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## MERKEL BOY SCOUT TROOP 20 VICTOR IN AQUATIC MEET

Second Annual Event Held at Shannon's Pool Was Attended By Scouts From Half a Dozen Towns; Lions Served Dinner.

Troop 20 of Merkel took first place, Troop 43 of Rule second place and Troop 2 of Abilene third place in the second annual Boy Scout aquatic meet which was held at Merkel last Friday. Between 125 and 150 were in attendance. The meet was under the auspices of the Merkel Lions club and a dinner was spread at noon for all the scouts and scoutmasters assembled from half a dozen or more towns in the Chisholm Trail area.

Music during the morning was furnished by the Merkel Booster Band. Plans of finance for the construction of buildings at the camp ground at Buffalo Gap were discussed at the dinner, among the speakers being J. W. Weems, Abilene; L. R. Thompson, Merkel; Scoutmaster Harry Ninde, Abilene; Scoutmaster Pope Pool of Abilene; Scoutmaster Thompson, of Rule; S. Russell Stevens, scout committeeman, Abilene; Scoutmaster Herbert Patterson, Merkel; and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shumway of Abilene.

A court of honor was held for two Merkel boys in the afternoon. Benjamin Sheppard of Troop 20 was up for eagle scout work and J. T. Darsey, Jr. of Troop 20 appeared for several advanced merit badges. With the completion of his work in swimming tests, young Darsey will become an eagle scout.

It is announced by Scoutmaster Herbert Patterson that eagle badges will be awarded to these two scouts in the near future. Services will be held in one of the churches in Merkel. These are the first Merkel boys to receive eagle badges.

J. D. Lises of troop 2, Abilene, carried off first honors in the archery contest, with Jarrett James of troop 8, Abilene, second, and Jim Potts, also of troop 8, taking third place.

Following are listed the winners of the swimming meet and events in which they placed:

Senior jack-knife diving—Benjamin Sheppard, troop 20, Merkel; Jim Potts, troop 8, Abilene; Edwin Burnam, troop 3, Abilene.

Back jack-knife—J. D. Lises, of troop 2, Abilene; Jim Potts, troop 8, Abilene; Reginald Cole, Rule.

Plain dive—Benjamin Sheppard, Merkel; Jim Potts, Abilene; Edwin Burnam, Abilene.

Swan dive—Dupree Reece, Rule; Bob Whitaker, Rule; Edwin Burnam, Abilene.

Swimming for distance under water—Benjamin Sheppard, Merkel; Charles Barnes, troop 2, Abilene; Edwin Burnam, Abilene.

Junior high dive—Rex Gibson of Rule; Gerald Parson, Rule; Jim Patterson, troop 66, Merkel.

Junior Jack-knife dive—Rex Gibson, Rule; S. C. Campbell, troop 10, Abilene; Gerald Parson, Rule.

Fifty-yard swim—Joe Earl Lassater, Merkel; Gerald Parson, Rule and Jim Patterson, Merkel.

Senior swim—O'Henry Young, of troop 8, Abilene; Charles Barnes, Abilene; Jarrett James, Abilene.

## Contingent Returns From Firemen's Meet

San Angelo was selected as the place of next meeting of the State Firemen's convention at the recent gathering in Galveston, which was attended by a large delegation of members and visitors from the Merkel Fire department who returned last Friday.

Among those from Merkel attending the Galveston convention were Fire Chief N. A. Dowell, City Fire Marshal W. L. Burns, Robert F. Dennis, Morris Horton, Carlton Vick, Chester Hutcheson, Tom M. Allday, W. M. Douglas, A. V. Dye and Joe Owens, with two ladies included, Mesdames Tom Allday and Chester Hutcheson.

## Kansas City Visitor.

R. J. Kinzer of Kansas City, secretary-manager of Hereford Cattle Breeders association, while in Merkel Tuesday, viewed the C. M. Largent and Sons prize-winning herds.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Forem District Judge J. R. Hamilton of Austin was appointed member of the state board of pardons and paroles by Governor Moody.

Dave McBride, 17, Denton messenger boy, received serious injuries when he fell from his bicycle and struck a passing automobile.

Mrs. M. H. Casey, 50, of Belton was killed in an automobile accident near Santa Anna and M. H. Casey, her husband, was seriously hurt.

As the result of a \$50,000 bonus being raised by the chamber of commerce, Marlin is assured of an eight story Hilton hotel.

When a home-made glider he was sailing behind a speeding automobile suddenly dipped 30 feet to the ground, Roy Kropff, 22, amateur aviator, was killed at Hereford.

Casino Park at Lake Worth was wiped out by fire early Monday morning with a loss of about \$600,000, but will be rebuilt immediately, according to Manager George Smith.

O. C. Wells, convicted murderer of a filling station operator in Coleman county, expiated his crime in the electric chair at the state penitentiary early Thursday morning.

The tenant land law, enacted at the instance of former Governor James E. Ferguson in 1915, has been declared unconstitutional and void by the supreme court.

Claude E. Kelley, 32, Weslaco banker who was attacked while asleep three months ago, died in a Dallas hospital, after an operation to restore his voice, which he lost due to the attack.

Lloyd Bloodworth, 27, of Olney, died from blood poisoning, which set in following severe cuts about the left arm and internal injuries when his horse fell with him while rounding up cattle and rolled through a barbed wire fence.

Riding tandem between two cars, with one foot on the running board of each car, on the highway 15 miles south of Coleman, Inez Riley, 16, lost her balance and was thrown under one car, which passed over her twice, resulting in the fracture of the pelvis bone twice.

The R. H. Hamilton murder case has been transferred from Amarillo to Weatherford, Parker county, according to agreement between the attorneys, but it is not likely the case will be tried until sometime in October.

Doc Theiler is being held on murder charges at Houston for the death of K. F. McLean at the Pile Drivers Association annual picnic and dance. A negro orchestra was employed for the dance, and ten or more pile drivers were engaged in the melee.

John M. "Pete" McKenzie, who was to have been executed Monday night for the slaying of Detective Chief Sam Street of San Antonio, was granted an execution stay when District Judge W. McCrory ordered that he be returned to San Antonio for a sanity hearing next Monday.

Because he objected to a guest in a restaurant at San Antonio drumming on his straw hat with his finger, a "hair-trigger man in green shirt and cowboy hat," fired four shots into a table occupied by five guests. One man was wounded in attempting to avenge the attack on his friend.

Struck by a train and dragged 50 yards, Mrs. F. D. Speick, 23, and her two daughters, lived to tell the tale, although suffering from bruises. When the train hit their automobile at a grade crossing near San Antonio, one daughter grabbed the engine and hung there, Mrs. Speick got out of the demolished automobile when the train stopped and the other daughter was taken from the wreckage.

## Fishing Party Returned.

Returning Wednesday from a fishing trip to the Concho near Paint Rock were the following: Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adcock and two children, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graves of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McDonald and two children of Lubbock, Mrs. T. J. Melton and Mrs. J. M. Bankhead, all of whom report having had a splendid time.

## Levelland Men Plan Non-Stop Auto Tour of Every County Seat in Texas; Expect Trip to Cover 45,000 Miles

Levelland, June 20.—The 172-hour flight of the plane "Fort Worth" placed all of Texas in the spotlight and now three men at Levelland, Texas, out on the South Plains are to attempt a different kind of an endurance test that is expected to create a national interest.

These men will leave June 20 on a non-stop trip in a Ford car to visit each of the 252 county seat towns in Texas. The trip is estimated to be from 40,000 to 50,000 miles and the time required will be much more than the 172 hours that the ship "Fort Worth" soared in Texas skies.

H. C. Gore, W. C. Breedlove and

Walter Wright are the men to make the test. The start will be made to the north with Olton, the county seat of Lamb County, the first of the 252 county seats to be visited and Dallas scheduled to be the last.

The "Ford Musketeers" will travel day and night and expect to create a lot of favorable attention over the nation for Hockley county, one of the youngest counties in the state, as well as for the entire south Plains of Texas where 5,000,000 acres of virgin agricultural land awaits development on the level prairies.

Information about Levelland and the South Plains will be handed out at every town visited.

## MOODY SAYS WILL SIGN RESOLUTION

Texas House of Representatives Concurs in Senate's Rebuke of Mrs. Herbert Hoover.

Austin, June 20.—Only Gov. Moody's signature is required to make complete the Texas legislature's rebuke to Mrs. Herbert Hoover for entertaining a negro congressman's wife in the White House. Gov. Moody said he would sign the resolution, but indicated he would do so with some reluctance.

The house of representatives on Tuesday concurred in the senate resolution proposing that "we bow our heads in shame and regret and express in the strongest and most emphatic terms at our command our condemnation and humiliation at said conduct, if true, on the part of the mistress of the White House and her associates." The vote was 99 to 10.

Mrs. Helen Moore of Texas City, expressed sympathy for Mrs. Hoover. "She is merely the agency for a great political scheme," she said. "It is a part of the most unscrupulous political move on the part of republican leaders since reconstruction days."

Representative Forbes deprecated the entire resolution "wet propaganda." Representative Reno Eichenroht, of Seguin, only republican member of the legislature, voted for the resolution. Those who voted against the resolution were: Representative W. F. Keeton of Bonham; W. R. Bounds of Hubbard; George C. Cothrin of Mathis; B. J. Forbes of Weatherford; Julian Harrison of El Paso; R. L. Kincaid of Cromwell; G. Y. Lee of Eden; M. E. O'Neill of Frisco; E. P. Shelton of Dripping Springs, and Axel Price of Sulphur Springs.

## First Marriage in Taylor County Under Texas' License Law

Taylor county's first marriage under the new license law was performed in Abilene Tuesday morning.

Martin N. Koonsman, state highway officer of division No. 8 and Miss Inez Higdon, young Abilene business woman, were married at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. W. S. Dickerson, and Mr. Dickerson, 301E South Fourth street, with E. W. McMillian, minister of the College Church of Christ reading the double-ring service in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

Mr. Koonsman and Miss Higdon were the first Taylor county couple to file intention to marry under the new law, their affidavits having been made Thursday morning, the day the law became effective. Mr. Koonsman Monday secured the marriage license, also the first to be issued by County Clerk W. P. Bounds under the new regime.

## Two Cars Collide.

In a collision between two cars one mile west of Trent about midnight Wednesday, Harry Stokes, vice-president of the Ed. S. Hughes company of Abilene, and two other men, whose names are Verne H. Lich and H. M. Kines of Sweetwater, were all injured but it is thought that their condition is not serious. Mr. Stokes was carried to his home in Abilene, while the other two men are in a sanitarium at Sweetwater.

## LOCATION MADE SOUTHEAST CITY

Roxana Petroleum Corporation Places Contract to Drill Well in French Pasture.

With the announcement by the Dunigan Tool and Supply company of Breckenridge of a drilling contract with the Roxana Petroleum corporation in the A. W. Hunter pasture, formerly known as the French pasture, only four miles southeast of Merkel, and with a new test on the Cody lease announced by the Midcontinent Oil and Gas company, one-half mile from their Taylor No. 1, near View, and two rigs going up in nearby territory, more than the usual interest centers in oil activities here this week.

Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil company are building a rig on the C. C. and W. H. Smith place, which is north of the Shabean area, and W. G. Clark is rigging up for his No. 1, G. L. Miller in South Jones county.

The Cody test will be approximately five-eighths of a mile northwest of the Mid-Continent's No. 1 Taylor which had a small production of oil from lime around 2,380-86 feet and from another stratum at 2,445 to 2,450 feet. The Taylor well pumped around 10 barrels a day for 30 days, not enough for a profitable producer, but enough to cause the drilling of the new test on the Cody which will be drilled to test the shows found in the Taylor operation.

## Baptist Association Meets Here June 30

The Sweetwater Baptist association will convene at the Merkel Baptist church on Sunday, June 30, and the following program has been announced by J. M. Bauleh, president, and C. D. Owen, missionary:

Subject: "An Approved Workman" (2 Tim. 2:15)

2:15 P. M.—Devotional.—M. B. Sasse.

2:25 P. M.—Business Session.

2:55 P. M.—Special Music.—R. M. Crabb.

3:00 P. M.—Who Is An Approved Workman?—J. Lee Tarpley.

3:10 P. M.—How Are Approved Workmen Produced by the B. Y. P. U.—Miss Nannie Jones.

3:20 P. M.—Strengthening the Weak Places in Associational B. Y. P. U.—Fred McPherson.

3:30 P. M.—Sword Drill Contest Between Juniors of District One and Two.—Conducted by Miss Ola Harlan.

3:45 P. M.—Why Attend Luaders Encampment.—Walter Jackson.

3:55 P. M. Song, "Ready."—Led by Chorister.

4:00 P. M. Benediction.

## Three Trent Stores Were Burglarized

Three stores at Trent were burglarized sometime during Sunday night and several articles of wearing apparel, jewelry and two shotguns were stolen. From the Winn Dry Goods company, a trunk containing ladies' underwear and seven boxes of shirts and two watches was stolen, the loss totalling about \$250. Three watches and a victrola were taken from the Loveless Drug Store and the two shotguns from the Star Hardware company.

It is thought that entrance was made through the back doors of each of these stores.

## FIREMEN VS. LIONS BASEBALL GAME TO BE STAGED FRIDAY

It will be a game of all stars, with no bush leaguers in the line-ups, when the Lions Club and Merkel Fireboys meet in their baseball game Friday, June 28. The game has been delayed twice, due first to the local golf tournament and then later because of the firemen being away at the Galveston convention. Boy Scouts will sell tickets for the event and the proceeds will go to the fund for the Boy Scouts.

Manager Stan Johnson of the Lions will select his line-up from the following diamond celebrities: Kirby Beckett, Herbert Patterson, Tye Sublett, Ted Nichols, George Woodrum, Rolf Wagner, Booth Warren, Byers Petty, Dr. W. A. Buckner, Rufe Tittle, Sie Hamm, Mat Dillingham, E. Yates Brown and C. W. Delmer. He is keeping several bench warmers for emergencies, among whom might be mentioned Hale Lancaster, A. H. Brackeen, W. L. Diltz and a string of favorites of other days.

Chief Dowell of the fire department has furnished the Merkel Mail with his players as follows: Jerome Hutcheson, pitcher; Chester Hutcheson, catcher; Slat Bourn, first base; Morris Horton, second base; Bob Hobbs, third base; Clifford Garner, short stop; Pete White, right field; N. A. Dowell, center field; Buford Books, left field; A. V. Dye, pigtail, and Ollis Sanders, baby charmer.

## R. O. ANDERSON DEFEATS TITTLE

After winning the championship flight of the local golf tournament, R. O. Anderson and Rufe Tittle, winner of the second flight, met in match play on Monday and R. O. Anderson came out the winner 1 up.

The finals in the consolation flight remain to be played, which will be staged between Cleby Patterson and Hale Lancaster. The latter defeated John West 5 up and 3 to go in semifinals and Patterson won over McSpadden 8 up.

Unusual interest was aroused during the progress of the golf tournament and prizes for the winners of the first and second flights, also the long distance contest, have already been awarded. The winner of the consolation will also receive a cup.

## Mrs. George West's Injuries Not Serious

When the car which was driven by Mrs. John West of Merkel encountered loose gravel on the road between Eden and Menard, about 2 1/2 miles from Menard, and turned over, Mrs. George West of Merkel sustained injuries which were quite painful but which are not thought to be serious.

In the party which were traveling in three cars headed for a fishing trip to Junction were Mr. and Mrs. George West, Mr. and Mrs. John West and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren and two children, all of Merkel, and Mrs. George West was the only one to receive any injuries worth mentioning. No bones were broken, but she suffered a wrenched back and consequent nervous shock.

They stayed at Menard until Mrs. West was sufficiently recovered to make the return trip and reached home last Wednesday afternoon.

## Masons Elect Officers For the Ensuing Year

At the annual election of officers held Saturday night Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., elected the following officers: G. F. Woods, Worshipful Master; Buck Armour, Trent, Senior Warden; Tom Price, Junior Warden; J. C. Childress, Treasurer, and C. L. Boswell, Secretary. These officers will be installed next Monday night.

At their meeting last Thursday night, Chapter No. 374, R. A. M., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Joe Hartley, High Priest; Dr. H. P. Hulsey, Excellent King; Sie Hamm, Excellent Scribe; J. E. Boaz, Treasurer and O. R. Dye, Secretary. These officers will be installed at the next regular meeting, which will be the July meeting.

## REVIVAL ENLISTS GREAT INTEREST FROM THE START

Rev. Sam Morris is Preaching Powerful Sermons Twice Each Day; Subjects Announced in Campaign Against Sin.

"There is a growing atmosphere of a revival in the meeting. Services at both morning and evening hours have been well attended. The theme of the message of the first week of the meeting is 'Sin.' Rev. Sam Morris is condemning sin fearlessly. He brings the thundering denunciations of the Bible against the popular sins of the day. Many expressions of appreciation are heard from the people who hear him. Many have expressed a purpose to live a better life and show the world that the Lord can fill the hearts of His people."

Above is a statement from Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church in Merkel, where Rev. Sam Morris of Abilene started a revival meeting last Sunday and which will continue for two weeks.

Some of the themes announced for future use are:

Friday night—"When the Caruncle of Sin Comes to a Head."

Saturday night—"The Second Coming of Christ to this world."

Sunday night—"The Great White Throne Judgement."

Next week the general theme will be "The Christian" and in these messages the Christian's lot in life, his heritage and kindred thinks will be dealt with. Some of the subjects are:

Monday night—"Working for Wages, or the Christian's Emancipation from Sin."

Tuesday night—"The Prodigal Husband, or the Tragedy of the 20th Century Christian."

Wednesday night—"The Christian's Great Decision."

Thursday night—"The Christian's Birthday."

The morning messages will be kindred and will follow the same theme. Included in the morning services will be "The Christian in the Crucible," "The Christian's Confidence," "The Christian's Hope," "The Riches of a Christian," "The Christian's Communion with his Father."

Note the subjects and do not miss a one of them.

All the people of the town and surrounding communities are invited to the services. Christian workers are welcomed.

## REV. SAM MORRIS TALKS TO LIONS

Members of the Merkel Lions club had two special treats at their weekly luncheon on Tuesday, one being the privilege of having Rev. Sam Morris as their guest and listening to a humorous speech by the revivalist, and the other being a fish dinner, the fish by courtesy of Lion S. P. Nesmith, and the dinner being served by Mrs. Frank McFarland. Mr. Nesmith was all wreathed in smiles as the successful contender against a 43 pound catfish, which he landed in the clear forks of the Brazos, and the Lions club is indebted to him for a fine feed.

E. Yates Brown presided as toastmaster and Rev. R. A. Walker delivered the invocation. Besides Rev. Sam Morris and his wife, other guests of the club were J. B. Armstrong of Fort Worth, with the Magnolia Petroleum company, and Elmer Lowe.

A. H. Brackeen was welcomed back after a trip to Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande valley and several local members responded to requests from the toastmaster for reports, etc., the most important of which was the committee to raise funds for the Boy Scouts. R. O. Anderson and Sie Hamm were added to the personnel of the committee, which includes L. B. Scott, Charlie Jones and Dee Grimes.

## Attends W. T. C. Meeting.

L. R. Thompson was in Abilene Thursday to attend the meeting of the directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which had been called to select a successor to Homer D. Wade, who tendered his resignation recently to accept the position of manager of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.



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### WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Wink is building for the future and assuming more substantial proportions. Some of the latest accomplishments of the group of young men who have formed a chamber of commerce is the securing of a new Vitaphone theatre and the construction of a \$225,000 school building with an auditorium seating capacity of 650.

Wheeler has employed Grady O. Watson as secretary of their chamber of commerce. Agricultural development will be stressed in the first year's program. Street paving and an adequate water and fire protection system are among the projects that will receive attention in the civic development work.

Hereford's wheat harvest is such that 150 combines, costing a total of \$300,000, will be distributed for the 1929 harvest, according to dealers who have them for sale. Probably 50 more will be sold later, and those with tractors will bring the cost of harvesting equipment to well over the half million mark.

Booker's largest business house under construction at present is the fifty foot brick building constructed by A. W. Robinson which will be occupied by the local DeSota automobile agency soon. A number of permanently constructed residences are being built.

The Read building of Big Spring is nearing completion. The building contains seven store building spaces on the ground floor and a 25 room hotel on the second floor.

July 10 to 20 has been set as the dates for the fourth annual motorcade conducted by West Texas Chamber of Commerce so as to include two district meetings of the regional organization. These are the Big Bend district meet to be held at Van Horn on July 13, and the Pecos Valley-Inter Mountain meet to be held at Roswell on July 16.

Mason will entertain the Hills Country, Heart of Texas, district of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce on June 17. The legislature and the staff correspondents of newspapers on duty in Austin will attend the meeting, and a tour of the towns in the district will be made in a Texas Bus company bus.

Tahoka, in viewing the growth of recent months, points out that since 1921 two new rural routes have been inaugurated, two new rural sub-stations established and receipts have increased from \$4,656 to \$10,514, or 126 percent.

Comanche's berry growers are at the height of their season now. The first day of the opening of the Bowdoin Canning Plant 4188 pounds of berries were bought from thirty different growers. More money is being brought for the berries than ever before, 85 cents being the present price.

Slaton fruit growers report that, unless unforeseen damage is experienced, the fruit crop through the territory will be the best in years. Trees are now heavily loaded and giving promise of a high quality of apples, peaches, plums, cherries and many other kinds of fruit.

Lampasas is planning a large July 4 program. The American Legion is preparing a rodeo for six or seven thousand people, special features of which will be a barbecue for all Legionnaires and a drum and bugle corps contest with three handsome cups as prizes. A prize of \$100 in gold is offered to the rider of one of the post's outlaw horses.

Alpine is planning for the biggest and best Old Settlers and Cowboy's Roundup this year on July 4 ever staged in the town. The celebration will be held two days, and a permanent rodeo and fair association will be organized at this time and plans made to buy land upon which to erect permanent buildings.

Midland recently opened the tenth city addition that has been added to the town since it became a thriving oil city two and one half years ago. The addition lies within 10 blocks of the business district.

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### Sooner Girl Weds 13th Defying Superstition

New York, June 20.—Estelle Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Miller of Sand Springs, Okla., and Carl O. Edwards, assistant conductor and stage director at the Metropolitan Opera House were married Thursday at the city hall by Mayor James J. Walker.

Reminded that the day was the "13" the bridegroom remarked: "If we were superstitious, any bad luck surely would be counteracted by the fact that we are being married by Mayor Walker."

The bride has been in New York for a year and a half studying music.

### Mrs. Calvin Coolidge Now Magazine Writer

New York, June 20.—Mrs. Calvin Coolidge has joined her husband in the ranks of magazine writers.

Merle Crowell, editor of the American Magazine, Friday announced that Mrs. Coolidge has just completed a series of articles which will reveal many intimate facts connected with the presidential household during the Coolidge administration.

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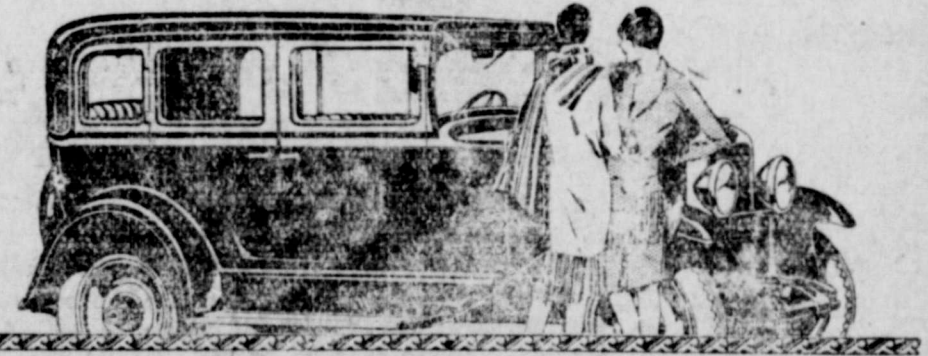
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**EARLE BRADFORD MAYFIELD.**  
(1923-1929)

Earle Bradford Mayfield was born in Overton, Rusk County, Texas on April 12, 1881, the son of John Blythe and Mary (De Geurin) Mayfield. He attended the public schools of eastern Texas, and was graduated from the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas in 1900; studied law at the University of Texas at Austin in 1900 and 1901, was admitted to the bar in 1901, and commenced practice in Meridian, Texas.

Senator Mayfield was married to Miss Ora Lumpkin, of Meridian, Texas, in 1902. He served in the State Senate in 1907-1913; was a member of the State Railroad commission 1913-1923. He was a delegate to the Democratic State conventions in 1924 and 1926, and to the Democratic National Convention at New York in 1924. He was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1922 to succeed Senator Charles A. Culberson, for the term commencing March 4, 1923, and ending March 3, 1929.

Senator Mayfield's election to the United States Senate in 1922 was unsuccessfully contested by George E. B. Peddy, the Republican candidate. Mr. Peddy, the contestant, filed with the Senate on February 22, 1923, petition contesting the election of Senator Mayfield in the general election of 1922, and a protest both against his election and qualification. The charges alleged by Mr. Peddy were:

1. That illegal votes were counted for Senator Mayfield and that illegal votes were not counted for Mr. Peddy.
2. That undue advantages and illegal discrimination in favor of Senator Mayfield was such as to invalidate his election.
3. That the primary elections, both the first primary election and the second, or "run-off" primary election, were illegally controlled by secret influences, by fraud, by excessive use of money, and by lawlessness in the interests of Senator Mayfield and against the rights of Mr. Peddy.
4. That there was general conspiracy between the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and Senator Mayfield of a character and result that invalidated his election.
5. That Senator Mayfield was disqualified for membership in the Sen-

ate of the United States largely because of the alleged "illegal practices" that were directly or indirectly connected with his election, and

6. Mr. Peddy asked for a recount and canvass of the votes cast at the general election and claimed he was entitled to the office.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, under Senate Resolution 97, 68th Cong., 1st Sess., adopted January 3, 1924, conducted hearings, thoroughly investigated the charges, and, on February 2, 1925, reported to the Senate, unanimously recommending that the contest be dismissed and the protests against the seating of Senator Mayfield be overruled, which report was, on the same date, unanimously adopted by the Senate.

During his service in the United States Senate, Senator Mayfield was a member of the Committees on Agriculture and Forestry, Banking and Currency, Claims, Inter-oceanic Canals, Interstate Commerce, and Public Buildings and Grounds. He is a Methodist, a 32 degree Mason, and a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Senator Mayfield was succeeded on March 4, 1929 by Senator Tom Connally, of Marlin, Texas, for the term ending March 3, 1935.

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**COMPERE NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lovin are the proud parents of a fine baby girl. Mother and baby are both doing nicely.

Oscar Lucas and family, Ray Lucas and Lee Stanley and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lucas Sunday.

Uncle Billie Tarpley has returned home from Oklahoma after spending the winter with his daughter.

Oscar Lucas and family are leaving the last of the week for the Plains; they expect to be away about two months.

Mr. Stewart and family of Merkel were the guests of the Lovin family Sunday.

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Stewardship and Missions will be emphasized by Dr. B. L. Lockett, re-

turned missionary from Africa, and by Rev. C. D. Owen of Abilene.

Provision has been made to take care of the children, the leaders of the athletic features are hard at work, and people all over this section are planning to be on hand.

A cafeteria will be on the ground, amply equipped to take care of the situation.

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**LET'S PASS IT ALONG.**

It is said that the following prayer was found in Chester cathedral, over there in England:

"Give me a good digestion, Lord, and also something to digest. Give me a healthy body, Lord, with sense to keep it at its best.

"Give me a healthy mind, good Lord, to keep the good and pure in sight, which seeing sin is not appalled, but finds a way to set it right.

"Give me a mind that is not bored, that does not whimper, whine or sigh; don't let me worry overmuch about the fussy thing called I.

"Give me a sense of humor, Lord; give me the grace to see a joke, to get some happiness from life, and pass it on to other folk."

It is passed on to the reader with the hope that its true meaning and significance will set a standard for others, as it has already done for many in the past who have had the opportunity to read it.

**Majestic at Abilene to Show "Desert Song"**

The first operetta ever to come to the audible screen, will be seen and heard in Abilene when the screen version of the gay, romantic musical play "The Desert Song," is shown at the Majestic Theatre during the week of June 24th with special midnight matinee Sunday, June 23rd.

"The Desert Song," for which Sig-mund Romberg, the noted American composer of "The Student Prince," "Blossom Time" and "Maytime," wrote the music, played on Broadway for nearly one year when it was enthusiastically hailed as one of the most entertaining musical plays seen in New York in many seasons.

In this colorful story of love in the Moroccan Desert, John Boles, the popular musical comedy favorite, plays the leading role of the Red Shadow, a mysterious desert chieftain in love with a beautiful French girl. Boles possesses a fine tenor voice and sings many of the melodious songs featured in "The Desert Song." Playing opposite him is Carlotta King, well known concert artist, making her first appearance on the audible screen. As the cultured French girl who loses her heart to the daring Red Shadow, Miss King acquires herself in splendid fashion. But what matter the plot? She and Boles sing several charming duets that are sure to prove popular with audiences everywhere, for the delight of this screen entertainment is its rich combination of melodies, songs, dances, and choruses. Action also; which is a reminder that the screen offers many advantages over the limited production facilities of the stage. There is for instance the fine chorus of one hundred male voices, men not merely singing the gay and stirring "Riff Riding Song," but riding swiftly on their Arabian steeds as they sing. It's the new thrill of song combined with action. And the hard-riding Riff cavalry men are entirely effective as they render the stirring song which proved the outstanding hit of the opera when it was first introduced on Broadway.

A strong supporting cast includes Louise Fazenda, John Miljan, Myrna Loy and Johnny Arthur. Roy Del Ruth directed "The Desert Song."

**Combine of Flour Mills is Completed**

Sherman, June 20.—Negotiations for the merger of eight flour mills in Texas and Oklahoma with the Tex-O-Kan-Flour Mills company were reported completed Tuesday, giving the combined mills total assets of more than \$4,600,000.

Concerns reported involved in the transaction include the Fant Milling Company, Sherman; The Burrus Mill and Elevator Company, Ft. Worth; the Morton Milling Company, Dallas; the Liberty Mills, San Antonio; the Bob White Mill at Kingfisher, Okla.; Collin County Mill, McKinney and the Burrus Elevators at Dallas and Lubbock.

**A New Arrival.**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Speck a ten pound baby girl on June 10th. Mother and baby are both doing nicely.

**The Best—Rex Golf Balls, Phillips Drug Store.**

**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Jack Boone of Brice, Texas, came home for a few days visit with his mother the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Kegans left Thursday for the Plains.

John C. Howell of Abilene was here on business Tuesday.

Brother Landreth, wife and children were visitors in our city Friday.

E. H. Rogers and daughters of Mart have returned home after a pleasant visit with their brother and uncle, Lee Rogers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bonner of Whitney are visiting Mrs. Bonner's mother, Mrs. James.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kelly of Farland returned home Thursday after a week's visit with their daughters, Mrs. Bernice Forrester and Mrs. Isaac Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Burks visited homefolks last week-end, Gladys Hamner returned with them for a visit.

Atlas Phillips of Abilene was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. S. D. McLeod has gone to Mineral Wells for a visit with her son.

Miss Emma Nalley returned last Monday from a few days visit with relatives and friends at Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Good and family visited with relatives at Electra this week.

Mrs. A. T. Nichol has gone to Post after visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis, for sometime.

Dr. and Mrs. Watkins of Lubbock attended the bedside of Mrs. Lee Stevens Saturday, but we are glad to report Mrs. Stevens is improving.

Miss Jennie Ethel Hale from Spur visited Mrs. Jack Bright and other relatives here this week. She left last Monday for Post where she will visit before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shannon and children are spending the week in Hopkins county, visiting Mrs. Shannon's mother.

Prof. Sims of Eastland was on our streets last week.

Miss Odessa Moon returned to her home at Graham last Tuesday.

Brother Watson is leaving soon for a meeting.

The Baptist revival begins here next Sunday.

Mrs. Rollohand and children visited in Ranger this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Abilene, accompanied by their daughter, passed through our city last Monday en route to California, where they will spend the summer.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. C. C. Stribling, who is in the Merkel hospital, is improving some.

Mrs. W. L. Boyd had as her guest last Tuesday Mrs. Wesley Johnson and two sisters of Abilene.

Friends of Mrs. W. A. Abbott will be glad to know she is improving, having suffered a broken leg last week.

Mrs. A. W. Craig entertained the

T. E. L. class Thursday and all present report a nice time.

Miss Jean McRee visited Miss Ferne Martin in Temple last week.

We regret to report that J. I. Leamon is quite ill at this writing.

Rev. McGinnis and family are moving here for the meeting. They will reside at the Homer Terry place.

**Dora Doings**

N. F. Hardy and family are enjoying visits this week from their sons, Seymore and family from South Carolina, Reed and family from Arizona and Chapel Hardy from the University of Texas.

Miss Novis Whiteaker has entered McMurry for the summer term.

Mrs. J. K. Porter and son, O. Z., were week-end visitors with the M. D. Burruss family in Knox county.

Dee Bland and family of Merkel were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rape here Sunday.

Ben Price is away for three weeks, running a thrasher for Eli Jennings in the Hamby community.

Upon receiving a message Saturday that his mother was very low at Brownwood, Grandpa Kitchen left at once to be at her bedside.

The youngsters enjoyed a party Saturday night at Mr. Whittington's.

Farmers are pretty well up with their plowing and planting and need a nice slow shower.

Mesdames Charlie Huff and J. T. Perry was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

With geologists believing most of Texas' mineral wealth is still undiscovered or undeveloped, the state's mineral output in 1928 was valued at \$435,000,000.

**Saturday is the last day of our "Trade Expansion Days" event. Better hurry to the Boston Bargain Store.**

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**Shiloh Happenings**

The farmers are all busy plowing and chopping and the crops are looking fine in spite of the high winds.

Rev. O. B. Tatum filled his regular appointment here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter and Grandny Phillips spent Sunday in Abilene, visiting Mrs. Phillips' sister, whom she had not seen for 22 years.

Mrs. B. L. James and children, Florence and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Bert James, Mr. and Mrs. Bill James, Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beal, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bonner, Rev. O. B. Tatum and Mrs. Mrs. C. W. Seago visited Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bonner of Whiteley, who have been visiting homefolks here for the past two weeks, returned to their home Monday. Mrs. Bonner was formerly Miss Bessie James.

Miss Edna Tiner returned home the past week from an extended visit in Dallas and Wichita Falls. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Doris Tiner of Wichita Falls, who left Sunday.

Mrs. Randall of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Holmes were visitors recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson are leaving the last of the week for Carlsbad Cavern and other points.

There will be Sunday school next Sunday at 10:30. Everybody is invited. Come and let's have a house full. Also there will be singing in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. We will have our new books and expect to have several visitors from other communities. Come out and help us to have a real singing.

Mrs. Clyde Deavers and sons are visiting in the home of H. A. Dea-

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vers. Mrs. Deavers is still in Arizona at the bedside of her son who has been in ill health for sometime.

**THE METHODIST REPORT.**

The Methodist services were very interesting last Sunday. Our Sunday school is doing fine for the summer months and our pastor seems to have a special faculty for preaching good sermons.

The following visitors attended the Sabbath day services at our church:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley of Chatfield, who plan to spend the summer in Merkel; Mrs. Steve Duckert and daughter, Louise, of Tullia; and Mrs. W. P. Duckert, and daughters, Ouida Mae and Waltine, of Comanche who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris, Miss Nell Durham, now of Albany, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sie Hamm; Miss Inice Brown, who is back from C. I. A., Denton, and who plans

to spend the summer in Merkel; Mrs. T. H. Cob, of Wichita Falls, who is visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Tee Watkins; Miss Odessa Bicknell, of Noodle, who is spending the summer at the home of her brother, Otto Bicknell.

Mrs. W. D. Hutchinson has gone to Dallas for the greater part of the summer. Her class will be taken by Miss Julia Martin during her absence.

The Baptist revival services are very interesting. Don't fail to hear some of them.

—Reporter.

The future possibilities of Texas' agriculture may be guessed at from the fact that only 30,000,000 of its 167,000,000 acres are under cultivation.

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**FOR SALE**—All my household furniture; gas hot water heater. Mrs. Bill Sheppard. Phone 105.

**FOR SALE**—Young cow with heifer calf. J. L. Harris.

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### LOST AND FOUND

**LOST**—One sack flour between Merkel and C. M. Largent's place Saturday afternoon. W. M. Jones.

### LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.

J. A. Patterson, H. P.  
O. R. Dye, Secretary.

### Singing Convention.

All singers from West Texas will gather at Trent 5th Sunday at 10 o'clock in all day singing. Please bring your books and dinner so that we may have a real day singing. I am sorry indeed that I could not meet you Trent people last Sunday, but feel sure you will and have made all the arrangements needed for the convention. I will say this much: be sure to have your piano up and in A-1 condition, as you well know how it is singing with a low piano. We are looking forward to a great day and a great convention and if there is anything you want me to do to make it better please let me know in time.

We hope to have some young boys and girls to take the floor. So if you have a boy or a girl that will do so, please report to me or the program committee Sunday morning, as I want to give them a chance—they are the ones that will take charge and run things in latter years and let's prepare them for the future days.

Please do not arrange anything to conflict with the convention and do not be late. I want all of you there and to be going promptly at 10. Please on time.

T. H. Spears.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

## July Fourth Races Outstanding Sport Event in Southwest

Abilene, Texas, June 20.—The automobile race program to be presented on the West Texas Fair Speedway in Abilene on July 4 will be the outstanding Independence Day sport event in the southwest.

A check of the American Automobile Association's 1929 racing schedule reveals that there will be only seven speed car contests in the United States during this year that will be larger than the program to be given in this city on July 4. Only one of the seven is in the southwest and it is November 16 at Phoenix, Arizona.

Guaranteed prizes totalling \$2,500 will be awarded to the winners in the five races that will make up the program to be held here on Independence Day. Of the 183 other races to be held in various parts of the United States during 1929, under sanction of the AAA, only seven of them will offer larger prizes. This, of course, does not take into consideration the eleven contests listed on the championship circuit.

There will be five events on the card presented here on Independence Day under direction of D. H. Jefferies, Texas supervisor of the American Automobile Association. The feature of the day will be a 15 mile contest for first money of \$650 and a percent of the receipts.

## Lindberghs Conclude Their Honeymoon Trip

New York, June 20.—The honeymoon voyage of Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh ended Tuesday when their cruiser, The Mouette, dropped anchor in the cove of Sands Point, N. Y.

The famous flyer-yachtsman and his bride, who for three weeks had sailed the waters along the New England coast, were guests on the estate of Daniel Guggenheim during the forenoon, and after luncheon, left in a closed automobile, headed for New York City.

It is expected Colonel Lindbergh will make a three weeks tour of the Transcontinental Air Transport line, which will take him to the Pacific coast.

Saturday is the last day of our "Trade Expansion Days" event. Better hurry to the Boston Bargain Store.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

## Zion Chapel News

Miss Ina May Childress visited her brother, Urbie Childress of Abilene Saturday.

Miss Ruby Evans of Knox City was visiting friends here Wednesday. Little Miss Armaree and Inez Tarvin have returned to their home in Abilene after spending the week with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin.

Mrs. Ed Spurgin is spending the week at Breckenridge visiting relatives.

We wish to announce that the Christian meeting will begin at Hope church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in July. You are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Ed Cunningham and children of Albany are visiting her mother, Mrs. George Stout.

Mrs. Lucy Allred and family of Childress, Texas are visiting her cousin and family W. S. Allred.

Cecil Harris and his sister, Miss Gertrude, made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Ray Spurgin of South Texas and Earnest Spurgin of Noodle visited their grandmother, Mrs. R. R. Spurgin, Sunday.

Mr. Haley, Mr. Shelton and the Jones quartet wishes us to announce that they will sing here on the 2nd Sunday in July. If you enjoy good singing, come and hear them.

Rev. Bryan of Cisco, was calling on friends here last Thursday.

Charlie Childress had the misfortune of losing one of his work horses last week. The horse got hurt and had to be shot.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bonds of Blair were visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. E. B. Wilborn, Sunday. Misses Lenora and Fay Wilborn accompanied them home to spend the week.

Rev. Berryhill will preach here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and 8:15 in the evening. You are invited to attend.

Mrs. Alice Osburn of Merkel was visiting relatives here one day this week.

In 1920 Texas had 29 cities of above 10,000 population and five above 50,000. The 1930 census is expected to show 50 cities above 10,000 and eleven of above 50,000 with three and possibly four above 200,000. Since 1920 Texas has grown in population at the rate of more than 100,000 a year, according to Census Bureau reports and estimates.

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## Truck Runs Over Man and Kills Him

The body of J. S. Blackburn, 23, who was killed in a truck accident near Trent at 2 a. m. Sunday was shipped Monday by the Barrow Furniture company to the home of his mother, Mrs. M. E. Blackburn, at Wilson, Okla.

At the time of his death, Blackburn was driving a truck belonging to the Riden's Motor Bus line of Abilene, returning with two brothers by the name of Stevenson from Big Spring. When the radius rod on the truck broke, Blackburn jumped, thinking the machine would go into the ditch. He suffered a broken hip bone and his thigh and chest were crushed when a rear wheel of the truck and the trailer passed over his body. He was rushed to the Merkel sanitarium where he died in less than an hour after the accident.

The brothers remained in the truck and were unhurt. The truck was not damaged either except for a broken glass window.

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tor Bus lines stated that Blackburn came to Abilene about a week ago, hunting work, but that he was never on the pay rolls of their company.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school 10 a. m. Be on time, let's keep the attendance up as much as possible during the vacation months.

Preaching at 11 a. m. No evening service on account of revival at the Baptist Church.

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Green Beans	8c
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Lettuce	7 1/2c
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# LIVE STOCK

## POTATOES RIGHT FOR LIVE STOCK.

### Rations Are Generally Comparable to Corn Silage.

Potatoes make a good succulent feed for all classes of live stock when fed as a part of the ration, declares E. J. Maynard, associate animal husbandman for the Colorado Agricultural college experiment station in a new bulletin just issued on "Potatoes For Live Stock."

Copies of this bulletin may be obtained free of charge by writing the extension service of the college.

Subjects discussed in the booklet include preparation for feeding, potato ensilage, potato and potato silage for sheep, potatoes for dairy cows, swine and horses.

The bulletin is summarized as follows: Potatoes fed in live stock rations are generally comparable to good corn silage.

Potatoes may be fed raw to cattle, sheep, horses and swine, but are best cooked for swine. Raw potatoes have only 23 the value of cooked potatoes fed to pigs. Raw potatoes proved to be as good as cooked potatoes fed to dairy cows.

Raw potatoes may safely constitute one-half the dry matter in rations for cattle and sheep and one-fourth the dry matter in rations for horses. Cooked or raw potatoes should not replace more than one-half the grain allowance in fattening pigs.

Raw potatoes fed to dairy cows at the rate of from 25 to 35 pounds daily have actually increased milk production, but larger amounts will taint the milk, cause a salty butter and may cause indigestion and bloating.

The dry matter in potatoes is composed largely of starch, a carbohydrate valuable in both fattening and milk-producing operations.

Potatoes are low in protein or growth-producing material and some protein concentrate or roughage should be fed with them.

Raw potatoes are best fed sliced through a root cutter. Frozen, rotted, or diseased potatoes may cause trouble if fed to live stock.

Raw potatoes have an acrid taste and tend to increase the flow of digestive juices. They should not be fed with other feeds that tend to irritate the digestive system and they should always be fed with caution.

### Efficiency Is Key to

#### Beef Feeder's Profit

Efficiency in feeding methods—not a wide margin between the prices paid for feeder cattle and the prices obtained for them on the market—are likely to determine the profit of the beef cattle feeder for the next few years, in the opinion of C. R. Arnold of the rural economics department of the Ohio State university.

However, Arnold believes the beef cattle outlook is at present favorable for the man who produces feeder cattle. It is also favorable for the man who can purchase calves and carry them through a large portion of their growing period, and then feed them out, providing he has an abundance of cheap pasture.

The market outlook for fat cattle does not appear favorable for the next three months, but may strengthen in the late summer, Arnold concludes after a study of figures on receipts of cattle thus far this year, and on the number of cattle now on farms in this and other states.

### Best Hog Pasture

Some farmers are short of suitable land or believe that they cannot afford to use good crop land for hog pasture. Anyone who has efficiently used pasture and kept close check on the financial end of his business would testify that the average acre of farm land devoted to hog pasture will yield a return far in excess of that secured from crops of wheat, oats, corn, or hay. Where failures have been noted in the use of pasture, the evident cause was that of an attempt to make some rocky, barren, out-of-the-way piece of land grow the crop.

### Before Sow Farrows

A day or so before each sow farrows she should be washed with warm water and a good laundry soap. After washing, the belly and udders should be rubbed with lard to keep the skin from cracking and becoming sore. She should then be put into a properly cleaned pen and left there until the pigs are farrowed. Clean straw, and not old litter scraped up around the pens, should be used for bedding.

### Water for Ewes

Ewes with twins, getting a little extra grain food, drink a good deal more than ewes with single lambs getting no grain. The excessive call on the ewe by their lambs causes all the more drouth on the system, and thence more thirst, naturally because there is not so much sap in that dietary as there is in green feed. Indeed, when the lambs get strong, they begin to drink even before they are weaned, if milk runs short and the herbage is dry through a spell of dry weather.

## HEBRON NEWS

Miss Bessielou Pannell is in Dallas visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Pannell and Miss Evelyn Pannell.

Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and children of Golan were Hebron visitors Friday. G. W. Hughes of Blair was a guest at the social Friday night.

Jack Pannell and son, Paul, and William Burleson were in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Lige Harris and baby, Sybil, visited with Mrs. James Harris at Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Willie Harris of Paducah spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mrs. Thomas Harris was the guest Saturday in Merkel of Mr. and Mrs. Mattinleys together with their granddaughter, Miss Cook, from Tahoka.

Miss Anne Mae Harris visited Miss Margaret Dean at Blair recently.

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## Crop Statistician Making 10 Day Tour Of All Texas Areas

Austin, June 21.—Accompanied by H. H. Schutz, federal crop statistician, of Austin, Elmer H. Johnson, geographer in the bureau of business research at the University of Texas, is making a ten-day observation tour of the major agricultural and ranching regions of the state. The two men left Austin Tuesday, with San Antonio as their first stop. Mr. Schutz is making his regular periodic survey of Texas crops, while Mr. Johnson is studying the adjustment of crops and forage production to the natural environment of these different regions and the crop situation under the present season's conditions.

The two men will study the eastern margin of the Edwards' plateau, with its ranching country; the Black prairies from San Antonio to Seguin, Marlin, Waco and Dallas, with its crops of cotton and corn; the Eastern Cross Timbers, south of Denton, with

its crops of cotton and grain sorghums; the Grand prairies, from Denton to Montague, with its ranching industry and cotton raising; the Red prairies, from Henrietta to the Cap Rock, where ranching is done and cotton and grain sorghums are raised; the High Plains, from Amarillo to Midland, via Tulia, Hereford, Plainview, Lubbock and Lamesa, where wheat, cotton and grain sorghums are raised and some ranching is done; and the Llano country, where the chief industry is ranching, with some cotton and grain sorghums raising.

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# LIVE STOCK

**POUR COOL WATER ON HEAD OF HOG**

**Icy Liquid on Animal's Body Will Do Much Harm.**

When a hog gets overheated, pour cool water on his head, but not on his body, warns J. W. Wulcher, extension specialist in animal husbandry at Ohio State university. "Pouring water on the body of the hog is for some reason very likely to kill him," says Wulcher. "Pouring water on his head cools him off and helps him."

Hogs should be protected from any necessity for violent exercise during hot weather, Wulcher says. There should be no reason why they should be compelled to run about or even to move more than necessary. They should have plenty of shade, and cool water available at all times.

"The hog has very little natural protection from the sun, and consequently some artificial protection must be provided," says the specialist. "Natural shade probably is best, but it is not always available in the hog lot. Where it is available a covering about four feet from the ground and open on all four sides will usually prove satisfactory. In some localities it may be advisable to give additional protection on the side in the direction of the prevailing storms. The shelter need not be elaborate. Almost any sort of open framework over which straw, fodder, or similar material is placed, will suffice."

"Many hog men use a wallow as an additional protection against overheating. If properly constructed and handled, the wallow is a great aid. There is one possible objection to its use for the man who is shipping hogs in the summer time. The hogs which are accustomed to the wallow will suffer more severely when they are loaded in cars for shipment, and the loss from this cause will be greater than if the hogs had been inured to hot weather."

**Give Additional Feed to Pigs in a "Creep"**

When about three weeks old, the pigs will begin to eat grain from their mother's trough. It is important that they be now supplied additional feed, where the sows cannot get at it. This is best done by providing a "creep" in a corner of the paddock or pasture, with openings of such size that the pigs can run in and out while the sows are excluded. At first a little cracked corn seems about the most palatable feed. Later they may be fed a suitable mixture of concentrates, either being hand-fed all they will clean up twice or three times a day or else being fed by means of a self-feeder. For young pigs skim milk and buttermilk are easily the best of all protein-rich feeds. Nothing else adds so greatly in keeping them growing lustily. The concentrates fed pigs at this time should consist of the farm grains, with a considerable proportion of protein-rich feeds like middlings (standard middlings or preferably flour middlings), linseed meal, and tankage. If there is an abundance of skim milk or buttermilk, relatively little of other high-protein feeds need be used.

**Live Stock Notes**

The sow and pigs should not be kept in the individual pens longer than ten days.

Pigs will usually begin to eat a little feed when they are three to four weeks old.

Cattle and alfalfa make the best combination to keep fertility on the soil so let both be taxed alike.

Pigs fed semi-solid buttermilk gain faster than those fed skim milk. A possible explanation of the fact may be that the skim milk was too bulky.

Calves that have had no grain, but have suckled good milking cows, may be sold direct to the butchers at seven and nine months old at attractive prices.

A lamb that is kept gaining from birth until ready for the market will produce its gains at a lower cost than if it is allowed to fatten away its time on part of a ration.

Barley, in an experiment recently completed at Colorado Agricultural college, proved slightly superior and a little cheaper as a feed for hogs than corn for making gains.

Cattle feeders surely do need a little protection because the cattle market fluctuates so much.

Hogs are very susceptible to both internal and external parasites. They must be guarded against these, or profit may be easily turned into loss.

As soon as the lambs are able to nibble at grain and hay, provide a creep for them where they can eat undisturbed by the ewes. This is very important from the standpoint of economical returns.

## Reunion of Old Time West Texans on Ranch at Slaton July 18-20

Slaton, Texas, June 20.—The old-timers of West Texas will get together to recount their experiences of pioneer western life when an Old Settlers reunion is held, Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 18, 19 and 20, the old Igo Ranch, consisting of 5,300 acres, located on the Yellowhouse Canyon, five miles north of Slaton.

This announcement was made here by H. L. (Bud) Johnston, former Lubbock county sheriff who, with his brother, J. C. Johnston, and their mother, Mrs. S. I. Johnston, are the owners of the ranch.

The Igo Ranch as it has been known far and wide for more than a quarter of a century, is a natural rich in scenic beauty and deeply interesting because of its ramatic history. Improvements and additions to the natural playground facilities found on the ranch are now being made by the Johnston brothers. By the time the reunion is held, several thousand dollars will have been expended on these improvements.

Included in the work now in progress, are: construction of a large swimming pool fifteen feet deep, to be supplied with fresh water from the springs of the Canyon's hillside; a ten-mile scenic drive around the canyon rim is being prepared; and provisions are being made for fishing, boating, golf, tennis, baseball and many other forms of diversion and recreation.

Entertainment features of the Old Settlers' Reunion will include a rodeo with exhibitions in roping, bull-dogging and other stunts; buffalo riding, chariot racing, a terrapin derby, pony races, band concerts, public speaking and a full variety of attractions of all kinds. Day and night performances will be held. Free camp ground with

plenty of shade, fuel and water will be furnished, Mr. Johnston has announced.

## Crews at Work in Ten Districts Extending Lines Utilities Co.

Construction workers of the West Texas Utilities company are engaged in nearly all of the 10 districts of the company, extending distribution systems, building additional highlines and improving electric service, it has been announced from the engineering department of the company here.

Projects now under construction or planned for an immediate beginning are:

Construction of a mile of 2,300 volt line from Abilene to Abilene Christian college addition, northeast of town, and 1,000 feet of primary and secondary distribution system in the addition. Construction is being done jointly with the Southwestern Bell Telephone company:

Construction of line to serve Cook oil field, Shackelford county; line to serve Country club near Crowell; rebuilding part of system in business district at Quanah; new lines at Mason, Miles and Rochelle; distribution system improvement at Menard; increase and extend system at McCamey, Wellington and Hedley; extend street

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## Find Frozen Dainties Amid Smoking Ruins

Childress, Texas, June 20.—One would scarcely look for frozen dainties in the salvage of a home destroyed by fire, but a quantity of ice cream was found in the smoking ruins of the M. G. Brock home here.

While working with electric connections among the smoldering timbers of the home, employees of the West Texas Utilities Company opened a charred frigidaire and from its porcelain lined chambers found two

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**PETTY-McELROY.**

Holding interest for a large number of friends here was the announcement of the marriage of Miss Mary E. McElroy to Mr. J. C. Petty.

The ceremony was solemnized at 8:30 Friday evening in the church parlors of the First Presbyterian church, Abilene, with the pastor, Dr. T. S. Knox officiating.

The bride is well known in Abilene, having been associated for a number of years with Minter Dry Goods company.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty and is an employee of Bragg Dry Goods company where by his affable, capable manner he has made many friends.

All social and religious activities of the town will welcome Mr. and Mrs. Petty upon their return from an automobile trip to Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

**WILLIAMS-PEARCE.**

Friends of Miss Juanita Pearce, formerly a teacher in Merkel, have received the announcement of her marriage to John R. Williams of the Ed. S. Hughes company of Abilene. The wedding took place on the 16th of June at Gail, Texas, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Pearce, and the young couple will be at home in Abilene after June 20.

**PHILATHEA CLASS HAS OUTING.**

On Tuesday afternoon the Philathea class of the Methodist church enjoyed an outing at Shannon's pool. Sandwiches, olives, potato chips, pop and ice cream were served to the following: Mesdames Tom Allday, Claid Dye, Jerome Hutcheson, Floyd Dowell and Misses Opal Patterson, Anna Lou Russell, Arlene Willett, Lola Shelton, Mary Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Boog Sears, Martha Bird, Willie Toombs, Julia Martin, Maurine Tipton and Bernice Lassiter.

**YOUNGER SET ENJOY SWIM AND PICNIC.**

On last Thursday evening a group of the younger set enjoyed a cool swim in Shannon's pool followed by a picnic supper. Those present were Misses Louise Booth, Verna Tee Beasley, Willie Mae Swartz, Willie E. Boaz, Nell Durham, Mary E. Grimes, Fannie Bell Boaz and Missie Dye; Max Swafford, J. E. Boaz, Orian Tittle, Paul Causeaux, Sterling Sheppard.

**Junior League Program.**

Song. Prayer. Roll Call. Scripture 1 John 4:11, by leader, Lois Whiteley. "Things Jesus Would Have us to do" 2 John 1:5, by Marie Stanford. 3 John 1:11 by Duncan Briggs. Hebrews 13:1, 2, by Imogene Middleton. James 2:26, by Eloise Manscill. 1 John 3:18, by Pauline Lasater. 2 Peter 1:5-7, by Mildred Richardson. Bible story by Opal Hulsey. Benediction.

**Return From Auto Trip.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black and daughter, Jannelle, and Miss Pearl Elliott returned last Thursday from an extended automobile trip to Canadian, Amarillo, Canyon, Plainview, Lamesa and Lubbock. While at Canadian they visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hill, Mrs. Hill being a former schoolmate of Mrs. Black's and at Lamesa they visited Mrs. Black's brother, Lloyd Elliott.

Mr. Black states that the wheat crops are fine, with the grain just turning, and the yield expected to be between 25 and 50 bushels to the acre.

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**PERSONAL NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. H. Holler of Gale is visiting her daughter, Miss Addie Holler.

T. G. Bragg made a business trip to Stephenville last week-end.

Miss Ona Fay Rose of Abilene is the guest of Miss Johnnie Sears.

Miss Doris Durham of Albany is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sie Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith of Ozona are guests in the W. H. Laney home.

Miss Kitty Buford and J. C. Buford of Fort Worth visited with relatives here the past week.

Judge and Mrs. N. B. Cobb have gone to Corpus Christi to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Sherman of Waco were visitors in Merkel Wednesday.

Miss Opal Dillingham of Abilene was a recent visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Mat Dillingham.

Misses Addie Belle and Pearl Free from Abilene are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Quay Hamblet.

Messrs. Wren Durham, Glenn Elliott and Ralph Duke are vacationing in Galveston.

Miss Maxie Banner spent the week-end with relatives in Colorado and San Angelo.

Misses Opal and Gladys Acuff of Mineral Wells are visiting Miss Hallie Pike.

Miss Maude Skinner of Dallas is the guest since Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple.

Miss Mary Hughes visited last week-end with her sister, Mrs. Earl Hughes, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris left Thursday for a visit with their daughter at Eliasville, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elliott left Tuesday for Cross Plains to visit the old home town and relatives.

Uncle Bill Sheppard is visiting relatives at Fort Worth, having gone with S. D. Gamble in his car.

Mrs. J. B. Bell and Miss Venice Bell have returned from an extended trip to the western part of Texas.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson and little daughter, Geraldine, are the guests for sometime of her mother, Mrs. E. L. Wills.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford and two daughters of Kansas City are visiting Mrs. Swafford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and

son, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. King and Miss Stella King left Wednesday for Waco Valley, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Killingsworth of San Antonio and Andrew Morton and family of Abilene were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, Mrs. H. A. Brubeck and C. J. Glover, Jr., returned Saturday from the Texas Press association meeting at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. M. E. Noble of Dallas is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. A. Polly.

Mesdames Noble and Polly made a visit Sunday to their uncle in Snyder.

Arriving today, Mesdames Eva Prendergast and W. A. Little of Waco, sisters of C. J. Glover, Jr., and Bill Little will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brackeen accompanied by Miss Ethel Donald of Graham, have returned from a delightful trip to Corpus Christi and other cities in the Rio Grande Valley.

Miss Bessie McGarr of Houston was a recent visitor with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Speck. From here Miss McGarr went to Canyon to enter summer school.

Mrs. G. F. Woods is visiting her sister, Mrs. Louise Boyce, in Pecos and will enjoy the rodeo there. One of the feature events will be the 100 mile race between the horse and the Indian.

Miss Loyce Dry of Clarksville is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry. She was accompanied by Mr. David Graves of Clarksville who will be the guest of friends here.

When Fire Chief N. A. Dowell went to the state convention at Galveston, Mrs. Dowell drove with him as far as Fort Worth, going from there to Denton, to visit with her daughter, Miss Allyn Riley. Mrs. Dowell and Miss

Riley also paid a visit to Royce City. Passing visitors on Tuesday with Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess were Mr. Burgess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burgess of Lubbock, and his brother, Mr. H. L. Burgess and wife, who have returned from a trip to South Texas points.

S. D. Gamble is attending the Druggists' convention in Fort Worth. On his return he will be accompanied by Mrs. Gamble and two children, Elenor May and David, who have been visiting in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Edith Gilmore and daughter, Miss Euna Lea Gilmore, and granddaughter, Vernelle Sublett, will spend the summer with Mrs. Gilmore's daughter, Mrs. Paul Stanford, in Alpine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett and two daughters of Comanche and Mrs. S. A. Duckett and daughter, Louise, of Tulia, were Sunday visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis, who are now guests in the Angus home, will leave Saturday for Alamogordo, N. Mex., where they will visit Mrs. Cur-

tis' aunt, Mrs. Mose Cauthen. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Thurman Harris of Ranger and from New Mexico they will go to San Diego, Calif., for an extended stay.

Rev. R. A. Walker and family and Miss Maxine Skidmore who is visiting the family from Paris, visited Carlsbad Cavern last week, leaving here Thursday morning and returning Saturday afternoon. They report that it is truly one of the wonders of the world.

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