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## Railroad Commission Sets Feb. 24th As Date For New Hearing

In answer to a petition filed with the Railroad Commission for a new hearing on the closing of the Santa Fe station in Christoval, notice was received last Friday by E. F. Minor and F. C. Van Horn, Sr., that the Commission had set Wednesday, February 24 as the date for the new hearing.

The meeting will take place in the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 24th.

Due to the inclemency of the weather on January 22, Christoval was unrepresented at the meeting which was held in San Angelo.

It is to be hoped however that such will not be the case on the 24th of February and that Christoval will have a representation that will suffice to retain the station.

## Ice Company To Install Cold Storage Vault

Construction of a cold storage vault by the American Service Ice Co. of San Angelo, in connection with their ice house here was begun Thursday morning.

The vault will be directly behind the ice house and refrigeration will be furnished by the use of coils, thus furnishing a dry cold storage.

According to Waldo Kennedy local manager, the vault will be used to store meats and other perishable goods. "We will handle all orders regardless of size" stated Mr. Kennedy.

Josephine Lancaster was in San Angelo Wednesday attending to business.

Mrs. Alice Pledge, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reagan and son, Bob Allen, and Mrs. R. G. Gross visited Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkinson last Sunday, bringing their son, Ronnie, home. Mrs. Wilkinson is a daughter of Mrs. Pledge and a sister to Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Reagan.

J. M. Moyers, father of Mrs. H. A. Chapple, is ill in San Angelo at the home of his daughter Mrs. J. E. Batchelor.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Terry were in Ozona last week.

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## Presbyterian Minister To Locate In Christoval

Rev. Smith, of Santa Anna was in Christoval last Thursday making arrangements for the holding of a Home Coming of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which will be held here the first Sunday in March.

Smith is a Missionary pastor and states that it is his intention to locate in Christoval and re-establish the Church here, and will organize other churches in West Texas with Christoval as the central location.

He will return here about March 2 to complete plans for the Home Coming and to find a suitable location for himself and family as he intends to make this his future home.

It is planned to hold the Home Coming in the tabernacle at the El Monte Park. However weather conditions may change these plans.

## Production Credit Association Elects Five New Officers

J. T. Davis, of Sterling City; Abe Mayer, of Angelo; Pat Jackson, of San Angelo; Virgil J. Powell, of Sonora, and Chas. C. Canon, of Sheffield; were elected to the Board of Directors of the Texas Production Credit Association at the annual meeting of the association held in San Angelo, Texas, Feb. 3, 1937. These directors, together with the rest of the Board and the Secretary, will serve the members association in the conduct of P C A business during 1937.

A record breaking attendance at the meeting which was the third annual meeting, since the organization of the association reflects the interest the stockman and farmers of Texas are taking in this cooperative credit system according to Len M. Mertz, Secre.-Treasurer of the Ass'n.

Mr. Virgil V. Parr reports that the Texas Production Credit Association made loans to the amount \$5,350,981.00 to the stockman in 1936. The volume of loans made by all the production credit associations in Texas last year amounted to more than \$21,000,000, as compared with about \$13,000,000 for 1935.

In addition to reports of the manager and directors of the association, John H. Rugel, Vice President of the Production Credit Corporation of Huston, spoke at the meeting. Mr. Rugel stressed the cooperative feature of the nation-wide production credit system.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Bell and children moved to Christoval the last of the week from Crane. The Bells have traded Crane property for the Caton Jacobs house in the east part of the city and are now making that their home.

Dr. T. J. Perciful was in San Angelo Monday on business.

## Cagers Close Season With Good Showing At San Angelo Sat.

The Christoval basketball season came to a close Saturday in the San Angelo gym when the Lake View Chiefs defeated the home team by a score of 21 to 43. The Cougars were playing under a severe handicap however since bad colds; flu and other sickness had paid heavy upon the locals. The boys showed up well and did themselves credit under the conditions. They wish to express their sincere thanks to the patrons that came to see the game Saturday and to all the people that have made their year as successful as it has been. We were glad to see that a member of the school board was present and we wish to take this means to thank them for the cooperation that they have rendered in the financial support of our small team.

While the Cougars did not win the county championship; they have played a rather rugged schedule. In a total of 22 games they have played they have won fifty percent or 11 games and lost 11. They were not defeated this on their own court which to us means that they appreciate your support and help. Of the 11 games that they lost the score was very close except in a few cases. The boys were small in size and weight but they put every bit of their determination in each game and never gave up the battle until the final whistle and if they won, they were happy and determined to do better; and if they lost, they were more determined to do better the next game.

The following boys saw service in representing your high school this year: James Hill, Hollis Deats, Walter Montgomery, Joe Wilkinson, J. P. Smith, Charles Peeples, Owen Williams, and June Chapple. Since the beginning of the basketball season the Cougars lost the services of June Chapple, Don Skeeter, and A. P. White.

Under the League ruling no boy in the seventh grade or lower is eligible to compete with the high school team. Therefore, we are forced to play only boys that are already in the high school classes.

Looking into the prospects for another year, we see a few students from the seventh grade that will be eligible to play basketball. Tome Dempsey, Jim Hal DeLong, Adolph Golsen and probably Don Skeeter. Of the boys that played this year, the Cougars will play without the services of Hollis Deats who graduates and James Hill who will have been in high school too many semesters to play or compete in any interscholastic league events.

Again we of the school appreciate the help, consideration, cooperation, and moral support that you have given the boys and their coach.

The Cougars are beginning their track training this week. Again they are handicapped due to the small number that is en-

## Christoval Citizens Organize Civic Club; McMillan Elected President

### Father of Mrs. H. A. Chapple Dies Thurs.

J. M. Moyers, 72, of Ferris, Texas died Thursday morning at 2:00 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Batchler, in San Angelo.

Moyer was the father of Mrs. H. A. Chapple of this city and had been ill only a short time prior to his death.

He is survived by four children. One son, Herbert Moyer of Ferris, and three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Batchler, San Angelo, Mrs. D. R. Nelson, Corsicana, and Mrs. H. A. Chapple, Christoval.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Ferris Cemetery.

Mrs. Chapple left early Thursday morning and was joined by Mr. Chapple in the afternoon, from where they accompanied the body to Ferris for burial.

### White Addresses School In Chapel Program

The chapel program at the school auditorium Tuesday afternoon was in charge of Sup't Geo. W. White.

Mr. White addressed the assembly on the subject of "Finding Yourself."

The program was concluded by the audience singing, "The Eyes of Texas."

Fixtures were moved Wednesday from the Deats Drug building to Fort Worth by Mr. Bell, the owner. James Wilkinson, who will operate a drug business in the building is now at work installing his fixtures and stock and should be ready for business in a few days.

Mrs. John Scarborough was taken to the hospital in San Angelo where it was found that she was suffering from pneumonia. She was taken to Angelo by B. G. Hill.

Mrs. Bessie Alford and all the children except Bessie have been ill with the flu for several days.

Kennedy's for Chicken feed.

Miss Viola Harris was on the sick list Tuesday. Her sister, Mrs. Williams took her place in the post office.

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Guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Gray over the week-end were Misses Charlene Morrow, Virginia Griffith and Christine Glenn of Robert Lee.

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rolled in the high school. There will be seven boys, around which we will build a senior track team. Three of these boys will compose the high school junior track team.

In response to an invitation sent out by the editor, a number of Christoval citizens were the guests last Monday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Williams at the Concho Cafe.

After refreshments were served the group went into discussion of a civic club and the Christoval Commercial Club was organized for the purpose of advertising Christoval and looking after other things of interest to the community.

C. L. (Happy) McMillan was elected president of the group, with A. C. Wilhelm as secretary and Lee Crow as treasurer.

The club will meet in the future on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and membership is open to all who are interested in the growth and development of Christoval. Each individual is invited to accept this as a personal invitation to join the club and to put forth their time and effort toward civic affairs.

The twenty-one charter members are as follows: W. E. Legg Happy McMillan, B. G. Hill, Dr F. W. Rawls, J. L. Murray, Bob Belcher, Fuller Williams, Lee Crow, Lewis Hale, A. L. Shaw, T. L. Hamm, Martin Davis, A. W. McKinney, Jr., Charlie Twilly, A. H. Chapple, F. C. Van Horn, Sr., James Wilkinson, A. C. Willhelm, C. S. McMillan, Dewey Yates and Bently Kennedy.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 23.

The Kennedy Feed and Ice House is now open for business in their new building on the main street south of the Chapple Grocery. Waldo Kennedy, manager of the concern says that he will be able to take care of any and all business in the feed and ice lines. He also says that he will operate a delivery truck as an added service to his patrons.

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C. P. Epps was taken to the hospital in San Angelo last Tuesday for treatment of an infection.

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Remember The Railroad Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 24

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### Are Cities Made, Or Do They Just Happen?

Were you ever in Mineral Wells, Texas? Did you notice the fine hotels and other buildings that have sprung up over various parts of the city, and also that what was once a small hamlet has now grown into a fair sized city?

Located almost in the shadow of Fort Worth, and without the advantages of a county seat, the town has grown into a large and widely known health resort. Has this merely been an act of providence? We hardly think so, rather it has been the result of concerted effort on the part of its citizens.

Just suppose that when the mineral wells were discovered that the populace had sit back and squared their shoulders and said, "well we have something now, and all we have to do is to wait for the revenue to start coming in." If such had been the case, they would still be waiting. Instead of waiting, they proclaimed to the world that they had something.

We do not mean in any way to belittle Mineral Wells, but we do maintain that Christoval has everything that Mineral Wells has and a little bit more (except initiative). But instead of taking the aggressive road to development, we have chosen the waiting method which is slow indeed, and usually never materializes.

By letting the outside world know what Christoval has to offer them we could accomplish as much as they have and possibly more.

#### Use for Spiders' Webs

Spiders' webs have a commercial value, and are used by a number of firms of scientific instrument makers. The strongest and finest thread comes from the webs spun by the species known as the "Eperira Draconata," found usually on gorse bushes. The thickness varies from 0.00015 of an inch to 0.000075, and often the thicker threads are split in half, says London Tit-Bits Magazine. The insect that spins these threads can easily be distinguished from any other of the eighty odd varieties in Britain as it has a beautiful cross on its back and spins webs of the "wheel" type.

#### "Loan Sharks" Got 100% From Egyptians 109 B. C.

That ancient Egypt was afflicted with the equivalent of "loan sharks" is revealed by a papyrus in the Egyptian archeological exhibits at Field Museum of Natural History, on which is written a promissory note. The specimen, which dates from 109 B. C., is the oldest promissory note of its type known, and is known as one of the most important of such papyri because of its elaborate legal formulae, which are strikingly similar to those found in many modern legal documents.

Quite startling is the usurious rate of interest, 100 per cent, specified in the note, while other harsh terms specified in it make their own commentary on the social conditions of the time.

From a literal translation the following interpretation is made:

"I, the peasant-slave Ensnakkomnoy, belonging to the Zemi cemetery, have borrowed from the woman Nokhutes 22 1/2 artabas of wheat. I promise to repay this loan with 100 per cent interest, making the total due 45 artabas of wheat. Further, I promise to repay this loan with good, undiluted, chaffless seed-wheat, measured by the same standard as was used in making me this loan; and I further promise to deliver the said wheat to the house of the woman Nokhutes in the Zemi cemetery without transportation charges, by the last day of the ninth month of the year 9 with no extensions of time to be granted. Further, whatever I do not repay in wheat by the aforesaid date I will repay within the following month at the rate of 60 pieces of silver per artaba. Further, as long as this note is in Nokhutes' possession I cannot claim, unless I can show a receipt, to have made full or partial payment. Further, everything that I now possess or shall acquire is herewith pledged to Nokhutes until I shall have discharged my debt in full. Further, if Nokhutes brings suit against me for failing to meet my obligation, I admit additional liability for my damages. Further, the agent of Nokhutes is hereby authorized to deal with me and I promise to follow his instructions unreservedly and promptly at all times."

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Lee Crow, Prop.

## ROVING

'Round CHRISTOVAL

The Rover strolled down to the EL MONTE PARK one day last week to see what was going on . . . and to look over the park . . . M. E. THORP, manager of the park, kindly suspended rehabilitation activities to show us about the park and to explain what he was doing in the way of rebuilding after the flood last fall . . . a nice fellow and he is doing much for Christoval . . . MISS JOHNNIE B. MURRAY, owner at the Chapole Grocery has a pleasant disposition . . . it is quite a pleasure to have her wait on you . . . and too, she talks as if she were going somewhere . . . instead of merely passing the time away . . . dropped around to the CONCHO CAFE last Saturday and got acquainted with MR FULLER WILLIAMS . . . and was he nice to us . . . he is much interested in Christoval and is a fine fellow to have in our town . . . drove around Sunday afternoon with SYDNEY SHIPLEY and looked over the new home being built by URBAN WELCH . . . makes one wish they had something like that to remind them of rural life . . . the home will be real nice when it is finished . . . he and MRS. WELCH should be as proud of it as if it were a castle . . . W. L. CASH and ARTHUR GULDEN were two of our new acquaintances last week-end . . . we meet so many nice people that we can't find room to name them all in one issue . . . but don't be disappointed for we will likely catch up with YOU sometime . . .

#### Kangaroo a Broad Jumper

A kangaroo is a broad jumper, rather than a high jumper. Some of the biggest ones are said to cover from 10 to 20 feet at a leap, while claims have been made of leaps of 30 feet and more. He does not jump high from the ground. The largest kangaroos weigh nearly two hundred pounds. The long tail aids the animal in leaping and helps it keep its balance.

#### The Symphony Orchestra

The four choirs which comprise the symphony orchestra are the strings (violas, violins, violoncellos and contrabasses); the woodwinds (bassoons, clarinets, flutes, English horn and occasionally the French horn, oboes); the brasses (French horns, trombones, tuba, trumpets); the battery (instruments of percussion such as drums, triangles, bells and tympani).

## The Parson's Column

Contributed

### Both Saint And Sinner

The Parson has often observed the disappointed look on a sinners face as he folds his newspaper and lays it away after he has finished reading it. At first I thought his disappointment was caused by finding that the reporter had spelled his name wrong in some article; or it might have been that he was disgusted with the scarcity of news. I have changed my mind about that lately, and have decided that the sinner feels bad because he finds no column devoted to his interests.

The Parson has decided that the sinners must have a column as well as the churches and the saints. I find that the saints must also have something to read, so I am putting the saints and sinners together in this column. It is for the sinners to read that he may be led toward Christ and for the Christian to read and be made a better Christian.

It is trusted that the people who read these simple lines will not think for a moment that the Parson is the one to decide who is the sinner or the saint. He will say, however, that you are one or the other; there is no middle state.

The small bits of philosophic thought that will appear in this column from week to week are not supposed to be deep; they are

## 25 Years Ago

As Taken From The Files Of The Christoval Observer

J. W. Warnock of San Antonio is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Warnock. It is likely that he will move back here.

R. B. Welch is starting the erection of his 5-room house in the Voss addition.

J. P. Pugh visited his brother, W. D. Pugh of Bangs last week.

Sam B. DeLano; our village smithy; was seeing the sights in the county seat Monday.

A. N. Gailey went to Angelo Wednesday after luncheon for the Welch residence.

A large handsome flag floated over the school building yesterday. It was presented to our school by Mrs. F. E. Jacobs; and the school is very proud of Old Glory and we should all be grateful to its patriotic donor.

Dr. Gowen reports the little daughter of Mrs. McBride as improving.

intended to induce deep thought. No man should express a thought if he did not expect it to cause someone else to think beyond it.

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## Christoval Observer

# Mystery of Lost Bowie Mine Claimed Solved

## Ore-Bearing Rock Points To Smelting of Galena Ore Found In The Bed Of San Saba River

The following article appeared in the Menard News and as Mr. Collier is well known over this section, being a son of J. T. Collier of this city we are reproducing it for our readers.

If anyone were to say to you, "I have discovered the old Bowie Mine," you'd probably send for an alienist, provided you knew the legend of that fabulously rich silver mine for which men have sought in vain during these past hundred years. That is exactly what Ira S. Collier said to us and then he proceeded to tell us a most interesting story which sounded so logical that we spent about two weeks making investigations. His deductions were so sound that we were thoroughly convinced that Mr. Collier had at least unearthed the basis for the Bowie mine legend.

Excavations at the Presidio San Luis de las Amarillas, so says Mr. Collier, reveal the only reliable clue to the location of the famous "lost Bowie mine."

The presidio is located approximately a mile and one-half west of the town of Menard on the north bank of the San Saba River. It is an old Spanish fort built in 1756 and destroyed by Indians in 1794, and is now being restored to its original magnitude as a part of the Centennial program of Texas. These excavations prove beyond a doubt that both silver and lead were smelted at the old fort, and from the ore-bearing rock found there, Mr. Collier, who knows his rocks as a librarian knows his books—on just which shelf each rock belongs—claims to have discovered the source of the legend of any mine that might have existed.

Actually Mr. Collier has not unearthed any miners shaft leading to an ore deposit so rich and pure in character that it can be chopped out with a hatchet, as the legends would have you believe, but there has been found a deposit so rich that it could have well created such a legend in the mind of an imaginative fortune-hunting frontiersman. And it is so easily obtained that a single man armed with the crudest of tools, could secure several pounds of ore in a day's work but he would become very wet in the operation, for the deposit found is under three feet of water in the bed of the San Saba River.

From this, or a like source, he believes the Spaniards who occupied the Presidio San Luis de las Amarillas some two hundred years ago obtained the metal for their so-called silver bullets, which have been found in abundance about the plain on which the old fort is located. Also it is possible that the Indians, learning of the value of this ore from the Spaniards, later carried it in to San Antonio to exchange for merchandise, which would bear out the story told by Colonel James Bowie.

About a hundred years ago, Colonel James Bowie, living at the time in San Antonio, started on an expedition to re-organize the

reputed silver mine, which he had proof of location on the San Saba River near the old Spanish fort, or San Saba Mission as it was commonly known. He had obtained his information as to location from friendly Indians with whom he had lived for practically a year. Bowie set out with a group of eight fighting men on his treasure seeking trek, but was met with an overwhelming band of Indians at what is known today as Calf Creek, some twenty miles east of the present town of Menard. After a day's engagement with the Red Men in fierce battle, Bowie and his men came out victorious; but, because of lack of ammunition and because of his wounded men, Bowie was forced to return to San Antonio without reaching his goal. Soon afterwards the Colonel gave up his life at the Alamo without ever having an opportunity to seek further for the mine.

Out of this grew the legend of the "Lost Bowie Mine." Bowie was the only white man to ever learn the secret location of this fabulous mine, yet as the years pass men come in and go with maps and charts and sink great holes here and there seeking in vain for the "Lost Bowie Mine." Even now in the western part of Menard County men are blasting their way through the solid limestone following the route of a "secret" chart that fell by chance, into their hands. They will be followed by others. Only a few days ago a man, whom we knew well in another part of the state, came into our office and asked help in locating owners of certain tracts of land with a view of "opening up the lost Bowie mine." He produced a chart which he claimed had been in his family for three generations, having been made by his grandfather, who, as a Texas Ranger, was stationed on the San Saba River when the county of Menard was still a part of Bexar. His grandfather had stumbled onto the old shaft while on an Indian raid, took time out to make the chart, but never had the time to develop so fabulous a deposit of silver ore. Thus, these fortune hunters have formed a long chain of disillusioned, secretive, non-committal and in the end disappointed men.

Ira S. Collier offers to do away with all the mystery surrounding the legend of the "lost Bowie mine" by proving that these early Spaniards and Indians obtained their ore from a Pennsylvania sand, which outcrops in the bed of the San Saba River. It is his opinion, and history of all Spanish expeditions into America bears out his opinion, that the chief factor, the underlying principle for the founding of the Presidio on the San Saba was avarice—a thirst for silver and gold. The presence of various ore bearing rock in the excavations together with the fact that quantities of ash and slag were found just outside the north wall, give reasons enough that these Spaniards were interested in mining. On the northeast corner of

the old church which stands within the compound, is a small room built against the outer wall of the compound. Evidence unearthed here, points to this room as a laboratory for assaying. All refuse, ash, slag and non-ore-bearing rock were cast over the north wall where they remain today. Here are found in great quantities pyrites, (fool's gold) micas, iron ore, gold-bearing quartz, basalts, shale sand stone, and red ocker, some of which are found in the immediate vicinity of the old fort, says Mr. Collier. And Mr. Collier ought to know for during the past twenty years he has roamed the hills of this country within a radius of a hundred miles of Menard studying rock structures. He will tell you that this piece of iron ore came from Mason County; that this piece of gold-bearing quartz came from Llano County; that this piece of pyrite came from Llano; that this piece of green mica (oxidized) came from Gillespie County; that this piece of red ocker came from McCulloch County, and finally, he will tell you that this piece of Pennsylvania sand with the deposit of galena ore and oil-soaked shale came from the bed of the San Saba River some ten miles east of the town of Menard.

You will naturally conclude that the early Spanish soldiers went prospecting and brought in anything that glittered like gold, or had a metal lustre.

If you are a bit skeptical about this deposit of silver compound, which Mr. Collier says will assay from thirty to thirty-five dollars per ton of rock, he will drive you ten miles east on the old Mason highway to a crossing on the San Saba, known as the ten-mile crossing. There you will alight and Collier will direct you for approximately three quarters of a mile up stream where you will find nothing startling—just a beautiful stream of crystal-clear water flowing rapidly over a bed of rock. But Mr. Collier has long since seen something you'd have missed. He will calmly go swimming, weather permitting, and will likely do a diving act, but presently he'll come up with a fine-grained sandstone, possibly three inches thick and eight inches long. When you have had a chance to examine it, you'll be surprised to find several deposits of shining white ore.

### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Williams and three children of the Forsan Oil field spent last week-end with Mrs. Williams' parents, Judge and Mrs. Jas. Ford.

W. C. Swarts was in San Angelo Monday attending court.

Mrs. Alice Legg of San Annelo visited her sister Mrs. C. S. McMillan and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Deats of Brady were in Christoval Sunday attending to business and visiting relatives.

C. S. McMillan spent Thursday and Friday of last week on his farm near wall.

### Amphioxus First Known to Have Had a Backbone

About 400,000,000 years or more ago Nature created the Amphioxus—the first animal that is known to have had a semblance of a backbone. Nature was a good craftsman in this work, for the Amphioxus has come down to us, through all these millions of years, in almost unchanged condition. It is found throughout temperate and tropical regions in just as primitive a form as it was eons ago, according to a scientist in the New York Herald Tribune. In American waters it is found as a slender, wormlike creature about two inches long, but in Japanese waters it reaches a length of ten inches.

Out of the Amphioxus came the sharks, the fishes, the reptiles, the quadrupeds, the mammals, the primates and finally man. If Amphioxus had failed in its duty as a link in the chain of evolution or had differentiated itself in some other fashion, the human race might never have eventuated out of its primal protoplasm. Some other animal form might today be reign-

ing as lords of this terrestrial ball. Amphioxus, therefore, holds a key position in the evolutionary process of vertebrates and in the early days carried heavy responsibility for starting the whole group of beings with bones toward their ultimate destiny.

Although the Amphioxus is classed with the vertebrates, it has neither backbone nor cranium. Where these bony structures are found in the more advanced types of animals, the Amphioxus has only a cartilage rod. It is but a routine step from the cartilage to the bony structure.

### Golden Apples

Spain was once the Mexico and Peru of Mediterranean exploitation, yielding gold, silver, tin, and copper for the greater glory of Greece and the grandeur of ancient Rome. It was believed to be fabulously rich when Greek myth-makers wrote legends of Hercules venturing Spain-ward for the golden apples of Hesperides. To Tarshish, around Cadiz, King Solomon sent for gold for his temple.

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# Christoval School News

Edited By Pupils of Christoval High School English Class

## My Idea of a Good Student

An Editorial

"My Idea of a Good Student" is a very interesting subject to me, and as a student I think it should be discussed more.

Many themes and essays have been written about this subject, but I think one of the most important points that should be brought out is sportsmanship. One soon discovers life is not as favorable in all ways as he expects. To face life as one should, he must be a good sport.

Our school is one of the best places to train for this. One learns sportsmanship by his activities in school. The ball ground often proves to be an ideal place for this training. There, one learns to be both a good winner and a good loser. A boy, or a girl, that is not a good sport, is often looked down upon by his fellow students, and soon finds himself disliked by everyone. Sportsmanship is also learned by students in the class rooms of our school by associating with the other students.

A good student does not have to be the student that makes the highest grades. It is true, however, that good students have an ambition, and usually makes very good grades. A good student always has his lesson prepared, and is ready for any work there is to be done. In class, he is always very quiet, and speaks only when called upon to speak. He pays attention to all explanations given by the teacher, so as to prepare his future assignments.

One may add to the characteristics of a good pupil the ability to mix with other people. The association with other students causes the good student to develop a pleasing personality.

In addition to this, one should always try to govern himself in such a way to please other people, as well as to suit his own needs. He should be willing to help others, if helping does not hurt them, and should be willing to do his part in every kind of work.

### "Chatter"

A sophomore brunet made a bet on a tennis match. We wonder what it is, and will she keep it?

Two freshman girls have invented a no-trouble blouse which can be made in about thirty

minutes and not much material is needed.

What blonde sophomore seems unconscious when her senior is around?

Clarice, we wish you would tell us how you get and hold what you want.

It seems as though Virginia and Geraldine had to work to get the boxes of candy they got for Valentine.

We imagine Miss Schwarz is blue this week. She had to say "good bye" Sunday.

James, aren't you glad you have not fallen under a spell like Owen and Hollis? But beware—your day will come.

Has everyone noticed how well kept Sammie Gene's finger-nails have been since Christmas? That's what she thinks of her boy friend's gift.

The sophomore president has so much charm she has captured the sophomore's boy friend.

### Track and Tennis

Coach Nail has hopes of first or second place in track this year. He has seven boys in high school. We are beginning our training Monday. We are working on the following events: Mile—Owen Williams, and Walter Montgomery.

890—Hollis Deats.

440—James Hill.

220 Hurdles—Hollis Deats.

High Hurdles—Owen Williams, Walter Montgomery and J. P. Smith.

Vaulting—Owen Williams and James Hill.

Shot—James Hill and Walter Montgomery.

Javelin—James Hill.

High Jump—Walter Montgomery and James Hill.

Broad Jump—Owen Williams, James Hill and Hollis Deats.

Discus—Owen Williams and Walter Montgomery.

The following are junior events:

100 Yard Dash—Joe Wilkerson.

50 Yard Dash—Joe Wilkerson.

Chinning—Charles Peeples.

High Jump—Joe Wilkerson.

Broad Jump—Joe Wilkerson.

SENIOR TENNIS—BOYS

Singles—Owen Williams.

Doubles—James Hill and Hollis Deats.

GIRLS—JUNIOR

Singles—Dorothy Jean Murray.

Doubles—Mary Lee Atkins, Martha D. Chapple and Sammie Jean Legg.

GIRLS—SENIOR

Singles—Beatrice Crawford.

Doubles—Frances Lehman and Jane Axtell.

The grades also have promising players. They will enter in singles and doubles also.

### With The Local

## CHURCHES

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

### Methodist Church

Sunday School 9:50 A. M.

Epworth League meets at 6:45 P. M. each Sunday.

Preaching services every first Sunday Morning and Evening.

### To The Ladies

Ladies, do you want to learn new recipes, beauty aids and handier ways to solve your household tasks?

Each week Mrs. James Wilkerson will write a column personally to the ladies. If there are any ladies who have new ideas for the home, different styles for the hair, sewing, knitting, new styles for designing frocks, or your personal prized recipes that you want to pass onto others drop your favorites at the Observer with your name on them and they will be published each week.

These ideas are helpful and also interesting so get your pencils to working and let's see what you can do.

### Personals

The Arthur Gulden family have all been ill with the flu. All except Mr. Gulden have been confined to their beds, however we are glad to report that they are now on the road to recovery.

Dr. Percifull and Lee Crow were in Brownwood and Bangs last Saturday on business.

Miss Helen Meyer of Bronte and Miss Dena Meyer of Ballinger spent last week-end here with friends.

August Lehman of San Angelo spent Sunday with his parents.

Joe Ellis of Monahans returned Tuesday after spending a few days here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Terry returned Sunday from Lampasas where they visited for two weeks.

Misses Melvana Percifull, a student at San Marcos, and Blanche Percifull, a teacher in the Eden Schools were home to spend the week-end with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Percifull. Mrs. Percifull has been quite ill and the visit from the daughters will perhaps be a benefit to her.

### Methodist Ladies Have Social Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Society met Tuesday afternoon in the basement of the Methodist Church for a social hour.

Mrs. Lewis Holland and Miss Sophia Petsch had charge of the entertainment.

Refreshments of tea and cake were served to the following ladies: Mesdames Will O'Harrow, Lee Hill, L. F. St. John, B. T. Welch, T. J. Montgomery, A. C. Willhelm, Lewis Holland and Misses NaDell Welch and Sophie Petsch.

### Former Christovalian Sends Greetings To Observer And Others

The following letter was received by us Monday from A. E. Sheppard, a former Christovalian, and since it concerns some of our good citizens in particular and all in general. We pass it on to you.

"My first copy of the rejuvenated Christoval Observer has just been received and I want to let you to know that I am pleased very much.

"The paper has been missed considerably by us since Mr. Van Horn found it necessary to discontinue publication some months ago and it seems rather good again to be able to read about the old "Pecan King" becoming so careless as to break a tooth or about "Little Bolivar" taking unto himself a better half.

"I don't know who you are, of course, or where you come from, but if you will be just half as good as those people you have moved among you will deserve to get along satisfactorily. It is certainly my wish that this will be the fate of the Observer in your hands.

Sincerely,  
A. E. Sheppard."

Mrs. Gladys Giblin returned Tuesday after having spent the past few months in Amarillo.

Harry Grandberry of Austin was a visitor in Christoval over the week-end.

### Here's To The

## Christoval Commercial Club

A New Arrival

May It Grow to Large Proportions

# T. L. HAMM

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Come To The  
**Christoval Cafe**  
Bring the family and let the wife enjoy the day away from the stove.  
*Josephine Lancaster*

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Egg extractor doubles your egg production, eliminates external parasites, internal worms. Sold on a money back guarantee. Put your poultry on the dividend side of your ledger. Sold exclusively by H. A. Chapple.

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