

Nobody's Business

GEE McGEE—



My wife's kinfolks have been to see us a right smart here of late and naturally, we have all enjoyed ourselves good. Her fifth cousin, Sudella Simkins, came on December the 15th to spend Christmas with us. She has a right cute bunch of kids. I like the twins better than either Bill or Rufe or Joe or Mollie or Rube or Ben. The baby girl was right sweet also.

Sudella's husband is practically non-committal. He says very little except "No" and "Yes" as the case might be. The youngsters don't pay much attention to them. He is a farmer by profession, but has run for the legislature two or three times unsuccessfully. He says it is hard for a good man to be elected to office in Texas.

While Sudella and her folks were with us, she phoned (collect) several of her relatives from Yankton to come to see her at our home—as it looked like to her that he had 8 bed rooms in our house. My wife's third cousin, Elbert, and his bunch came over and spent 3 or 4 days with us—them and Sudella had a right nice time. Elbert is kin to my wife thru her great-grandma who was a Pinkerton and married Elbert's step-grandpa.

Those Texas children craved scrambled eggs terribly while with us. They (eggs) were selling at 65 cents a dozen while they (the children) were our guests. They (the children) liked ham also, but we bought that at only 40 cents a pound. Sudella said something about going home along about the

first of January, but Sudella's husband is a little bit deaf, and he never understood what she was talking about till a week later.

Cousin Aaron and his wife were at our house for a day or so last week. They had not been up since week before last. Sudella did not recollect him—as she was only 21 when she married and moved out west. They both saw a close resemblance betwixt the kids of all parties concerned, except her blonds, only Sudie and Jim had hair that was bordering on to white, but this was traced to my wife's great Uncle, Jerry Merkle, who never showed up after the battle of the Wilderness. I guess the bushes were so thick he never found his way out.

We have also had lots of rain and snow and the weather has been otherwise disagreeable including hail and sleet. And there has been a quantity of bad colds and sore throats. We thought once that some of us were taking fit but 'he' fourth cousin Ellie, assured us that we had only a slight attack of tonsillitis. It is very lonesome around home today. They have practically all gone back home for a few days.

Vital Statistics.

America now has 1 automobile to every 5 persons, 1 filling station to every 6 automobiles, 2 installment collectors to every 3 families, 361 chattel mortgages to every city block, 325 foreclosures annually to every 5 townships, 101 flappers to every 2 girls than can cook and mind a baby, 19 deadbeats to every 7 honest men, 14 hypocrites to every 2 pious people, 10 grafters to every 10 dependable politicians, and 9 yoyos to every man, woman, and child over 3 days old.

He Lost His Head.

Uncle Joe is by far the most absent-minded man I ever saw. He came to town last week to pay his taxes, but he took the money Aunt Minervy gave him for that purpose and bought a box of Browns Mule tobacco and a balloon casing. And just last Sabbath, it developed that he left his britches at the dry cleaners and he couldn't go to church. He forgot all about his September rent till yesterday, after he had invested in a radio. He went home the other night and wound up the cat and kicked the clock out of the back door, and furthermore, he undressed and put his clothes in the bed and threw himself on the floor where he slept all night. Why, he ought to be a plumber by rights.

Give And Take Company.

Speaking of the Pullman surcharge which is only 50 percent more than it ought to be, I am of the opinion that the railroad companies would reduce their published rates on platinum, radium, diamond ear-bobs, watches, springs, atter of roses and gold nuggets if the Interstate Commerce commission would give its consent to let them raise the rates on coal, sugar, fertilizer, wheat, corn, oats and automobiles. I have always found the railroad companies to be very liberal per-ton-mile, and if they continue to depend on passenger traffic for any portion of their income, they will certainly bus.

26 Injured, 2 Hurt.

A sad accident happened in our community last week. A truck carrying 14 men out to put up one of those "slow down" signs near a bridge ran into another highway truck carrying the 14 men who had been sent out to take down the old sign, and all 28 of them were badly bruised about the feet and hands. Both drivers were at fault as they were running nearly 2 miles an hour and forgot to look up from the books they were reading.

13 IS LUCKY NUMBER DIXIE FARMER FINDS

Montgomery, Ala.—Thirteen is a lucky number for John A. Reddoch of Montgomery county, who a year and a half out of college, is a successful poultry raiser.

Six years ago cotton growing wasn't paying so well. Reddoch and his mother decided to try poultry and started with 13 chickens.

The thirteen birds have increased to 2,000 with an average egg production of 198 last year. A ramshackle 12x12 chicken house in 1923 has given way to one 400-hen and four 500-hen laying houses, built on the latest henhouse architectural lines.

When the business was off to a fair start John went to Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn where he took poultry courses.

The flock has been built up entirely on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Raleigh—The state highway patrol found many defective school buses in its survey, Captain Charles Farmer says.

LATTIMORE NEWS OF CURRENT EVENTS

Ready For Hoey-Webb Contest—Mr. Harrill A Visitor. Many Cases Of Mumps.

(Special to The Star.)

Lattimore, Feb. 25.—A number of students have been at work on their readings and declamations getting ready for the Hoey-Webb contest which will be held at Shelby Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hoyle had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Jones and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright and Miss Aileen Wright.

Messrs. Lyman Martin, Lowell McSwain, Virgil Weathers, Marvin Blanton, Jr., and Tyree Greene were week-end guests of Mr. Yulan Washburn at his home near Double Springs.

Mr. L. R. Harrill of Raleigh spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Julia Harrill.

Miss Lola Martin, member of the Belwood faculty visited home folks during the week-end.

Mrs. Mollie Bridges, Misses Aileen and Donahen Bridges visited Mr. Wythe Bridges at Ellenboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rayburn had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rayburn of Lancaster, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Beam of Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rayburn of Waco and Miss Carrie Rayburn of South Mountain.

Misses Mattie Lou Johnson and Katie Mai Toms were dinner guests Sunday of Misses Mable and Maute Philbeck.

Little Miss Marian Reynolds who has been quite ill with pneumonia is much better.

Messrs. W. M. Blanton and Edgar Shytle of Sharon visited Prof. Lawton Blanton Sunday afternoon.

Misses Blanche Davis and Vertie Lee Blanton were guests of Miss Dorcas Harrill Tuesday night.

There are still many cases of mumps in the community.

Miss Pearl Harrill spent the week-end in Shelby with her grandfather Mr. J. B. Harrill.

Miss Bleaka Blanton spent the week-end at her home in Shelby.

Miss Burnette Hunt of Meredith college spent the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Hunt.

Mrs. W. T. Calton who has been ill for some time is reported much improved.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Hunt had as their dinner guests Sunday, Mr. L. R. Harrill of Raleigh, Dr. C. H. Harrill of Shelby, Mrs. Julia Harrill and Mr. S. C. Harrill of Lattimore.

Forest City—When church officials discussed with financiers ways of funding the debt of the First Baptist church here. Dr. W. A. Ayers, pastor, requested that his salary be reduced \$400 yearly.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the kind neighbors and friends for their kindness to our father and husband during his illness and death. We shall never forget the sympathy and kind expressions of love and condolence.
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Union Trust Creates Now Confidence Now

Rutherford Sun.

The opening of two branch banks, one in Rutherfordton and the other in Forest City, by the Union Trust company of Shelby last week did more to restore confidence in the county than million of words. Money is the life blood of any and all business and credit may well be likened to the arteries through which the blood flows.

Fortunately the credit of the county has not been impaired; this indeed would have been a catastrophe that might be felt by generations yet unborn, and much praise is due rightly to the board of commissioners for Rutherford county and their advisers for the steps taken to prevent the catastrophe.

The people who live in the county are mostly good citizens, faithful, loyal and home-loving. Not one of them can be independent of the others; the common welfare is their

welfare and at present there can be no more certain way of showing loyalty than by making use of the banking facilities of the county. This does not mean borrowing money but lending it to the financial institution, for that in effect is what depositors really do.

There is a great deal of cash hidden away in far too many homes; this money could and would do an immense amount of good if it is placed in the banks. Of course there will be some people who will laugh and say to themselves that by depositing their money they are certain to lose it. This is not the truth; it was lack of confidence that caused so many financial institutions to close their doors and thus the up large sums of cash, the lifeblood of the county. It is time to replace some of the blood temporarily withdrawn; it can be done with safety and the only method practical is to have confidence. To make deposits. To the cold and selfish, whose only concern is their own well-being, it may be said, and truthfully, that despite their out-

LIFE OF THIS PARASITE LASTS ONLY 20 MINUTES

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Lives that last only 20 minutes from birth to old age are described in a report to the American Association for the Advancement of Science by Dr. Earl C. O'Roke of the University of Michigan.

These living things are tiny rod shaped objects called male gametes of malaria parasites of California quail. Though this parasite does not carry malaria to man, Dr. O'Roke studied it for new light on growth of malarial parasites in general.

The extreme short lives of the gametes are part of a cycle that enables the parasites to multiply rapidly. Some stages of development require as little as 10 seconds from start to finish. Sometimes however, one of the 10 second processes lasts two to four minutes.

ward manifestations of faith, it is wanting in them.

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THREE IMPORTANT FACTORS ENTER INTO THE COST OF YOUR AUTOMOBILE

1. How much it costs to make the car
2. How much extra you pay the dealer
3. How much it costs for operation and up-keep

THE PURCHASE of an automobile involves a considerable amount of money and it should be carefully considered from all angles before a final decision is made.

The value of the car to you depends on the value built into it at the factory, how much extra you pay the dealer for distribution, selling, financing and accessories and what it will cost to operate and maintain the car after purchase. Each of these factors, as it relates to the Ford car, is frankly explained below.

Economy in production

THE FORD CAR is made economically because of the efficiency of Ford production methods. The money saved through this efficiency is put back into the car in improved quality of material and in greater care and accuracy in manufacturing. The constant effort is to eliminate waste and find ways to make each part better and better without increasing cost—frequently at lowered cost.

Because of Ford economies in large production and because the Ford organization operates on a low-profit margin, the price you pay for the car is much less than it would be under any other conditions. Yet it brings you many unusual features of construction and performance.

At least \$75 extra value is represented alone by the Triplex shatter-proof glass windshield, the Rustless Steel, the four Houdaille double-acting hydraulic shock absorbers, and the five steel-spoke wheels. The unusually large number of ball and

roller bearings and the extensive use of fine steel forgings instead of castings or stampings are additional features that reflect the high quality built into every part of the car. Throughout, it is a value far above the price you pay.

Low dealer charges

THE SAME PRINCIPLES of efficiency and economy that characterize the manufacture of the Ford car are applied also to distribution. Obviously it would do the public little good to save in production if these savings were sacrificed later in excessive costs of selling, financing and accessories.

The Ford dealer, therefore, operates on the same low-profit margin as the Ford Motor Company, his discount or commission being the lowest of any automobile dealer. He does a good business because he makes a small profit on many sales instead of a large profit on fewer sales.

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Phaeton . . . \$440	Tudor Sedan \$500
Coupe . . . \$500	Sport Coupe \$530
Two-window Fordor Sedan . . . \$600	
Three-window Fordor Sedan . . . \$625	
Cabriolet . \$645	Town Sedan \$670

(All prices f. o. b. Detroit)

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The lower cost of selling, combined with the low charges for financing and accessories, means a direct saving of at least \$50 to \$75 to every purchaser of a Ford, in addition to the savings made possible by economies in manufacturing. The money you pay for a Ford goes into value in the car. It is not wasted in high dealer charges.

Low up-keep costs

IT IS IMPORTANT to remember that the cost of your automobile is not the first cost only, but the total cost after months and years of service. Here again there is a decided saving when you buy a Ford.

The cost of operation and up-keep is lower because of simplicity of design, the high quality of material, and the reduction of friction and wear through unusual accuracy in manufacturing and assembling. The reliability and longer life of the car contribute to its low depreciation per year of use.

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