

THE MUSIC OF MONEY

By NEWT NEWKIRK

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BAPTISTE LACROIX was weaned, withered, little and old when he came alone from France to New Orleans. He died there, but that was in 1801, so his story has been lost to the world in the years that have passed. Baptiste LaCroix had a god—Baptiste LaCroix loved but one kind of music—his god was money and his music was the tink of the shining metal.

Often, as he walked, Baptiste thrust his hands into his pockets and ran his trembling fingers among a few coins he always carried, so that they would clink together. Then his eyes would dilate, his step would quicken and over his seared face would creep a smile, but it was a smile that chilled—the smile of a miser. He never did this within the hearing of any one but himself. Baptiste was selfish of his music, and besides, he feigned to be poor—so poor that the covering was worn off the buttons on his coat and the cloth upon his elbows thin and polished with long service—so poor that he scarcely bought food sufficient to sustain him, and therefore he sometimes went hungry. He was often called a beggar and was as often pleased, for if the world be loved him poor the world would not rob him. Poor Baptiste!

He brought with him from over the sea two chests which were bound in iron and stout. They were small, but they were heavy. In the old French quarter of New Orleans the miser bought a house. The reason he bought it was because the house was put up at sale to satisfy a creditor and went for a song. The building was not large—certainly not beautiful—but it was strong, the walls were thick, and that sufficed. Into this house the miser moved the two chests and within it he lived, its sole tenant. When the nights were dark he would close the shutters, bolt the door and, by the light of a sputtering candle, unlock the chests and filter through his trembling fingers the gold and silver coins that filled them, until his heart would pound in un wonted rhythm to their music. Baptiste would then relock the chests, push them under his bed, tie the keys about his neck, blow out the candle and creep to bed, where the blended echoes of gold and silver would lull him to sleep. When there was a moon, enough light filtered through the windows to make the candle an expensive luxury. Moonlight cost him nothing.

Baptiste began to look about him for some means whereby he might add to his hoard of wealth; the more money, the merrier music. There were profits to be made in the traffic of slaves. He investigated and learned that men about him had become rich in that business; they had made money that might as well have been his. But the buying and selling of slaves had a risk that terrified him. These blacks were ill-treated and ill-fed; many of them were old and one or more might die on his hands. The loss of their lives was nothing but—the loss of profits! He wished he could have bought and sold their souls, for he had heard somewhere that souls never die.

The conditions, however, were before him and he must risk if he would win. He bought with the marvelous eye of a miser, in a small way at first, but, as he learned the tricks of the trade, more extensively. Baptiste was a modest middleman. He knew where to put his hands on such slaves as his patrons wanted. He dealt in fathers, mothers, sons and daughters as if they had been so many sheep or cattle. He bought low; he sold high, and prospered, but in such a quiet way that few seemed to know who he was or where he lived.

Baptiste, in his best years, had never accumulated money so rapidly. He saved it, all but the trifle on which he lived, and in time filled a third chest. The music grew the sweeter and the more mellow as his hoard increased and as his creeping age enfeebled him. The time came when it required all his strength to drag the smallest chest from under the bed so that he might sift the coins and hear them ring. The exertion spent his strength and he often wished it were possible to sit idly by and yet hear the clinking of the coins. As he pondered over the idea of the money making its own music a plan unfolded itself and Baptiste resolved to adopt it straightway, even if it should cost something.

The next day, and for many days thereafter, workmen were busy in the miser's home. Baptiste followed them about and directed. When they had finished, the result of their labors stood in the center of the room where he ate and slept. It was massively built, stone upon stone, from the ground beneath the floor to the height of nine feet. Its other dimensions were three feet each way, making its horizontal section square. Its walls were six inches thick, leaving an interior two and one-half feet square in which a man might stand erect and turn about. The inside was metal lined. There was a solitary barred window, a few inches square, in one wall of the structure, within arm's reach from the inside, that admitted a shaft of light. There was also a heavy, swinging panel door that locked with a great key, through which a man might squeeze within the walls,

Above, and with its apex hanging downward on the inside, was a metal hopper as large as the top of the structure. The slot in the apex of this hopper was the thickness and width of a current gold or silver coin. Baptiste's triumph might have passed for a huge stone chimney, but it was a money music box and, at the same time, a vault.

The miser had only to carry his coin in small loads up the ladder against the outside, empty them into the hopper, release the mechanism at the slot, which would drop the pieces at whatever pace desired, and listen in idle ecstasy to their music as they dripped within the vault, rolling and ringing in sweetest symphony. There was something almost pathetic in the childish way poor old Baptiste would unlock the vault door at night, carry a few gold and silver burdens aloft to the hopper, release the slide at the slot and then sit crouched outside the walls, listening to the money's music.

The miser had been blessed with a most profitable week in his slave traffic. He counted his earnings with excited fingers on Sabbath morning and promised himself a concert, the like of which he had never heard, on that very day. Going up and down the ladder was toilsome work for a feeble old man like Baptiste, but the promised music seemed to lead unusual strength to his tottering legs and palsied hands. How many times he crept aloft burdened with coin he knew not, but at last his wealth gleaming in the bepper and the vault was empty.

Then Baptiste set the slot at a measured pace, went down the ladder for the last time and, sliding through the open panel door, pulled it slowly to and locked it on the inside. He even removed the key and placed it on the ledge of the single window which lighted the interior, as if it were safer there. The miser's grand concert was under way. The coins fell at his feet and rolled about with ringing accents. Baptiste crouched in the corner and closed his eyes, so that vision might not share with hearing. The music thrilled, then soothed, his tired faculties, and at length his white head nodded and Baptiste slept.

When the miser opened his eyes he knew not for the instant where he was, until his ear caught the sound of the coins which were yet falling. He was chilled and aching with the sensation of a great weight bearing him down. He tried to rise from his cramped posture, but his stiffened limbs responded weakly and it was with difficulty that he shook off the weight and struggled to his feet. Then he reeled and would have fallen had not the close walls of the vault supported him. He was seized with a choking sensation, and in nervous haste stretched his thin hand upward toward the key which lay on the window ledge.

His trembling fingers touched it—pushed it through the bars—where it hung balancing an instant, and then fell on the outside.

As the key struck the floor it rang with a clink that seemed to mock the clink of the falling coins within.

As the full significance of the miser's situation forced itself upon him, his knees gave way and he sank in a limp and motionless heap—a prisoner with his wealth. His eyes were closed and his head rested sideways on his knees, directly under the slot. Each falling coin struck him on the temple and glanced against the metal lining of the vault with a ring. Baptiste was yet conscious, but without the power to move. The coins smote him with pendulum-like regularity, until each one pained like a knife thrust and then jingled merrily to rest among its fellows. At length the money's music came to him indistinctly, as if it were a great way off, and he felt the pain no longer. Baptiste was drifting—drifting in a golden ship over a golden sea. The shimmering waters rocked him gently, while the waves covered him with their glittering spray. Then Baptiste fell into a sleep—a sleep wherein the heart stops and the flickering light of life, goes out.

The coins continued to fall in measured accents, chanting a weird requiem and wasting their music within that prison sepulcher.

POLENTA IS CHEAP NOURISHING FOOD

Corn-Meal Mush May Be Served in Different Ways.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

This dish, which is common in Italy, differs little, except in name, from corn-meal mush, though it is served in very different ways. Sometimes cheese is added during the cooking. Polenta is often reheated either with tomato sauce or meat gravy or a combination of these. In any case, the dish is improved by sprinkling the cooked polenta with cheese. When the polenta is reheated in gravy, it is well to cut it into small pieces in order that the gravy may be well distributed through the dish.

To make the mush, put the corn meal, cold water and salt together in the top of a double boiler. No stirring is necessary. Put the top of the double boiler into the lower part and allow the mush to heat slowly, cooking half an hour, if convenient. Many people cook it as long as four hours. For each cupful of meal allow from 1 to 1½ level teaspoonfuls of salt and from 3¼ to 4½ cupfuls of water, depending on the length of cooking. Milk may be added in place of part or all of the water. Just before serving remove the top of the double boiler from the lower part and boil the mush for two or three minutes. In boiling it at this time there is no danger that it will lump.

Tomato Sauce for Polenta.
 2 tablespoonfuls butter
 2 tablespoonfuls flour
 1 cupful thick strained tomato juice
 Salt and pepper

Melt the butter; cook the flour thoroughly in it; add the tomato juice and seasonings, and cook until smooth, stirring constantly.

Savory Sauce.
 Take two ounces of salt pork, bacon or sausage. If bacon or pork is used, cut it into small pieces. Heat until crisp but not burned. In the fat which separates out from the meat, cook a small amount of finely chopped onion and red or green pepper, being careful not to burn them. Add one cupful of thick tomato juice or a larger amount of uncooked juice, and cook the mixture until it is reduced to a cupful. Season with salt. To this sauce capers, mushrooms or finely chopped pickle may be added.

Cooking Bacon Until It Is Delicious and Crisp

Frying bacon so that it is thoroughly delicious and crisp is chiefly a matter of getting the water and excess fat out of it, says the United States Department of Agriculture. In order not to burn it, one should be very careful that neither the bacon nor the fat in the pan becomes overheated. Throughout the process the fat should remain a light-brown color and should not be allowed to get dark brown. It is easier, therefore, to cook it slowly than to cook it fast.

To be crisp, bacon does not need to drain while it is cooking. It can even be fried in deep fat with excellent results. But after it is cooked and has been taken from the pan it should be thoroughly drained while still hot, then served promptly. Some prefer to cook bacon placing it in a skillet and covering it with boiling water. It is then boiled until the water has cooked away and finished by browning in the bacon fat.

Another way of cooking bacon is to broil it under the gas flame on a wire rack set over a drip pan, which catches the fat. The bacon should be turned after one side is brown. It can be also browned in the oven.

Sometimes bacon is cut up into thin slices and allowed to stand in milk for about 20 minutes, after which it is removed, rolled in flour and fried, a cream gravy is made from the fat in the pan and the milk previously used.

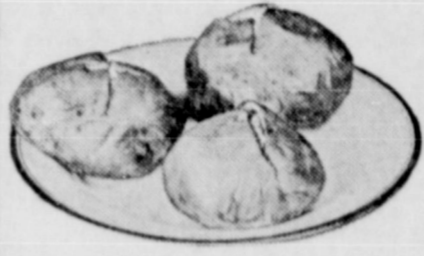
NOTHING BETTER THAN POTATOES

Baking Is Most Popular Method for Cooking.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

If properly done, baking is the most method of any for cooking potatoes. The flavor developed is exceptionally appetizing, and perhaps the fact that a baked potato will serve to convey an unusual amount of butter makes a fully seasoned baked potato a universal favorite.

Cook those of the same size together, or the smaller ones will cook tender first and become soggy or dry, while the others finish baking. Scrub the skins well, as many people like to eat them. Trim only where absolutely necessary. Put potatoes on a grate in a moderate oven, and bake 45 to 50 minutes, according to size. A very hot oven produces a hard, dark crust. When the potatoes feel mealy and tender to the very center, when pinched, or pierced with a fork, take them out



Baked Potatoes, Gashed to Let Steam Out.

of the oven immediately and pinch between the fingers so as to crack the potato skin open on one side and let out the steam. Or this may be done by gashing them with a knife. Press the flesh of the potato outwards so that it bulges a little through the opening, place a lump of butter on each potato, sprinkle with paprika, and serve at once.

Stuffed baked potatoes are made by cutting off the end of the potato, or cutting the potatoes in halves lengthwise, and scooping out the inside in order to mix it with butter, cream and seasonings. A little chopped cooked meat, such as sausage, may be mixed with the stuffing, or spinach, parsley, onion butter, or any preferred flavoring. Sometimes a raw egg is added to the hot potato, and often grated cheese is mixed with it and sprinkled on top. The stuffing is packed back in the shells or half potato skins, and the stuffed potatoes are then put into a hot oven to brown a little. Paprika is sprinkled over the tops if liked.

Keep Clothing Budget, Check Unwise Expense

Economy in purchase and upkeep of clothing is easier when expenditures are planned in advance. The woman who so plans and classifies her expenditures will set aside a sum for clothing based on the clothing she has on hand and the use she can make of it, on her known needs, and on her income. The clothing budget should be her guide when she buys. Even if she does not do just what she has planned, she will be more likely to avoid mistakes than she would if she acted without giving the purchase careful consideration with respect to her expenditures in general, in the opinion of the Department of Agriculture. Budgets well planned and intelligently followed should enable men and women—for the budget system is equally valuable for both—to be better dressed for a given sum than when purchases are made haphazard.

A budget shows the relative amount spent for clothing as compared with other needs, and the relation of the probable purchases to what one has on hand.

It prevents unwise spending, since it helps one to consider quality in relation to price. It promotes saving.

FARM WOMEN MAKE HATS AT LITTLE COST



Farm Women Learn to Make Their Own Hats.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Every woman likes to feel that she has an individual and becoming hat. For this reason she endeavors to learn enough about the principles of hat-making and selection to purchase or construct hats for herself and for the members of her family intelligently. Hat-making is one of the most popular branches of the work for women and girls conducted under the direction of extension agents co-operatively employed by the United States Department of Agriculture and the vari-

ous state agricultural colleges. Through the instruction given in millinery, women learn how to make hats at small cost, often using materials on hand.

The Iowa women shown in the illustration have learned how to make a buckram frame, to fit their own head size, and how to wire it. They are covering these frames with silk, velvet, and other materials. The home demonstration meeting is being held at the home of one of their number, and the agent or local leader is giving advice and instruction.

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Easy Introduction
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 Marle—I didn't—but by the time I discovered I didn't, I did.



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OLIVER OCTOBER

CHAPTER VI—Continued

By George Barr McCutcheon

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But the minister's wife was still a vividly handsome woman. She had taken good care of herself; she had made a business of keeping young in looks as well as in spirit.

Josephine was silent for a long time. Suddenly she lifted her head and looked up into her daughter's face.



"Sh! The Windows Are Open, Oliver." say hello to a fellow. Good Lord, sir, is—is this to be Jane's job from now on?

CHAPTER VII

Oliver Is Worried

Three days later, the sheriff of the county served papers on Oliver October. The prosecuting attorney had refused to lay the matter before the grand jury, as requested by Horace Gooch, but had grudgingly acceded to his demand that an official investigation be instituted and carried to a definite conclusion by the authorities.

Mr. Sage had recovered his composure by this time. He leaned close to Sammy's ear and said gravely: "Luggage, Sammy—luggage."

"I remember you quite well," interrupted the great actress (pronouncing it "quite"). "You are Sammy Parr—little Sammy Parr."

"Not the slightest feeling in the world, sheriff," said Oliver warmly. "I wish you would do me a favor, however. The next time you see my uncle, please remind him that my offer to give \$5,000 if he finds my poor father—dead or alive—still holds. You can start digging whenever you are ready, sheriff. If any damage is done to the property, however, I shall be obliged to compel my uncle to pay for it. Don't forget to tell him that, will you?"

what he is after. It is possible that a good many people will hesitate about voting for a man who is suspected of killing his own father.

The excitement over the return of Mrs. Sage was short-lived on account of the new and startling turn in the Baxter mystery. Acute interest in the pastor's wife dwindled into a mild, almost innocuous form of curiosity.

Ladies of the congregation, after a dignified season of hesitation, called on her—that is to say, after forty-eight hours—and were told by the servant that Miss Judge was not at home.

"N", I can't say that I do. By the way, Aunt Serepta, there is something I've been wanting to ask you for quite a while. Do you think Jane is pretty?" Mrs. Grimes pondered.

"What do you want to know for?" "Eh?" "I mean what's the sense of asking me that question? You wouldn't believe me if I said she wasn't pretty, would you?"

A pained expression came into Oliver's eyes. "The trouble is, I've always looked upon her as a—well, as a sort of sister or something like that. We grew up just like brother and sister. How was I to know that she was pretty? A fellow never thinks of his sister as being pretty, does he?"

"The Notorious Line" Hale Holden, the railroad magnate, told a railroad story at a banquet in New York.

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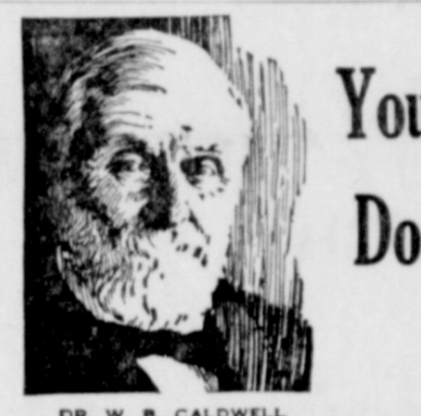
"Every day I have been catching our fishes and if otherwise the rules I might have caught more than a dozen. Thirty-four too small ones I have returned. My friend Colonel —, of the —, once told me that the age of the trout depends upon the weight in pounds as the years of her age.

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We are pleased to know that many of our readers are keeping up with the little inserts found on the front page of each issue of the Star, but sorry some are giving no credit for their authorship. These little selections each contain a fine truth and were we able to produce such gems of thought through our own originality, we would consider ourselves among the most favored of mortals.

THAT'S DIFFERENT.

A merchant met a customer at his door one day, with whom he was on good terms and whom he knew to be a very frequent customer of mail-order houses. The customer asked to be shown a pair of shoes, and the merchant said, "What kind of shoe do you want, George?"

George described the shoe he had in mind and the merchant yawned and replied: "Well, that kind of shoes will cost you \$3.75. You can leave the money with me, come in about ten days from now, try them on, and if they don't suit you, come back in a couple weeks and I'll give you your money back."

"What kind of a fool do you think I am, anyhow?" snapped George, after standing with his mouth flopped open for a minute or two. "What's the big idea?"

"Well, George, I could make very good use of the money during the time that I'd have it without interest, and it just occurred to me that, knowing me as well as you do and how I've shared every burden with you that your neighbors share—it just occurred to me, I say, that you'd feel like treating me just as good as you treat Sears-Roebuck. And that's the way you do business with them."

George scratched his head a minute and grinned. "You've got me, old man! I never thought of it that way before. 'Tisn't fair to you, is it?" And he laid down \$3.75 and said, "Let's do business OUR way—not Sears-Roebuck's."—Exchange.

THIS TO BE A DAIRY AND POULTRY COUNTRY

As one converses with the farmers of the surrounding territory, he becomes more thoroughly convinced that their attention is being more and more drawn toward dairying and poultry raising and that the general trend of the country is in that direction.

In conversation this week with two of the men who have recently located here, we learned that while neither of them had ever followed either line to any extent, they were interested in both as an adjunct to the farmer's living and financial success and expressed it as their opinion that these two sidelines of farming would, within a few years, be equal to or perhaps in the lead of the present system of all-grain farming.

Most farmers in this locality would be greatly benefitted educationally by constant reading of some of the leading publications devoted to these subjects and we know of none better than Hoard's Dairyman of Fort Atkinson, Wis., and Farm and Ranch of Dallas, Texas.

Only recently two of our older residents and most progressive farmers were heard discussing the merits of the dairy breeds as to which breed would be the best adapted to this particular locality, they seeming partial to the milking strain of Short Horns. This view, we have since learned, is held by many other men of the community. These men also discussed methods of securing a good pure-bred bull for the community. Why not organize a "Bull Club" and thus secure one of the best to be found?

Another very necessary move would be to introduce something that will produce a good rich, permanent pasture chop for dairy cows; and it being more generally accepted each year that there is nothing superior to sweet clover for this purpose and it has been definitely proven that this plant will thrive here abundantly.

DAIRY INDUSTRY GROWS IN HALE COUNTY

The following paragraph taken from the Amarillo Daily News, reporting the growth of the dairy industry in Hale County, should be of interest to our readers of Parmer County who are taking an interest in the same industry:

Plainview, Jan. 4.—Dairying in Hale County has enjoyed a forty-five per cent increase from 1920 to 1925, as indicated in the number of dairy cows in the county compared with the number in 1920.

These figures were given in the

preliminary announcement of the 1925 farm census taken by the federal government in 1924, and made public Dec. 31, for Hale County.

In 1920 the total number of dairy cattle in Hale County was 5,658, while on Jan. 1, 1925, the total was 8,186.

The figures for Hale County also show that beef raising has suffered a great decline. In 1920 there were 20,175 cattle of this type in the county, while on Jan. 1, 1925, the number was reduced to 3,869. During that period practically all of the larger ranches and many of the smaller ones were broken up and put to farming.

Hale County has a total area of 663,040 acres, and of this amount which is classed by the government as 96 per cent tillable, in 1924, there were 254,285 acres in crops and 3,790 acres reported in the county as having crop failures while 5,470 acres were fallowed. The number of farmers in Hale county has increased from 1,031 in 1920 to 1,293 in 1925, all of which are white farmers with the exception of four. This is the first census taken in which included any colored farmers in Hale County.

The above report is given here because of the fact that it so nearly parallels the conditions in Parmer County. We are unable at this time to give the figures on the same conditions in Parmer County, but a casual observer cannot fail to realize the fact that the number of dairy cows in Parmer County has doubled within the past five years while the number of beef cattle decreased at much larger rate.

Like Hale County the estimated per cent of tillable land is at least 95 per cent, and practically all the

large pastures have been converted into farms, and the number of farmers in the county has, during the past year, increased many fold and is still increasing at a very rapid rate.

Realizing the rapid decrease of beef cattle in the county and the corresponding increase in dairy cows, it is evidently good policy on the part of Parmer County farmers to turn their attention toward the introduction to this territory of a suitable and

permanent pasture crop for dairy cows. Alfalfa can be produced here and by a little extra pains may be made a paying crop and is considered as perhaps the best hay crop for dairy purposes. It has also been proven beyond doubt that sweet clover can be successfully grown here and requires only a little pains to get it started. The crop the country over is becoming perhaps the most popular pasture crop for dairy cows. Why not try it?

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" White Block50
" Gray Block40

Just Scattering Remarks--

Floyd Schlenker says "Take out that ad. It's too good. We haven't enough cockerels to supply the demand."

Speaking about the high price of Irish potatoes reminds us. A customer entered one of our grocery stores the other day and says to the proprietor: "You remember that half dollar's worth of potatoes I got here yesterday?" "Yes," says the merchant, "what about them?" "Nothing," replied the customer, "only I lost both of them going home." We got this one from V. E. Weir.

C. L. Lillard is responsible for the following story, as our memory serves us. In speaking of potatoes, a customer remarked one day in the store, that, "We ate two of the potatoes in that 50c worth, the other one froze."

Hugh Lane of Hereford was in town a few days last week. Mr. Lane is one of the collectors for the International Harvester Co. While attending to his duties over in New Mexico recently he engaged in conversation with a farmer there concerning plows. He remarked that the plows put out by the International were mighty good plows. "Why," says the farmer, "there ain't any other kind."

A Friona man in speaking to his son recently about watches asked him what make of watch he would buy were he buying here. "None at all," says the son, "I would wait and get an International."

The "watch party" at the Congregational Church New Year's eve, was well attended. The program consisted of games and songs with coffee and wafers as refreshments.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT INCREASES PRODUCTION IN WINTER

B. L. C. BOGGS
Extension Poultryman, University of Arizona.

Recent experiments have shown that it takes less than five hours for food to go through the entire digestive system of a heavy producing hen. Judge for yourself then, the condition of such a hen after she has been on the roost from 6 p. m. until 6 a. m., or twelve hours. She is in a virtually starved condition, and is drawing on her surplus body fat for nourishment. This will soon be depleted, and the bird is forced to cut down the rate of production. In order to prevent this, the poultryman resorts to artificial illumination, or in other words, he lengthens the day light period to the extent that the birds have time to consume sufficient feed to maintain their bodies and produce fall and winter eggs at a profitable rate.

There are three different methods used in applying the above principle. One is to turn on the lights in the afternoon as soon as it becomes too dark for the birds to work properly, and leave them on for two or three hours. Then there is the "evening meal" system of turning on the lights for one or two hours after the birds have been on the roost about two hours, thus enabling them to replenish the supply of grain in their crops to last them until morning. The third method is to turn on the lights early in the morning so that the birds can get down from the roosts and start working.

Artificial illumination can be overdone if good judgment is not used by the poultryman. Never subject the fowls to more than a 14-hour day, nor should lights be used on birds that will be in the breeding pens later in the season.

Electric lights are the most convenient to use for this purpose. However, if electricity cannot be obtained, any other source of light can be used that will sufficiently illumine the scratching pen to enable the birds to work.

Mrs. A. N. McKelvy, of Dallas, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Bledsoe, at the Bledsoe ranch, has returned to Lubbock where her husband is buying cotton for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bledsoe and daughters, Betty and Mary Frances, have returned from a visit to relatives in Abernathy. They report that Mr. W. E. Bledsoe is very sick again.

Friona is soon to have a complete ladies' ready-to-wear and millinery if plans work out just right—so they all tell us.

Miss Edith Galloway, who is attend college in Canyon this year, spent this week end with friends and relatives here.

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LOCAL MENTION

Mrs. Alton Tedford is ill and is in the hospital at Hereford.

We notice Mr. J. C. Wilkison riding around in a new Chrysler Coach.

Jimmie Mears was in from the ranch Thursday.

The Misses Ethel and Viola Talbot spent Thursday in Hereford.

Dewey Porter, accompanied by J. C. Wilkison, were business visitors in Amarillo Friday.

Chick Hughs, accompanied by Miss Cleo Wright, motored to Clovis Sunday.

Wayne Riley left Thursday for Abernathy where he will visit friends and relatives for a few days.

R. K. Bruner of Hereford was in Friona Thursday on his way to the ranch west of town.

Mrs. O. F. Lange, accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Teague, were business visitors in Clovis Monday.

Little John Key, Jr., is visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. White.

Dewey Porter, accompanied by Mrs. Cleo Hicks and Miss Thelma Scoggins, spent last Saturday in Amarillo attending to business there.

Mrs. Chalmer Johnson was in from the farm Wednesday doing some shopping and while here visited the school.

Mrs. Landrum, accompanied by Mrs. V. E. Hart and little son, John Henry, were business visitors in Clovis Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Galloway from Childress, who spent last week visiting friends and relatives here, returned to their home Sunday.

The Missionary Ladies of the M. E. Church will hold a bake sale on the first Saturday in each month, at the McClellan's store.

Claude Sanders returned Sunday from his home in Peanut Country and he tells us he spent a merry Christmas there, but was real glad to get back to "Ole West Texas."

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Buckner and little daughter, Billie, of Bovina visited in the home of Mr. Buckner's brother, H. J. Buckner of this place, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bledsoe and daughters, Betty and Mary Frances, spent last week at Abernathy where they were called on account of the serious illness of Mr. W. E. Bledsoe, the father of Mr. R. L. Bledsoe.

Mrs. McClellan received a letter from her son, Leo, who is attending the University at Norman, Okla. The letter stated that he was confined in the hospital with fever.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE—2,000 bundles of kaffir corn and 2,500 bundles of sorghum with grain on. 13 miles southeast of Friona. Herbert Gothe, Friona, Texas. 2td

FOR SALE—Six good, heavy work horses. See Chess Waltman at the old Davis place, nine miles west of Friona.

FOR SALE—40 pure bred Rhode Island Red pullets. All spring layers. Prices 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Mrs. Tom Greene, Friona, Texas. Nine miles due west of town.

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FOR SALE—480 acres near Friona also 160 acres. A 400 acre tract west of Bovina. All good level land. John Sigmund, Arkansas Pass, Texas. 4tp.

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WANTED—Your subscriptions for magazines and all popular publications. See Geneva Jones, Friona.

WE WANT—To cure your wants. If it is insurance we can write you any kind, even Life Insurance. If you want a fat home or ranch land, we have them at rock bottom prices. If you have something you do not want, see our exchange department. We have central Texas farms, oil businesses, threshing rigs, plow rigs, or anything from a \$40,000 business to a Ford car, to exchange for plains farms and ranch land. Let's swap. See W. H. Jarrell & Son, Farwell, Texas.

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