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### GRASSHOPPERS, ONCE PEST, NOW MISSED IN WYOMING

Cowboy State Now Ready to Declare  
Truce With Ancient Enemy and  
Welcome Them Back.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Wyoming wants more grasshoppers. The cowboy state is ready not only to declare a truce with its ancient enemy, but to bid the pest welcome home to the Big Horn basin.

In the Wyoming of antiquity the hoppers flew in clouds thick enough to obscure the sun. Five years ago the basin had plenty. The plague did its annual damage to farm crops. Turkeys were introduced to combat the insects, and did so successfully. They routed the hoppers from the farm land and pursued the depleted insect army to mountain terrain.

Now a severe decline threatens the grasshopper crop and lamentations are being heard from the ranchmen, who, in the meantime have discovered that they can reap enormous profits from turkeys, grown half wild on the grasshopper range in the mountain foothills. The turkey growing industry has increased by leaps and bounds; grasshoppers have accordingly declined. Grasshopper preserves for the propagation of turkey food are a possibility of the future.

Big Horn basin turkeys, excelling others because the climate and food conditions found in the basin make it a natural paradise for turkeys, already are famous all over the United States for their superiority. They are sought eagerly by dealers, who pay exceptional prices to the growers, 41 cents a pound being the 1925 rate. Big Horn basin ranchmen can grow rich on turkeys if only they can produce enough fowls. An unlimited number of fowls can be produced if only the grasshopper range bears up. As matters are, production cost is one-third, or less, of the selling price. And turkeys prefer grasshoppers.

### Carnegie Hero Works Way Through College

Eugene, Ore.—Although he has access to \$1,000 from the Carnegie hero fund, awarded him in addition to a medal for bravery, Vernon Callaway, University of Oregon senior, is working his way through school by washing dishes. This became known when trustees of the Carnegie fund wrote the university for a record of Callaway's scholastic standing.

Callaway received the awards for attempting to save the life of a schoolmate at St. Joe, Idaho. The ice broke while the boys were skating and the friend fell through.

Callaway jumped in and tried to keep him from sinking until help came. The boy drowned, however, before help came.

### One Man Spends Time in Collecting Odd Names

Tacoma, Wash.—Speaking of names, D. W. Clapsaddle declares he has found many others as bad or worse than his own. For twenty-five years he has carried a book in which he jots down names of people whose nomenclature is unusual, and it contains a Whiteleather, Turnipseed, Waggon-wheel, Leathetberry, Grindstone, Shears, Brickbat, and Whetstone. The shortest he has heard of is Ek.

### Hall of Fame Project Delayed by Quarrel

The first bronze tablets in New York's hall of fame were unveiled as recently as 1901, yet 100 years ago a New Yorker began the movement for just such a commemoration of the nation's great. He even offered to make the busts himself and, indeed, did so in a number of cases, only to have his plan rejected, to lie in the discard 75 years. He was John I. Browere, who in the early part of the Nineteenth century was recognized as one of New York's best sculptors. There were many who took to his idea of a hall of fame from the start and urged its adoption. It even reached congress, with high hope of an appropriation to carry out the plan. However, one little incident ruined its prospects. Congress decided to look up Browere, William Dunlap, then considered an authority on art, had written its history. Browere had incurred the displeasure of Dunlap and was not mentioned in his book. So congress thought he couldn't amount to anything. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### Ban Bobbed Hair on Swedish Opera Stage

Stockholm, Sweden.—Only young dancers with long hair will get front-row positions at the Royal opera of Stockholm this season, Mrs. Lisa Steier, the new ballet mistress, has ruled. "Not because bobs are unbecoming to young girls," she says, "but because most of the operas antedate the jazz and shingle age, and no ballet dancer can gyrate with the same abandon, ease and grace with a wig on her head as with her own natural locks flowing about." None of the three premier danseuses of the Royal opera staff—Ebon Strandin, Sir Osterholm or Elly Holmberg—have had their hair shorn.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Missionary Day. Next Sunday will be Missionary Day at the Methodist Church and each member will be given an opportunity to contribute to the support of our missions in Europe. Not a Missionary Collection, but a special voluntary offering to Missions.

Sermon at the morning hour: "Stewardship and Missions."

Special music by the orchestra and choir Sunday evening, as follows:

1. Overture, J. S. Zamecik.
2. Nodding Poppies, Robt. L. Creighton.
3. Fields of Glory, march, J. S. Zamecik.
4. Magnolia Blossoms, Novelette, Zamecik.

Begin the day Sunday with worship and service. Attend Sunday school on time. Worship with us at both hours. See if you profit by it. Visitors and strangers welcome to all our services. W. R. McCARTER.

### THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. W. J. Largent was the charming hostess to the members of the Thursday Club this week, entertaining in the hospitable suburban home of Mrs. Tom Largent. The club games of 42 were enjoyed through out the long hours of the afternoon and an especial entertainment was prepared for the guests by Mrs. E. Yates Brown, who gave several beautiful piano numbers and then responded graciously to the many requests for vocal selections. She sings and plays beautifully and it was with reluctance that the guests finally allowed her to stop. Club members were so very happy to have as their guests Misses Mossie Sears, Mrs. Virgil Touchstone, Earl Lassiter, E. Yates Brown, W. S. J. Brown and Roy Largent. The appointment for the party paid homage to George Washington and clever and unique were the means employed by the hostess to stress this motif. At the culmination of the games the hostess passed a most delicious plate of Osgood pie topped with whipped cream a la cheese and coffee to the above mentioned guests and the following members. Mrs. S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, L. B. Scott, Ross Ferrier, Ollie Dye, F. C. McFarland, Charlie Jones, T. E. Collins, R. I. Grimes, Dee Grimes, Robert Hicks, Jim West, John West Booth Warren, Tom Largent and W. J. Largent.

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(By Rose Ellington)

The farmers are all busy putting up their land.

Health of this community is not very good at present. Mr. Bob Canon is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson visited in Abilene last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hutcheson's home was destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Helen McCormick spent last Friday night with Miss Vera Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Harvell spent last week-end with her parents down south of Merkel.

Mr. Marlow and Theardo Douglas spent Saturday night with Mr. Otis Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso and Miss Azline Sumpter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ellington and family.

On last Saturday night Mr. Odie Jones and Miss Willie Newman were quietly married by Rev. McCarter, pastor of the Methodist church of Merkel. Their many friends join in wishing them a long and happy life.

Miss Nora Foster and Mr. Homer Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Heagan visited Mrs. Reagan's parents of the Noodle community Sunday.

Mr. Bob Hobbs spent Saturday night with his mother, Mrs. S. H. Hobbs.

Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited in Trent Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Walter Frazier spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Frazier of the Warren community.

Those who enjoyed a 42 party at Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy Monday night

were Misses Lena Mae and Ruth Chancey, Azline Sumpter, Rose and Cordie Ellington, Messrs. Boyd Dobbs Odis and Wilbur Thompson, Robert Sumpter, Claud Ellington, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson, Mrs. Ellington, Mrs. Dobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Jones.

Mrs. Juanita Hutcheson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Therman McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Monday afternoon with his parents of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McCormick visited Mr. and Mrs. McCormick of the Stith community a while Monday night.

Mrs. Ester Canon Spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Odis Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest M. Mimms of Abilene visited in the home of Mrs. Mimms' parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson, last week-end.

Miss Ruby Johnson of Trent visited her sister, Mrs. John West, last week.

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We have selected for our next meeting, the first for the new year, Wednesday, March 9th, 1927. Tell each other of this meeting and be making preparations to come. If you have a friend or relative whom you are in doubt as to their seeing this notice in the Merkel Mail, send them the paper or a card or letter requesting them to meet you at the cemetery with something to work with on the above date.

The road leading to the cemetery is now a public road and we wish to express our appreciation to Mr. G. L. Shuff for securing the right-of-way and completing the work of opening up this road.

Now remember the date, March 9, 1927, get it established in your mind and tell your neighbor who may be interested in the work of cleaning up our cemetery and setting out shrubs.

Dillard R. Snow, Secretary and Treasurer.

### Adult B. Y. P. U. Program

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Leader, Iris Garrett.

Introduction by leader.

Believe Missions, Else Reject the Bible, Mrs. Warren Smith.

Shall we give to missions while

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MERKEL ICE COMPANY, 1927

There is lots of news in the Classified Columns. Read it every week.

# MERKEL AND TAYLOR COUNTY

Survey Made by Men Experienced in Community Study Shows This City and Vicinity to be a Leader Among Those Typical American Communities of Texas

## Business Men Speed The Onward March

These Two Indispensable Groups in Every Population Co-operate in Making Merkel and Vicinity First in The Great Expanse of West Texas

## RURAL AND CITY CLASSES JOIN HANDS

Progress the Key-Note of This Live and Wide Awake Community Whose Business and Professional Men Uphold the Highest Standards of Civic Development

Located in the heart of one of the most prosperous sections of the greatest State of the Great West, Merkel and community stands without a peer among that vast number of American communities whose population is made up of people, cosmopolitan in their outlook, and engaged in almost every occupation conceivable among a peaceful populace.

It is almost self-evident to say that there is nowhere from Atlantic to Pacific, from the palm tree to the pine a more contented, forward-looking and industrious group of people than one will find right here in this community. Within the city, the wheels of industry and commerce move on unceasingly, providing occupation and activity for the thousands who have settled here. Each evening from the store, from the factory, from the desks, these thousands go to happy homes, homes made possible by honest labor of brain and brawn.

The universal comment about Merkel wherever one hears it is that the

people love their work. The fact that people love their work makes possible the great progress which this community has enjoyed and will continue to enjoy. This contentment is the result, too, of a great community spirit. Leaders in civic life here testify that no people could work together more unitedly than do the citizens of Merkel and the surrounding country in putting across any community project which they attempt.

Modern factories, stores, office buildings and an almost unprecedented number of fine homes speak eloquently of the results of this fine community cooperation. Cleanliness, picturesque streets and well-planned amusements denote a high civic pride.

Outside the city lie the rich agricultural districts. Expanse of fertile fields dotted with fine country residences supply the city and outside market with their many products. Many of these homes are as modernly equipped as the finest city home. Automobiles place all the attractions of the city within an hour's reach of the

most remote of these tillers of the soil. Modern machinery and scientific appliances have made farming as efficiently a conducted business as any enterprise of a progressive nature. No longer is the life of the farmer or the farmer's wife a long period of drudgery; no longer are the farmers shut off from metropolitan advantages. Scientific developments such as the automobile, lighting, heating and water systems, and most recently the radio have literally brought all the advantages of all the world to the very door of the farmer.

Remarkable, too, is the cooperation of the rural and urban populations in this community. Community projects are accomplished not by either of these groups working separately but by the two striving together in enthusiastic cooperation. Business men of this city realize that the farmer is a paramount consideration with them. They realize that the continued onward course of progress of the community depends upon the cooperation of the two groups whose interests are ultimately the same.

Welded thus into a unit community, the people of Merkel and vicinity are determined that nothing shall stop their onward march of progress and prosperity. Fully recovered from the period of inactivity following the war, every phase of commercial life points to a period of continued growing prosperity. Believing that optimism, backed by an unconquerable determination, is the very life blood of progress, every citizen of this community has resolved to continue to do his bit in keeping up the reputation of being the hub of the most forward looking community in the United States. This does not mean idle boasting. Merkel's achievements speak for themselves. Nevertheless, in order to keep on driving, it is sometimes wise to remind ourselves and the world of the position we hold, and of the people and enterprises which make



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A new AC air cleaner safeguards motor parts from excessive wear by removing all dust and grit from air passing through the carburetor.
- New Tire Carrier**  
A new tire carrier of improved design is mounted on frame—entirely free from body.
- New Door Handles**  
New remote control door handles—located in center of doors—provide a beauty and convenience feature new to the low-price field.

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  - The Sedan . . . \$695
  - The Sport Cabriolet . . . \$715
  - The Landau . . . \$745
  - 1-Ton Truck (Chassis Only) . . . \$495
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- Balloon Tires now standard on all models. All prices f.o.b. Flint, Mich.

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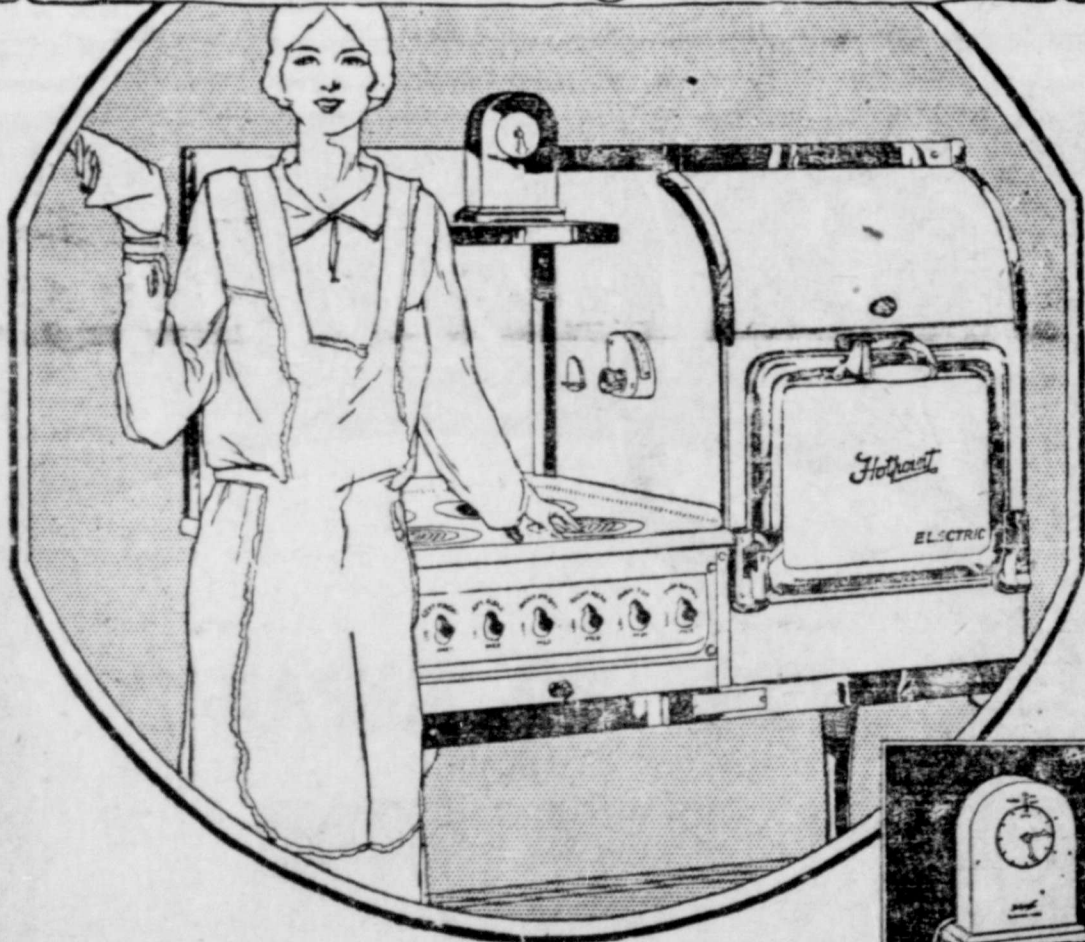
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that position possible.

It is with this aim that this "Community Booster Review" is published. To our readers we wish to call attention to the many business houses, financial institutions, professional and commercial enterprises in this city and community. The readers should understand clearly, also, that these articles have been written by experienced and competent newspaper writers who have written them with the primary aim of showing how each individual business or enterprise contributes its part to that great whole—the community. The publishers wish to make it emphatically clear, also, that no man has written an article about himself or his business. They are the observations of men unbiased in their judgment but experienced in the study of community life and the enterprises which go to make up that life.

With the exception of the support given to the project by the publisher of the paper, the expense of this edition has been mostly paid by the men and businesses about whom articles have been written. Each of the articles is paid for individually. They are display advertisements written in editorial style and form, as are many commercial advertisements today. At the same time the following articles have as their primary aim, not so much the advertisement of the particular business about which they are written, but the higher aim of showing the business and professional firms.

FREE! FREE! at Schindler's, 500 samples of popcorn will be given away between the hours of 10 to 11, and noon and from 3 to 4 o'clock p.m. next Saturday. You'll have to hurry, boys and girls. It

### Full Set Teeth \$17.50

No Better Plate Made at Any Price 22-k Gold used in all Crown and Bridge work at \$4.50 and Up Gold Fillings \$1.50 and Up. I Cure Those Old Bad Gums.



### DR. HOUGHTON

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### BIRTHDAY PARTY

To celebrate her twelfth birthday Nell Durham invited a few friends to be her guests at a theatre party Saturday afternoon. Games planned to remember the birthday of George Washington were played afterward in her home. Prizes were given to Willie Evelyn Boaz for finding the largest number of miniature hatchets hidden about the room and to Gerald Derrick for successfully pinning a hatchet in the proper place on Washington's picture. The white birthday cake with 12 red candles in blue holders further emphasizing the Washington sentiment, was cut and served with ice

cream topped with cherries to Willie Evelyn Boaz, Mattie Lou Largent, Margaret Canon, Mildred Richardson, Mary Elizabeth Griffin, Ida Derstine, Katherine Duff, Thelma Leach, Nell Durham, Harold Chaney, Lynn McSpadden, Harry Boaz, Neal Durham, Isadore Mellinger, Gerald Derrick.

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**Lurch of Avalanche**

**Stopped by Concrete**

The lurch of the Rocher de la Cluette, in the Jura, near Neuchatel, Switzerland, some twenty years ago, was one of the rare cases where man has been able to avert a threatened avalanche. Engineers were so lavish with concrete that they managed to prop up the mountain and save the valley of the Areuse, and its electrical power-generating torrent, from blockage.

Britain has a sliding mountain—the Troedrhwfuch peak, near Bargoed, Glamorganshire, whose restlessness of late years has broken the Rhymney valley water mains, which supply more than 100,000 persons, twisted railway lines, cracked walls, houses and roads and opened great fissures. Alarm was caused and damage done by the sliding of Oaker hill, just north of the Matlock, in May, 1925; and a hill above the Mole, near Dorking, was slipping recently.

**Big Journeys by Animals**

Tigers are great travelers, especially those of China, Mongolia and Manchuria, which have been known to cover 60 and 70 miles in the course of a single night's slouching trot along the game trails on the sparsely timbered hills. Sea lions, it has been proved, make 10,000 mile journeys, and seals from the breeding isles off Alaska have been found on Antarctic beaches. At harvest time, and in bad drouths, enormous armies of mice have been encountered on the move on the plains of Hungary and elsewhere in eastern Europe. In winter, all along the Arctic coast from Lapland to far northeast Siberia, armies of little lemmings are incessantly on trek; they must run thousands of miles in the course of a few months.

**California's Borax**

When the search for gold in California was at its height in January, 1856, Dr. John A. Vetch discovered borax in the waters of Tuscan springs, Tehama county, thus disclosing another source of wealth among California's natural resources. Today California produces the largest part of the world's supply of borax. In the early days borax deposits were of the playa or dry lake bed type, and these were worked until 1887, when the colemanite deposits, so named after W. T. Coleman, associated with F. W. (Borax) Smith in their development, were discovered. Since that time the dry lake deposits have been abandoned and colemanite has been the only type of borax mined for 40 years.—Mercantile Trust Review.

**Apple Picking**

The Rural New Yorker says that "the quantity of apples picked in a day by one man will depend largely on the character of the tree, whether high or low headed; how heavily the tree may be loaded; the kind of apples, small or large; how well the job is done. We have heard of men picking fifty barrels, but both fruit and trees are sure to be damaged by such slam-bang work. One of the best commercial growers we know insists that an average of ten or twelve barrels per day per man is enough. It is not a matter of clawing off the apples as fast as possible, but working so that there will be a minimum of bruised fruit and broken twigs and limbs."

**A Word With the Old Folks**

*Elderly People Are Learning Importance of Good Elimination.*

IN the later years of life there is apt to be a slowing up of the bodily functions. Good elimination, however, is just as essential to the old as to the young. Many old folks have learned the value of Doan's Pills when a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys is required. Scanty or burning passages of kidney secretions are often signs of improper kidney function. In most every community are scores of users and endorsers who acclaim the merit of Doan's. Ask your neighbor!

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Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys  
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**Intermediate League Program**

Subject: "Wanted, a Doctor."

Leader, Thelma Leach.

Scripture Reading, Matt. 4:23-25.

Song; prayer.

Wanted, A Doctor, Milton Case.

Wanted, a nurse, Missie Dye.

Wanted, A hospital, E. L. Turner.

Song; League benediction.

League postponed until March 6.

Misses Vivian Sears of Abilene spent last week-end here visiting relatives.

If you want real polish try a bottle of "Lone Star Furniture Polish," from McDonald & Collum. It

Mr. W. P. Copeland, of Roscoe, is here this week, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. O. F. Weidenbach.

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