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Assistant Cashier

WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Dimmitt will have a new \$100,000 high school completed by December 1, as excavating work has already begun. The contract for plumbing and heating will include the installation of heating and plumbing in the old building. Supplies are being selected at this time.

Comanche will be visited by representatives from Aransas Pass who are making arrangements to ship the Comanche County Carmen Grape crop. Growers are urged to inspect the method of grading and packing and inform themselves as to what they will be expected to offer.

Turkey's Farmers & Merchants State Bank will be modern in every respect with new fixtures. Brick, sand, gravel, and other building material is being placed on the ground previous to the start of construction work. The building is being erected on the property of the Security Investment Co.

Estelline recently voted a \$6,000 bond issue for the erection of a city hall, fire station and jail. The issue will be used to purchase a site and erect a brick and tile building. It is the opinion of Estelline people that the building will serve to great advantage the needs of the people.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce motorcade disbanded at Vernon after ten days of intensive sight-seeing over a 3000 mile tour. Carlsbad Cavern was the ultimate objective of the tour and one day was spent in exploring the underground caves. Two district conventions of the regional organization were held on the way.

Slaton reports that a new high record for the shipment of wheat from that section of the Panhandle is being recorded. Four hundred cars of wheat are being handled daily through the Santa Fe terminal and the peak has not been reached. A large volume of the crop will continue to move for the next 30 or 40 days.

Lampasas is to have a fair again this summer, August 7, 8, and 9. It is the desire of those in charge that they have the best exhibit of farm, poultry and live stock that has ever been assembled in that part of the country.

Lamesa will send several representatives on the All Texas Tour to Carlsbad, N. M. and El Paso, Texas. The tour is being sponsored by the Del-Paso Cavern Highway Association, of which Wm. A. Wilson, secretary of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce, has been secretary for two years. The tour starts August 1 and there are no set expenses.

Muleshoe shipped fifty thousand pounds of wool from neighboring ranches in one load recently. The car was loaded by M. L. Morris, representing Bond-McRae company of Clovis, N. M. and shipment was made to Hallowell, Jones & McDonald of Boston, Mass.

The Nocona News has been sold to T. R. Stump and F. E. and F. L. Perry who are now in charge and will publish the paper and conduct the printing business under the firm name of Perry Bros. F. L. Perry was formerly with the Arlington Journal at Arlington and F. E. Perry was former president of the Baylor University Press.

West Texas Today for July which was mailed out the earlier part of this week was the annual special college number of the official magazine of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Practically every college that draws a majority of its student body from West Texas is written up in the journal.

A. M. Bourland, president of the WTCC, took up his duties as manager of the regional organization Monday upon his return from the motorcade. H. J. Adair heads the publicity department and will have charge of the August issue of West Texas Today.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method of thanking each and every one, who in any way helped us during the sickness and death of our baby and grandson, for the kind words of consolation and the beautiful flowers. May God's richest blessings rest on each, is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Caldwell
Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cummins
Mrs. Lura Schiller and Charles

Try a Classified Ad for Results

Mother Believed Dead Tells Son of Watching Him Act

Mexico City.—A little elderly woman who for years was a regular gallery patron of one of Mexico City's leading theatres to watch Robert Soto, 39, the country's most popular comedian, perform, has revealed herself as the mother the actor thought had died at his birth.

Soto's parents parted soon after his birth and he was brought up by his father in the State of Zacatecas, with the impression that his mother was dead.

For years he has been prominent in Mexican theatricals, oblivious to the fact that his mother, who was poverty stricken, watched him several times a week from a cheap seat in the gallery.

Ill, and sensing the proximity of death, the mother summoned the actor to her modest home and revealed her secret, at the same time informing him that he has three half-brothers, the children of a second marriage.

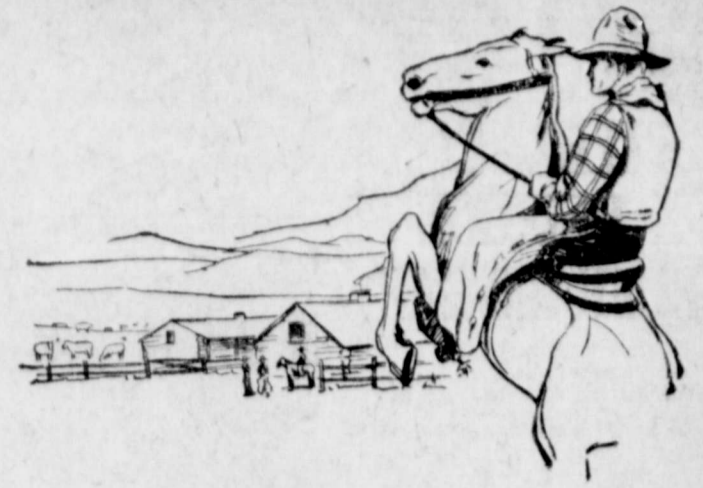
Escaping from a circus, a large lion created a panic at Bullay, France, when it leisurely took a bath in the River Moselle.

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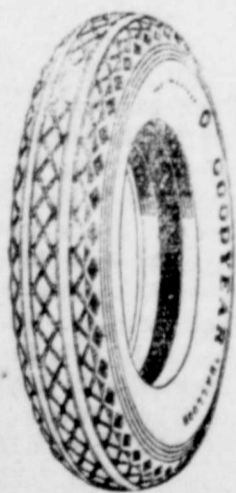
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—Advertisement Saturday Evening Post April 5, 1924



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As time rolls on, it becomes more and more manifest that Chrysler performance can't be copied—that only Chrysler engineering and Chrysler manufacturing methods can produce Chrysler results.

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FARM POULTRY

CLEAN GROUND IS BEST FOR RANGES

One of Most Important Points in Growing Pullets.

Clean ground for ranging is one of the most important points in the growing of healthy pullets which will become vigorous and profitable layers, it is pointed out by the poultry husbandry department of the Ohio State university.

"A large percentage of the mortality in the growing flock, as well as in the matured laying flock, is caused either directly or indirectly by intestinal parasites," P. B. Zumbro, poultry specialist, says in a recent extension service publication. "These parasites, as well as many disease germs, are carried over from year to year in the soil."

Zumbro urges that chick ranges be on land on which no other chicks have been raised or old hens ranged, for at least two years. Alfalfa, he says, makes one of the best chick ranges. Clover is almost as good, and blue grass comes next.

"Many poultry men think an alfalfa or clover field is too valuable for rearing chicks. This is a mistake. Poultry grown on good range will give a return equal to that from any live stock, or better. Good results can be obtained by having two or more ranges, and a crop can be grown in the meantime. This method will provide clean range and will enable the owner to have the brooder house near the farmhouse, saving time in going to and from the house. When this method is used, one acre of land should be provided for each 500 chicks."

Wonderful Feats With Turkeys Are Reported

Really wonderful results with turkeys are reported from the Ontario government turkey farm in Norfolk county. Years ago this province used to raise turkeys by the thousands but disease got in and flocks have been diminished to such an extent that each year thousands of birds are brought in from the West. The disease puzzled people and except where there was unlimited range the raising of turkeys languished. Even in the places where there was plenty of range, such as in the rocky districts on the edge of forest lands, difficulties in the shape of foxes and wolves were encountered. It looked for a while as if there would be practically no turkeys raised in Ontario. But Prof. W. R. Graham took hold of the thing and he soon found out that the disease came from the ground and the germs were so hardy that they could live over in the coldest weather. He adopted the plan of feeding everything in troughs and moving these troughs each day and his results have been uniformly successful. Losses have been reduced to the experimental farm and some excellent birds raised.

Poultry Notes

- It pays to worm the poultry.
- It requires 21 days to hatch hen eggs.
- Care must be taken that chicks do not crowd in corners and smother.
- Shut the sheep in at night, allowing them to bed in the corral or shed.
- Coccidiosis usually occurs in young chicks from two to six weeks of age.
- When the poults are about eight weeks old, they can be removed to the rearing ground.
- Tapeworms have been named as the cause of death of 58 per cent of the chickens in some flocks.
- Changing breeds every year has never yet been found a safe foundation for a profitable poultry business.
- A month lost in growing out pullets means the loss of a month's production next fall when eggs are a good price.
- Any variety of wheat is good for poultry. In fact, small undeveloped shriveled wheat if dry is even better than the fully developed kernel.
- The farmer who produces eggs of uniform color, weighing an average of 23 ounces per dozen, and which are held in a cool cellar, can ship to eastern markets by express to advantage.
- The profit from the farm flock depends to a large extent on the number of eggs the hens lay.
- Hens cannot lay eggs without protein. Skim milk is one of the best forms of protein for use with all classes of poultry.
- Mongrel geese plucked regularly yield one pound of feathers a year. Pure-bred geese yield twice as many and, besides the good prices of feathers obtained, the goose is worth as much as it ever was.

Hoover Hard Luck Fisherman, While Coolidge Got 'Em

Washington.—In the tale of the two Presidents, Herbert Hoover and Calvin Coolidge, there is a vast difference in "fisherman's luck."

ble "H" means doubly hard, or more plainly, tough.

"C" stands for "comfort" and the double "C" means very comfortable.

Compare the fishing experiences of the two:

Hoover has abandoned week-end trips to his Virginia preserves because of a drenched forest and quagmire roads.

On one of his first trips, in May, a low-hanging branch gave him a black eye. His provision trucks got stuck in the mud. His fishing tackle failed to arrive. He became lost in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He slept in a rough, hastily-constructed shack while storms raged. He spent an hour and a half traversing 10 miles. Poachers entered his preserve.

Over near Frederick, Md., the citizenry protested he was usurping the favorite local pools and his secretary made plans to sell the Maryland preserve but was dissuaded.

Calvin Coolidge, in contrast, came closer to the quiescent type of angler immortalized by James Whitcomb Riley. He was chiefly concerned about the catch. News stories about the Coolidge fishing told of the showing in his swanky fish basket.

Newly improved roads smoothed the way for the Coolidge limousine in South Dakota and Wisconsin. Game lodge and Cedar Island lodge were not conducive to hardship. For his fishing Christmas in Georgia, Coolidge had the luxurious winter home of Howard E. Coffin.

Griffith Party Leaves Texas for the West

Mineral Wells, Texas.—David Wark Griffith, noted film producer, and his party checked out of the Crazy Hotel here Friday night late and left for California. It is not known whether the actual departure was on Friday or Saturday morning.

Mr. Griffith gave it out that he would leave Monday and thereby escaped the feature writers, self-elected actors, job hunters and scenario salesmen who have continued to make pilgrimages to the West Texas resort. The director made no announcements concerning plans for the proposed picture of the history of Texas. It is thought that he failed to complete any deals during his stay in Texas from July 7 to 19. It was reported that he would consider the production of "The Birth of Texas" by Miss Betty Blount of Dallas, backed to the extent of \$750,000, if a responsible corporation were formed with whom the director might execute a contract. Backers of Miss Blount's picture were organizing such a corporation Friday and Saturday.

Texas spent \$65,128,019 on public schools in 1928.

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Sedan Crashes Cafe When Accelerator Jams

Brownsville, Texas.—With the accelerator jammed at the wide-open point, a large sedan driven by Mrs. Gregoria Salazar of Rio Hondo ran wild and out of her control at Los Fresnos, crashed into a parked automobile on Main street, smashed concrete pillars on business structures, then plunged through the front of the Los Fresnos Cafe, wrecking the interior, before it came to a stop. No one was in the restaurant at the time barely escaped when the counters barely escaped when the counters, pushed back by the impact, upset a large stove. Mrs. Salazar and three small children in the car with her escaped uninjured. Mrs. Salazar said that she lost control of the car at a railroad crossing when reaching the tracks, she saw a string of freight cars reaching the intersection, too late for her to bring her car to a stop, she stepped on the accelerator and shot across the tracks ahead of the freight train. As the car increased in speed, she realized the accelerator had jammed and could not regain control of the car before its wild race was stopped in the restaurant.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Three Civil War Vets Still Remain of Last Man's Club

St. Paul.—Three Civil War veterans gathered at the Minnesota Club Saturday for what may be the last annual meeting of the famous Last Man's Club of "B" Company, First Minnesota Volunteers.

Encroaching feebleness of the aged men has made uncertain any future meetings. The veterans are John F. Goff, St. Paul, 86; Peter O. Hall, Atwater, 91, and Charles Lockwood, Chamberlain, S. D., 87.

As a centerpiece at their luncheon table was a bottle of wine, from which the last survivor of the club will drink a toast to his departed comrades. This bottle has graced every banquet table of the club for the past 43 years, and then laid away again to await the time when the last man of the Last Man's Club shall give his final toast.

Meeting in conjunction with the Last Man's Club were eight other survivors of the 1,023 men who marched to war with the First Minnesota. But their's was a table apart from where the three aged men recounted their experiences of the War Between the States and more particularly the Battle of Bull Run, the anniversary of

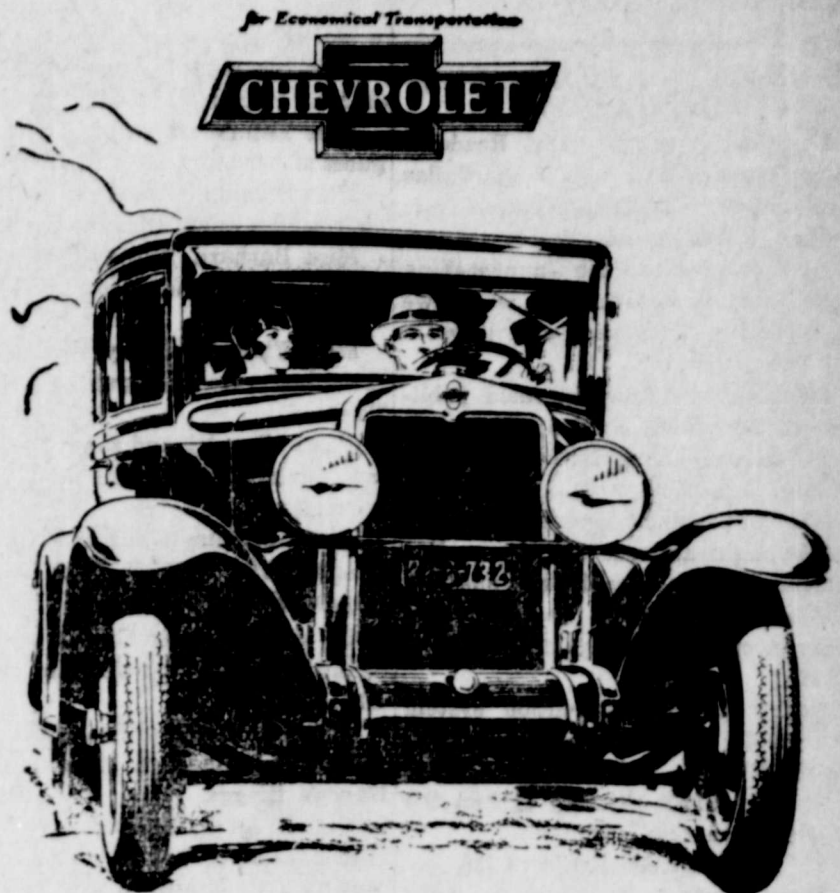
which has been marked for years by their reunion.

SOME ROCK!

Rio De Janeiro—The second largest diamond ever found in Brazil was recently reported found in the Yaca district of the state of Minas Geras. A

native prospector found it, sold it to another for \$10,000, and it finally reached an American jeweler for \$40,000. It is estimated to be worth \$500,000, and weighs 111 carats.

Of the 700,000 members of the W. O. W., 165,000 are in Texas.



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The Roadster	\$525	The Convertible Landau	\$725
The Phaeton	\$525	The Sedan Delivery	\$595
The Coach	\$595	The Light Delivery Chassis	\$400
The Coupe	\$595	The 1 1/2 Ton Chassis	\$545
The Sedan	\$675	The 1 1/2 Ton Chassis With Cab	\$650
The Sport Cabriolet	\$695		

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A fast moving Western Melodrama

Also Mystery Serial "The Mystery Rider," No. 10

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And Comedy "Joy Tonic"

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During the time we have lived in Abilene—nearly twelve years—we have rendered professional service to many thousands of people.

The characteristic feature of our work, the feature which represents satisfaction, is in the fact that in our long list of patrons is found the names of those who have been calling upon us regularly, whenever the occasion demanded, to assist them with their

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FOR SALE—Bundled feterita, 6c per bundle. E. A. Click, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

FOR SALE—Grapes, 4 cents per lb. J. Wells.

FOR SALE—Four good thrifty pigs. O. F. Weidenbach at Quality Market.

FOR SALE—New 5 room Stucco home, bath and basement; never been occupied; will sell right. Riddle Garage. Phone 53.

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FOR RENT—Two room apartment furnished, all conveniences. Riddle Garage. Phone 53.

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WANTED—Man with family to do farm and ranch work by the month. Prefer man who wants six or twelve month job. Sam Butman, Sr.

LODGE NOTICES

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

Joe Hartley, H. P.
O. R. Dye, Secretary

White Church News

Maurice Pressley has recently returned from a visit with his sister, Mrs. Mildred Harrison, near Buffalo Gap.

Mrs. Dollie Henslee spent one day at week with Mrs. Ray Cox of Castle Peak.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hunter and son, R. D., were present at the Old Settlers Reunion at Buffalo Gap last Friday.

Miss Margie Coates was the Saturday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coates of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Campbell and family of Silvertown and Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook of Butman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coates of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coates.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Conley of Henderson are visiting friends and relatives here.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. I. W. Walls of Abilene will fill the pulpit at the Methodist church next Sunday. Brother Walls is a young man and I understand a most excellent preacher. The pastor hopes that every member who can will be present to hear him.

The revival meeting at Truby is going fine. Good congregations and fine interest. We have already had some conversions and are expecting many more. It greatly encourages the pastor to know that his congregation is praying for him while he is trying to help some one else into the kingdom of God.

Come to church and Sunday school next Sunday.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

BOWERY HATTER'S WILL.

New York—The will of the man who sold Al Smith his first brown derby has been filed for probate.

Bernard J. McCann, known as "the Bowery hatter," left an estate valued at \$1,000,000. His sister, Mrs. Sarah J. Arguimbau, was made the principal beneficiary.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

Fruit—all kinds sold at wholesale prices. Merkel Fruit and Vegetable Company.

See us for Carey's Blue Ribbon Paint and Enamels. None better. Merkel Lumber Co.

Trent News and Personal Notes

Mrs. W. F. Steadman and children returned last week from a few days' visit with relatives at Vernon.

Miss Ina Gene Mangum spent last week-end with her cousin, Edna McGregor, who is attending Simmons University.

Lee Massey and family were week-end guests with his brother, Earnest Massey and family.

We are glad to have Miss Maggie Payne in our midst again after the last two months spent in school at Austin.

Miss Ruby Campbell of Novis is here on a visit with her sister, Mrs. Harvey Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Head left Saturday for a visit to East and North Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee, Jr., and Mrs. R. B. McRee spent Sunday in Mineral Wells.

Bob Weaver left last week for Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reaves and children left last Saturday for a visit with relatives at Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer left last Friday in response to a message that Mrs. Brewer's grandmother was very low.

Brother Watson, who has been in a meeting at Cross Plains, returned Monday, reporting a good meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones and family of Roxton visited relatives here the first of the week.

L. A. Springer of Roxton is here on a few days' visit with his brother, Bill Springer.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are announcing the arrival of twin boys, Floyd and Loyd, who made their appearance last week. The mother and boys are all reported getting along fine.

Mrs. J. M. Billings spent Monday in Abilene.

Little Doris Gay West of Merkel spent a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winters, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe English, spent a few days at Lamesa this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Jones made a short visit to Paris and Roxton last week-end with relatives.

Mrs. Henry Ogletree and son,

Smythie, spent last Sunday and Monday with her brother, Frank Smith, of Lamesa.

Henry Steadman of East Texas is here visiting his mother this week.

Harvey Jones and family spent the week-end with Frank Smith and family at Lubbock.

C. C. Stribling and family attended the funeral services of J. R. Dean of Sylvester which were held at the Golan church Tuesday.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

Last Sunday was a beautiful day and our services were very interesting, as in fact, they always are. Rev. Willett's sermon was anything but sleep-provoking. Immediately after the church services two children, Virgil Glen Sears and Mary Jo Russell, were baptized.

Mrs. S. M. Hunter went to Cisco Sunday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson have returned from Dallas and Temple.

Mrs. John Cox of Abilene visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore returned with Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson from Fort Worth and are visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey. Miss Darsey of McGregor, is with them.

Miss Eva Bale of Albany, is visiting her uncle and his family, S. M. Hunter.

Rev. Willett is conducting a revival at Truby this week and also next week. Try to visit his services.

Reporter.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Several are back from vacation and school attendance last Sunday was very good. Let's make it better next Sunday. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. A series of prayer services will begin at 7:30 Sunday evening, Wednesday evening and Friday evening. The revival meeting begins Sunday week. Do we want and expect a good meeting? If we do, let's work and pray for it. Glad to have visitors in all our services.

Wm. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Revenge Lice Powder is guaranteed. Swafford—Phone 44

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National Aid Life Association Opens Office at Abilene

The National Aid Life association has established a district office at Abilene with R. S. Burch in charge of its agents.

This association which recently took over the membership of the Helping Hand Protective association at Abilene, enjoys the remarkable record of having paid 92 per cent of its death claims before the funeral. In keeping with this enviable record, a few days ago it paid a \$1,000 death claim on account of the death of Butler Mitchell, who resided at Albany, through the Central State Bank at Abilene the same day the death notice was received.

Its method of doing business is on the actual mortality assessment plan and it now has \$50,000,000 of insurance in force and has paid over \$1,300,000 death claims, nearly all of which were paid before the funeral. Mr. Burch, the district manager, states that within a short time he will have an agent in every town in the seventeen counties that comprise the Abilene district and will carry out the association's policy of giving the people in West Texas guaranteed protection at actual cost.

WHITE CHURCH CEMETERY.

Again it is our duty to meet for the purpose of cleaning up the grounds and doing general repair work at our cemetery. Thursday August 8, 1929 will be a good day for this work so far as we can tell now. Come early to the cemetery, prepared to do some real work. A business session will be held at the church during the noon hour in which some necessary business will be attended to. Your presence will be appreciated.

Help us get this bit of news to your friends in time for them to be with us August 8, 1929 at the White Church cemetery.

Dillard R. Snow,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Abilene, Texas, R. 5. (Lake Kirby)

LAUNDRY WORK.

25 cents per dozen where plenty is furnished; trousers washed and ironed, 50 cents; shirts, 15 cents; dresses, 25 cents. Mrs. J. E. Rister.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

UNION RIDGE NEWS Turf Rulers to Race On Arlington Track

Miss Nina McAninch is visiting in Knox City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones visited friends and relatives at Clyde Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas motored to Abilene Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris and daughter, Katherine Joan, of Abilene are visiting relatives in this community.

Everyone should remember that next Sunday is preaching Sunday. Rev. J. P. Watson of Trent will fill his regular appointment. Sunday school at 10 o'clock and preaching at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harris and children, A. B. and Maimie Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Newberry are visiting relatives on the plains.

Fort Worth.—Entries, more than 500 in number, from the finest racing stables in the United States will compete for the more than \$100,000 which will be offered in prizes in the 10-day race meet to be held at the Three-D stock farm near Arlington Nov. 6 to 16. Paul Waggoner, who with his father is co-owner of the track, has just returned from a visit to all of the big tracks of the east where he received assurance of stable owners that they would bring their best strings to Texas.

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POULTRY

TURKEYS RAISED IN CONFINEMENT

Better Results Secured Than Where Poults Are Free.

In times past many people felt that turkeys could not be raised in confinement but that they should have a large area over which to range. This contention has changed now, however, and in several localities turkeys have been raised in confinement with a great deal of success.

The Minnesota and Nebraska experiment stations have been among the leaders in investigational work in turkey production, in recent years, with some such work being done at other experiment stations in various parts of the country. At both of the stations mentioned it was found that better results could be secured if the poults were raised in confinement than if they were allowed to range over a large area, the method once followed in turkey production. In view of these findings, those who wish to go into turkey production, either on a small or large scale, are no doubt interested in the practices to be adhered to in this method of turkey raising.

The United States Department of Agriculture has found that turkey production has declined consistently since 1890, in the face of an increase in the production of all other lines of poultry and live stock. This decrease in production cannot be attributed to a decrease in demand, for the demand has always exceeded the production, or at least, there has never been a surplus of turkeys on the market with which to contend.

This decline in turkey production can be explained almost altogether by the fact that farmers have always felt that turkeys should have unlimited range. Because of following this method of production the turkeys came in contact with the chicken yards, to the detriment of the turkey business. The disease problem among turkeys which come in contact with chickens is great enough that it has tended to cut down on production among farmers and farmers' wives who have, in the past, raised turkeys and chickens together on the same range.

In the Nebraska investigations it was found that the old method of raising the turkeys on the open range with natural hatching and brooding by turkey hens was not successful. On the other hand, artificial brooding and hatching, by means of which feed and environment could be kept under the control of the producer, was found to yield very good results.

Electric Brooders Are Clean and Convenient

The New York experiment station found electric brooders very satisfactory except in extremely cold weather, when this type of heat did not warm up the space in the house away from the brooder. Like electric incubators, brooders heated by electricity are clean, easy to regulate and very convenient.

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Aylesbury Duck Meets Favor as Market Fowl

The Aylesbury duck comes from the Vale of Aylesbury, from which fact it derives its name. It is the market duck of England. It has a long body, deep keel, and legs placed a little behind the center of the body.

The Pekin is Chinese, and is the most popular market duck in America. Its legs are set far back, giving an upright carriage.

While the Indian Runner is not a popular market duck on account of its small size, its flesh is tender and palatable, and its foraging habits give it a game quality that will make it in demand with epicures.

Watch Young Birds

Watch young and delicate birds very closely as they are most susceptible to the deadly roup germs. The same is true of fowls suffering from common cold or catarrh. The throat and nasal passages, being already sore and inflamed, are easily infected. Sick birds should always be isolated. They can be much more effectively treated when away from the flock and they cannot contaminate the healthier ones if the disease should prove to be contagious.

Don't Hurry Pullets

It is best not to hurry the pullets into heavy production. Allow them to come into production normally without feeding highly stimulating feeds. Fewer "blow outs" will occur when production is not forced on the start. Feed two parts of grain to one part of mash. The pullets will continue to gain in weight and still receive enough protein to encourage the egg organs to function without interfering with growth. Any change in feed is to be discouraged.

Little Girl Wants To Be Law-Abiding; Takes Off Swim Suit

Chicago.—The Samuel Lubors were given a good talking to by Judge Jacob Schulman recently, the reason being:

Their little daughter was playing in her bathing suit on the Oak street beach. That was all right. She wandered, however, from the beach to the lawn. That was contrary to ordinance number something.

"Hey, there, little girl," said Officer Edward Smith. "It's against the law on the lawn in a bathing suit."

The child, not wanting to break the law, took off the bathing suit.

WE THANK YOU.

The Merkel Home Laundry wishes to thank the people of Merkel for the liberal patronage they are extending us. Our first week's business far exceeded our expectations.

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HEBRON NEWS

The Hebron meeting will start Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pannell and Miss Evelyn Pannell returned to Dallas Sunday.

The many friends of Jack Pannell will be glad to learn that he is at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris from Abilene are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wemere of Blair were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell Sunday.

Mrs. William Burleson and family visited with Lee Stanley at Comper Sunday.

Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ransome Meeks of Southland visited over the week-end with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Jim Moore and son, Arthur, accompanied by Mrs. R. B. Morton and baby, Jimmie Nell, spent the past week with relatives in Baylor county.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell spent several days with relatives in Abilene recently.

L. J. Stubbs of Abilene visited Roy Abbott last Sunday.

R. B. Horton motored to Southland to spend the week-end with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Horton.

Mrs. Joe Abbott and son, Glenn, were in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mareiner Doan of Sweetwater visited relatives here over the week-end.

Bargains: We have connections with oil companies, oil brokers and investors in real estate. It will pay you to list your holdings with us.
L. R. Thompson

Blue Bonnet Hotel Now in New Hands

Sweetwater.—Change in the ownership of the Blue Bonnet Hotel became effective Tuesday when H. B. Allen, owner of the hotel building took the business over from the Blue Bonnet Company. Allen will operate the hotel under the same name.

W. M. Adams, for several months manager of the hotel, left this week to make his home in San Antonio.

No changes in personnel have been announced with the exception of the addition of D. W. Watson, who, with his brother, M. R. Watson, will be clerks.

COMPERE NEWS

Grandma Smith is still very weak from her fall last week.

Master Dee Nations is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. W. M. Staas of Nugent was the guest of Mrs. R. D. Lucas Sunday.

Cecil Smith and family of Anson were the guests of Lee Stanley Sunday.

Master Charlie Staas is spending the week with his aunt, Mrs. R. D. Lucas.

Vernie Merritt and family of Sweetwater, also Ollie Bigham and family of Cross Roads were the guests of J. F. Merritt Sunday.

Several from this community went to Luaders last Friday. They reported a good time and stated that there were about 500 people on the grounds that day.

Everyone is urged to remember the Four Corners singing at Hodges next Sunday. Also do not forget that second Sunday afternoon is regular singing evening at Comper.

In 1928 Texas spent \$65,128,019 on its public schools.

Pigeon Saves Life By Flying Into a Window

New York.—New Yorkers halted their labors one day to watch with interest a battle high above the streets between a pigeon and a chicken hawk.

The pigeon, hopelessly beaten, saved its life only by flying through an open window on the 38th floor of the Equitable building, which houses the Bankers' club.

Texas turkey growers received \$10,000,000 for their Thanksgiving shipments in 1928.

Picnic Attended By 87 Pairs of Twins

Matthews, N. C.—Eighty-seven pairs of twins recently attended the Sustar-Kuester twins' picnic here. It was the second annual picnic with J. E. Sustar and B. A. Sustar, aged 69, of Matthews and Clarence and Faison Kuester Jr., 14, acting as hosts.

Use McCannon's Products and save the difference. New shipment Fly Killer, 75 cents per quart. See Dan Ridenbach in southeast Merkel.

Midnight Preview Sunday
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West Texas Utilities Company

Procedure Outlined For Securing Refunds Gas Tax Exemptions

The State Comptroller's department is now prepared to receive reports of exemptions from the new four-cent occupation tax on the sale of gasoline, according to an announcement by State Comptroller of Public Accounts Sam Houston Terrell. Gasoline used for any other purpose than that of propelling vehicles on public roads, streets and highways of Texas is exempt from taxation. Fuel used in farm tractors, stationary engines, air craft and motor boats, therefore, is exempt. However, the tax must be paid on all gasoline. Refunds will be made to those exempt. The tax is placed directly on wholesale distributors of gasoline at the rate of four cents per gallon, but the consumer eventually bears the burden of the tax. The new rate went in effect July 16th, having previously been two cents.

The new law does not make it easy for the consumer to secure refunds on exemptions. Comptroller Terrell has outlined the necessary procedure for the exempted consumer as follows:

1. The purchaser must fill out an invoice, at the time of the purchase, giving amount, price, purpose etc. The regular price is paid for the gas. Forms will be supplied by dealers and filling stations.

2. Before the 25th of the month following the month of purchase, the buyer must report to the Comptroller the number of gallons bought and the amount of refunds expected.

Claims reported later than the 25th of the following month will not be honored.

3. On receiving the report the Comptroller will mail the claimant an affidavit-account form, on which will be recorded information as to the amount and use of gasoline purchased. This information must be sworn to before a notary public and filed with the Comptroller not later than two months from the date of purchase. This document must be accompanied with a filing fee of \$1.00, which must be paid each time that a claim is filed. These fees will be used to enforce the law.

4. The claim will be investigated, and if considered valid, a state warrant will be issued for the refund. This warrant must be cashed within 60 days.

5. No refund shall be made where gasoline is used later than six months from purchase.

Persons believing themselves to be entitled to exemptions should write to Comptroller Sam Houston Terrell, Austin, Texas.

Texas' equine population has decreased from 1,170,000 in 1910 to 780,000 in 1929.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

West Texas Maternity Rescue Home

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Family's Three Sons All Go to Annapolis

Lowell, Mass.—The appointment of James L. Martin to the Naval Academy brings to Mr. and Mrs. David P. Martin of Lowell the distinction of having sent three sons into the naval service through the academy at Annapolis.

Daniel J. Martin was graduated from Annapolis in 1924. Another brother, Edward J. Martin, was graduated in 1928. Young James has just passed his examinations.

Rattler Versus Racer And Both Are Slain

McCamey.—Drillers on the Wooley Jones test recently witnessed a serpentine battle of the century.

One of the drilling crew employed by W. F. Lindsey caught a giant rattler and a red racer of about the same size. The two snakes were placed in a box and immediately engaged in mortal combat. Both were dead within 15 minutes.

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In many places abroad shopping is a matter not to be approached lightly. It takes time, and the ability to bargain, haggle and compromise. They like it!

In this country advertising has simplified the buying process. When you start out to shop in America you are conversant with quality, brands, values. The reliability of a well-known name is behind most of the things you buy—guaranteeing you satisfaction. And the price is the same to you as to everyone else!

Think of the time and trouble you save by reading the advertisements! How little thought and effort are required in the daily shopping. How well you can budget your expenditures. And how much delightful leisure this decreased shopping time affords you!

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MILLIONS OF CARS TO BE TURNED OFF BY FLIVVER KING

Second Millionth of New Model Is Rolled Off Final Assembly Wednesday.

Detroit, Mich., July 25.—Ford model A number 2,000,000 rolled off the end of the final assembly line here on Wednesday, July 24.

The first model A car was built on Dec. 3, 1927. It took 13 months to build the first million as car number 1,000,000 was built here Feb. 4, 1929. Only six months and 20 days later in half the time, the second million has been completed.

"We are going to build the next million cars in less than six months' time," Henry Ford said today. "Just how much short of six months it is impossible to prophesy, although we are installing new time saving machinery that builds the parts of the car more nearly perfect.

"There will be many more million model A cars built. I cannot predict how many."

His associates were free in their predictions that there would be at least one and one-half times as many model A's built as there were model T's. The model T production was 15,000,000. That would mean at least 22,500,000 model A's that the motor magnate will scatter throughout the world.

"The more cars we build the more good it will do the entire automobile industry. We are going to build more cars in the foreign countries. I can safely say that with what we export and build abroad our percentage of increase will surpass that of the domestic total, possibly only slightly.

"And as we build the model A cars we will improve them. We must eliminate the noise. The more silent the automobile today the better it is. Noise means that there is a greater waste going on than there should be.

PREDICTS NOISELESS CAR.

"There will be a noiseless car built some day."

Mr. Ford owns a private railroad car but never hesitates to start out upon a long trip in one of the automobiles of his own make. Only recently he traveled from Thomas A. Edison's home at Orange, N. J., to Detroit, a distance of 721 1-2 miles in 17 hours and 40 minutes.

"My driver and I left Mr. Edison's home at 4 o'clock in the morning," he said of the trip. "We found road conditions far better than they have been in the past year. Our only lost time was driving through Cleveland where it took us an hour and a half to pass from one end of the city to the other. It was Sunday evening and the traffic was dense."

He added that the trip could be made by anyone in any automobile. He told of seeing many cars along the road, evidently on long trips also.

It won't be long before the 3400-mile trip across the United States will be just as ordinary in the belief of many leaders in the industry. And, he added, a few years later they will be making the same extended trips through South America, Asia, South Africa and all of Europe.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

"There are 198 various makes of passenger cars and trucks made in the United States. In all of the foreign countries there are 333 various makes," point out Alfred Reeves, general manager of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

"The American companies this year will build about four billion dollars' worth of automobiles and trucks. Last year all of the foreign manufacturers built only one billion two hundred million dollars' worth of cars and trucks. This year their increase will not bring them over another three hundred million dollars' additional volume.

"Renewal demands from the 24,000,000 vehicles in use in this country bring us insurance of a tremendously large automobile business during the next year."

All of the companies in the light car field report satisfactory business during the present summer season, despite the fact that this is the normally low period of the year.

A number of new models will be introduced in the medium-priced field during the next few weeks which are expected to be a stimulant to business among these manufacturers.

Texas' death rate in 1928 was 9.51 per 1,000 population. The average for the United States in 1926 was 12.1 per 1,000.

Music Scholarship Contest Announced

A Music Scholarship contest in which the boy or girl who gets the greatest number of votes will be given a full school-year scholarship in piano free is announced by the Boston Store in this issue of the Merkel Mail.

Any boy or girl attending public school is eligible to enter the contest and may be nominated any time before August 10. The contest will close Saturday, Aug. 31. The schedule of votes will be found in the advertisement and the standing of the contestants will be published each week in the Merkel Mail as well as being posted each week in the store.

In Memory of Eddie Caldwell.

Our community was made sad on Thursday, July 11, at 9:45, when the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cummins and took their little grandson, Eddie Caldwell, age 1 year, 11 month and 11 days.

Eddie was so patient during his sickness that he endeared himself to all who knew him and he is missed by all who knew him, especially by a fond mother and father and his grandparents with whom he had lived a greater part of his life.

In a cold grave a darling is sleeping. At home a mother and father are weeping;

No one knows the heartaches of the bereft

Save those whose dear ones are left.

The God of heaven knows best—
Took the babe home to rest;
It is with Christ for aye,
To be called to him on the final day.

The baby's stay on earth was but awhile;
Then 'twas God of heaven took the child.
But with more zeal and courage strong
Mother and father will meet their babe ere long.

They will meet their Master on high
And be with their lovely baby in the sky.
Then sad partings will all be o'er
And dwell with Christ and baby ever more.

—A Friend.

Pioneer Drops Dead While Filing Hoe

Funeral services for J. D. Dean, 79, who dropped dead Monday afternoon at his home near Sylvester, were held Tuesday afternoon from the Golan

Dora Doings

The Methodist revival is progressing nicely, with W. W. Riley of Dunn doing the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallis and Alton and Medina Whiteaker attended the Old Settlers reunion at Buffalo Gap last Friday.

Mrs. Sarah Porter is visiting her daughter, Mrs. May Rhodes, at Drasco this week.

Perry Smith and family of Van Zandt county are visiting D. J. Laine and family for a few days.

Mrs. J. C. Brownfield and children visited a nephew Thursday, who is in a sanitarium at Abilene.

Crops look fine, although they are considered late. The feed crop is needing rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hanks are visiting their sister, Mary Gunter, in Lampasas this week.

Commissioner Boton attended the tractor demonstration in Abilene Monday.

Those enjoying the family reunion with Mr. and Mrs. H. Phillips for three days were Mr. and Mrs. Dodson of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Winston and daughter of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Miller and children of Rush Spring, Okla. Including several honored guests there were forty-three to enjoy a bountiful spread Sunday of turkey dinner and all the accessories.

church. Burial was in the Newman cemetery.

Mr. Dean, a pioneer of Jones and Fisher counties, had led an active life until his sudden death. Monday morning he plowed, and during the early part of the afternoon he rested about the house. After eating ice cream with members of the family, Mr. Dean stated that he would file his hoe and chop some weeds about the place. He died while filing the hoe on the front porch.

After coming to Jones county from Williamson county, Mr. Dean moved to the Golan community more than 20 years ago. In his youth, Mr. Dean worked on ranches and assisted in several cattle drives from Texas to Kansas City. He had been a member of the Presbyterian church for many years.

Besides his widow, he is survived by five daughters and five sons. Three of the sons, John R. of Hamlin, C. R. Dean of Golan, and Bill Dean of Anson, live in this section. Mrs. Odie Stribling and Mrs. W. W. Brownlee, daughters, live near Golan.

Used Car Bargains

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