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the Drift

Two Knights of the Road passing this way paid a call at the office of the Post this week and as a result we are richer in experience but out the price of a couple of stews. Knight No. 1 attracted much attention as he passed thru the village Wednesday on account of his method of locomotion, (the forerunner of the automobile), and on account of being a member of the house of David. He remarked in passing that Lot's wife looked around and turned to a pillar of salt, but that the natives here looked around and turned to rubber. Be that as it may, Knight No. 2 was burdened with nothing more astonishing than that of a vigorous appetite.

It has been our custom each week for the past few weeks to tell a fish story, the last each time bigger than the preceding, but all the fish stories we heard this week were too commonplace to print so we will tell about the jointed snake witnessed by Mr. L. E. Brown. The way we understand the peculiarities of this snake is that when one of them is hit it flies to pieces the same as if it were a glass bottle or something. The wonderful thing about the snake is power of recuperation. According to Mr. Brown, the snake will grow back together, assembling all the pieces in their proper order if only left alone for a certain length of time, from 4 to 24 hours in most cases being sufficient time for the snake to regain its original charm and lustre. Don't take our word for this. Seeing is believing. See Mr. Brown.

Honorable mention should be given Mr. Lewis Williams, who tried to convince the audience that he had seen a hoop snake and when angered or frightened puts his mouth in his tail or vice versa and rolls out of harms way. This was seconded by Mr. Mayo so in justice to both we will have to concede them second place and they can flip a coin to see who gets the ten shares of our cat and rat ranch stock, same being the prize allotted in that event.

In conclusion we might state that the Grand Jury meets next week and if we are able to get one or two members of this body to open up and tell us some of the things that they are told, we feel quite sure that we will have a much better column next week. In order to make our position clear in this matter, we feel that we had better postpone these stories of the Grand Jury until week kafter next as we will hardly have time to interview the gentlemen before then and trust that the feeling is mutual.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kindall of Munday were over on business Thursday.

Miss Lucille Stephens returned Thursday from Dallas where she has been teaching school.

Seventh Grades Graduate

The County Wide seventh grade graduation exercises were held here Sunday May 31st. There were 81 who received promotion certificates. All common schools in the county were given the tests by the county Superintendent and the Benjamin School had the highest average of any school in the county. Billie Jay Driver of Benjamin made the highest number of points and was valedictorian. Laverne McCaillies received the second highest number of points and was salutatorian. Glenda Grace Qualls who ranked third in the class and fourth in the county gave a clever presentation of "Who's Who in the Benjamin Seventh Grade" Mr. S. B. Maddox of Truscott rendered the graduation address on Success which was delivered in such language that the children had no trouble understanding it. The objects of these tests given each year by the County Superintendent is to see that the high schools do not receive students that are not capable of doing high school work.

Interest is Shown In Health Work

Never in history has there been such wide spread interest in health work. The demand for biological products has far exceeded the expectations of the state department of health, hence, many requests have had to be cut down, however we hope after the first of July we will have ample supply.

I have spent the month of May getting publicity and helping to organize the health committees, in some of the counties they are ready for some real work. I am proud to mention the fact one of the counties is so thoroughly interested and so well informed, they have gone so far to hold educational meetings in the rural districts on Sunday afternoons. I venture to say this credit is due to the doctors. This county had a county wide meeting the doctors gave their time to make talks on health problems and especially stressed the importance of immunization against these various diseases. At this time all the sub committees were elected and the county health officer was appointed to do the work in the rural districts and the doctors in town would work in relays and give their services free. This is what I consider "Good Fruits" from a well organized health committee.

County Health Nurse.

SAVE LABELS FOR RED CROSS

Our local funds in the Red Cross are exhausted and we owe for incidental expenses. I am saving wrappers from "Cairo" "First Pick" and "White Pony" products. I have a letter from the company saying this plan is not limited to one organization but as many as wants to take advantage. I feel like you had rather donate wrappers than money to the Red Cross.

Mrs. Chas. Moorhouse

John Land Dead

John Land, 41, prominent Knox County farmer, who accidentally shot himself last Thursday while hunting with a 22 calibre rifle, died Thursday morning of this week at the Knox County Hospital where he was taken following the accident. The bullet entered the neck severing the spinal chord and rendering the body paralyzed from the neck down. Mr. Land is survived by a wife and four children. Burial services were held today at Munday. Mr. Land had been a resident of Knox County for ten years and was considered one of the best farmers in the county. He was well liked by all who knew him and was a good husband and a kind and considerate father, able and industrious citizen. The Post extends their sympathy to the bereaved wife and children.

The G. M. G. Store installed this week a vegetable spray. This will enable the store to keep many more fresh vegetables and in better condition.

Roy Phillips and son were in Munday the first of the week.

Fire Convention to be at Bryan This Year

More than 700 delegates and at least as many other visitors are expected at Bryan for the fifty fifth annual convention of the Texas State Firemen's Association, which will convene on June 9 for a three day session, according to C. E. Jenkins, veteran member of the Bryan department and president of the state organization.

Estimates of attendance are based on that at past meetings of the Association and on the more central location of Bryan. The completed program for the convention also has been announced by President Jenkins.

The housing committee of the Bryan and Brozos County Chamber of Commerce is listing available rooms and it is said there will be ample accommodations.

Features of the Convention will be a parade headed by the Bryan Department Tuesday morning; a demonstration by the Bryan Department Tuesday afternoon; street dance Tuesday night and a dance at the Elks Hall Wednesday night; barboque Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday afternoon teams from approximately 20 departments will compete for prizes totaling \$600. First prize will be \$300, second \$200, and third \$100. By the rules a truck will be spotted by a hydrant and the team of six men which unload and couple up hose, make the attachment to the hydrant and get water to the nozzle first wins the first prize. Penalties for faulty connections will be imposed, in time added to that actually scored.

Delegates from the Benjamin Fire Department to Bryan will be Homer T. Melton, James McCaillies and Parks Wright.

Benjamin Woman Wins Trip to A. & M.

In the living room contest conducted by the County home demonstration agent and sponsored by A. and M. College, Mrs. I. T. Wright of Benjamin won first place, entitling her to a trip to A. and M.. Six contestants entered with two finishing their rooms, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. J. D. Jefecoat of Vera. By winning first place Mrs. Wright gets the trip to A. and M. for a short course the last week in July. The object of the test was to make the least amount of expenditure, considering screening, sanitation, lighting, ease of cleaning and keeping, suitability of needs of a particular family.

Notes on the Hopper Situation in Knox Co.

There is little doubt of the outbreak of Grasshoppers as the pasture lands are now showing the young hopper in abundance. No doubt most everyone is acquainted with the control measure called Poison Bait.

To mix this it requires: 25 pounds of wheat bran; 1 lb. of White Arsenic or (paris green) 6 oranges or lemons finely chopped; low grade sorghum molasses about 2 quarts. Enough water should be added 2 to 3 gallons to make the mixture moist, not wet.

Mix the poison with the Bran and mix the molasses with the water. Add water and molasses solution to the Bran and poison mixture, stirring slowly while mixing, the fruit can be added while mixing. The bait should be scattered along the fence rows where the Grasshopper has made his appearance and damage is in evidence. This should be done early in the morning as this is the time the grasshopper comes out to do damage and also after the sun shines on the bait its effectiveness is lessened.

This bait is poisonous to men and animals, and should be kept away from children and livestock.

W. E. Jones, Co. Agent.

Mr. Elmer Goodrich received word Thursday that he had been appointed Assistant Post master at Longview Texas and left immediately to assume his duties. According to the report Mr. Goodrich made a grade of 95 on the Civil Service examination which he took this spring. Benjamin does not like to lose Mr Goodrich but are glad to see him go to a better job.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

There will be preaching by the pastor both at 11 A.M. and 8 P. M. next Lodsday June 7, to which the membership and the public generally are invited. We will make you welcome if you will come.

Christian Endeavor at 7 P. M. Joe Isbell Leader.

Sunday June 14th will be childrens day. Please remember.

A. R. Caudle, Pastor

Cowboy Reunion To Be June 25-27 at Stamford

A new feature of the Texas Cowboy Reunion program for this year on June 25,27,26 in Stamford dwill be a large exhibit of Pioneer days in West Texas. This collection will consist of early day saddles, bridles, spurs and other cowboy trappings; historical revolvers and rifles, branding irons and other antiques of the open range days. There will also be a large and varied assortment of interesting ranch pictures.

A request is being broadcast by R. A. Bible, director of this part of the reunion, to all people who have articles that might be included in this display to communicate with him. He is desirous of having a large exhibit and will be glad to know of any items that can be secured for it.

Another attraction will be a replica of the famous Roy Bean saloon at Langtry, where Bean, self-appointed magistrate administered the "Law West of the Pecos" for a number of years in a highly individual style.

Numerous other exhibits that will be reminders of the beginning of civilization in West Texas and neighboring areas are being planned for the pioneer cattlemen's round up, and indications are that the cowboy rodeo and its red features which will be staged twice daily during the three days of the affair will be outstanding features.

Club Women to Hold Encampment

Every club woman is urged to attend the annual encampment to be held in Knox Co. June 8 - 9. The camp will be at Lee Park near Union Grove school house three miles west of Knox City.

Lunch will be served the second day by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce.

The following articles will be needed:

1. Bedding.
2. Plate, cup, spoon and fork
3. Lunch and supper for the first day.
4. Breakfast (which will be served camp style). Bacon, eggs, jelly, and butter, coffee.
5. A smile that wont wear off.

May we forget the cares of have a good time.

Grace Nelson.
Co. Home Dem. Agt.



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With the approach of the harvest season it is brought more forcibly to our attention that all is not well and the goose does not hang high so far as agriculture in the state is concerned. With wheat selling at from 40 to 50 cents per bushel, cattle at from one to six cents per pound and cotton at about ten cents per lb. we are brought face to face with the fact that agriculture as it is now carried on is not the profitable way. In order to find a solution it is first necessary to find the cause. In 1919 and 1920 when wheat was bringing \$2.00 per bushel and other agricultural products like prices, the machinery to harvest and work crops were bringing less than they are today with prices for agricultural products about a sixth of what they were at that time. Why has the manufacturers been able to keep the prices of their goods up and the farmers have not? Because the United States pursues a policy of high protective tariffs that enables the manufacturer to do so.

As the majority of the states are manufacturing states this policy is pretty apt to be carried out indefinitely. As long as Texas and the other agri-

IDYLWIS BRIDGE CLUB MEETS IN TRUSCOTT

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chowning and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chowning entertained the Idylwisse bridgeclub last Friday evening in the home of Mr and Mrs. Hubert Chowning.

High score was won by Mrs V. W. Browning and Mr. R. M. Cowden. Low score by Mrs. W. W. Gleason and Mr. G. H. Craig.

Green and yellow were featured in the bridge accessories prizes and refreshments. Members present were Messrs and Mmes. G. H. Craig, V. W. Browning, L. A. Haynie, R. O. Berg, R. M. Cowden, and Miss Mary Emma Stover. Guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gleason.

cultural states of the South continue to grow cotton wheat, and other agricultural products for export, then just so long will they have to abide by the price as set by a world market. When the farmers follow the plan of growing for a home market, then and only then will they be able to control the price of their product. A well rounded out farm program is the only solution. A well rounded out program includes more than putting 75 per cent of the land in cotton and the remainder in feed. If the land will raise enough cotton at 10 cents per pound for the farmer to make a meager living, it will raise enough of gardens, livestock, poultry and feed that by raising cotton only for a money crop, to make the farmer independent. Such a program as this is to our mind, the only solution to this problem.

Bits of News

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stephens and family are in Austin and Dallas this week.

Mrs. James L. Lott of Fairfield is visiting here parents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Brookreson here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. West and family left the first of the week for Van Zant County where they will visit Mr. West parents or fawhile before going on to school for the summer.

W. P. H. McFadden of Beaumont is here this week in the interest of his ranch.

Mrs. Tom Hudson has as her guest this week Mrs. J. B. Rea and Mrs. Jack Thornton of San Angelo and Mrs. J. W. Pierson of Brownwood.

J. C. Elliott left Tuesday for Canony where he will attend summer school. J. C. will receive his B. S. degree this summer.

Mrs. G. H. Beavers left Sunday for Oklahoma City to visit in the home of her daughter.

Opie Westfall of Seymour was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Propps of Gilliland have been visiting in Benjamin this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Griffin of Goree were visiting relatives in the city the first of the week.

Miss Ruth Patterson was visiting relatives here Monday. She has been teaching school in Crowell this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Neal of Sweetwater were visiting in the home of DJ Brookreson Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Bariton and children of Amarillo are visiting in the home of Mrs. Ada Moorhouse this week.

H. A. Patterson of Vera was in the city Wednesday.

W. B. Peemster of Vera was a business visitor in Benjamin Wednesday.

Mrs. E. P. Norris and children of Goree are visiting in the home of J. W. Melton this week.

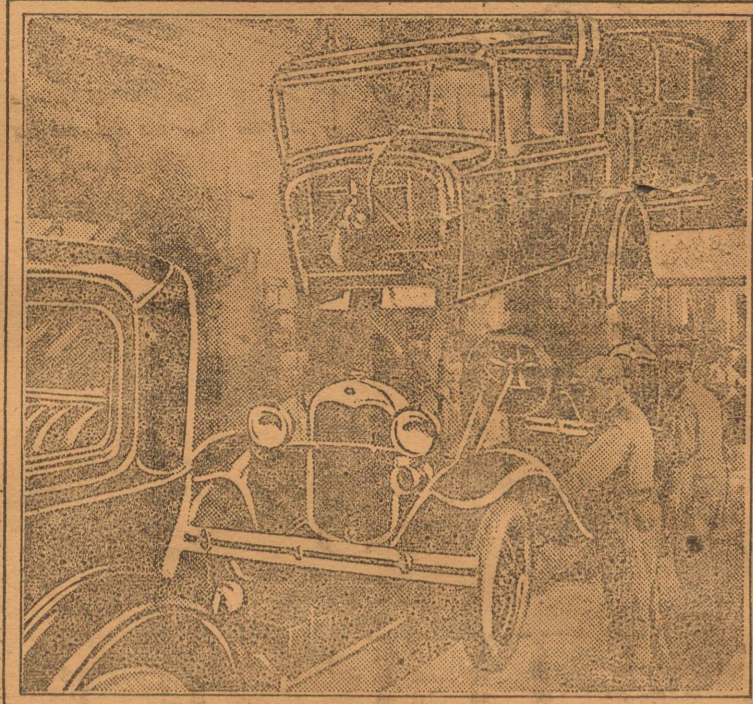
Miss Joy Sams returned home Wednesday from T.C.U. in Ft. Worth where she has been attending school this year.

Miss Obeda Veal of Graham is visiting her brother J. C. here this week.

Mrs. Jim Tolson of Bomarton is visiting relatives in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones returned the first of the week from a trip on the coast.

Final Step in Assembly of Ford Cars



This is a scene from the moving picture of a tour through the plants of the Ford Motor Company, one of the features of the Ford road show. The picture shows the final assembly line on which the Ford is put together part by part as it moves slowly forward until at the end of the line the completed car is driven away under its own power. Parts are served the workmen by conveyors. Each part is timed to arrive at precisely the right moment. In this illustration the chassis of the car in the foreground has been completed and a body is being lowered by a crane from a balcony.

Tom Arnett of Guthrie was in Benjamin one day this week

Dr. A. A. Smith of Munday was in Benjamin on business the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Veal and son were visiting relatives in Graham last week end.

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John Ed Jones, Sec.
Munday Texas

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ANNOUNCING

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Now is the time for you to buy a stock of groceries while you can get them at these prices. We bought them right and are going to pass them on to you at a saving. Get the habit of trading at the store that treats you right all of the time.

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<p> 1 lb. 53c It Lets You Sleep</p>	<p>BANANAS 13c per doz.</p>	<p>STARCH Faultless, 9c pkg.</p>	<p>Post Toasties  <i>-the wake-up food</i> 2 packages for 25c</p>	
<p> 2 for 33c</p>	<p> 2 packages 25c</p>	<p> 3 for 25c</p>	<p> 29c per bottle All the time is jelly time with Certo</p>	
<p> 2 for 25c</p>	<p>Fruit Salad No. 1 can 27c</p>	<p>Peaches No. 2 1-2 can 25c</p>	<p> 17c pkg.</p>	
<p>POTATOES Per peck 29c Old</p>	<p>VEGETABLES BEETS - CARROTS, bunch .05 SPUASH, per pound .07 TOMATOES, per pound .10 CUCUMBERS, per pound .07</p>		<p>PANCAKE FLOUR 17c pkg.</p>	
<p>G. M. G. STORE Phone 68</p>		<p>---</p>	<p>BENJAMIN Phone 68</p>	

Vera News

W. P. Hurd, Bud Shoopman and Howard Hurd were in Floydada last week on business.

Mrs. Earnest West and children of Wichita Falls are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberson.

Mary Birginia Jefcoat and Beatrice Collier have returned from Abilene where they have been attending high school.

Lester Kinnebrough was in Throckmorton Saturday on business.

Floyd Lewis spent last week in Seymour with friends.

Uncle Johnie King was in Holiday Sunday.

Gene Sewell of Jacksboro was in Vera the past week looking after his cattle interest.

Miss Lula Hurd is spending this week in O'Brien with Mrs. Leland La Duke.

A large crowd attended the closing exercises of the Cottonwood school last Friday night.

Miss Lillian Spinks and Ivan Pierce returned from Abilene Friday.

Roy Finis McGuire and Howard McMurry were in PostCity last Sunday.

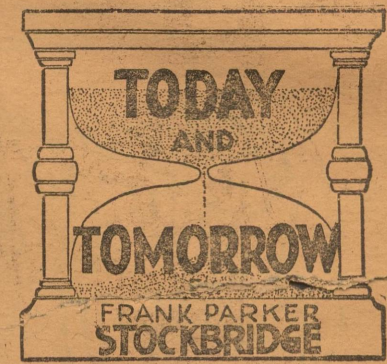
Ruby Feemster, James Carson and Malcom Shiman spent Sunday in O'Brien with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. La Duke.

Doris Hurd, G. H. Hudson, Margaret Steele and Otis Simmons were in O'Brien Sunday.

Otis Simmons and Charlie Timerblake took a load of cattle to Ft. Worth the past week.

A nice Memorial program was given Sunday morning by the Methodist Sunday school. Reporter

Mrs. J. D. Goodrich and daughter Alga are visiting relatives in Clayton New Mex.



ESKIMOS

Traders returning from the Hudson's Bay country tell of Eskimo families whose incomes in actual money run up to \$40,000 a year, which they earn by trapping the rare white fox for its fur. These Eskimos, like all other uncultured people who come into possession of sudden wealth, have no idea of the value of money. They spend their incomes on airplane joyrides, commercial aviators having discovered that there is easy money in flying up to Herschel Island, in the Arctic ocean, where these Eskimos live, and charging them \$375 for a flight to Edmonton. They pay \$300 a ton for coal with which to heat their igloos, buy the most expensive radio sets, and arouse the envy of their less fortunate neighbors.

Some moralists are inclined to criticize these Eskimos for their lack of thrift, but it seems to me as if they were getting more out of life than many persons who save their pennies and deny themselves anything in the way of luxury.

WINE

It is not illegal, the Director of Prohibition declares, to make wine or beer in one's own home for one's own use. The law does not prohibit the making

of beverages which are not "intoxicating in fact," but prohibits their sale.

It does not take a very long memory to recall the time when the domestic manufacture of wine for home use was a part of the year's regular routine in a large proportion of farm and village homes. Elderberry wine, dandelion wine and wine from other fruits and ingredients shared honors with the grape. And our grandmothers always took pains to see that there was a supply on hand of "blackberry cordial," which was supposed to have sovereign value in digestive disturbances. Probably blackberry cordial would come under the prohibition ban today, for it certainly was "intoxicating in fact." But one needed a capacity far beyond the ordinary to consume enough of the old-fashioned home-made wines to become intoxicated by them.

ST. BERNARD

In ordering Italian border guards to fire on the monks of St. Bernard when they crossed the Italian border to rescue some snowbound travelers, the Fascist government outraged the humane sensibilities of the whole world. The Hospice and monastery of St. Bernard, founded in the year 926 by Bernard de Menthon, is more than a Swiss institution; it is enshrined in the heart of the whole Christian world.

Who has not heard of the men who give their lives to save others, as these monks have done for a thousand years? Situated 8,120 feet above sea-level, at the summit of the oldest-travelled pass across the Alps, the Hospice is a refuge for travellers—though motorists are not especially welcome—and the home of the famous St. Bernard dogs. These great creatures, standing three feet tall, are a breed especially developed by the monks, with thick hair to withstand the cold, keen noses to smell stray travellers caught in the snowstorms, and great strength to drag them to safety or run swiftly for aid.

More than 20,000 persons every year spend the night at the Hospice. No charge is made, but everybody is supposed to contribute the price of a night's lodging to the little church there.

HELIUM

Instead of being a rare gas, obtainable only at a high cost, as it was a few years ago, helium, the lightest of all the elements except hydrogen, is now obtained in practically unlimited quantities from the Government-owned gas wells in Texas and Oklahoma.

A movement has been started to induce the President and the Secretaries of War and of the Navy to permit the exportation of helium gas for use in commercial airships in other countries. Nothing could do more to aid in the development of dirigibles, and such an action on the part of our officials would go far toward better international relations. But the probabilities are that the advocates of war and the timorous ones who think the rest of the world is lying in wait to pounce upon the United States, will make a vigorous protest against letting any other nation have something which might be used in making war upon us.

HEAT

The newest vision of science is a substance which will take the place of steam for heating purposes. Diphenyl, a substance obtained from benzene, is said by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers to be much better for this purpose. It is a solid which melts at a temperature of 157 degrees and vaporizes at 492 degrees.

Do You Know That

A FOOLISH MAN SPENDS HIS MONEY AND THEN HE TELLS HIS FRIENDS ABOUT IT.

A THRIFTY MAN SAVES HIS MONEY AND FRIENDS TELL THE WORLD ABOUT IT.

First State Bank & Trust Co.

We are lowering our prices on all merchandise every day.

Give us the pleasure of filling your orders and be convinced.

We are getting ready to make an announcement in the near future that we think will interest the buying public.

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For the week end we offer cucumbers, roasting ears, squash, tomatoes, beans, black eyed peas, burmuda onions, new potatoes and strawberries.

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Tender Juicy Steaks
Prime Fat Roasts
Dressed Rabbits

Whatever your needs be in the market line, we shall be pleased to serve you.

THE CASH MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Abilene were visiting Mrs. Smiths parents Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Qualls here last week end.

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Full Return Premium
If death occurs in 20 years
J. J. DRIVER, AGENT
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