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FARMERS MEETING IS TO BE FRIDAY AUGUST 23

BEAUTY OF WHITE WAY REVELED AS LIGHTS FLASH ON

Completion of Paving of Ten Blocks on Oak Street is Signalized by Turning on Ornamental Lights.

When the lights on the White Way on Oak street were flashed on Saturday night for the first time, citizens of Merkel were enabled to realize fully the beauty of this newly concrete-paved thoroughfare stretching from the railroad crossing south for ten blocks.

Nineteen ornamental lights erected at the intersections of the cross streets and midway between the blocks give to this substantial residence street a strictly citylike appearance and such metropolitan improvements are a source of pride to the entire Merkel citizenship. Being visible from the highway, it is a sight that will attract the attention of night tourists especially, while day tourists cannot fail to see the extensive stretch of inviting concrete and will follow the inclination to see more of this city.

The contract for paving was let to the General Construction company of Fort Worth and the local work has been in charge of H. H. Hester, superintendent of construction for the company, and V. W. Agneil, engineer in charge, and the work has been completed expeditiously and satisfactorily. The ornamental lights were installed by the West Texas Utilities company and they speak for themselves as to the efficiency and modernness of this corporation's methods.

Second and Third Bales on Same Day

Following the receipt of the first bale of cotton raised on Teaff Bros. farm, which was brought to Merkel Tuesday of last week and which was mentioned in last week's issue of the Merkel Mail, the second and third bales were brought in on Friday of last week.

J. O. Region, who lives in the Hodges community, brought in the second bale and Will Moore from the Mulberry schoolhouse district brought in the third bale.

The bonus of \$63.50, which was raised by a committee from the Lions club for the first, second and third bales, has been distributed to these gentlemen on the announced basis of 50 per cent for the first bale, 30 per cent for the second bale and 20 per cent for the third bale.

Celebrates 73rd Birthday.

Monday morning friends, brothers and sisters gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris to celebrate their mother's, Mrs. Virginia Miller's, 73rd birthday. Lunch was served to the following: J. D. Sapp and family of Tyrone, Okla., Mrs. Mary Moore of Amarillo, Sammie Miller of Big Spring, J. O. Miller, wife and son of Big Spring, a grandson, David Miller of Lubbock, Texas, Uncle Don and Aunt Dollie Mathews and son from the canyon, Will Mathews and family from the canyon, James Harris and family from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick. All the children were present but one son.

\$1,200 School Bonds Voted.

With only 13 votes cast and 12 of them affirmative, Castle Peak school district voted Thursday to issue \$1,200 in district school bonds for rebuilding the schoolhouse there. W. P. Moore was election judge. The building is to be wrecked and rebuilt, partly with the old material.

Will Visit Old Home.

L. R. Thompson leaves Friday for a ten days visit which will take him first to Edmond, Okla., where he will be joined by his daughter, her husband and their son, who will accompany him on a visit to his old home in Tarkio, Mo. His mother, Mrs. S. E. A. Thompson, resides there.

WORK IS COMPLETED AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

LIONS PLAN FOR FARMERS MEETING

Considerable attention was given to the Farmers Meeting, which is to be the event of Friday night, Aug. 23, and which is being sponsored by the Lions club, at the regular luncheon hour this week.

Byers Pefty was toastmaster and Rev. Ira L. Parrack delivered the invocation. Singing of "America" was led by Charlie Jones, with Mrs. C. W. Delmer playing the accompaniment. The special saxophone numbers by C. W. Delmer, who is a member of the Lions club, were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Delmer accompanied him.

Guests at the luncheon were H. J. Naylor, secretary-treasurer of the General Construction company of Ft. Worth, Uncle Dick Lassiter, and J. O. Region, who raised the second bale of cotton brought to the Merkel market.

Each of these men responded with appropriate remarks when called on by the president. Mr. Lassiter expressed appreciation to the club for the grading and graveling of the stretch of road off of Oak street to connect with the Mt. Pleasant road and Mr. Region was the only one present of the three entitled to bonuses for bringing the first, second and third bales of cotton here this season.

Remarks of Ira Windham with reference to promotion of further oil activity led to the appointment of a special committee consisting of Dee Grimes, R. O. Anderson and George Woodrum who will report later their recommendations.

The program committee was announced for the next three meetings, with the toastmaster on the designated day as follows: A. T. Sheppard, August 20, Dr. H. P. Hulsey, August 27, and Henry West, September 3.

Merkel Masons Go To Sweetwater Meeting

A group of Merkel Masons attended a meeting of Masons of district 78 at Sweetwater Tuesday night. Frank Hartgraves, grandmaster of the grand lodge of Texas, and Wilbur Keith a member of the Masonic Educational board, were the principal speakers.

Among those going from Merkel were C. L. Boswell, J. A. Childress, Cleo McGehee, Tom Price, G. F. Wood, M. C. Graham, Giles Graham, G. C. Graham, Tom Allday, E. O. Carson, W. C. Black, Castle Ellis, Andy Shouse, Spencer Bird, J. V. Cavett, Ervin Thompson, J. E. Holbrooks and G. A. Teel, depot agent at Blair.

Parking on Front Street 45 Degrees

In keeping with the decision of the city council to rescind their ordinance for parallel parking on Front street, markers are being whitewashed on the pavement to provide for parking at 45 degrees.

This will meet with the approval especially of the merchants on Front street and their customers and members of the city council have expressed the hope that this will solve the problem of automobile traffic on this popular thoroughfare.

Trent Man Badly Burned.

Byron Dingle of Trent, who was brought to the Merkel sanitarium Tuesday on account of burns resulting from the explosion of a blow torch, is reported as resting well. His left arm and both legs below the knees were badly burned.

Emergency Operation.

Mrs. Earl Pribble, whose home is in the canyon, underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis at the Merkel sanitarium Saturday night and is reported as doing nicely.

Two Dry Holes.

The T-P on the Smith tract was reported a dry hole Thursday morning and earlier in the week the Clark well on the Miller Farm was also declared a dry hole.

New Heating System Installed and Remodeling and Repairs Finished.

What was done with the proceeds from \$16,000 bond issue voted for repairs, remodeling and additions to the Grammar school building will be a sort of revelation to the patrons of the school and the tax payers of Merkel when the schools open on Sept. 9 for the new session. Through courtesy of Supt. Roger A. Burgess, a representative of the Merkel Mail was shown through the building the early part of the week and some of the improvements will be mentioned here, although it is not contemplated to cover all of them in this article.

Of course, the most necessary of all the expenditures was the installation of a new heating plant to replace the 17 jacketed stoves burning coal. The new heating plant, contract for which was let to J. C. Koriath of Sherman for \$4,750, has been completed and tested out. It is equipped with an automatic water control and also a thermostat and pressure control.

The first thing to greet one's eye is the fact that all outside doors of the Grammar school building have been replaced, all the old flues torn down, the brick work gone over and the building now enjoys a new roof. The woodwork throughout has also been repainted, desks in every room in both buildings have been sanded and revarnished. (There are 921 desks in both buildings.) New Southwestern double roller shades have been installed throughout, this being handled by the J. T. Darsey company. New "Everlast" blackboards have replaced the old ones.

In the auditorium the floor has been raised with a slope of 18 inches from the rear to the middle of the building and the inconvenience of lack of elevation thus entirely overcome. The stage has been remodeled and new scenery and a new curtain will grace the opening of school. 370 opera chairs are to be installed in the auditorium about September 1.

Other improvements include modern sewerage connections in the Grammar school building, a concrete floor in the well house, which is to become an athletic room with showers already placed.

The windows have been weather-stripped and hailwired and all the plaster replaced and touched up, while the ceilings throughout the building have been repainted. The floors are now being thoroughly scrubbed and will be oiled afterward.

The only improvement in the High School building is in the study hall where the blackboards have been taken down and removed to the class rooms and built-in bookcases replace the sectional ones.

The exterior, which means the grounds, not the buildings, is now the only place needing attention and it is stated that when the old coal burners are sold and removed from the yard, the grounds will be cleaned and all weeds cut, preparatory to presenting an all-round and complete renovation of the premises and buildings for the opening of school.

Epworth Junior Program.

"Writers of the Bible." Song, Prayer. Song. Scripture, Hebrew 8:10, by leader, Mildred Richardson. Special music by Lois Whiteley. "Moses," by Mary Grace Dunn. "David," by Ima Gene Berryman. "Isaiah," by Wanda Hunter. "The Gospel Writers," by Lois Whiteley. "Paul," by Odell Hunter. Song. League Benediction.

Returns From Markets.

W. J. Sheppard of the Jones Dry Goods company returned Wednesday night from a trip to St. Louis where with other representatives of the company he made purchases for the Merkel store for the fall and winter season.

NEW AGE LIMIT NOT IN EFFECT FOR THIS YEAR

Lowering the Age Limit For Scholastics Does Not Apply Until 1930; School Term Opens September 9.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess of the Merkel Public Schools has prepared a statement with reference particularly to the age of scholastics, but in this statement he also includes general information with reference to the opening of the new school term on September 9 and an explanation of the probable increase in the state apportionment and what it means to the Merkel school system. The statement follows:

There seems to be a general impression that this year children who are six years old will be admitted to public school without the payment of tuition. This is not the case. The law recently passed by the legislature to admit children who are only six years of age does not go into effect until September, 1930, (next year). For the coming school year, unders will be admitted to public school under the same conditions as formerly made by the board, namely:—

(1) Only those under who are six years old or over on September 1, 1929, will be admitted.

(2) Unders must enter during the first month of school to be admitted at all. This is to avoid the beginning of new classes and because of late entry. This means unders must enter before October 4.

(3) Tuition rate is three dollars per month for unders.

Another wrong impression that usually is prevalent is that a child who is not seven on or before September 1 becomes a scholastic on the date that he becomes seven during the scholastic year. This is not the case. A child is a scholastic if he is seven, or over on or before September 1, 1929. Otherwise he is an under for the entire school year. He does not become a scholastic until the beginning of the next school year. In other words, the child's age on September 1 is what under the law determines whether or not he is a scholastic for that school year.

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER NINTH.

Both the public schools and Mrs. McSpadden's school will open on September 9. All entrance examinations, registrations of pupils who have attended elsewhere last year, registration of all seniors, and other preliminary work will be taken care of the week preceding the opening of school—that is the week of September 2-6.

MRS. McSPADDEN'S PRIVATE SCHOOL.

Mrs. McSpadden's private school will start at the same time and pupils, who because of age cannot be admitted to the public school, or those who prefer going there rather than to public school may receive credit for the work done with her. The tuition rates are the same for public school and Mrs. McSpadden's school and some will prefer sending to her school.

SEVENTEEN DOLLARS FROM THE STATE.

It now seems certain that the state apportionment for this scholastic year will be \$17 per scholastic. This will mean that the Merkel Independent School district will get from the State \$17 per capita on its 634 scholastics or \$10,778.00. This is \$3.00 more than previously received or a total of \$1,902 more than formerly. This means better support for our schools and better schools for Merkel.

During the two weeks of August 19-September 1, the superintendent will be away on vacation, but will return on September 2 to be here the entire week before school opens to attend to all matters of enrolling new students, giving entrance examinations, etc.

The school buildings are better equipped now than ever before. The former faculty is returning with only three changes. We have increased our units of affiliation to 19 1-2, the equipment in the library and science laboratories is being added to and improved, and everything points to a good school year.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The Arcadia theatre at Temple was robbed early Monday morning, the burglar getting away with \$1,150.

The Texas and Pacific railway has placed an order for 15 oil burning locomotives with the Lima Locomotive works.

Charlie Perry, a tinner, was instantly killed at Houston when a block and a half long warehouse wall upon which he was working crumbled over him.

A young Chinese man, believed to be Wong Haw, about 25, from San Antonio, was decapitated by a Southern Pacific passenger train near Eagle Lake.

Injuries received when he was struck by an automobile while changing a tire 15 miles out of San Antonio proved fatal for Frank Parker, 59, of San Antonio.

Three men were killed at Houston Sunday when the condenser of a high pressure ammonia tank exploded and a fourth man working nearby was hurled 20 feet by the explosion.

Charles Miller, 9, whose parents live four miles southeast of Marshall, died in a hospital Monday from injuries suffered when a mule kicked him a few days ago.

Judge R. Neil Campbell of San Antonio was selected as president and Dallas was chosen as next year's meeting place for the Tax Collectors' association of Texas at their convention in San Angelo.

W. S. Barnett, Sr., 71, prominent cattleman of Burleson county, was found dead in a pasture near Caldwell, with his neck, shoulder and ankle broken, believed to have been dragged by his horse or attacked by a bull.

A pair of human hands which had been treated with a preservative after being cut from the arms at the wrists and which are believed to be those of a woman were found under a hedge in the yard of a south Dallas home.

J. C. McKeller, 17, who with two companions fell asleep on the Southern Pacific railroad right-of-way at Dallas while awaiting daylight to act as caddies at a golf course, was killed instantly when struck by a freight train.

Struck by an automobile as he started across an Abilene street a few feet ahead of his mother, Jack Addison Gamble, 6, whose parents live in the Pleasant Hill community, was injured fatally Saturday and died that night.

When seated on the front bumper of a car driven by his mother, Claude Pearson, 14, whose parents live at Brownsville, was thrown under the wheels when the car struck a hole and was instantly killed near Corpus Christi.

The commissioners court of Palo Pinto county has set Sept. 24 as the day for voting on a road bond issue in the sum of \$1,750,000, of which approximately \$829,000 will be used in retiring outstanding bonds, the remaining nearly one million dollars to be used on permanent roads.

A bomb explosion in the Victors Uptown theatre at San Antonio at an early hour Friday morning caused damage estimated at several thousand dollars and rocked the business district for several blocks around but as the theatre was unoccupied no one was known to have been injured.

The Three Circle Ranch, near Bluffdale, Erath county, consisting of 14, 114 acres, which was owned formerly by the late E. E. Baldrige of Fort Worth and which was sold by him in 1915 to G. E. Cowden and son, has recently been sold to Bellows and McClay of Dallas for about a quarter of a million dollars.

While her mother and seven brothers and sisters scurried to safety, little Ernestine Bashara, 4, slept on as fire destroyed their modest home in the downtown section in Austin and had died of suffocation when firemen found her. Joe Guerrero, another occupant of the building, who was burned fatally, died at a hospital several hours later.

DALLAS MAN TO MAKE ADDRESS ON SANE MARKETING

M. H. Wolfe is Announced as Chief Speaker; Mexican Boy Prodigy From Eastland Will Entertain With Songs.

The Farmers Meeting, which is being sponsored by the Lions club of Merkel and which was first announced for Tuesday night, Aug. 20, has been re-set for Friday night, Aug. 23, at the same time, 8 o'clock, and at the same place, the Presbyterian church. It was deemed best to change the date in order to suit the convenience of the speakers whom it is expected to have here and the further time will permit of assembling an even larger attendance.

The principal speaker will be Hon. M. H. Wolfe of Dallas, who is sales agent for the Farmers Marketing association of America and who is an authority on cotton. His subject will be "A Sane Marketing System."

Another speaker of prominence on the program will be W. R. White, Sr., manager of the Western Produce company of Abilene, who is well versed in the benefits of diversification and will have an interesting message on "Creation of a Better Market for Poultry and Dairy Products."

The program for the meeting is in charge of a special committee, of which Sam Swann is president, and entertainment features have not been overlooked.

A major attraction will be the 13-year old Mexican boy from Eastland, who sang at the state convention of Lions clubs at San Angelo and who also appeared at the model luncheons. The president of the Lions club at Eastland has advised that Juan Segovia, this interesting and entertaining young prodigy, will come for the Farmers Meeting. He sings in his native tongue and appears in Mexican costume.

A more complete and detailed program will be announced in next week's issue of the Merkel Mail, but it goes without saying that the Farmers Meeting which is being sponsored by the Lions club will afford much beneficial information and advice for the farmers of this section as well as a good evening's entertainment.

REVIVAL NEARS CLOSING HOURS

The revival services, which have been in progress at the Presbyterian church under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Joiner, pastor-evangelist of Waxahachie, will close with the two services Sunday and it is expected that the remaining services will be attended by even greater interest and larger attendance than heretofore.

Brother Joiner has had a worthwhile message at each of the services, delivered in a manner to appeal to every one, free from sensationalism, and breathing such soul-stirring gospel teaching as to arouse a most effective religious response in this community.

The choir, under the leadership of Harry Barnett and augmented by members of the choirs from the other churches, has been one of the important features of the meeting, with special solo numbers by Miss Mona Margaret Jones at most of the night services and on Monday night a quartet, consisting of Harry and Walter Barnett, A. J. Tucker and Fred Hughes, rendered a most effective number.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services and to bring their friends.

Leave Monday For Vacation.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess expect to leave Monday for Las Vegas, New Mexico, for a summer vacation. They will be joined by Rev. J. R. Mayhew and wife of Rotan and will camp 25 miles from Las Vegas in a canyon on the O. C. Adams ranch. They will not return until Sept. 2.

Our Reputation

for Conservative and Sound Banking we prize highly, and hold closest to heart.

We know that our Safety means everything to those who put their faith in us, and this reason alone would keep us steadfastly true to the trust our depositors place in us. Our funds are used to promote production in Merkel Territory.

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W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.	

WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Dimmitt will enter enthusiastically into the preparations for the 28th Annual Anniversary picnic of Castro county. Hundreds of sandwiches will be prepared and wrapped for the guests. Concession rights have been sold and speakers are being procured.

Olton will be reached by the new High line of the Texas Utilities company. It will come in by Hart, thence south to Olton into the main plant, dropping back one mile north to Lee highway and on into Plainview, tying up all their plants into one.

Friona's Home Beautiful contest, being staged by the Women's club, is announced to close on August 15. The two classes of homes entered will be judged on points gained, front yard and curb, back yard and alley, trees and shrubbery, flowers, lawn, painting and general attractiveness being counted.

California will welcome another caravan of West Texas poultrymen, dairymen and farmers soon. B. M. Whiteker of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will conduct the tour of perhaps thirty people who want to learn the productive California methods of raising crops, chicken and cows.

Crosbyton will entertain all the old settlers on August 15 and 16. Public speaking, rodeo performances, old time square dances, old fiddlers contest, rides for the children and a free ball game each day are some of the attractions that will draw settlers to the Blanco Canyon where the reunion will be held.

McLean has gained 11 affiliated credits during the time Supt. Tummins has been head of the schools. Three of the credits were gained recently in Spanish and chemistry. The school has a total of 27½ credits. Better work is expected in the new buildings.

Clarendon is doing quite a bit of building. The Latson building on the corner of Kerney and Second streets will be started in the immediate future. It will be of brick and will cover the entire fifty foot front and will extend back to the alley.

Allanreed will have lights and power in the future since a contract was recently consummated with the Panhandle Power and Light Co., for these modern commodities. New oil derricks on the edge of town are causing an increase in population and shortage in hotels and residences.

West Texas Today for August will be out the first of next week. The wheat crop comes in for its share of attention in this issue. Several towns, where much building is being done, have stories illustrated with pictures of the largest buildings.

Pampa will entertain the second annual American Legion rodeo August 30 and 31 and September 1. Lon Blanscet and Bill Jackson of Pampa will manage the affair. Rodeo stars from Cheyenne, Wyoming, will be present. A purse amounting to \$2,130 has been guaranteed for prizes.

Big Lake public schools will open September 3. Prof. Caverns who was instrumental in the building of the splendid new High School building has resigned as superintendent to enter other fields of work. The school has 13½ affiliated credits.

Lockney is bidding for a new post office. Congested office conditions caused by rapid increase in population during the past several years was the reason given for the enlargement of quarters.

54th Year of Family's County Office Tenure

Liberty, Aug. 15.—E. W. Pickett, district clerk here has completed the fifty-fourth consecutive year in which his family has been employed by the county. His father, E. B. Pickett, who is now dead, served as county clerk here for 34 years. During the last nine years of that time his son worked in his office. Then his son became district clerk and has held that position for 20 years. Neither of the Picketts ever was defeated for office.

Fifty important minerals exist in Texas, according to report of Dr. Henry Race Payne of the American Mining Congress. Very few of them have been commercially developed.

Your Kind of Bank

Both farming and banking have changed in the past few years—they have been forced to meet changing conditions.

Old Methods of banking are being eliminated. The better banks today are more careful in their business, more strict in their loan policies, more conservative in their investments, and carry larger reserves for the protection of their depositors.

The statement of condition which we issued to the Banking Department as of June 30th, 1929 showed that we had nearly 50 per cent of our deposits in Government Bonds and Cash. We had NO Borrowed Money, Bills Payable, or Re-discounts.

First and foremost a bank's service consists of safeguarding its depositors. We have always adhered to this ideal, and yet have always extended credit to those entitled to legitimate financing.

Depositors of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank enjoy the peace of mind and pride which comes from doing business with a bank that has a high ideal of conservative banking and lives up to it.

Any time we can serve you we shall be happy for the opportunity.

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To be absolutely well depends upon ones willingness to submit themselves to a careful physical examination by a person who is capable to detect weaknesses and physical indications which foretell the approach of illness.

Nothing is more dependable in fortifying the human body against diseases and disorder than a course of scientific adjustment.

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Owing to the short crop and low price of cotton I will gin your cotton for 25 cents per hundred.

F. P. HAMM

W. T. U. Commercial Head Hands Bouquet to Matt Dillingham

Under the caption "Bouquets Hand-ed out to Four Local Managers," the West Texas Utilities News, dated Aug. 3, carries the following happy refer-ence to Matt Dillingham, Merkel's popular local manager, among the four mentioned:

"Bouquets were handed out this week by Joe White, Commercial Man-ager, to F. O. Bailes, local manager at Cross Plains; Arthur Mitchell, local manager at Moran; Harry Dudley, Baird, and Mat Dillingham, Merkel.

"These four local managers are do-ing a remarkable job on the Frigid-aire and washing machine campaigns," Mr. White said. "The great work done by these four and the other men of our organization is the reason the West Texas Utilities Company leads others in merchandising sales," he declared."

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 ap-preciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

Doran Orders Ban on Rifles in Pro Drive

Washington, August 15.—A ban against the use of rifles by federal prohibition agents, except in sparsely settled or mountainous sections, is planned by Commissioner Doran in an effort to reduce the number of pro-hibition fatalities.

In announcing the plan Doran said it was intended as a safety move to keep down the number of deaths in enforcing the law and to prevent pos-sible killing of innocent persons from long range rifles. Under this decision, enforcement agents in settled com-munities will have to depend for pro-tection upon service revolvers but in mountainous and sparsely settled re-gions they will continue to use rifles. Reports to the prohibition bureau show 142 persons have been killed by prohibition agents and 55 enforcement officers have lost their lives. These figures do not include fatalities among the border patrolmen, who are not under the prohibition bureau.

Texas has 34 cities with population of more than 10,000 and is fifth among the States with an estimated popu-lation of 5,487,000.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail of-fice.

Three Millions From Appropriations Bills Vetoed by Governor

Austin, Aug. 15.—Whittling \$3,016,401 from the major appropriation bills left with him by the third session of the 41st legislature, Governor Dan Moody reduced the aggregate total to \$44,776,935, including \$5,000,000 for rural aid.

The appropriations for the 2 years beginning Sept. 1, are slightly lower than the amount voted to support the government for the two years draw-ing to a close.

The educational bill received the sharpest cut, \$1,505,837. Eliminations from the other measures included:

Departmental, \$468,083; eleemosy-nary, \$593,940; claims and accounts, \$304,301, and judiciary, \$144,740.

The governor found most of his whittlings in new buildings which the legislature voted to schools and col-leges. He did not overlook any depart-ment of state. In every one he found

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Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue, Bilious Fever and Malaria It is the most speedy remedy known

something he decided could be elimi-nated.

The state teachers' colleges at Al-pine and Commerce succeeded in con-vincing the chief executive that their proposed buildings were imperative. He stated southwest Texas state teach-ers' college at San Marcos, College of Industrial Arts at Denton and Texas Tech. at Lubbock, held "no urgent need" for buildings not allowed. The Alpine building will cost \$150,000 and the Commerce dormitory \$175,000.

Of the 13 sizable rivers in Texas, eight have their watersheds entirely within the State. Runoff water in the Canadian and Red goes into other rivers and then into the Gulf of Mexi-co; the others empty directly into the Gulf.

Small Land Bill Filed But Is Not Approved

Austin, Texas, Aug. 15.—Gov. Dan Moody filed Saturday with the Sec-etary of State the Small land bill, withdrawing from sale or lease any vacancies or scrap public land, and the channels to navigable streams, but he declined to sign the measure.

He explained he was allowing the bill to become a law "to give the State protection from losses it might sus-tain should vacancies be disclosed by the resurvey of the university land" and with the faith that the Legislature will not neglect the opportunity at its next session to protect the State and the school fund from possible loss by reason of drainage of oil from va-

cancies and river beds by contiguous land owners."

Governor Moody declared he would have vetoed the bill had he thought the Legislature would allow it to re-main a law indefinitely, explaining that the owners of land could drain the oil beneath the surface of the State lands by nearby wells.

Through a casual remark of a fel-low workman, two brothers, J. F. Stockman, who has lived at Dallas for 18 years but who was thought by oth-er members of the family to have been lost in a storm in Galveston, and W. H. Stockman, 84-year old Confederate war veteran, have been united after a separation of 36 years.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

58 POSITIONS

---14 UNFILLED--- IN JULY

Yes, 14 unfilled positions, one of which could have been yours if you had only begun the opportunity—bringing Draughon Training a few weeks ago. During one of the duller months of the year, the following young people have accepted good office positions as a direct result of the Draughon Training—in most instances thru the help of our Affiliated Employment Departments in close touch with all the leading firms of the Southwest. A similar position will be awaiting YOU when you qualify here.

Firm Or Individual.	Kind of Position	Student Placed
Fuller Brush Co.	Stenographer (Temp.)	Carolyn Valsick
Ford Motor Co.	Bookkeeper-Stenographer	Barbara Williams
Paul G. Bentley Co.	Secretarial	Travis Blackwell
First Baptist Church	Stenographer	UNFILLED
The Schoelkopf Co.	Bookkeeper-Stenographer	Verona East
Lydick Roofing Co.	Stenographer	Azalee Ford
M. Creamer	Stenographer (Temp.)	Geraldine Thurber
Tinker Roller Bearing Co.	Stenographer (Temp.)	Hyacinth Edwards
Pool-Reed Co.	Bookkeeper	Hiram Clover
Humphrey Printing Co.	Bookkeeper-Stenographer	Jessie Lou Counts
Armour Produce Co.	Bookkeeper-Stenographer	Gladys Mundt
Perkins Dry Goods Co.	Stenographer	Pearl Sessions
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	Stenographer	Olive Mae Butler
National Life Ins. Co.	Stenographer (Temp.)	Olga Hardy
First Methodist Church	Secretarial	UNFILLED
Archenhold Auto Supply Co.	Stenographer	Artie Dillion
Don Biscuit Co.	Stenographer (Male)	UNFILLED
C. C. Chenoweth Insurance	Bookkeeper-Stenographer	Mrs. A. Storey
Texas Western Ins. Co.	Stenographer	Sue Snider
J. S. Hughes Co.	Bookkeeper-Clerical	UNFILLED
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Simms Oil Co.	Bookkeeper-Clerk	UNFILLED
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Campbell Coal Co.	Stenographer	Betty Clark
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Sun Oil Co.	Stenographer	Addie Ruth Barnes
Clarence Saunders Store	Clerical	Lawson Dennis
Avalanche-Journal Pub. Co.	Cashier-Bookkeeper	Evelyn Hatchett
Peyton Ellison Co.	Typist	Juanita Hargroves
Stinson Scales Co.	Typist-Salesman	UNFILLED
Farm Bureau News	Stenographer	Rowena Fisher
Western Electric Co.	Clerical	Chester Hobbs
Water Improvement District	Bookkeeper	Eldon Tinsley
Delaney-Delmer Motor Co.	Bookkeeper	Pierce Voss
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Morris Packing Co.	Shipping Clerk	Elmer Ash
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Col. Easterwood	Secretarial	Pearl Sessions
State Highway Dept.	Typist-Clerical	UNFILLED
Farm Bureau News	Stenographer	Frieda Doak
World Novelty Shop	Bookkeeper-Stenographer	Hvacinth Edwards
Remington-Rand Co.	Typist	Gladys Stewart
Boone-Kemo Auto Co.	Stenographer (Temp.)	Lovella Kilcrease
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	No. 1 Hand Pack,	3 for 25c
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Melton-Dishman.

At 9:30 Sunday morning, with Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating, Miss Lois Dishman and Bert Melton were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dishman, at Stith. Only the members of the brides family and the groom's mother, Mrs. R. J. Thomason, were present.

Mr. Melton is proprietor of the Good Eats Cafe here and he and his bride have the best wishes of a host of friends for a happy married life.

Returns From Eastern Markets.

Max Mellinger, one of our leading merchants, returned Sunday from New York and the eastern markets, where he made purchases for his store here for the fall and winter season. Mr. Mellinger had a most enjoyable trip.

New Arrival Welcomed.

Carroll Truett Beckham is the name given to the handsome young man that arrived Tuesday afternoon to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Beckham of Trent. The happy young parents are Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham of Lamesa.

Carter-Daniel.

With Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating, G. S. Carter and Mrs. Callie Daniel, both of Merkel, were married at the bride's home Saturday, Aug. 10, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Best wishes of their many friends are being extended them.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at the morning hour next Sunday. No services at the evening hour on account of the revival meeting at the Presbyterian church. Sunday school meets promptly at 9:45 a. m. Our Sunday school has held up in attendance remarkably well through the summer months and now that we are approaching the close of the vacation season we are expecting great things for the fall and winter months. Come to Sunday school and stay for church.
T. C. Willett, Pastor.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at the usual hour, 10 a. m. The pastor who is holding a meeting at Comper, will preach at the morning hour, but there will be no services at night due to the revival in progress at the Presbyterian church. All other services as usual.
Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

METHODIST COMMENTS.

Everyone is talking of the weather, and why shouldn't we? Sunday did not look, or feel, like rain, but we haven't given up hopes yet, by any means.

Despite, or perhaps, because of, the unclouded sky, our Sunday school is doing as well as might be expected during the hot summer months.

We were very glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox with us last Sunday after their accident of last week. Miracles, we must agree, are being performed before us every day.

Rev. Willett's message last Sunday morning was very interesting. He gave us some good advice concerning the weather.

Don't fail to attend the last few revival services at the Presbyterian church. They are well worth attending and every precaution has been taken to make the warm weather easier to bear.
May God bless the preaching of His Word.
—Reporter.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. J. M. Toombs and family have returned from Dallas.

Ben Campbell and family drove over to Roby Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Barbara A. Wall of Midland is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

Mrs. Bert Kimbrough and son, Jo Earl, have returned from Ft. Worth.

C. A. Collins and family of El Paso were passing visitors here last Thursday.

Miss Minnie Ray Adams of Rotan is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. E. Ogle.

Mrs. Jeneva Young will visit relatives in Leonard the next few weeks.

Mrs. L. J. Brackeen of Matador is the guest of her son, A. H. Brackeen and family.

Miss Addie Holler has returned from her vacation to O'Donnell and Gail, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins have returned from a short visit to Clarksville, Texas.

Miss Pauline Chin is spending her vacation in Brownwood with her brother there.

Mrs. M. S. French of Freeport is visiting Mrs. G. W. KBoyce and other relatives.

C. E. French, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, left Wednesday for Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale Lancaster and two children returned Tuesday from a visit to Fort Worth.

B. F. Tunnell and family of Matador were week-end guests of Mr and Mrs. A. H. Brackeen.

Mesdames Tally Holloway, Curtis Wilcox and O. R. Rodden motored to Albany on Tuesday.

Miss Walter Mary Campbell of Sweetwater is visiting her uncle's family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Campbell.

Miss Mabel McRee will be gone some two or three weeks, visiting in Kirven, Rogers and Cameron.

Miss Louise Booth and Verna Beasley were week-end guests of Miss Opal Dillingham in Abilene.

W. O. Boney and family left Wednesday morning for Carlsbad Caverns and points in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Moore and children attended the opening of the airport at Sweetwater Sunday.

Mrs. Martin Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Proctor, left for San Antonio after an extended visit.

The many friends of D. J. Dodge will be glad to know that he is much improved after an extended illness.

Jack Merritt, known to many Merkel people, spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Pete White.

C. L. Boswell and family returned Sunday from a summer visit to relatives in Ellis and Navarro counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coit and children returned Monday to Dallas after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Miss Lorena Dry and her mother have returned from a trip to Rising Star, Texas, which was once their home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Groene of Taylor were week-end guests of Mr. Groene's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Groene.

Postmaster Oscar J. Adcock and family and Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford left Wednesday for a vacation visit to Gatesville and other points in Central Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat have returned from a two weeks' vacation visit in Dallas, Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyton Howard and children of Stamford were guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter the first of the week.

Mrs. E. N. Brown and Joy Tippett left Tuesday morning for Lubbock on an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Owens spent last week-end with relatives and friends at Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Leeton and two sons of Eldorado, Ark., are visiting Mrs. Leeton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald were accompanied on their return from Electra by Mrs. R. L. Benson, who is their guest now.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Brown of Lubbock were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

Mrs. George Foster has returned from a short trip to Fort Worth and is in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Messrs. J. F. Fry, H. H. Copeland, Max Swafford and Elmer Adcock made a trip Tuesday to Brownfield, Lamesa and Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brown of Slaton are visiting in the Joe Higgins home, Mrs. Higgins being a sister of Mr. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hill and son, Earl Hill, of Burleson, who were en route to California, were dinner guests last Thursday of Mrs. Ernest Hill and baby son at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

After the close of summer school, Miss Vera Baker left Saturday to join a camping party for several weeks in Pala Duro Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bridges and daughter of Breckenridge are visiting in the home of Mrs. Bridges's sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes.

W. R. Layne of the Bridgeport company will leave the latter part of the week for Kansas City, Mo., for a vacation visit of some two weeks.

Mrs. W. M. Tucker and children, Margaret, Doris, Sarah Agnes and Billy are guests of Mrs. Tucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

On their return trip from California, Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis of Ranger visited for a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Angus.

Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears left Wednesday via automobile for Bristol, Va., to join Miss Boog Sears, who has been there several weeks.

Mrs. Elzada Earhart and Mrs. Eth-

el Crim returned Wednesday to their home in Lubbock after a visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Turner and daughter, Mary Lou, of Siloam Springs, Ark., are visiting Mrs. Turner's father, George Turner, and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett and family have returned to San Angelo after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

Miss Alice and Hazel Reeves returned home after spending ten days visiting their sisters, Mrs. John Cross of Rotan, and Mrs. Lea Dickerson of Sylvester.

J. C. Childress, local agent for the Texas and Pacific railway, with his daughter, Aileen, and son, Harold, have returned from a two weeks' vacation at Capitan, New Mexico, for a vacation visit to Gadsden, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery McDonald had as their houseguests the past week, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dickson and two children and Mrs. Walter Timms of Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned from market this week. After buying a new and complete line of fall goods, they visited in Glen Rose and Stephenville for a few days.

Miss Jess Sutphen has returned from Chicago where she has been studying art this summer. Miss Sutphen reports a delightful and instructive summer while away.

Last Thursday Mrs. H. F. Groene had as her guests L. A. Groene of Abilene, Mrs. Fritz Groene of Abilene, who is Mr. Groene's mother, and also Mrs. John Groene of Fort Worth.

J. M. Provine and Nina L. Cox have come from Clint, Texas, to visit their sick brother and father. Mr. Provine has been visiting his brother, several months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McGarr and family have returned to their home in San Antonio after a visit with Mr. McGarr's sister, Mrs. H. F. Groene. They were accompanied on their return by Miss Willie McGarr who has been a summer visitor with her aunt here.

Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Twyman Collins have as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood and two children of Taft, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Verner Jones and children of Clarksville, Texas, also Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones and three children of Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCall, who were located here for the past three months at the Grone apartments have removed to Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Their two daughters, who visited them here, have returned to their homes, Mrs. C. C. Williams and children, to Beaumont and Mrs. Earl Rockwood and daughter, Jaclyn, to Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Christine Collins returned last week from California where she has been studying voice and piano for some six weeks under some of the best teachers in California. While in California, Miss Collins was given a voice test by representatives of the Fox Motion Picture company and, her test proving good, she was allowed to play a role in one of the new pictures.

Merkel Represented at Methodist Girls' Camp at Palo Duro

The tenth annual Methodist Girls' camp of the Northwest Texas conference opened August 8 with almost 75 girls present. The camp is located in the southern part of the Palo Duro canyons, about forty miles south of Amarillo, in the territory which has been bought by this conference.

More than 200 girls are expected to attend before the camp closes August 28. Many interesting messages have been brought from camp officials.

Mrs. Tom C. Delaney, camp manager, and Mrs. Louis Clement, conference superintendent of young people's work. In addition to these, Fort Worth, Amarillo and Miami, Texas, have been represented. Also Miss Julia Stevens, council superintendent of young people, comes from Nashville, Tenn., to lead in devotional and evening addresses.

Much recreation and training is received at this camp, which makes everyone want to go again.

Those going from here were Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, Molly Frank Touchstone, Misses Hazel Rainbolt, Vera

Baker and Nell Hughes and Mrs. W. H. Myatt of Nugent.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. attendance last Sunday above the enrollment. Come again next Sunday. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Joiner. The revival will soon close. If you have not been in the services come hear Rev. Joiner.

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

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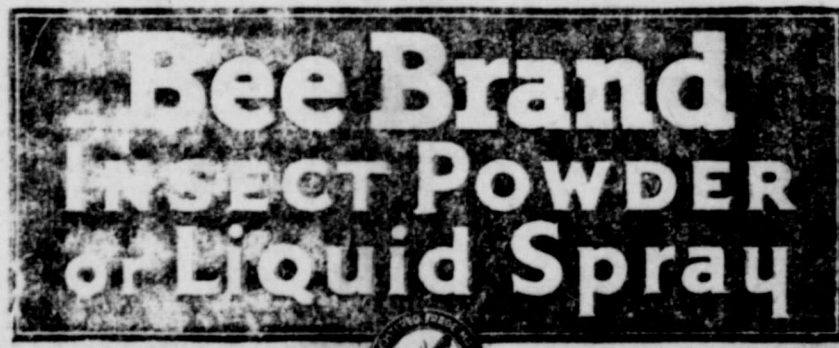
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LOST—During Methodist revival one fair Tortoise rim, double vision glasses. Return to this office and receive \$1 reward. S. M. Reddin.

STRAYED—Black mare mule about 8 years old, no blemish and no brand. Notify T. R. Melton, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.
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O. R. Dye, Secretary

Dunnam Bros. Open Grocery Saturday

Opening Saturday at the same location which the Dunn Bros. Grocery has occupied for sometime, Dunnam Bros. announce in this issue of the Merkel Mail that they have purchased the fixtures and stock from Dunn Bros. and will operate a cash grocery and market with the lowest prices that the market affords. The building is now being remodeled under their directions.

Dunnam Bros. have two stores in Winters, one in Abilene and one in Elhasville and the Merkel store will make five in their group now.

E. M. Baker, formerly of Winters, will be the manager of the Merkel store and will move his family here at once. He will be assisted by Griffin Miller, who has been with Dunnam Bros. for several years and who will also move from Winters here.

Blair Items

Workmen are progressing nicely on the new school building, which is to cost \$4,000 and construction which was begun Wednesday morning of last week. Several residents of the community are assisting in the building. The work is being financed through a recently voted bond issue.

Mashel Provine, who has been visiting in New Mexico and El Paso for sometime, returned Wednesday accompanied by his niece, Mrs. Nina Cox of El Paso, who attended the bedside of her father, Sam Provine.

Mrs. Mae Horton and sons of Wichita Falls and Miss Lometa Shelton of Temple, Okla., were the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. James Doan the past week.

Mrs. John Neighbors left Wednesday to visit relatives at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavett are making an automobile tour through East Texas and into Arkansas.

Zeb Moore and family left Thursday for an extended visit with their children in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brooks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son of Seymour are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elie Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Jime Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera and family motored to Comanche county for the week-end.

Miss Ruth Simpson of Merkel visited the Misses Addie Mae and Clarice Rosson for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips spent the past week with their daughter at Hawley.

Mrs. Bossie William and daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of Merkel, accompanied by Mrs. Mollie Provine of Wichita Falls, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan Thursday.

Mrs. J. T. Melton and daughter, Mrs. Minnie Owens made a business trip to Sweetwater Wednesday.

Mrs. Iva Holloway of Merkel was the guest of Miss Mae Melton Friday.

Mrs. Virgie Ramsey and children, Billie and Joe Anna, of Merkel are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abbott and family have moved to Big Spring recently, as Mr. Abbott was transferred by the gin company to that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and family attended the family reunion at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, at Trent.

Cattle Shipments

McCoy and Jacobs shipped a car consisting of 40 head of steers to Ft. Worth Wednesday.

Last week Ellerbee and Brooks shipped a mixed car of cattle and hogs to Fort Worth.

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White Church News

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Tyler of Royce City, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hale and son and Mrs. Ed Coates of Merkel were guests Friday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coates.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Cogburn of Fort Worth visited Friday with his sister, Mrs. Dollie Henslee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turner accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson to Hawley one day last week.

Mrs. Nettie Perkins and children of Trent, Mrs. Tom Coates and son and daughter, Weldon, and Mrs. John Stock were guests Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coates.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lindsey visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coates of Merkel.

Miss Margie Coates spent a few days the first of this week with her cousin, Miss Rowena Perkins, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turner of Trent.

After spending Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coates were accompanied by them to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.

A. A. Lindsey, who was on the sick list last week, is feeling some better at this writing.

\$600,000 Permits For Wooten Structures

Abilene, Texas, Aug. 15.—Permit for erection of the new sixteen-story Wooten Hotel was granted by the city Saturday to E. V. McCright, contractor, of Dallas. The permit totaled \$500,000. Permit for a theatre building to adjoin the hotel was also granted, amounting to \$100,000. Building permits this week totaled \$621,000, bringing the year's total to \$1,963,000.

To bound Texas requires four other states, 860 miles of international border and 370 miles of Gulf coast.

COMPERE NEWS

The people of this community are feeling good after the good showers here.

M. D. Lucas has returned home after several days' visit with his parents in the hill country.

The singing at Compere was enjoyed by a large crowd and we want everyone to remember the singing at Stith next Sunday afternoon.

We are all sorry to hear of Sister Parrack's being sick this week but hope she will be up soon.

Bud Adkins visited his brother, Ben Adkins, last week.

Ed Wilburn is at home for a few days this week.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

The crops of this community are suffering very bad for need of rain.

Miss Mabel McRee is visiting relatives in East Texas.

Mrs. T. F. Harvell and children have returned home from Wichita Falls where they visited Mrs. Harvell's mother. Mr. Harvell has returned from Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas have been attending the Baptist meeting at Golan. Misses Mary Bell and Lena Fay

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brown of Slayton Douglas, and granddaughter, Baby day night by Misses Opal and Willie Pearl Cook.

Miss Thelma McAninch attended the funeral of one of her schoolmates Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Green and children from the plains spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bernice Douglas, and grandmother, Baby Irene, of Stanton were the guests of Mrs. C. J. Douglas Monday night.

Miss Maimie Lee Harris entertained friends Saturday afternoon with a birthday party.

Carries Blazing Car To Fire Department

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 15.—C. S. Taylor had a fire Friday so he took it to the fire department.

Taylor is a street car motorman and when a dangling power wire started a blaze on the roof of his car he stepped on the bell and broke all records to a fire station, several blocks away.

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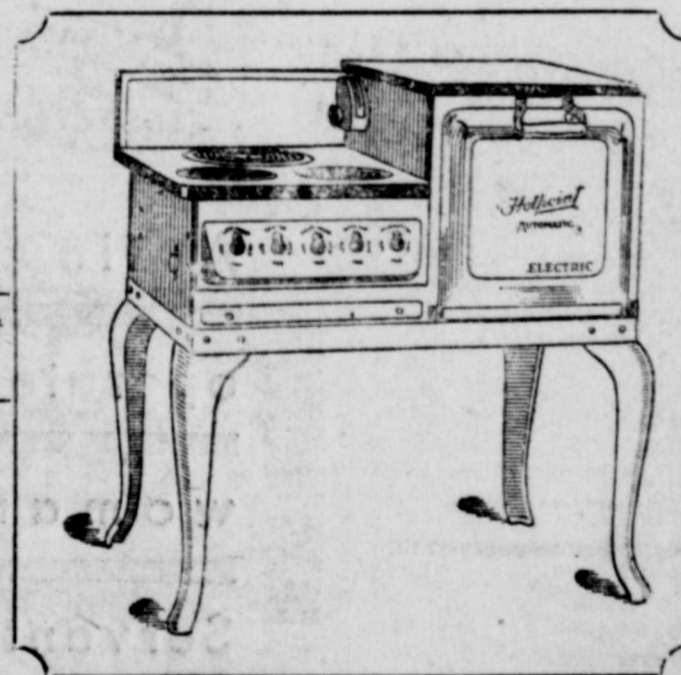
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SILAGE IS MOST ECONOMICAL FEED

Every dairy farmer worthy of the name should have a silo, because dairying is rarely, if ever, profitable in these days without one. However, whenever a farmer contemplates the purchase of a silo, first of all he considers the advantages that are likely to accrue from its use, also any disadvantages. Certainly the only disadvantage is the first cost of the silo, which is not so great either, considering the length of service a good substantial silo will give.

Farmers on every hand are beginning to realize the many good sound reasons for feeding silage. In all my experience, I have not talked to a single farmer who was displeased with his silo, with one exception, and in that instance it was a home-made affair and not large enough, writes H. W. Swope in the Indiana Farmer's Guide. That farmer today has two silos on his farm, is a successful feeder, farmer, and a good business man as well.

Silage is the most economical feed that can be produced for dairy cattle, and corn is without question the best crop to grow for silage. It is the writer's experience that where a farmer has eight to ten cows and sufficient tillable ground to grow corn, a silo will without question be a source of profit to that farmer, regardless of his location. In order to make dairying successful it is necessary to have a silo to furnish feed all the year round. Silage also makes any farm more productive where it is used. One of the reasons I have found a silo to be profitable, aside from the feeding value of silage, is that more silo material can be grown on a given acreage and put into the silo cheaper than it could if it were harvested and fed dry. No other feed can compare with silage in succulence and palatability. The dairy cow that is fed silage will keep up her flow of milk and be more profitable than from any other method of feeding.

Corn Has Surely Proven Most Economical Grain

The results of experiments of the different experiment stations in feeding cattle on pasture indicate that the pasture should be supplemented with grain in maintaining the appetite and in securing satisfactory gains during the last stages of the feeding period. These experiments have shown that it is profitable to feed grain during the first part of the feeding period when cattle are on pasture.

Corn has proven the most economical grain to feed as a supplement while cattle are on good pasture. Since pasture grass is very high in protein, it has not proven so profitable to feed high protein concentrates such as linseed meal or cottonseed meal, although cattle that received linseed meal had a better finish than those that did not receive it in the ration. This is not always true if cottonseed meal is fed instead of linseed meal.

Producers Responsible for Dairy Cleanliness

Inasmuch as the producers of the milk and cream are responsible for the quality of the finished product in a large measure, they are the ones who must be appealed to and made to see the importance of cleanliness in everything connected with the production and handling of milk. Clean barns, clean cows, clean milk utensils, clean milkers, all are very important. Despite the most careful methods in the matter of cleanliness, some bacteria will get into the milk, hence the milk should be cooled and kept cool as soon as possible to check the growth of the bacteria which have gained entrance into the milk or cream. In this connection it is well to remember that bacteria double in number in every half-hour when the milk is kept at a favorable temperature, which is from 70 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

Dairy Notes

Dry pastures make mighty little milk. Supplement them with some green corn or sorghum.

Fix a box where the young calves can have some grain and hay. It is surprising how quickly they can eat it.

When feed is not plentiful, as is the case in some localities this year, the boarder cow, masquerading as a milk cow, is an even greater liability than usual.

Give the new-born calf a quart of milk three times daily at the start.

The use of silage in feeding dairy cows through the summer is increasing and will continue to do so as its value in dry pasture seasons is better appreciated.

In raising the dairy calf leave the calf with the cow for one or two days and then take it away and feed from eight to ten pounds of warm milk per day for about two weeks.

The DAIRY

TERMS COMMONLY USED IN DAIRYING

Dairying is practically a new line to many farmers, and it is well that they become familiar with the terms commonly used in dairying practice, says M. R. Tolstrup, associate professor of dairying at Clemson college, South Carolina, who explains below some of the common terms.

The Babcock test is a quick, simple inexpensive and accurate means of finding the butter fat content in the various dairy products; namely, butter, cheese, ice cream, cream, whole milk, skim milk, buttermilk and whey.

The sediment test is a simple device, by use of which it is possible to find the amount of impurities contained in milk. The purpose of the test is to improve cleanliness in producing milk.

The moisture test is a simple test to determine the amount of moisture contained in butter. The federal government limits the amount to 16 per cent or less.

The salt test is an easy and inexpensive means of telling how much salt there is in butter.

The acidity test is a particular, inexpensive and rapid means of telling whether milk and cream are sweet by determining the percentage of acidity that it contains.

Over-run in butter making means the difference between the number of pounds of butter fat put into the churn and the number of pounds of finished butter made from same. The difference is made up of water, salt and casein (or curd).

Standardization of dairy products means bringing them to a certain desired composition. It is used especially in ice cream making, in market ice cream, and in some places in market and modified milk.

Lining Tank With Cork Saves Milk-House Ice

Great savings in ice can be made by dairy farmers through the use of cork-lined cooling tanks, states E. R. Gross, agricultural engineer at the New Jersey State College of Agriculture, New Brunswick.

The construction of such a tank is comparatively simple and the additional expense is quickly offset by the saving in ice. When finished, the tank is really three boxes fitting snugly into each other. The outer of concrete, the middle of cork and the inner of concrete.

First a pit of the necessary depth is dug. A three-inch floor of concrete is then laid and over that is placed the cork board. The sides are then built up of cork board, leaving space enough between the side of the pit and the cork so that three inches of concrete can be poured to form the outer shell. Thus the cork acts as the inside form. All the cork board should be painted with tar before it is placed.

To place the inside shell of concrete an inside form is built, leaving a three-inch clearance from the cork. The sides and bottom are then poured. When the concrete sets the tank is finished.

A good tight lid will complete a tank which will save about one-half the ice ordinarily used for milk cooling. Such a lid may be filled with ground cork or a layer of cork board and should fit snugly on the tank. A strip of felt between the lid and the tank makes an airtight job.

Exceptional strength can be given the tank by placing reinforcing rods in the outside concrete shell at the time of pouring.

Ground Grain for Cows

Grain that is fed to dairy cows should always be ground. When whole-grain is fed to cows too much of the grain goes through the cow undigested which causes a lot of wasted energy which the cow should use to make milk.

Ordinarily it will make very little difference whether the corn is shelled and ground or the corn and cob ground. The essential thing is to have the grain ground fine in either case.

Dairy Squibs

A dairy cow's feed requirements are measured by her body weight and milk production.

What a sow is fed affects profits more than any other element in her care and keep.

It is said the product of a really good cow averages \$142.45 a year above the cost of her feed.

Start culling out the boarder cows. Set a standard of production not below 200 pounds of fat per year.

Dry pastures and dry milk cows go together. A good soiling crop—green growing corn, for instance—is the dry pasture's most efficient assistant.

The average cow in milk may be expected to eat approximately 30 pounds of silage each day in addition to some additional dry roughage and concentrates.

Famous Library of Texas History For University of Texas

Austin, Texas, Aug. 15.—The supremacy of the University of Texas library in the field of Texas history has been established for all time by the acquisition of the famous Dienst Library, announcement of which was made recently at the offices of the University Ex-Students' association. The library was the property of Dr. Alex Dienst of Temple and was known as the best collection of Texas historical documents in private hands. It was acquired through forty years of research. When it became known recently that the Library was to be disposed of, a group of Austin citizens underwrote the purchase price of same to assure the acquisition of the collection for the University of Texas, as

it was impossible to get a meeting of the University regents in time to consider the matter.

New Currency Fades From Green to Gold

Beaumont, Aug. 15.—Discovery that the new supposedly nonfading paper money fades from green to gold has been made here following a visit by J. K. Huston, a Washington, D. C., treasury official to inspect a small sized \$5 bill received at a local bank.

Examining it with a special counterfeit detecting instrument, the governmental official immediately declared that the bill was genuine, and that it was the first one to be reported as faded. He also said that the bill would still be accepted and used.

The Texas Railroad Commission was created in 1891.

New Speed Limit Not in Effect Till First of October

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 15.—Correcting a general misunderstanding that the new state highway limit of 45 miles an hour is now in effect. Representative George C. Purl, Dallas county, said the law raising the limit for pleasure cars from 35 to 45 miles an hour does not go into effect until Oct. 1.

The law was enacted by the second called session of the legislature, which also places a speed limit of 20 miles an hour within the area of city, towns and villages, unincorporated as well as incorporated.

Speed of commercial vehicles such as trucks is regulated according to weight. Motor busses are prohibited from making more than 40 miles an

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13 Bodies Buried in One Grave at Mesquite Victims One Accident

Mesquite, Aug. 15.—In two vast graves side by side in Long Creek cemetery near here the 13 victims of Sunday's grade crossing accident were buried Tuesday.

Tuesday morning, eight caskets containing the bodies of the Badgett family were lowered into a common vault and the same afternoon five members of the McHenry family similarly were interred.

The 13 were killed beneath the wheels of the fast Sunshine special, Texas and Pacific passenger train, which smashed the Badgett gravel truck carrying the victims, enroute from a holiday in Dallas, to their farm homes.

Those buried: Mrs. Iva Badgett, 46; Vera and Era Badgett, twins, 22; Emma Badgett, 19; Texas Badgett, 16; Birdie Badgett, 7; Jessie Badgett, 6; Mary Jo Badgett, 2; E. F. McHenry, 52; Mrs. McHenry, 43; Beulah McHenry, 14; Emma McHenry, 10; Billie McHenry, 4.

The little town of Mesquite transferred its population from the stores and residences to the little brick church and the building overflowed its crowd long before the services started. Hundreds of automobiles lined the road for blocks on every side of the church, many of them coming from miles away.

Inside the church the crowd of grieving neighbors and the army of curious was so close packed, a path for the 18 pallbearers, with their silent burdens, and Sherwood Badgett, his sons and their close relatives had to be repeatedly cleared.

The eight caskets, long white ones for the mother and her older daughters, short white ones for the little children, and two lavender caskets for the twin girls, Vera and Era, took up much of the room in the small building.

They were side by side at the foot of the pulpit. Muted strains of a hymn played by the church pianist, opened the services and then Rev. Jenkins spoke for 45 minutes.

At first it was planned to ship the McHenry dead to Oklahoma for burial but plans were changed and services

were held for them Tuesday afternoon in the First Methodist church at Mesquite.

It's a \$5.00 Fine To Park Horse There

Greenfield, Ind., Aug. 15.—It is an offense, carrying a minimum fine of \$5, to park your horse on Main Street here, the council Saturday decided.

Main Street also happens to be the motor infested national road, as well as James Whitcomb Riley's Nativity Avenue, and the city elders have decided Dobbin is too slow for a gasoline age.

The largest number of Indians ever engaged in battle with Americans was at the first, "Dobe Walls" fight in 1864, according to Judge R. C. Crane, Sweetwater historian.

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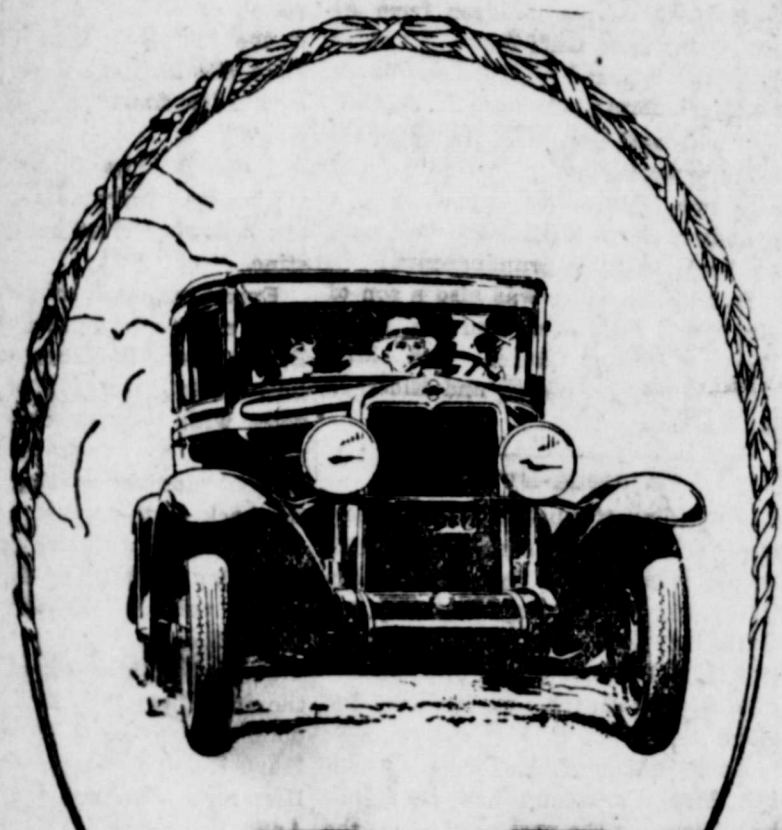
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MRS. CLAUDE YOUNG HONORS VISITORS.

Mrs. Claude Young was hostess to her many friends Tuesday when she entertained with one of the prettiest parties of the summer season in Abilene at her attractive home on Beech.

Mrs. Young greeted her guests at 4 o'clock and presented each to her attractive visitor. Guest Mary Phillips of Greenville. Misses were then allowed to find their places by clever sashet tallies at seven four-some tables, very prettily appointed in the pastel shades for bridge.

After enjoying auction bridge for some two hours, Mrs. Young was assisted by Mesdames Jack Anderson and R. O. Anderson in serving a cold salad plate to some thirty guests. At the culmination of this party, Miss Mary Phillips was presented with a beautiful handkerchief in pastel shades.

Those enjoying this occasion were: Misses Mary Phillips of Greenville, Dorothy Decker of Greenville, Louise Pannell of Fort Worth, Mrs. Earl Goodwin of Sweetwater, Mrs. Johnny Camp of Abilene, Miss Vesta Baker of Abilene, and Misses Flora Frances Anderson, Lucy Tracy, Mary Eula Sears, Mona Margaret Jones, Lorena Dry, Annie Laurie Smith, Julia Martin, Martha Bird, Johnnie Sears, Melba West and Mesdames George White, R. I. Grimes, Sam Cummins, Charlie Jones, Ed McCrary, Burl Scott, Frank McFarland, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, T. H. Bass, Tom Largent, W. T. Sadler and the hostess.

FIDELIS MATRONS ENTERTAINED.

In her lovely Spanish home Mrs. Sam Swann was a gracious hostess to members of her Sunday school class on last Thursday afternoon. After the guests arrived, Mrs. Bill Haynes led the devotional and Mrs. Ira Windham conducted the business session. Later came the revealing of the "Forget-me-nots" and a dainty gift for each person. The guests were then invited to the lawn to partake of ice cold watermelons.

Those enjoying this occasion were Mesdames Kirby Beckett, Bill Fugate, Bill Haynes, Ira Windham, Earl Baze, J. F. Fry, Clifford Garner, Warren Higgins, Charlie Higgins, George Caple, W. T. Sadler, Byers Petty, O. M. Windham, Gilbert Boswell and the hostess.

MRS. HOLLAND TEAFF HOSTESS AT PICNIC FEAST.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaff were hosts to a number of relatives at a picnic feast on the lawn of their home in the country. A picnic table was spread with fried chicken, salad, pickles, vegetables, ice tea and homemade cream and cake.

Those enjoying this delightful feed were Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar, Mr. and Mrs. Emery McDonald, Miss Lucy Tracy and the host and hostess.

MRS. FRANK GOLLIDAY ENTERTAINS FOR DAUGHTER.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Frank Golliday was a pleasing hostess to a number of friends honoring her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr. After the guests had assembled they found their places at three four-some tables attractively appointed for 42. Throughout the afternoon radio and victrola music was enjoyed by all.

At the close of the afternoon's diversion brick ice cream and cake were served to the following: Misses Flora Frances Anderson, Mildred Hamm, Arline Willett, Ruby Johnson of Trent, Inice Brown, Annie Lou Russell, Floy Ash, Opal Patterson, Mesdames Pick Allen, Bob Mayfield, Floyd Dowell, Claude Dye, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Mary Faye Johnson and Mrs. Frank Golliday.

T. E. L. CLASS ENTERTAINED.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock the T. E. L. class of the Baptist Sunday school was most graciously entertained in the Green Room of the Baptist church, with Mesdames Ross Wheeler, Dent Gibson and J. D. Slater as hostesses.

After the guests had assembled, Mrs. R. W. Conder led the devotional and Mrs. W. I. Crane conducted the business session. The entertaining room was prettily arranged with baskets of large sunflowers, and three Miss Pauline Toombs entertained with readings and Thelma Leach pleased with piano selections.

After the contests were enjoyed a plate consisting of sandwiches, potato chips, tea and angel food cake was served to the following: Mesdames A. R. Booth, Earl Lassiter, Sam Swann,

Trent News and Personal Notes

A wedding of much interest, solemnized at Roby Sunday, united in marriage Miss Ora Smith and Leslie Beasley, popular young people of this city. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith and was reared here. Mr. Beasley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley and is well known for his sterling qualities. Their courtship dates back to their school-days. They will be at home at Trent after a short visit east.

Mrs. Carl Hughes and children spent the night Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Spurgin Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. McCombs of Rotan returned home last Friday after visiting here with Mrs. McCombs' sister, Mrs. W. B. Good and family.

Earl Rutherford of Tullia visited with his sister, Mrs. Joe Nalley, last week, returning home last Monday.

Mrs. Boone has as her guests this week her sister, Mrs. A. Straub, of Welburn, who is accompanied by her son and his wife of Waco, also three grandchildren.

W. H. Beckham and wife are the happy parents of a fine boy born on Tuesday. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mrs. E. W. Autman of Roscoe visited last Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. J. P. Watson.

John Howell of Abilene attended to business matters here last Monday. He and his family will leave next Thursday for the state of Georgia for a fifteen days' trip, returning by way of Arkansas.

Sam Estep accompanied by his daughter, Ida V., and also his other daughter, Mrs. Rogg and children of Sweetwater, is attending the San Saba Fair this week.

W. L. Boyd and family left last Thursday to attend a family reunion of Mrs. Boyd's people, the Wrights.

Mrs. Al Wright and children of Lavellette, N. J., who have been visiting Mrs. J. P. Watson for sometime, returned home last Tuesday.

Little Murrell Scott had the misfortune of breaking her arm last week, but is improving nicely.

Rev. Mr. McGinnis filled his regular appointment Sunday.

Miss Mary Boyd of Simmons University was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackman of Hearne, Texas, are visiting Mrs.

W. I. Crane, R. W. Conder, Lee Gailey, Dean Higgins, John Toombs, Mac-Angus, Frank McFarland, Hale Lancaster, Earl Teague and the hostesses.

MRS. BILL SHEPPARD GIVEN SURPRISE PARTY.

On Saturday afternoon members of the T. E. L. class gave Mrs. Bill Sheppard a surprise shower at the home of Mrs. Frank McFarland. After the guests arrived and displayed their gifts, ice cold watermelon was served.

Those enjoying this occasion were Mesdames Bill Sheppard, Sam Swann, R. O. Anderson, John Toombs, Earl Lassiter, W. J. Largent, Hale Lancaster, Earl Teague, M. D. Angus, A. R. Booth and Frank McFarland.

WILLIE TOOMBS AND KENNETH PEE MARRY.

On Sunday morning at 6 o'clock Miss Willie Toombs became the bride of Kenneth Pee, with Rev. T. C. Willett officiating in a short and impressive ring ceremony at the Methodist church, with Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee as the only attendants.

Miss Toombs wore a lovely dress of blue crepe romaine with all accessories to match.

The bride is descended from one of the pioneer families of this section and she has many friends to admire her quite charm. For sometime she has been an employe of the Farmers State Bank, having resigned recently. Mr. Pee is an employe of the Case Grocery company and is known as a young man of sterling character.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Pee left for a honeymoon trip to the Rockies after which they will be at home in Merkel.

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Blackman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, and also Mr. Blackman's sister, Mrs. N. L. McLeod, they will visit on the plains before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods left Saturday for an extended trip east, visiting in Fort Worth, Arkansas and Tennessee.

Frank Smith and family returned home Monday after spending several days here visiting old friends and relatives.

A. W. Craig is moving with his family to Big Spring. We regret very much to lose these good people.

Rev. Mr. Watson is away in a two weeks' meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley are spending a few days at Christoval.

Jimmie V. Bryan of Merkel visited with Mrs. Sam E. Estep last Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. L. Frazier and family of Franklin visited in the home of Mr. Frazier's sisters, Mrs. W. J. Reynolds and Mrs. Jesse Nally, a few days last week.

Byron Dingle is in the hospital, recovering from a severe burn he received last Monday from the explosion of a blow torch.

Mrs. W. C. Thomas and baby left last Thursday for Ranger where they will visit her mother awhile.

Mattie and Fannie Scott visited relatives in Abilene last week-end.

(The regular budget of news from Trent, which was omitted from last week's issue, due to a mishap in mailing, follows.)

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Forrester of Roby visited with the former's parents last week-end.

Zant Scott and wife of Floydada greeted a few of their old time friends here one day last week as they passed through en route to Weatherford to spend their honeymoon. Mr. Scott will be remembered as a former employe of M. G. Scott and Bro. Dry Goods.

Mrs. Chas. Bowers of Abilene spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers.

Mrs. Ebb McGowan and daughters of Lamesa visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee last week-end.

Clyde Campbell of Novice visited relatives here last week.

A. N. Gordon is here on a visit with his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Danley.

W. L. Reneau and family have returned from Arkansas where they spent the last two weeks with their son, Joe Reneau and wife.

Sarah Julia Johnson is spending a few days in Sweetwater this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn and son left last Wednesday for a short visit with friends in San Angelo. They will also visit Christoval while away.

Garnet Bryan and family are home after a visit in Arkansas. Mr. Bryan's father accompanied them home for a visit.

Mrs. M. G. Scott spent last Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. Martin, who lives at Loraine.

Mollie McLeod, who has been visiting relatives in Lamesa, returned home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hale, Lucille and Emma Gean Hale, of Granbury

were guests of A. C. Terry and family, also the L. E. Adrian family last week.

Elmer Weaver is in the hospital, recovering from an operation for appendicitis Friday, August 2.

Gene Terry of Sweetwater spent a few days with Mary Jo Howell last week.

Mrs. Ed Massey and Mrs. Buena McLeod entertained a number of their friends Monday evening at the Shannon Pool in Merkel, honoring Mrs. T. B. Sorrels and daughter of Fort Worth and Miss Jean Fisk of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Chas. Pannell and children of Sweetwater spent last week with relatives here.

Mrs. Hosea Winn and son of El Paso are here on a three weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Annie Boone.

Mrs. Alex Williamson and son returned last Tuesday from Mineral Wells where they had been for several weeks with Mr. Williamson, who is there for treatment.

Dorene Scott returned Tuesday from Loraine where she visited her sister, Mrs. Martin.

Editor Luther Watson and family of Sweetwater spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. E. Howell entertained the T. E. L. class last Thursday in a happy way. After a few hours of merriment and contests, delicious ice cream and cake was served.

Mrs. T. B. Sorrels of Fort Worth was honored with a birthday shower last Thursday in the home of Mrs. J. E. Bowers, receiving many beautiful gifts. After the birthday cake was cut, lemonade was served to the following guests: Mesdames Laura Brown, E. Howell, Tom Winters, Arthur Brown, E. H. Burks, Jack Walker, Tom McLeod, George Gafford, A. J. English, George Howell, W. L. Boyd, Ed Massey, Gordon Howell, Ellis Smith, Reese, Byron Dingle, T. B. Sorrels, J. M. Billings and J. E. Bowers.

Mrs. Gentry of Paradise, mother of Mrs. Jackson Bright, is here for a two weeks' visit.

Mrs. Copeland was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Adrian, a few days this week.

Miss Lucille Adrian has as her houseguest this week Miss Gertrude Wilkes and her brother, Garrett, of Cordell.

Mrs. Bob Billington left Sunday for Gerald, Okla., where she will visit her parents for sometime.

Victorene Bishop returned last week from a visit with relatives at Sylvestor.

Messrs. Slim Messenger and Jim Beler left last Sunday for New Mexico.

Ed Sherman has bought the Blue Front Garage and his daughter, Miss Florence, will assist him in the management.

Mrs. Wesley Johnson and children, Mary Boyd, Ople Reeves and Pete Shaw of Abilene visited the Boyd home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson of Sweetwater were visitors in the home

of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hutchison last Sunday. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Abbott, who will spend a few days in their home.

Hurley Cogburn of Fort Worth is here on a visit with relatives.

T. B. Sorrels of Fort Worth spent Thursday and Friday here with his family, who are visiting in the J. E. Bowers home.

A. C. Terry and family left last Sunday for Celina and other points in the east and while away they are planning to attend a family reunion of Mrs. Terry's people, the Phelps.

Mamie Dillon, proprietor of the Corner Cafe, has removed to Sweetwater.

Family Gathers First Time in Twenty Years

For the first time in twenty years, Mr. and Mrs. H. West of the White church community had the pleasure of having all of their children present at a reunion Tuesday, July 30, when they gathered for a family dinner.

Among those present were the following: Mrs. H. B. James, daughter, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. O. D. Payne, daughter, with her son, from Oklahoma City; Mrs. L. E. Bush, daughter, and two children from Altus, Okla.; Mrs. Cliff Perry, daughter, with her husband and three children, living at Dora; two sons, L. A. Dudley, wife and one child, living on the Chaney ranch, and J. P. Dudley, wife and two children of Dora, also a grandson, Hoyt Willis, who has made his home with his grandparents.

In addition there was also a son of Mr. West, Pelie West and son, Lloyd West, of White Church and Mrs. Fanny Perry, a friend, and Elder E. B. Wallace.

Causseux-Dymph.

A wedding of much interest to their many friends was the ceremony which united Miss Evelyn Dymph and Jay Causseux Friday, Aug. 2, at 10 p. m., at the Baptist church in Abilene, with Rev. J. C. Burkett, pastor of the South Side Baptist church, performing the rites.

As the sister of Mrs. A. A. Cornelius, Mrs. Causseux has made her home here for the past year, while the groom has been residing in Merkel for a number of years, having recently been in the employ of the Phillips Drug store.

They will make their home in Abilene, where Mr. Causseux is connected with Sears, Roebuck and Co., and the best wishes of a host of friends will accompany them to their new home.

First Count Shows Miss Swafford Leading

Thelma Patterson Running A Close Second.

The first count of votes in the Piano Scholarship Contest which is now in full swing at the Boston Store was made Thursday morning, as had been previously announced.

Miss Himalaya Swafford is leading with 11,075 votes while Thelma Patterson is running a close second with 10,695 votes.

Third place is being held by Thelma Mathews with 8,715 votes.

One of the most interesting things to those who have been keeping a close watch on the contest since the start is the fact that Miss Ida Mae Derstine who has only been in four days, now holds fourth place with 8,615 votes.

Misses Nadine Tippett, Annie Lee Owens and Mary Helen Lancaster are following close behind Miss Derstine.

Every purchase of five cents or more made during this month at the Boston Bargain Store will count in this contest. You will be given the votes with your purchases and it is your privilege to vote for your favorite contestant by writing her name on the back of the votes.

All votes will be counted each Thursday morning of this month and results published in each week's Merkel Mail.

Following is the list of contestant in the order in which they were each nominated:—

Mary Helen Lancaster	7,970
Himalaya Swafford	11,075
Anna Lee Owen	8,320
Thelma Patterson	10,695
Nadine Tippett	8,185
Thelma Mathews	8,715
Ida Mae Derstine	8,615

(Advertising)

NOTICE We Will Go On a Strictly Cash Basis Monday, Aug. 19

Due to the small profit from the resale of gasoline and oil at present prices and in order to eliminate overhead costs of charging, bookkeeping and collecting with the customary losses in connection with a credit business, we wish to announce to our customers and the public that good business dictates that we take this step.

This applies to one and all We Will Sell for

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Is now in charge of MRS. MAE REEVES (Formerly of Denton) Mrs. Reeves is a Sellers graduate with four years of practical experience. Your patronage will be appreciated. MRS. V. B. SUBLETT