the oldest vegetables known and was eaten fully 3000 years before the Christian era. Aristotle praised it highly.

Wise Man Cultivates

Orderliness of Mind

Most of us have, at one time or another, gone into a shop to ask for an article and been kept waiting while the distracted shopkeeper searched high and low for the object asked for...

These disorderly little shops are typical of some people's minds. With their heads crammed full of all sorts of knowledge, they are unable to make use of their mental stock simply because it is so ill-arranged...

Information to be of use must be capable of ready application. Unless we can arrange our knowledge in decent order, so as to be ready for service, our mind will be little better than a lumber room...

A Whole Process

Education means much more than instruction. Education is a whole process, of which instruction is only a part. Education is the orderly development of lives, according to scientific principles...

Anglers' Patron Saint

Fishing has produced a tremendous literature. The most famous work on the subject is the "Compleat Angler" by Izaak Walton, which was first published in 1653.

His author was so revered that the cottage in which he lived was preserved as a museum down to a short time ago when a fire destroyed it.

Wasted Effort

One of the darkies on the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" set was very sleepy. He yawned and yawned, to the great delight of little Mona Ray, playing the part of Topsy.

"Mister man, you is de mos good-natured somebody I evah did see!" "How come, little one, is you kiddin' me?"

"No, I'se not kiddin'. How come you-all open yo' mouth so wide an' don't swallow nobody?"—Los Angeles Times.

Musical Chords

Perfect musical chords are: The major chords, consisting of prime, major third and perfect fifth; the minor chords, consisting of prime, minor third and perfect fifth.

Ancient Palestine City

Caesarea was situated on the coast of Palestine, on the line of the great road from Tyre to Egypt, and about half way between Joppa, the modern Jaffa, and Dora.

NEW RURAL AID LAW EXPLAINED

AUSTIN, Texas, June 21.—Explaining the rural school aid law enacted by the recent special session of the Legislature and approved and filed by the Governor, S. M. N. Marrs...

In each of the previous acts, the Legislature has required the Department of Education to aid a local district in supporting its school for as long a term as it desired, not to exceed a certain number of months...

"The provisions of these acts were unbusinesslike," Marrs said, "for the Legislature authorized the local School Board to employ as many teachers as it desired and pay any salary it wished, and if the State available school fund, together with the local taxes, failed to support the school for the length of the term desired, the rural aid fund was called on to make the deficit good, not to exceed \$1,000 to any one school."

"The new law proposes to pay the salaries of teachers solely out of State and county funds for a term not to exceed six months, and the trustees may use their local taxes either to increase the salary of teachers above the schedule allowed by the State, or to extend the term beyond that supported by the State, or for both purposes."

"Section 5 of the rural aid law determines the number of teachers whose salaries will be paid by the state, as follows: Section 5: In deciding on the amount of aid to be granted to districts under the provisions of this act, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall allot the money herein appropriated to schools on the following basis: One teacher for any number of scholastics from twenty to thirty-five, inclusive; two teachers for any number of scholastics from thirty-six to sixty-five, inclusive; three teachers for any number from sixty-six to ninety-five, inclusive; four teachers for any number from ninety-six to 125 inclusive; five teachers for any number from 126 to 155 inclusive, and at the same rate for additional teachers."

"This statute is a recognition by the Legislature of the responsibility placed on the State by the Constitution to furnish a free school for a term of six months. The Constitution clearly requires the State to make an appropriation sufficient for this purpose and authorizes the formation of school districts and the levy of local school taxes for the further maintenance of the public schools."

There are two reasons why the record will be broken and the \$15 assured, Marrs said. One is that the increased gasoline tax and the increased gasoline consumption produced more money than was expected and will result in a balance of more than \$1,000,000 on Sept. 1 to the credit of the available school fund.

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The estimated number of scholastics for the coming season is 1,360,000 and with close scrutiny many names are being erased and that figures may not be reached. It was an increase over the current year of but 10,865 and the net increase probably will not be that much. There are forty-five counties still to report their current scholastic census.

Should the final figures go to 1,360,000 children the total State apportionment at \$15 would be \$20,400,000, the largest ever made in this state. It is expected that the record breaking \$15 will also be the apportionment for 1928-29, since the Legislature appropriated \$1,500,000 to supplement the available school fund during that scholastic year.

SCHOOL FUNDS BREAK RECORDS

AUSTIN, Texas, June 21.—S. M. N. Marrs, State Superintendent of Schools, said Monday that the State apportionment for the next scholastic season would be \$15 per child, which will be the largest in the history of Texas. This amount will be adopted by the Board of Education of the first Monday in August, the date fixed by law for the apportionment to be made.

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ENTERTAINS HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Mrs. H. L. Hohn and William Tredey were joint hostesses to the H. D. Club recently at the former's home. Seventeen members were present and enjoyed a splendid lesson in rug weaving.

Lovely refreshments were served those present after which a social hour was enjoyed in the lovely old country home.

The club will meet next Wednesday, June 30 with Mrs. Gates and the lesson will be on basket weaving. Everyone is urged to attend especially the young women and girls.

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Sell your Cream and Produce to Ed Payne at Singleton Hardware & Grocery Company.

BRECKENRIDGE, June 24.—The recently organized oil and gas bureau of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, formed at Breckenridge a few days ago by representative oil men of West Texas and officials of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, is soon to develop into one of the major activities of the regional organization sponsoring it, according to J. E. Thompson prominent banker of this city and a member of the bureau.

Thompson was in Wichita Falls Monday to attend the initial business conference of the bureau and report that enthusiasm dominated the session. W. B. Hamilton, Wichita Falls operator and capitalist, is chairman of the bureau.

B. M. Hayes and family are spending the week in Munday, Texas. They were accompanied by R. S. Boles, Jr., and Miss Christine Millwee. Miss Millwee will visit friends in Knox City.

W. O. STEVENS COMPANY BIG SHOE SALE Bargains for the Entire Family

With production running at the record clip of more than 5,000 units daily and demand for the product constantly attaining new levels, the Chevrolet Motor Company, today, announces a \$2,000,000 development of its properties at Flint, Mich., to relieve congestion brought about by steady increases in production.

This will include two buildings, a three story office building and a new parts building. The new buildings will be completed Oct. 1, according to Charles F. Barth, vice president in charge of manufacturing.

On the completion of the new buildings, the present office and parts buildings will be razed and a modern factory building erected in their place, Mr. Barth declared.

The new parts building will be a three story structure, 530 by 122 ft., and of concrete construction. The new office building, of brick and concrete construction, will be 260 by 60 feet.

Completion of the project will provide additional manufacturing facilities to a plant that is already one of the finest in the automotive industry.

Lee Christopher announced two weeks ago that he was to take his honeymoon as soon as the fire boys returned from San Antonio. The writer arrived two days after the fire boys returned and found Lee at his place of business at the Chamber of Commerce. We were informed by him that he was to go to Anson, and did not know what reason. We suppose he came trotting back to the city in double harness before the honeymoon is gone.

Sell your Cream and Produce to Ed Payne at Singleton Hardware & Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Walker and Roger of Fort Worth are in the city the guests of friends. They are en route to cool Colorado for a vacation.

FOR SALE—Corn at 50¢ per bushel; maize headed at \$10 per ton. D. H. McDaniel.

Dr. C. E. Collins returned from a three weeks business pleasure trip to Fort Worth.

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