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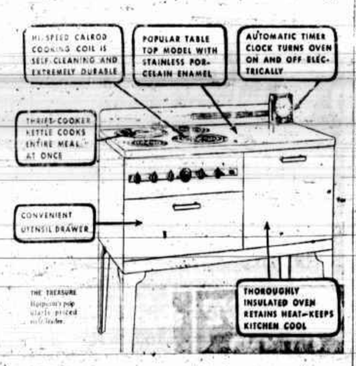

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Looking Backward

Items of more or less interest from the Headlight file of Twenty-Four Years ago.

JANUARY 13, 1912.

Further developments in the suicide of R. Evans garage man, were brought to light this week in a letter to A. C. McClanahan from Mrs. N. W. Evans of Taunton, Massachusetts, this city. He also had his two year old daughter—Sidney—by the coldest day of the winter. He is employed registering his degrees in Seventh-day Adventist College. Camp have taken Brazoria county. The last legislature enacted a law prohibiting the state from buying from individuals. W. T. Thompson, owner of Lake Fabens plantation, will install work the plantation with the labor. Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown are this week moving from Chatterville to Matagorda. Mr. Brown will engage in farming. Marriage licenses issued: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Worse, December 31st; Joel Mac Belle Arnold and Eugene Moore both of Brazoria. We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Griff Jones, who, along with sick at his home near Lake, hopes to be up again. The Headlight extends commiseration to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kennedy on the arrival of a [illegible] daughter at their home [illegible]. A. Dunlap, local manager for the Southern Rice Growers Association this week sold 10[illegible] sacks of rice on a basis of $3.5[illegible] per barrel. O. E. Duddlesten and B. B. Hayden topped the local market with a price of $3.32 for their Honorine. Sympathy is extended Mr. Henry Beckman in the death of her father, P. Schroder, who died of pneumonia at his home near Sugarland Sunday. Thos. Bennett has resigned his position at the Mooney store and the same is now being filled by A. H. Wahrmund. Miss Myra Walker is leaving today for a visit to relatives in Brady. Special excursionists arrived at Chesterville Tuesday. It is expected that several of these families will settle on land near there during the coming spring. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, elected the board of directors was reelected. The affairs of the institution are in flourishing condition, showing $88,239.11 in deposits in excess of its deposit on the same day a year ago. The Bank this year paid its shareholders a dividend of 8 per cent.

SMALLER HOGS WANTED

During the holiday season papers made many comments on the fact that turkeys now have to be smaller than they used to be, in order to match smaller ovens and smaller families. Smaller hogs are also in demand, and we find The Progressive Farmer saying:

"A medium fat hog is most desirable for home-dressed meat. A 250-pounds hog moderately fat will yield about 18-pounds each, weighing about 15-pounds each, bacon strips and joins weighing 10 to 12 pounds, cuts of desirable size to cure and store after smoking and that can be cut into satisfactory economical slices or roasts for cooking. Heavier hogs normally produce a greater proportion of lard and bacon and hams that some families consider too fat."

Mr. and Mrs. Tulane Gordon of Houston spent Sunday in Eagle Lake, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Gordon.

THE ARCHIVES OF BEXAR

When Business of the Texas Government, From 1727 To 1835, Was Centered In San Antonio.

(Note: This is one of a series of collections of family archives in the articles taken from the 300 special University of Texas library. The collections cover all periods of Texas history, from the earliest days of the Spanish missionaries in the province of Tejas, through the colonial era, to the present. This series will present interesting excerpts from a number of these family collections, some chosen for their intrinsic significance in the development of the empire of Texas, others for their purely human interest in portraying personalities, economic conditions and social intercourse.)

The winter of 1862 was an eventful period in the Civil War days in Texas. This fact is made evident by the detailed diary of William Pitt Ballinger of Galveston. He came from a distinguished family which migrated from England to Virginia and then moved to Kentucky. He served in the Mexican war and was a member of Albert Johnston's staff. He was a prominent member of the legal profession. He was born September 24, 1825, and died January 20, 1888. A copy of his diary, along with copies of other of his papers is a part of the Texas historical collection in the library of The University of Texas. He made a notation on December 4 telling of his Christmas shopping for members of his family, and following this are brief accounts of visits to him made by Colonel Reel Terry and various other men who took part in the events of that period. On December 21 he recorded the fact that Perry Bryan had been appointed first lieutenant of the artillery and that arrived at Galveston, on Christmas eve he wrote:

"Court adjourned yesterday until the 6th Jany. Nannie and her children have arrived in good health. Mrs. McDowell also. Sent Uncle Tommy's and Tom Jack's cloaks by Nance. Milton Davis took tea with us last evening. Heard the argument on Moise's court marshal yesterday. Think he ought to and hope he will be convicted. Haven't executed much. Must put everything in order to close the year. Hally and the baby both have colds—haven't felt very well myself. Reading Irving's Life of Washington 1st vol. having read the last vol from my wish first to see account of Washington's administration."

Following the foregoing entry in his diary there is a lapse of several days, the next record being an account, which opens with the statement that he had a dull Christmas. On December 29 he wrote:

"The Christmas has been very dull—no gayety of any kind. Hally has had sore throat and the baby has suffered from a dreadful cold. One night her breathing was very bad and we were uneasy about her. The weather has been damp and streets are now muddy. I have done very little business. Stayed a large part of the time with Hally. Have read the 1st and part of 2nd vol. Irving's Washington. Have written letters to Bet and Uncle Jimmy and business letters. Made notes on amendments, to the Sequestration law also on the criminal law for the punishment of seditious and dangerous persons for Judge Gray. I told Gray today, that I had no principles so fixed as to abstain from politics all my life and I never expected to be in position in which I would not follow my own personal conscience as to men and measures—that I had more respect for him as a man capable of public usefulness than any one I knew in the state—that I thought it might be agreeable to him to know it. He seemed gratified and told me he expected to run again for Congress. He thinks Chambers, Baylor and probably Lubbock will run for Governor. Spoke also of Sexton and Stockdale. The latter is in town—is a gentleman and man of principle and worth.

"An expemition of boats by water and troops by land will attack the Federal gunboats and the troops at Galveston about day after tomorrow. I apprehend a very hazardous and bloody affair. I would be glad to go; but do not feel that I ought—and Hally will not hear to it. I think Moise is cashiered."

The diary gives brief account on January 1 of the capture of the Harriet Lane and other Union ships and the taking of several hundred prisoners of war as follows:

"General Magruder captured the Harriet Lane, two barks, a schooner, 600 prisoners, two regiments colors, army munitions, etc. Our loss I fear is considerable. Particulars as yet very meagre. I have never passed a day of more excitement. Wrote to Tom, Thrasher, Mother. All honor to General Magruder. Capt. A. R. Weir is said to be killed—also Sid Sherman."

A further account of this engagement is given in the diary under date of January 3:

"The topic is still the fight at Galveston unquestionably one of the most brilliant and daring achievements of the war. I shall not attempt to describe it here. A misunderstanding occurred as to the time for commencing operations. The boats were near the ground first too soon, or at least some time before the land forces were ready, and concluded that the latter had postponed or been prevented, and the boats were returning up the bay, when they heard the guns open—all agree that our troops were compelled to abandon or withdraw their guns, and that so far as the land attack merely was concerned we were repulsed. Our men could not be held to their guns under the enemy's fire. The capture of the Harriet Lane by the boats entirely changed the aspect of affairs, tho' the Bayou City was wedged so tight under the Lane's wheel horse, that they were unmanageable and it took 3 or 4 hours to separate them. If the Yankees had then shown pluck they could have retaken the Lane easily. The Neptune had been sunk by staving in her bow by the force of the blow she struck the Lane. But the enemy no doubt greatly exaggerated the numbers and strength of our vessels. Leon-Smith is believed to have killed Captain Wainwright and Tom Green to have killed Lieutenant Lee of the Harriet Lane. The father of the latter is Major Lee in our service, and got on the boat in time to see his son die. The troops on the boats could not have acted more heroically. The Bayou City from having boarded and obtained the surrender winds first, however, but the Lane delivered from the Neptune was most deadly, and swept the decks of the Lane. I have not done much for several days except talk with those who were at Galveston and gather particulars. Wet weather in the Dr. Brian Cook or Dr. Cook and [illegible] or exhibited [illegible]. Brian was on the Neptune. Scurry commanded the Bayou City, but soon came into town and inactive to admiration the men."

WHY AMERICAN JUSTICE IS DEFEATED

There have been rumors that Governor Hoffman in New Jersey would commute the death sentence of Bruno Richard Hauptmann to life imprisonment. These reports seem to have been erroneous. It is now said that the New Jersey Governor plans only to extend a 30-day reprieve to the condemned man, whose attorneys contend that they have uncovered evidence that will result at least in a new trial.

But this adds to the delays that defeat the ends of American justice. In any other country than America, the Hauptmann case would long since have been disposed of. British justice particularly is swift and unerrably. It is conceivable that the descendants of Britons who founded America and made it the greatest nation in the world, should have departed from the teachings of their forefathers.

In this country delay is the chief obstacle in the way of justice. Under our laws so many delays are possible due to legal technicalities, that it often is years before the ends of justice are subserved.

That isn't true in Britain. In the British Isles a trial court conviction means quick and summary punishment.

We would be much better off, we would have much better law enforcement, if we would take a lesson from the Englishman's book. Quick justice is the best, after all—even though justice sometimes is blind and makes mistakes.—Greenville Herald.

AN AMAZING COW

On Femco farm at Breckenridge, Minn., owned by Frederick E. Murphy, of Minneapolis publisher, is a cow with an extraordinary name, Femco Johanna Bess Fayne. She is entitled to her impressive name because she is an extraordinary cow.

Bess, as we will call her for short, is the new champion butter producing cow of the United States, and the only cow in the world that ever produced more than 1,500 lbs. of butter a year. She is a purebred Holstein, now nine years old.

In 1933 she made a record of 1,510 lbs. of butter and 33,510 lbs. of milk in 12 months. She has just beaten her former record by producing 1,525 lbs. of butter and 33,727 pounds of milk in the last year.

The owner of Bess believes she is the greatest milk and butter producing cow that ever lived, and we have no records at hand to challenge his claims.

DEBT A JOKE

The delusion that everyone in the world can collect 5 per cent interest everlastingly is just as silly as the hope that some day a machine will be invented that will be capable of perpetual motion.

If such a feat of safe investment were possible, a man could begin today with $100,000, representing a ball of gold about nine inches in diameter, and in about a thousand years, by compounding his interest annually, his heirs would own a ball equal in size to the earth.

Man is forever trying to put a fence around the future and forever failing.

Whether we like it or not, or believe it or not, we live in the present. What is produced today is consumed today. Wealth produced in terrific toil is paid by such generation to the dead hand of the past in the form of rent and interest. But it does not approach the theoretical calculations of those who indulge in fantastic figuring.

A large part of what is called debt is a joke, strictly speaking. It will never be paid for the simple reason that it can't be paid.—Bagology.

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HAGENBECK CIRCUS. SECOND LARGEST IN WORLD, DISBANDED

The Hagenbeck-Wallace shows, the second largest circus in the world and a fixture of the American scene for forty years, has played its last performance. The big circus, now in winter quarters at Peru, Ind., will be disbanded immediately and its 1936 route apportioned to other shows.

Samuel Gumpertz, vice-president and general manager of the Ringling interests, said that the steadily rising tide of taxation has created a situation of such gravity in the circus business, despite a heavy nation-wide patronage, there is not enough profitable territory for three major circuses in the United States.

He said the physical equipment of the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus, consisting of more than forty special railroad cars, tents, wagons and rigging, will be stored at Peru, and at Sarasota, Fla., winter quarters of the Ringling show. The performers and most of the working personnel, numbering almost 1,000 persons, as well as the Hagenbeck elephant herd and menagerie animals, will be combined with the Ringling and the Al G. Barnes circuses.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning services and communion at 11 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 6:30. Evening services at 7 o'clock.

REV. W. M. LOGAN, Pastor.

Miss Alawee Wainwright, who has been connected with relief work in Wharton, has returned to Eagle Lake in the capacity of commodity clerk.

Donald Arnold and his grandmother, Mrs. R. L. Arnold, spent a portion of the holidays visiting relatives at Bay City.

YOUNGER SET ENJOY SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

Miss Gerry Fussell entertained about two dozen boys and girls at her home on last Saturday night. Dancing was the diversion of the evening, with all of the girls wearing evening gowns. Three rooms were thrown into one, furnishing a beautifully appointed dance floor, music for which was furnished by radio.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served.

The two dozen young people have planned to have a similar dance every two weeks during the winter and spring. The date for the next function has not yet been decided.

Those enjoying the occasion were: Imogene White, Lorna Lee Fussell, Betty Terrell, Bibby Waite, Mary E. Hight, Bobby Colly, Martha Grace Killough, Eula Hyzer, Gloria Tilson, Grace Reed, Jane Crim, Evelyn Waddell, Barbara Reese, the hostess, Gerry Fussell and Elmer Struss, Burns Waggener, William Glover, Herbert and Donald Boggess, James Cash, James Ray Thomas, Herman Berger, Franklin Reese, Billie Martin and Donald Obenhaus.

Miss Marjorie Walker, who has been visiting in Houston, returned home Monday.

LEAP YEAR DANCE AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The leap year dance given at Austin's Hall here Saturday night went on record as one of the best and most pleasant dances held here in years. About eighty tickets were sold, with more men in attendance than ladies, and some of the ladies simply danced themselves down attempting to dance with all of the men on the floor. Music was furnished by the John Biro orchestra, who rendered excellent music. Many of the dancers state they have never heard the Biro orchestra put out such fine music as it did on this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Meyer and son, Leo Earl, Mrs. Hilda Heard, Mr. W. P. Wilder and Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins and two daughters, of Victoria, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Adams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Vaeck and family returned Saturday from a week's visit to his brother, William, and other relatives, near Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Foxel and Robert Taylor of Smithville were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

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Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statues.

ASSETS

Loans and discounts	$ 84,630.29
United States Government obligations, direct and or fully guaranteed	203,062.73
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	129,646.64
Banking house, $10,048.77; Furniture and fixtures, $1,273.88	11,322.65
Real estate owned other than banking house	17,891.37
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	194,166.78
Cash, balances with other banks, exchanges for clearing house, etc.	94,110.82
Cash items not in process of collection	433.24
TOTAL ASSETS	$825,292.82

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits, except U. S. Government deposits, public funds, and deposits of other banks		$489,491.74
Time deposits, except postal savings, public funds, and deposits of other banks		145,459.60
Public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities		31,693.91
United States Government and postal savings deposits		2,845.96
Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashier's checks outstanding		12,900.86
Not secured by pledge of loans and or investments	$682,392.27	
TOTAL DEPOSITS	$682,392.27	
Dividends declared but not yet payable and amounts set aside for dividends, not declared		6,000.00
Common stock, 150 shares, par $100 per share	$75,000.00	
Surplus	30,000.00	
Undivided profits—net	31,900.55	
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT		$136,900.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$825,292.82

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF COLORADO, ss: I, W. E. Lenhart, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. E. LENHART, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January, 1936.

IDA PENNINGTON, Notary Public.

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THE JOKESMITH

Some few made, mostly stolen, some merely borrowed. If you run across a good one, mail it to us.

Teacher—Can any one tell me where Pittsburgh is?

Voice from Rear—Yes. They're playing Boston this afternoon.

Grocer (after filling molasses jug)—Here's your molasses, sonny; where's your dime?

Boy—I left it in the jug.

"But I've signed your book before," said the fairly distinguished film actor.

"Yes, sir, but when I get ten of yours I can swap them for one of George Arliss."

I bought my girl some garters. At the Woolworth five-and-ten. She gave them to her mother—That's the last I'll see of them.

Mrs. Smith (showing portrait of herself in her mother's arms)—This is how I looked twenty years ago.

Neighbor—Wonderful! And who is the baby on your arm?

Insurance Agent: "But you surely agree to take out an insurance policy to cover your burial expenses?"

Willy Scot: "Na, na, mon; I might be lost at sea."

A traveling salesman, held up in a Florida town by a storm, telegraphed to his firm: "Marooned here by storm; wire instructions." The reply came collect: "Start vacation as of yesterday."

Golfer (far in the rough) — Say, Caddie, why do you keep looking at your watch? You make me nervous.

Caddie—It isn't a watch, sir, it's a compass.

"It's really too silly, this publicity seeking!" announced the solid citizen.

"What's the trouble?" asked a friend.

"Trouble? Look at this newspaper. It says Judge Hankins announced yesterday that he would not sit for a month."

Slow Waiter (in London restaurant)—Your coffee, sir; it's special from South America, sir.

Diner (sarcastically) — Oh, so that's where you've been?

"It's queer the way a horse eats, isn't it?"

"What do you mean?"

"He eats best without a bit in his mouth."

Margaret (at football game) — Look at all those fellows, how will they ever get clean?

Beatrice—Sh! What do you think the scrub team is for?

"Gimme an all-day sucker," the youngster demanded of the candy man.

He was hatched one.

"Looks kind of small," remarked the youth looking at it doubtfully.

"Yeah, the days are getting shorter."

Young Hubby—There's something wrong with this cake. It doesn's taste right.

Young Wifey—That must be all in your imagination. The cookbook says it's delicious.

Robert—That young brother of yours saw me kiss you last now. What should I give him to keep him quiet?

Mary (absently)—He usually gets a quarter.

Teacher—Can you name some organ of the body, Bobby?

Bobby—Yes'm; the teeth.

Teacher—The teeth? What kind of organ would that be?

Bobby—I guess they would be a kind of grind organ.

Teacher: "Willie, give the definition of home."

Willie: "Home is where part of the family waits until the others are through with the car."

Carl—Don't do any more Christmas shopping today, dear.

His Wife—Why not?

Carl—I can't carry any more bundles.

Wife — Oh, is that all? I was afraid you were going to say you had no more money.

"Mary, why didn't you wash that window?" demanded the lady of the house.

Mary—Sure, and I did wash it on the inside, ma'am, so we could look out, but I thought I wouldn't wash the outside so those curious people next door couldn't look in.

Little Betty and Junior had attended a talk by a returned missionary.

"What did he tell you about the heathern?" asked their grandmother.

"Oh, he said that they were often very hungry, and when they beat on their tum-tums, it could be heard for miles."

A Boston man has a son who has just entered school. He was supposed to be enjoying it, but one morning he walked into the dining room where his father was having breakfast, and remarked:

"I'm tired of going to school, Pop."

"Why?" asked the father "What is your objection to going to school?"

"Oh," answered the boy, "it breaks up the day so."

Old Lady—Can't you cheer your little brother up and stop his crying?

Small Boy—Well, did you ever try to cheer anybody up that's just had five bananas, two hot dogs and seven ice cream cones?

Father—What are you doing with a black eye and torn trousers?

Johnny—Oh, Billy and me were pretending he was Ethiopia and I was Italy and I was just civilizing him with the Marconi death ray.

"Why in the world did you write a policy on a man ninety-eight years old?" asked the indignant inspector.

"Well," explained the new agent, "I looked in the census report and found that there were only a few people of that age who die each year."

Judge: "Your wife says you struck her, Uncle Jesh. Have you any excuse to offer?"

Uncle Josh: "Ah suttingly has, Jedge. While Ah was prayin' fo' rain in dem crops, she was prayin' fo' fair weather 'cause she was gwine to wash."

A farmer visited his son's college. Watching intently in a chemistry class, he was told they were looking for a universal solvent.

"What's that?" asked the farmer.

"A liquid that will dissolve anything."

"That's a great idea," agreed the farmer. "When you find it, what are you going to keep it in?"

Ruth—How is your bachelor friend?

John—When I saw him last he was mending slowly.

Ruth—Why, I didn't know he had been sick.

John—He hasn't been. He was sewing buttons on his clothes.

A farmer who went to a large city to see the sights engaged a room at a hotel and before retiring asked the clerk about the hours for meals.

"We have breakfast from 7 to 11, dinner from 12 to 3, and supper from 6 to 8," explained the clerk.

"Look here," inquired the farmer in surprise, "what time am I goin to see the town?"

Bill wanted to slip out of barracks—unofficially—to see his girl, and he went to the sentry and stated the case.

"Well," said the sentry, "I'll be off duty when you come back, so you ought to have the password for tonight. It's 'idiosyncrasy.'"

"Idio what?"

"Idiosyncrasy."

"I'll stay in the barracks," said Bill.

Visitor — I suppose, Joany, that you are expecting Santa Claus to fill your stockings with all sorts of nice presents?

Joany (aged six)—Assuredly not! I threw the Santa Claus myth into discard years ago. I have no sympathy with those, either young or old, who are abessed by such an antiquated and obsolete complex.

A La Porte husband went to Indianapolis on business recently and when he returned threw a package into his wife's lap.

"I couldn't resist buying that material because it looked so like you," he said.

Delighted with his sentiment and his thoughtfulness, she eagerly tore open the package. As the lengths of material came to view she answered him.

"I should think it would have," she said. "I've been wearing a dress from that same piece for two years."

He was a stout man with large, broad feet, and although several pairs of boots were shown to him he refused them.

"I must have square toes," he explained to the assistant.

The young man sighed. "But square toes are not stocked now, sir," he insisted. "Pointed toes are fashionable this season."

The stout man gave an angry stare. "That may be," he retorted, "but I happen to be wearing last season's feet."

The white child was bragging about the prospective Thanksgiving dinner to be spread by his family. Said he: "I went hunting and I killed me a big, big bear; it weighed 4000 pounds; and I killed me a big, big deer with great long horns and it weighed 2000 pounds; and I killed me four hundred wild turkeys, and mamma is going to roast that big bear and that deer and all those big turkeys and we are going to eat 'em all up Thanksgiving." With bulging eyes the little negro heard it all, and then asked: "Ain't you white folks gonna have no hog meat?"

A gent, alcholically oversubscribed, wandered into a movie. During the intermission, while the audience was being bored with announcements of future films, the drunk got to his feet and called out:

"Is there a doctor in the house?"

There was. A man down in the third row stood up, saying:

"I'm a doctor."

The drunk leered amiably. "Hells doctor," he said and sat down.

A friend of ours says he was driving out Main Street a few days ago when his attention was attracted by the curious antics of an Austin which was just ahead of him. The Austin would run along nicely for a few hundred feet when it would suddenly jump clear of the pavement perhaps eighteen inches, settle back to earth, run along a few hundred feet and repeat the performance. He says he followed it for blocks and the same thing was repeated probably a dozen times.

His curiosity aroused, he speeded up even with the little car, and, sticking his head out the window, inquired, "What's the trouble with it?"

A red-faced individual shouted back "Ain't nothing the matter with her; I've got the hiccups is all."

DEATH ONLY CERTAINTY

A man said, "It's hard to tell what will happen."

This should be amended to read, "It's impossible to tell what will happen."

Forecasting and crystal-gazing are the world's foremost futilities.

All that we can be sure will happen in the future is that we shall all die.

We could do a lot to improve the present if we had a mind to devote ourselves exclusively to the here and now. By concerning ourselves with the future we spoil the present for ourselves and ruin the future for our children.

Let the next generation remake the world according to its own ideas. Let us enjoy life today, paying our own way, instead of burdening our children with billions of dollars of long-term debts.

To pretend that we are saving money for our children when we invest our money in bonds that will run until long after grandchildren are born is an example of our daily duplicity.

Do we really care about the next generation? If we really did care we would not have burdened our children with war debts, pensions, and limitless obligations for railroads, skyscrapers, power plants, and highways which we built for our own enjoyment.—Imperial Magazine.

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Ethiophian Oldest Original Language, Easy To Learn

(The Palatinder)

Not many years ago the United States was drawn into the World War in Europe and our doughboys had to learn French in short order. The present Italian war in Ethiopia, some leading authorities are claiming, may result in another world conflict. That the United States may be called on to help save Ethiopia and again "save the world for democracy" is almost an impossibility. Yet it will do no one any harm to start brushing up on his Ethiopian. Until Italy started marching toward that African country few of us knew there was such a language. Now, however, we know it is the oldest language in that it has departed the least in its form from the original proto-Semitic. So says Dr. John P. Harrington, ethnologist of the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Harrington claims that the Hebrew in which the Bible is written has gone a long road of development beyond even the modern Ethiopian.

According to this same authority the writing of ancient and modern Ethiopian is as primitive and enticing as the language itself, but here they have improved on the ancient Semitic alphabet, which had symbols for consonants only. If vowels were added in writing Hebrew, they were added outside the contour of the letter as separate dots and dashes, much as in some systems of shorthand. Arabic writing is also fill of dots. These dots and dashes are bothersome to make and often break off in printing. But the inventive genius of the Ethiopians, who started with the same alphabet as the Hebrews, devised the system of merely adding ticks connected with the consonant letters at their various corners, top, etc., to indicate the various vowels that follow. In Dr. Harrington's opinion the Ethiopian system is as compact as it is legible, when one gets used to it. Just as in English the letters are read from left to right, and a colon is placed at the end of every word.

Ethiopia being the oldest Christian country in the world, its literature is from the earliest times rich, consisting of Bible translations, prayerbooks, liturgies etc. Ancient Ethiopian was spoken down to 1500 A. D. when it broke up into the modern dialects. But these modern dialects are still the most primitive Semitic languages and the closest thing to ancient Egyptian.

Ethiopian has been called from the first "Lessawa" (tongue or language) "ge'eze" of the free, that is, the language of the free. Why this name was applied has never been known, but it has been the common and only name of the language through all the ages. It shows, says the Smithsonian ethnologist, that the Ethiopians have been a freedom-loving people throughout all the 5,000 years of their unbroken existence as an independent nation. Besides being easy to pronounce and its words easy to remember, the Ethiopian language is sonorous and is accented mostly on the next to the last syllable.

But first let us have a word about the alphabet. The letter "a" for instance in its capital form still preserves today very much of its original pattern, which was that of a crude figure of the head of an ox. The descending strokes at the bottom of capital "A" are the horns of the head of the ox. Ancient Egyptian has a very similar symbol. The natives of central Celebes have similar carvings of the head of the water buffalo on the beams of their houses. Now the name of the letter "a" and of the ox in the primitive Semitic spoken 5,000 B. C. is "alf." In ancient and modern Ethiopian the name alf, ox is still used. But in Hebrew of the Bible it is "aleh" or, the word having already been distorted into two syllables and starting with a lengthened vowel.

This is also true of the letter "b." The name of the letter means house, and the form of the letter is the picture of a house. The ancient proto-Semitic word for house was "beet." Ancient and modern Ethiopian also has "beet," whereas Hebrew, even the Hebrew of the Bible, has already changed the word to "beeth," ending with "th" instead of "t."

Our limited space does not permit like treatment of the whole alphabet, but here are a few examples of Ethiopian words which may be of interest: kitaab, book; qalaam, health; salam, world, glory; gabaar, a workman; magaasti, king, emperor; mehraam, temple; mankar, thro; maslem, Moslem; barnaam, [illegible]; salamaawii, earthly, worldly; kawanes, being, existence; wagr, hill; shaitaan, Satan; kookab, star; Amlaak, God; mentir, spirit, ghost; priest; xebest, bread; anaa, I; nahhnu, we; ahhadun, one; kefretun, two; salartuu, three; arbaa'tuu, four; xamestuu, five; meet, a hundred, elf, a thousand. The Bible word is almost every instance similar to these but of course corrupted, Dr. Harrington points out that proto-Semitic was not a written language. It was spoken in 5,000 B. B. and earlier. Its words are obtained by a comparative study of Hebrew, Syriac, Phoenician, Babylonia, Arabis and Ethiopian. The forms of Ethiopian are found often to coincide with those of the proto-Semitic.

Mentz News

(By Mrs. O. J. Class)
(Too Late for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Helfrich and family of Houston spent the week-end in Mentz visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Helfrich and Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krause and son of New Ulm spent Thursday here with Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kanstiener and daughter, Hilda.

Rev. Father Rocco is spending several days in Eagle Lake visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Class and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Meartz and daughter, Ruth Arlean.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Helfrich Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Anton Helfrich and family of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kanstiener and children, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kanstiener and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wade and son, Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Glueck have moved to Bachelor Hill and will live on the Walter Meyer homeplace.

Mrs. W. P. Gaddy has house guests from the Valley this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Class and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Matzke and daughter and George Class, spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kaiser and family.

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Mrs. Maggie Putney returned home during the holidays from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Taylor, in Dallas. Mrs. Taylor, who was formerly Miss Alice Putney of this city, and two sons, Roy and Dick, accompanied her to Eagle Lake and spent a portion of the holidays here. They returned to their home on Saturday, having stopped over in Houston for a day's visit en route.

Mr. Fritz Emshoff received a telegram Friday announcing that he was "Grandpa." A baby daughter was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Emshoff, in Houston.

Lloyd Spalinger returned to Houston Sunday to resume his studies at the University of Houston after a holiday visit to his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spalinger.

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