

OPENING DATE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS NEAR AT HAND

Supt. Burgess in Prepared Statement for the Information of Seniors and Others as to Dates and Details of Enrollment.

Complete information as to the opening of the public schools here on Monday, September 9, as well as details as to entrance examinations, the time and manner for Seniors to register and make out schedules, etc., is given by Superintendent Roger A. Burgess in the following statement:

School will open on Monday, September 9. All preliminaries will be attended to, however, during next week. These should not be neglected, for, after school opens, these matters cannot be attended to until the following week. Everybody will be busy attending to regular students, and if your records and every detail are not arranged before school opens, you will simply have to wait until the regulars are attended to.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

Students coming to the Merkel High school to enter the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade will have to take entrance examination before being admitted. This will be true of all students except those coming to Merkel from other affiliated schools. All students wishing to take any examination should report to the High School building on Tuesday, September 3, at 9 o'clock. Schedule for taking examinations will then be arranged. It is very important that everybody report at this hour.

NEW STUDENTS.

Students wishing to enter the Merkel Schools who last year attended some other school should report to the High School on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of next week to be enrolled. These students should bring with them both the book-card and report card. Students who wish to enter any grade above the 8th should bring not only the card for the previous year's work, but should bring a statement covering all the work done in the 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade. All new students whether in the grades or in high school should report on one of these days: September 4th, 5th or 6th.

SENIORS REGISTER.

Pupils who will this year be Seniors, that is, those who have on September 9 twelve or more credits, should report on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to register and make out their schedule. Some of the classes, of course, are limited as to the number the State Department allows us to enroll in these classes. When these classes are full, no more will be permitted to enroll in the classes. In order for Seniors to get what they want and must have in order to graduate, they should of course register early before any others are scheduled.

START THE OPENING DAY.

If at all possible every child who plans to attend the Merkel Schools this year should report on the opening day. This should be done even if the child can attend only for the first two or three days and then has to stop to work. He can get his books, get the general "lay of the land" and can do better than if he had not even reported. The attendance promises to be large. We have enrolled approximately one hundred more scholars this year than formerly, about fifty have transferred from other districts to Merkel, many are coming from the smaller rural schools to take advantage of the High School Tuition Law, and everything points to a much larger enrollment than last year. Many Seniors have recently registered from other schools, some have done summer work in order to become seniors, and what last year promised to be a small senior class now promises to be a big one. Let's all be there Monday morning, September 9. If we have any exams to take or other preliminary work to get out of the way, let's do that next week.

FACULTY MEETS SATURDAY.

All the teachers of the Merkel schools will meet at ten o'clock Saturday, September 7, for the first faculty meeting of the year. All the teachers will be present at this meeting where plans for the year will be made.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Rain which fell for 30 minutes at Snyder at noon Tuesday broke a drought of more than six weeks duration and will aid crops.

Doris Mae, 10, daughter of T. C. Ward of Melvin, died at Brady from burns sustained a week previous when gasoline with which she was killing ants ignited.

The Hilton chain plans to build a 17-story, 300-room hotel to replace the famous Sheldon hotel at El Paso, which was virtually destroyed by fire several months ago.

Held up with a squirt gun and robbed of \$307 was the experience of James Vick, 44, of Victoria Monday night, but the money was later recovered with the arrest of a man.

An official tabulation by the state canvassing board reveals that both proposed constitutional amendments submitted at a special election on July 16 were defeated by more than 25,000 votes.

William Koehler, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Koehler of McQuency, is reported recovering at a hospital in San Antonio following an operation to remove a grass bur from his throat.

728 Bales Already Received This Year

Cotton receipts here for the new season up to Thursday morning totaled 728 bales, according to the records of T. A. Bearden, public weigher. The first bale was brought in Tuesday, August 7, by Teaff Brothers and due to the extremely hot weather cotton has opened much earlier than usual in this section.

Buys Half Interest.

Early in the week Mrs. I. W. Lackey purchased a half interest in the Modern Marinello Beauty Shop from Mrs. V. B. Sublett and the announcement is made that the business will be continued under the same name with Mrs. Lackey as operator.

Improving Satisfactorily.

Miss Velma Walker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker, was operated on for appendicitis at the Merkel sanitarium last Friday and her improvement is so favorable that it is expected she can be removed to her home within the next day or two.

Gleaners Have Picnic.

The members of the Gleaners Class of the Methodist Sunday school and their families were delightfully entertained with a picnic at Shannon's Pool Tuesday evening. Hostesses were Mesdames Duncan Briggs, A. Morton, Robert Hicks, Mack Buzbee and Eli Case.

Informal games and contests were enjoyed during the social hour and guests were also given an opportunity to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Brackeen, who left Wednesday for their new home in Dallas.

A delicious picnic plate was served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames J. E. Richardson, W. M. Gambill, F. C. Hughes, A. H. Brackeen, Forrest Gaither, Clyde Sears, Reece Hail, Rush Buford, Oscar Buford, Elmer Lowe, Claude Ogle, Earl Stanford, Eli Case and Mesdames Duncan Briggs, Ross Ferrier, Charles Iddings, Homer Patterson and Miss Hortense Alexander of Anson.

Cattle Shipments.

Within the past few days, four carloads of cattle and hogs have been shipped from this market. On Saturday Collins and Baker shipped a car of mixed cattle to Abilene and on Tuesday they shipped a car of cattle and hogs to Fort Worth. On Monday Ellerbee and Brooks shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth and on the same day J. D. Jones shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth.

Making Airplane Trip.

Friends have learned that Mr. and Mrs. George Overton left Sweetwater Tuesday for Tulsa and Kansas City, Mo., via airplane. Mrs. Overton was formerly Miss Mary Comegys and was reared here. Mr. Overton having also engaged in business here, and the novelty of air travel will be a most interesting experience for them.

EAGLE BADGES PRESENTED TWO MERKEL BOY SCOUTS IN IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

In an impressive service held Sunday evening at the Baptist church at which Rev. R. A. Walker presided, badges as Eagle Scouts were presented to J. T. Darsey, Jr., and Benjamin Sheppard, members of Merkel Boy Scout troop No. 20, each of whom has more than 20 merit badges to his credit.

Owing to the inability of Dr. E. B. Surface of Abilene, who is chairman of the court of honor of this district, the Chisholm Trail area, to be present, Ed Shumway of Abilene, presented the badges to these two scouts.

In making the presentation of the badges, Mr. Shumway followed a custom which he stated was sometimes used and which lent added beauty to the service. The mothers of the two Scouts receiving Eagle Badges, Mrs. W. J. Sheppard and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, were called to the platform and after being handed the badges they themselves pinned the honor awards on their sons.

Evening services were waived at the Presbyterian and Baptist churches and members of these two congregations joined with the Baptist church

in a union service at the latter's place of worship. The spirit of harmony on the part of the churches here and of whole-hearted support of the Boy Scout movement on the part of the churches was referred to many times by the speakers from out-of-town who participated in the program and it was said that this was the first time such a service had come to the attention of any of the speakers, if such a service had ever been held before anywhere.

Ed Shumway led the song service and also sang a solo in most effective manner. Judge Lee R. York of Abilene and Dr. R. A. Maddox, also of Abilene, the latter Scout Commissioner, made short talks and Scoutmaster C. C. Day of Anson, who is an Eagle Scout himself, told many interesting things about Scout work and the Scout movement. He was attended by several Boy Scouts from Anson, who took part in the program.

Four Eagle Scouts from Abilene were present and were also honored in the service: Jack Pope, Tom Barnes, William Lofland and Leroy Johnson of Troop No. 2.

Brackeen Entering Business in Dallas

Having formed a company for the distribution of commercial Frigidaires in Dallas and Rockwall counties, A. H. Brackeen with his family removed to Dallas Wednesday, where they will reside at 2837 West 12th St.

Mr. Brackeen will have as his partner Fred C. Hughes, with whom he was associated here in the Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet company, and the new partnership will be styled the Brackeen-Hughes company, with headquarters at 2718 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas.

For the present Mr. Hughes will remain here until about the first of January in order to wind up their unfinished business.

Mr. Brackeen came here about three years ago from Palo Pinto, where he had been county school superintendent for a number of years, and purchased the Chevrolet franchise, being joined a little later by Mr. Hughes. Both of these gentlemen have been active in new home, but are glad to note that Mr. Hughes and family will yet remain for a few months.

While regretting to lose them from our midst, the citizens of Merkel extend Mr. Brackeen and family their very best wishes for success in their new home, but are glad to note that Mr. Hughes and family will yet remain for a few months.

Certificates Issued

Four at Meeting Here

Blue Lodge certificates were awarded to four Blue Lodge candidates here last Thursday night. The examination was held by J. E. Caple of Waco, a member of the Texas Grand Lodge committee in charge of examination work.

N. V. Edwards, worshipful master of the Lawn lodge No. 1230, two members of Merkel lodge No. 710, M. C. Graham and Andy Shouse, and George E. Caple, member of Herring lodge No. 1224 of Waco received certificates.

Besides the examinations here, Mr. Caple went to Plainview Saturday and to Albany Tuesday on similar work.

Records of Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Spurgin Scott of Trent, Tuesday night, a baby girl, named Patsy Ruth.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Cain, Sunday night, a nine pound boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hays of Trent, Sunday night, a baby girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hudson, residing on Rural Route Four out of Merkel, a baby boy, Sunday night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee of the White Church community, Monday morning, a baby girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop of the Salt Branch community, Saturday, an 11-pound boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dennis of the Canyon, Monday, an eight pound boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvell of Stith, Thursday, a fine boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bearden Saturday night, a ten pound baby girl, named Mary Evelyn.

Four Merkelites on New Grand Jury List

Four Merkel men are on the grand jury panel of sixteen Taylor county citizens which has been drawn to serve in the 42nd district court when the next term begins September 2. They are Booth Wrren, J. E. Richardson, H. W. (Henry) Hester and C. F. Doan.

Others on the panel besides the Merkelites are C. W. Stockton, Buffalo Gap; F. F. Hodges, Tuscola; A. D. Boozer, Ovalo; S. C. Parnell, Lawn; J. B. Winn, Trent; T. J. Hulsey, T. P. Bell, T. E. Brownlee, W. C. Hamilton, Holland Holt and Emmette Chandler, Abilene.

Merkel Lions Club Furnishes Program For Abilene Kiwanis

At the invitation of the Kiwanis club of Abilene the Merkel Lions club furnished the program on Wednesday for the Kiwanis luncheon in the moss room of the Hotel Grace there. Going from here were Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Melba West and Lucy Tracy and Rev. R. A. Walker, while Dr. R. I. Grimes was an individual guest of E. N. Comper of the Abilene Kiwanis club.

Musical numbers in solos and duets were furnished by Miss Mona Margaret Jones and Mrs. L. B. Scott, accompanied at the piano by Miss Melba West. Miss Lucy Tracy read one of O. Henry's short stories, "The Whirligig of Life."

Rev. R. A. Walker was the principal speaker, pointing out that the annihilation of distance had made us all one large community in which each town shares in the prosperity of its neighbor. "Merkel rejoices," he said, "in the prosperity of Abilene and takes pride in this city's achievements, because Merkel feels that Abilene is a part of its own existence."

R. M. Wagstaff was chairman of the day and L. B. Scott, who is a past president of the Merkel Lions club, responded briefly when called on for a speech.

Gulf Station Opened.

"Another Gulf Service Station" is the name given to the station now being operated by B. E. Smith at the former location of the Broadway Service Station on Front street.

With Mr. Smith in charge, prompt and efficient service is assured at all times and the announcement that it is a Gulf Station gives assurance also of the very best in the way of products handled.

Attend Group Conference.

Booth Warren, president of the Lions club of this city, and Dee Grimes, a past president, attended a group conference of representatives from the six clubs in Group 24, of which T. N. Carswell of Abilene is deputy district governor, who met in Abilene Thursday of lunch. The clubs in Group 24 are Abilene, Albany, Baird, Merkel, Roscoe and Winters.

FINE STOCK BOUGHT HERE FOR SHIPMENT BROWN CO. RANCH

Three cars of fine Hereford cattle, bought from the John Sears and Largent ranches here, will be shipped Saturday to Brownwood where Roy Largent, who is removing with his family from Merkel, and David Stevens of San Angelo have purchased a 5,900 acre ranch.

Mr. Stevens, with whom Mr. Largent is forming a partnership, is a graduate of A. & M. College and was for a number of years manager for Mr. Hughes, one of the most prominent cattlemen of Mertzon, while Roy Largent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, one of the best known families of the Merkel section, and Roy Largent has for sometime been associated with the well known Hereford breeders, C. M. Largent and Sons.

Good Roads Director Stops For Visit Here

Fred B. Robinson of Waco, traveling director of the Bankhead Highway and state director of the United States Good Roads association, stopped over in this city Tuesday for a few hours to visit with friends en route to his home from Colorado where he was one of the speakers Monday night at the official opening of the ten miles of paving through the Iatan Flats in Mitchell County.

Mr. Robinson was associated with the father of the editor of the Merkel Mail in the publication of the Waco Times-Herald, Waco, Texas, for many years and in later years with this editor, when he was connected with the above daily. Hence, the acquaintance of the Mail editor with Mr. Robinson extends over quite a long period and his visit here was greatly enjoyed.

It is estimated between 4,000 and 5,000 persons attended the program in connection with the opening of the paving in the Iatan Flats, famous in the minds of all tourists on the Bankhead Highway in the years past, the celebration having been planned by the Big Spring and Colorado Chambers of Commerce.

WILL MOVE DEPOT AND REMODEL IT

While Merkel is not to be favored with a new depot, which was the hope of its citizens and leading business men, work has been started under the supervision of P. Curry, bridge foreman of the Rio Grande Division of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, preliminary to the removal of the depot to a point 160 feet east of its present location and a number of improvements will be made.

The building is to be re-roofed and painted in its entirety, both inside and outside. The waiting room and the ticket office will be raised and these two sections will have concrete floors.

It is anticipated that the work of remodeling will require about sixty days and in its new location, which will be altogether east of the line of Edwards street, the depot will present a spic-and-span appearance which will be quite an improvement over the present condition of the railroad station.

Death of Infant Son.

The infant son, only four days old, of Mr. and Mrs. Orzo Steen, died at the Merkel sanitarium at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning and the little boy was laid to rest at the Merkel cemetery at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. R. M. McGinnis of Abilene, pastor of the Trent Baptist church, officiating.

The mother, Mrs. Orzo Steen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Halbrooks of Trent and the grandparents as well as the grief-stricken parents have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in their bereavement.

Banks Will Remain Open on Labor Day

Due to the early marketing of the cotton crop and for the convenience of their customers, it is announced by the two banks here, the Farmers State Bank and the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, that they will remain open on Monday, which is Labor Day and which has heretofore been observed as a holiday.

It is also announced by these banks that effective Monday, September 2, they will remain open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. for the benefit of their customers.

LION MEMBERS TELL WHY THEY BELONG TO CLUB

Toastmaster Hulsey Brings Interesting Responses to His Questions; School Grounds to Be Cleaned Up at Once.

By way of suggestion in the manner of question asked each member of the Lions club, present at the weekly luncheon on Tuesday, Dr. H. P. Hulsey, the toastmaster, elicited many interesting and clever responses as to why the certain member belonged to the Lions club and what benefits he derived from same and, as this reporter belongs to the "truth society" and as the majority of the responses were splendid testimonials to the excellent culinary art of Mrs. Frank McFarland, who prepares the luncheons each week, it is necessary to state that all of the married members were unanimous in affirming that one of the chief advantages of belonging to the Lions club was to "get a square meal" once a week. (Possibly, it was a by-play of humor, who knows?)

The meeting was called to order by R. O. Anderson, first vice-president, and Rev. R. A. Walker led the singing and delivered the invocation. Guests of the club were A. H. Brackeen, a former Lion, who is removing to Dallas this week, and A. A. Clark, Jr., of Sweetwater, connected with the Belknap Hardware and Manufacturing company of Louisville, Ky.

As toastmaster, Dr. Hulsey first called on the officers of the club to explain their duties and responses were made by Booth Warren, president; R. O. Anderson, first vice-president; Henry C. West, third vice-president; Hale Lancaster, tail-twister, and the toastmaster as Lion-tamer.

Space does not permit of a detailed report of the responses by individuals as to just why each is a member of the Lions club and of the advantages to be gained by membership therein, but it was generally voiced by all that as a civic club the Lions club afforded its members an opportunity not only to meet and mingle with their fellowman but to do concerted action for the development and progress of the city.

Jimmy Sears won the speech-making marathon with his concise "Yes," in response to the question, "Do you think the Lions club is helping Merkel?" Rufe Tittle entered the realm of after-dinner speakers and was advanced to the head of the table when he rose to the toastmaster's suggested topic. Mr. Tittle stated in simple manner but with much sincerity that no man lives to himself; that it is only by co-operation that any object is accomplished, and that in the Lions club he had found unity, friendship and fellowship.

All of the speakers handled their subjects with a true sense of their appreciation of Lion membership and called attention to the many worthwhile accomplishments already to the credit of the Lions club as an organization.

The president reported under the head of business that the Kiwanis club of Abilene had asked the Merkel Lions club to furnish the program for their weekly luncheon on the following day and a committee was appointed to arrange for same as follows: Rev. R. A. Walker, Henry C. West, Dee Grimes and R. O. Anderson.

The subject of the condition of the school grounds was brought up by R. O. Anderson, who called attention to the fact that it was now approaching the time for the opening of the schools and that the grounds should be got into shape, especially the athletic field.

Reporting as member of the school board, W. O. Boney stated that this was to receive attention within the coming week.

The Lions committee on High School activities, consisting of T. G. Bragg, R. A. Burgess, Stan Johnson, Rolfe Wagner and George Woodrum, are also actively behind the work and it was the opinion of the president as well as all of the members that the suggestion of Mr. Anderson was especially pertinent at this time.

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Flinging its arms of steel across the Pecos River, about four miles from its junction with the Rio Grande, the Pecos High bridge daily carries the weight of a dozen Southern Pacific trains with their loads of hundreds of human beings.

To "Old Bob" Hutchins is entrusted the task of seeing that this lofty highway of steel remains in perfect condition and that neither the ravages of time nor the vicissitudes of climate detract from the rigidity of the structure.

Hutchins' house is tucked away among the rocks on the side of the canyon. Below him is the Pecos, 150 feet wide, impetuous in its rushing flight toward the Rio Grande; above him stretches his "pet," 1,521 feet long and 321 feet above the river bed.

The bridge, one of the greatest engineering feats of the West, is inspected daily. With an ear trained to catch the slightest variation in sound that comes as a train rumbles over the structure and an eye that can discern this slightest deflection of the huge towers, Hutchins guards this expensive piece of property.

"Old Bob" has been at his post for five years. He has watched the Pecos rise until it lapped at the very doorstep of his humble dwelling. He has pulled elephantine 100-pound catfish from the water and caught alligator gar fish weighing over 200 pounds. Many visitors traverse the 198 steps which lead from the rim of the canyon to the river bed and listen to his imitable yarns of the days in which he was a peace officer in Oklahoma—the days when there was no law west of the Pecos or north of the Red River.

Blair Items

Henry Reeves and family of Lubbock are visiting his mother, Mrs. J. M. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Myers and Mrs. N. E. Myers and daughter, Miss Dovie, motored over from Anson and spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillie Cook and daughter, Miss Jessie, of Donnelly county visited Mr. and Mrs. James Doan Wednesday night.

Messrs. Harris and Stephens and their families of Rotan spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette and Mr. and Mrs. Ida Cavette.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears and family of Valeria are here for an indefinite time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson of Wichita Falls spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan.

Mrs. Homer Reeves and children of Newark, N. J. are houseguests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a musical entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. McCane motored over to Sylvester for the week-end with relatives at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scroggins and daughters attended church at Nubia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison visited relatives at Cross Roads Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Walker of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Chat Burks several days recently.

HEBRON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris of Tuscola spent the week-end with Mr. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mrs. Frank Demere of Blair and niece, Mrs. Hargrove and her two children of Ballinger visited with Mrs. Jack Pannell Sunday.

Mrs. Miller is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mrs. A. J. Sharp is on the sick list this week.

Alfred Windham and Miss Lenalee Demere of Blair were Miss Bessie Lou Pannell's guests Sunday afternoon.

The best tire should be placed on the right rear wheel. A tire is subjected to most severe service at this position.

Special Bargains in Rebuilt Typewriters, all makes; \$17.50 up. Cox Typewriter Exchange, 953 North Third St., Abilene, Texas.

COMPERE NEWS

The people of this community are picking cotton this week.

The meeting which has just closed at Compere was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Floy Warren is spending the week with Mrs. R. D. Lucas.

Vernie Merritt, wife and son were the guests of J. F. Merrett Sunday.

Boyd Tarpley is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Johnson is on the sick list this week and her daughter from Dallas is visiting her.

Berneal Merrett is spending the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merrett.

Next Sunday is regular four corner singing at Hodges and everyone is invited to attend.

A four-story building recently built in Germany was constructed almost entirely of nonrusting steel.

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Get the chicks out of the mud. Long-continued sloppy weather, muddy runs and yards, furnish ideal conditions for the parasite which causes the disease coccidiosis, as well as making things unpleasant around the brooder houses for the owners who take care of the flocks.

"The brooder houses ought to be moved to grass sod," says E. L. Dakan, head of the poultry department of the Ohio State university. "Even if the chicks are moved only 50 feet, from bare, muddy soil to grass, they will miss a lot of the infestation of parasites which have made their homes in the old runs where the grass has been destroyed."

Coccidiosis or white diarrhea results from the activities of a parasite which will infest the soil where chickens have been kept for a year or more. Sanitary measures which include moving the flocks away from the infested soil, have been found more satisfactory control measures than trying to treat the disease with medicine after it has started in a flock. Under the conditions which have existed for a month or more, the parasites have been flourishing.

For late chicks which are showing signs of rickets because it has been impossible on account of weather conditions to get them outdoors as much as they should have been, should have their cod-liver oil ration increased to 2 per cent of their feed, Dakan says. In order to counteract the lack of sunlight.

Quality Eggs Can Be Produced on Any Farm

Eggs unfit for food cost farmers from one to three cents per dozen. Approximately 17 out of every 100 eggs marketed are unfit for human consumption, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. This means a loss of about \$4,000,000 annually to farmers. An egg buyer of Clinton county, Indiana, recently reported to Purdue university that one-half of the eggs delivered to him were not good enough to eat.

Two principal causes for the large volume of inedible eggs are as follows: Improper care of eggs at the farm, and neglect in marketing them more frequently, according to E. R. Menefee of Purdue.

Quality eggs can be produced on corn belt farms if producers will follow the suggestions which he makes. Remove all the males from the flock immediately. Males are not necessary for egg production and fertile eggs will not keep their quality in warm weather.

Remove all broody hens from the nests promptly. The body temperature of a broody hen is 103 degrees and will reduce the vitality of the egg in a few hours. Turn the eggs twice a day in a cool room and place them in a cool room promptly. A basement or cellar if not moldy or containing any peculiar odors furnishes about the best place on the farm for holding eggs.

To Distinguish Sex of Guinea Is Hard

There is no sure way to tell the male guinea fowl from the female by looks. Usually the wattles of the male are a little larger than the female's, but this is not always noticeable—nor is it true in every case.

But their cries are different, and will reveal which is which. The female has a two-syllable cry which sounds like "buckwheat, buckwheat," or to some folks "pot rack, pot rack." Anyhow it's a two-syllable cry. But the male has only a one-syllable sort of shriek. Sometimes too, he makes a chattering noise and often says "quit, quit, quit."

But don't try to tell the two apart when they're frightened or excited. Both the male and female then make the one-syllable cry.

Oats Cause Trouble

The use of ground whole oats containing an abundance of indigestible fiber has caused many losses among young chicks when such material has been included in the home-made starters. A laying mash containing a lot of ground oat hulls has less feeding value than a mash without so much fiber. There should be a good demand for hullless oats for chicken feed if they can be raised as economically and are as good feed as oats which have been hulled.

Remove Litter Daily

Daily removal of soiled litter from the henhouse is important. If the dampened litter is left on the floor, ideal conditions are created for spreading of disease. The soles of shoes that have come in contact with such litter should be disinfected. Contamination is easy unless every caution is used. This risk can be greatly reduced by wearing a special pair of rubbers and by having a pan of disinfectant outside the brooder house to use when entering and leaving.

As First Lady of Land Mrs. Coolidge Went Into Training

New York.—Whatever was achieved by Mrs. Calvin Coolidge in Washington was largely due to the friendliness and guidance of Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President with Wilson, she frankly admits in her first published article, in the American Magazine.

"All that I owe to her friendly guidance cannot be estimated," Mrs. Coolidge says of Mrs. Marshall. "I had not been a club woman. I had very little preparatory training in the social graces. My activities had been confined to teaching and the upbringing of two lively boys. I was more proficient in setting up and operating miniature tracks and trains on the dining room floor than in receiving and entertaining guests in the drawing room."

Mrs. Coolidge describes her entrance into the social and official life at Washington as giving her the feeling that she was a freshman entering college. And, like many of the kinder upper classmen at school, she adds, Mrs. Marshall was at the train to greet her and from that time on smoothed her social path. "It was one of the choice memories of the years I spent in Washington," says Mrs. Coolidge.

"It is difficult to describe my feelings as I entered the White House. There was a sense of detachment—this was I, and yet, not I—this was the wife of the President of the United States and she took precedence over me; my personal likes and dislikes must be subordinated to the consideration of those things which were required of her. In a like manner, this man at whose side I walked was the President of our great country, his first duty was to its people. It therefore became quite natural to refer to him as the President and to address him as Mr. President in the presence of others."

Deference to the office was required from the Coolidge sons, says the wife of the former president. On one occasion the older son explained at luncheon that he was going to a tea dance and that he might be somewhat late for dinner and might not have time to dress. President Coolidge, after a moment's silence, said impressively, "you will remember that you are dining at the table of the President of the United States and you will present yourself promptly and in the proper attire."

For taxation purposes realty and personalty are rendered on an average basis of 33 1-3 per cent. The approximately \$4,000,000,000 total represents more than \$12,000,000,000 in actual wealth.

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'Tis sad to see the guys repair 'em;
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Ray Holder "Clean" Says Editor Harben

Sam P. Harben, veteran Texas editor and for twenty years secretary of the Texas Press Association, when commenting recently in his Richardson Echo, had the following to say about the candidacy of Ray Holder who has announced for Lieutenant Governor:

"Ray Holder, editor of the Lancaster Herald, member of the state Legislature from Dallas county, is being sought as timber for the next Lieutenant Governor—sought by associates who know he would make a very creditable man for this place. Ray is willing to make the race if assured of the proper support, but he cannot waste several months of time and deplete his funds by making a useless race—he does not believe in losing. His work as a member of the state legislature serving there on some of the most important committee assignments has stamped him as a political, economist, a successful executive and an honest, straight forward thinker. He has been close to the administration; he has sought to redeem every campaign pledge made his constituents; he has always been found on the right morally of all leading questions, and no breath of suspicion has ever been cast over his efforts at home or for the state.

"Such a man as Ray Holder would do credit to the state government and the Echo junior editor feels that no better man could be secured for this position. When the people quit electing too many politicians, and select such business and professional men as Ray Holder, they will have a cleaner slate at Austin and less trouble back home."

The Rock of Gibraltar was under the dominion of the Moors until the fifteenth century. It is at present under English control.

70,000 More Cars Registered in June Than Total in 1928

Detroit, Mich.—June registrations of passenger cars in the United States as a whole re-emphasize trends noted earlier in the year. The national total was 386,537 and all but 10,500 or so, or 376,024, were of individual makes hailing from Detroit or the vicinity. The June total was over 70,000 more than were registered in the same month a year ago and about 125,000 more than were accounted for in June, 1927.

Of the twenty-two makes of cars originating in the Detroit district, sixteen showed recession in registrations and only six gains. The companies to show increase were Ford, Essex, Hudson, Nash, Oldsmobile and Packard.

Ford's return to first prominence was naturally the chief factor in the total gain, with a total of 129,158, compared with 35,436 a year ago, when the Model A could scarcely be said to have got into production. The 1929 figures are very considerably above the 1927 total for June, which was 40,515 for the old Model T car. On a percentage basis, Ford must be credited with 33.44 per cent of the total, with the General Motors group at 31.62. Chrysler Corporation at 10.37, Hudson-Essex at 7.30, Willys-Overland at 5.46 and Nash at 2.85 amounting to 91.04 per cent of total.

PIANO CONCERT.

Miss Donna Katherine Lofless, the piano teacher in the Merkel schools, will give a piano concert at the Baptist church, Friday evening, Sept. 6th at 8:15.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Famous Opera Star Sings for Her Father

Ridgefield, Conn.—Geraldine Farrar, former Metropolitan Opera star, entertained her father, Sidney B. Farrar, former baseball star, with songs at her home here recently. The occasion was a surprise party for Mr. Farrar in celebration of his seventieth birthday. His daughter had hurried from Central Europe to preside at the party.

Seventy-five friends were present. Mr. Farrar received a silver loving cup from his vivacious, seemingly young 47-year-old daughter.

Toys of warlike nature and cadet corps have been banned in Le Locle, Switzerland, which claims the record of being the least military town in the world.

Terrell Sees Drop Texas Cotton Crop

Austin.—A Texas cotton crop of 4,356,000 bales, or 62 per cent of average, was forecast here Saturday by George B. Terrell, state commissioner of agriculture.

Terrell's estimate shows a drop of more than 400,000 bales since the government figures came out August 1. The state figures were based on condition of the crop as of August 15. Terrell estimated that acreage would remain about the same, 18,000,000. The crop would sell at 20c or more, he said.

To go from Boston to New York in 1775 by stage required a week; in 1835 by boat and rail, 15 hours; in 1920 by auto nine hours; and in 1928 by air, two and one-half hours.

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Victim Auto Crash Is Reported Better

A slightly more favorable report was given out Thursday from the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene as to the condition of Norman Hodge, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodge of Abilene and a brother of Mrs. S. P. Nesmith of this city, who was injured late Saturday night in an automobile accident east of Abilene.

Hodge was returning to Abilene from Clyde, accompanied by four Abilene youths, when the Whippet roadster which he was driving collided with another car. Hodges' skull was fractured, but his companions escaped with slight injuries.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS
Pastor Parrack is back from his summer meetings and will be in all the services Sunday. He urges a full attendance in all services. There are to be special classes in teacher training for workers during the week. Classes will be held for all departmental books and for any other book that you may need to finish your training. These classes will meet each evening not later than 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome is awaiting any stranger or visitor that will come to any of our services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.
The pastor was absent last Sunday but from the reports coming to him they must have had a great day at the Methodist church. All have been loud in their praise of young Brother Wall who filled the pulpit at the morning hour and Brother Cox was just bubbling over with delight at the splendid showing of his Sunday school. No wonder, for it lacked only a few of reaching the three hundred mark. You will not find a more interesting and helpful place to spend an hour on Sunday morning than in the Methodist Sunday school.

The pastor is home now, the revival and vacation season is about over and we are ready to settle down to our regular program and to the closing out of this conference year in grand style. The pastor will be looking for you in your accustomed place at all of the services next Sunday.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

Willing Workers Class Meeting.
Misses Lizzie and Jennie Kenney assisted by Miss Mary Kenney were the hostesses for the Willing Workers Class meeting Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 29.

An interesting program was given by the class. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake was served to Mesdames Walker, G. W. West, S. G. Russell, J. J. Russell, Butler, Baker, Ponder, Murray, Marvin Smith, O'Donnell, Derstine and Elliott. Those visiting were Mrs. Holt of Lubbock and Miss Dora Garrouette.

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A cool, sparkling drink at our fountain is just the thing these long, hot days. Phillips Drug Store.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sawyer have gone for a trip to points in Mexico.

Kirby Beckett returned Wednesday from a business trip to El Paso.

Mrs. N. C. Gailey is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. C. Dundas in Deming, New Mexico.

Bob Martin and family visited Mrs. Martin's brother and family in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Owen and children spent Sunday in Big Spring visiting relatives.

Miss Elsie Sharp visited in Abilene Wednesday with her cousin, Mrs. Ernest Bridges.

Miss Beulah Lou Lee of Throckmorton is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred C. Hughes.

David Stevens of San Angelo is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent this week.

Miss Lena Rose Black of Big Spring was the guest of Miss Louise Booth last week-end.

J. S. Swann and Charlie Jones have returned from a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns and El Paso.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson has returned from visits with schoolmates in Dublin and Longview.

Mrs. A. Morton had as her guest for the last week-end, her sister, Miss Ottie Chance of Sweetwater.

Miss Hortense Alexander of Anson is visiting Miss Ida Derstine and other friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Burt and Mr. Gray of San Angelo were visitors Sunday in the J. L. Banner home.

Mrs. D. A. Lee, Mrs. Stark McQuain and Junior McQuain spent a pleasant day in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott are enjoying a visit to the Carlsbad Caverns, having left Monday morning.

Miss Evelyn Curb has returned from attending the summer session of the University of Texas at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ellis returned Saturday from a two weeks' vacation trip to Colorado Springs, Estes Park and Denver. Mr. Ellis recently re-

signed his position here with the Farmers and Merchants National Bank to accept a position with the Citizens National Bank of Abilene where Mrs. Ellis was already employed.

Bill Fugat and family have returned from a delightful summer trip to Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Austin.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt and daughter, Miss Madeline, of Haskell are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Gailey of Camp Fair left Wednesday for El Paso to visit Mr. Gailey's sister, Mrs. R. C. Ivey.

Rev. G. B. McLane, pastor of the Baptist church at Muldoon, accompanied by his wife, is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian of Dallas are guests of Mr. Sheppard's parents this week.

Mrs. V. P. Tippett and daughter of San Angelo are guests of Mrs. Tippett's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, this week.

Recent guests of L. L. Murry and family were B. C. Maxfield and family of Abilene and L. L. Stalls and family of Pampa.

T. L. Harris, wife and three children from Eliasville were guests last week-end of Mr. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris.

Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Robinson of Houston were guests recently in the Charlie Jones home. Mrs. Robinson is the sister of Mr. Jones.

Friends will be much gratified to learn that Mrs. Marvin Armstrong, who was seriously burned a few weeks ago, is getting along nicely.

T. G. Bragg, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Iva Bragg, made an automobile trip to Hillsboro, Stephen-

Claude Derrick was accompanied by his brother, C. A. Derrick of Stamford, on a visit to Greenville to see their father who is in a sanitarium

there. They returned Monday and report that their father is not sufficiently recovered yet to leave the sanitarium.

ville and Glen Rose this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren, accompanied by Mrs. Warren's mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams, all of Knox City visited friends in Merkel this week.

Dr. W. F. Armstrong was accompanied on his return to Fort Worth Monday by his wife and daughter, who had made a ten days' visit with his parents here.

M. Rosenvasser and family of Lockhart were guests in the Max Mellinger home on Wednesday en route to Big Spring. Mrs. Rosenvasser is a sister of Mrs. Mellinger.

J. K. Provine and family of Houston, also Mrs. Etna French, his sister, were recent guests in the Bob Martin home, returning from a visit with Mr. Provine's brother in Van Horn.

Mrs. Artist Cook and two children, Pauline and Betty Joyce, have returned from Frankston in East Texas, where Mrs. Cook went to be at the bedside of her sick father, who later died.

Mr. and Mrs. Olga E. Mebane from Huntington, Tenn., spent a few days in Merkel. Mrs. Mebane was formerly Miss Love Hawkins and taught in

the Merkel High school for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caple accompanied Mr. Caple's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Caple of Waco, to Plainview Saturday and Sunday, where the elder Mr. Caple held Masonic examinations.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weaver and son left Sunday for their home in Childress, Mrs. Weaver and son having spent the past two weeks in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. McCarty of Navarro county en route to their new home in Lubbock where they will have charge of the Tech Hotel were guests of Mrs. McCarty's sister, Mrs. C. L. Boswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Stark McQuain and little son, Junior, of Valera were visi-

tors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee. Mr. McQuain left Sunday for his new location in Grandfalls, while Mrs. McQuain and Junior will remain for a few days' visit.

L. R. Thompson returned Wednesday from a visit of some 10 days to his old home in Tarkio, Mo., where his mother resides. En route he also visited his sister in Edmond, Okla., who joined him with her family to visit their mother.

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| BANANAS | extra nice, large size, per doz. | 25c |
| SOAP | Swift's White Naptha 26 bars | \$1.00 |
| TOMATOES | No. 1 Hand packed 3 for | 25c |
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| SAUSAGE | Pure Pork, per lb. | 25c |
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LOST—Brown leather purse between Shannon's and town, containing 65 cents in change and other small articles. Reward for return. Miss Opal Patterson.

LODGE NOTICES

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

Joe Hartley, H. P.
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SOCIETY

DINNER BRIDGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent who are leaving this week to make their home in Brownwood were complimented Wednesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George White with Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler the host and hostess.

A delicious chicken menu was served on the lawn, buffet-style and at the culmination of the dinner, games of auction bridge were enjoyed until a late hour. The guest list included Messrs. and Mesdames Roy Largent, Warren Smith, George White, Mr. David Stevens of San Angelo, the host and hostess.

FAREWELL PARTY.

The lovely new home of John Sears on Oak street was opened Monday afternoon by his daughters, Miss Johnnie Sears and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, complimenting Mrs. Roy Largent, who is leaving this week to make her home in Brownwood. A refreshing color scheme of orchid and green was tastefully suggested in table favors and floral decorations for the entertaining rooms.

Games of bridge provided diversion for the afternoon, cooling drinks were passed during progressions of the games and at the refreshment hour a delectable ice and sandwich plate, reflecting the favored colors of the party was served. Mrs. Largent was graciously presented with a guest prize. Many out-of-town guests helped to make the afternoon especially happy for Mrs. Largent, Misses La Nell Snell and Lillian Grey of Sweetwater, Miss Marian Sheppard of Dallas, Miss Madeline Hunt of Haskell, Mrs. V.

P. Tippet of San Angelo, Misses Lucy Tracy, Mona Margaret Jones, Flora Frances Anderson, Christine Collins, Louise Booth, Maurine Tipton, Lola Dennis, Lorena Dry, Jess Sutphen, Althea Boden, Martha Bird, Mesdames W. T. Sadler, L. B. Scott, Charlie Jones, ack Anderson, S. D. Gamble, R. I. Grimes, Bob Mayfield, Elmer Lowe, E. Yates Brown, Warren Smith, Tom Largent, Edward McCrary, W. J. Largent, Dee Grimes, Booth Warren, Matt Dillingham, George White, Ross Ferrer, Kenneth Pee and the hostesses.

SWIMMING PARTY.

Mrs. F. C. McFarland and Miss Melba West were joint hostesses Wednesday night, complimenting Miss Marian Sheppard of Dallas with a slumber party at Shannon's Pool. Swimming was enjoyed in the early part of the evening after which a sumptuous spread was served picnic fashion on the lawn. Outdoor games and music proved happy diversions until bed time.

Guests on this occasion were Miss Marion Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. McFarland, Misses Iva Bragg, Evelyn Curb, Mona Margaret Jones, Mildred and Beth Hamm, Lola Dennis, Flora Frances Anderson and Melba West.

BRIDGE PARTY.

Mrs. C. H. Jones and daughter, Miss Mona Margaret Jones, extended hospitality to friends on Thursday afternoon. A colorful theme of rainbow hues was carried out in all table and house decorations. Gold tarleton table covers and noppins on tables centered with ivory baskets of multi-colored flowers with corsages as individual

favours made the tables appointed for bridge most attractive.

Games of bridge progressed until tea time when a delicious crab salad and ice course was passed to Mrs. V. P. Tippet of San Angelo, Mrs. H. L. Easterwood of Taft, Mrs. Doss Sheppard and Miss Marian Sheppard of Dallas, Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, W. T. Sadler, Bob Mayfield, Edward McCrary, Matt Dillingham, Jim Sears, W. S. J. Brown, George White, R. I. Grimes, Tom Largent, W. J. Largent, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, Charles Delmer, Warren Smith, Kenneth Pee, H. C. Harbers, Misses Flora Frances Anderson, Martha Bird, Lucy Tracy, Lorena Dry, Jess Sutphen, Melba West, Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears, Althea Boden, Christine Collins, Maurine Tipton, Evelyn Curb, Addie Holler and Iva Bragg.

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Friends here have received the following: nounce the marriage of their daughter.



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couple are at home in Tuscola, where Mr. Maude, to Dr. Otis W. Little on Wednesday, August the twenty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, Dallas, Texas. At home, Tuscola, Texas.

As the guest of Mrs. George Caple in the early summer the bride made many friends here and it was on the occasion of this visit that she met Dr. Little of Tuscola, a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Caple, which introduction culminated into romance.

After the honeymoon in Galveston and gulf resorts, the young married couple are at home in Tuscola, where

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POULTRY FACTS

TURKEYS PAY IF GIVEN GOOD CARE

Attempt to Keep Them With Chickens Causes Failure.

Turkey raising is passing from a general fawn side line to a commercial enterprise, as more farmers begin to specialize in the business.

"The coastal and mountain sections of North Carolina are rapidly becoming centers of an important specialized turkey-growing industry," says C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist at the North Carolina State college. "These two sections are taking the lead in production. The growers are finding that where they handle the birds with care, excellent profits may be made. One of the greatest reasons for failure is that some growers attempt to keep the turkeys with chickens and usually do not provide the turkeys with a home, with feed and care."

To begin with, the turkey grower must get started right, says Mr. Parrish. He needs to use only strong, healthy birds as breeders and to place these on clean, well drained, dry soil, where chickens have not been kept. Turkey eggs may be hatched in an incubator, under the turkey hen or under a chicken hen. Where the hen method is used, the mother bird must be dusted with sodium fluoride to control lice. This dusting should be given during the first week and again in ten or fourteen days. Use only a small pinch of the material for each hen or serious results may follow with the poults.

When the poults hatch, they should not be fed until forty-eight hours old, a little milk and green feed, such as short tender grass, lettuce or onion tops might be given. When feeding begins, the poults must be fed often, as much as five times a day in small amounts. The scratch grain is given when the poults are about one week old. Feed the mash, scratch feed and greens until the young turkeys are three weeks of age, generally increasing the scratch and getting it finally to two good feeds each day.

Early Roosting Habit Is of Great Benefit

Chicks that get the roosting habit early in life will usually grow into better chickens than those that are allowed to cuddle in crowded houses throughout the summer. Early roosting used to be considered the cause of many of the crooked breastbones in chickens. Results of proper feeding have shown that this trouble is more often caused from a deficiency of minerals in the ration or from a lack of sunshine.

With this false notion of crooked breastbones out of the argument, practically all of the benefits lie with the early training of the chicks to roost. Such chicks will be easier to handle in the fall when they are put into laying houses. They will also be less apt to crowd and become overheated, in addition to being easier to care for.

In training chicks to roost, it is a good plan to have the roosts low. Often it is necessary to place the chicks upon the roosts once or twice. Soon they will find that such roosts are much more comfortable than muddling around the hoyer, and they will quickly adopt the roosting habit.

Poultry Notes

- Keep house and yard clean.
- Build a good house or shelter.
- Provide roosts and dropping boards.
- Grow some green crop in the yard.
- Keep the hens confined to your own land and off the road.
- Don't keep a male bird. Hens lay just as well without a male.
- Kemala is a good remedy for the worms in poultry and nicotine sulphate a good remedy for other intestinal worms.
- Unless eggs are produced by healthy hens under sanitary conditions, the chicks produced will be liable to the diseases of the present flock.
- If you cannot get your cockerels on the market early enough to get the top broiler prices for them, capitalize some of them and see what they will bring you next spring as capons.
- Bright green alfalfa is a very valuable addition to the mixture ducks' ration and they will relish a little of it.
- Keep the hens confined to the houses when the yards are muddy; this helps to keep the hens' feet clean. Gather eggs often.
- What is a fresh egg? Strictly speaking, an egg is considered fresh until it has been in storage at a temperature of 300 degrees F. at least 30 days. However, the best prices are paid for the newly laid eggs.

WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

The Lubbock Hilton, a \$1,400,000 structure, is now up six stories. A five-story addition to Hotel Lubbock, totaling \$222,500 comes next in line. Brick work on this hotel is almost complete and the addition is expected to be complete during October.

San Angelo building permits for the year have already exceeded a million and a half dollars. The Western Reserve Life Insurance Building, for \$185,000, the new Texas Theater for \$135,000, the Baker-Hemphill building for \$121,000 and other buildings of like kind for similar prices are nearing completion.

An Amarillo farmer, J. R. Durrett, uses an unique method to make his more than 7000 acre farm pay. Renters are allowed to keep cows, hogs, and chickens during the slack months for an income and are relieved of their care during harvest time on a profit-sharing plan.

Decatur Baptist College, the property of the Baptists of the state, is under the supervision of the Baptist General Convention, a junior college, correlated with Baylor University, and affiliated with the state department of Education. It is the oldest junior college west of the Mississippi river.

Seymour's growth and development over the last half century will be chronicled in the Half-Century Anniversary Number put out by C. C. Harrison, editor of the Baylor County Banner this month. Prosperous business concerns, permanent homes, progressive citizens and plenty of modern improvements are Seymour's.

Abernathy is the home of Elton Beene, the youngest cornet champion in the United States. The boy is 12 years old and has played the cornet half his life. He is the son of C. W. Beene, bandmaster at Abernathy.

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Plainview, the home of Wayland College, is a staunch supporter of the school. The school has enjoyed an unparalleled growth since it was founded by the Staked Plains Baptist Association in 1908. In 1917 it was recognized as a standard junior college and has kept that rank ever since.

Goree's first bale of cotton for the season was brought to town by W. C. Coon who lives north of Goree across the Brazos river. The bale was ginned by the Goree Gin company and bought by G. W. Moore for 18 cents per pound. A premium of \$27.75 was given Mr. Coon by business men.

Munday is the home of the boy who was awarded second place in the individual judging of dairy cows at the short course at College Station. He is Gilbert Myers and he competed with 153 entries. Tenth place in dairy judging and fifth place in poultry judging was won by the Knox County Club boys.

McLean's \$65,000 fire truck is now installed and ready for any emergency. The truck is of the pumper type and has a maximum capacity of 5000 gallons of water per minute delivered through the hose nozzle. It is powered by a heavy duty six-cylinder en-

gine capable of making 45 miles per hour on runs.

Hereford has one hundred blocks of paved streets, a fine courthouse built of Georgia marble, a modern \$30,000 city hall, the very best of fire fighting equipment, \$200,000 worth of churches, a population of 5000, natural gas, modern telephone system, and a fine water system.

METHODIST REPORT.

We were very glad to have Rev. Otis Wall, of Abilene, come into our pulpit last Sunday to preach God's word. His message was very interesting, both in delivery and contents.

We were honored by quite a few visitors from out-of-town last Sunday. A few of them were:

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler of Abilene.

Miss Eva Bale of Albany;

Mr. and Mrs. Olga Mebane of Huntington, Tenn., (Mrs. Mebane was, formerly, Miss Love Hawkins;)

Miss Beulah Lou Lee of Throckmorton, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. C. Hughes.

Mrs. Len Sublett and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher were back with us after their recent trip to California.

Our pastor will be back next Sunday. Come to Sunday school and stay for preaching.

—Reporter.

For every automobile driven in the United States there are only eighty-eight yards of paved road.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

White Church News

Most of the farmers are busy picking cotton at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lindsey and family of Lubbock are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lindsey.

Charlie and Arthur Coates of Big Spring are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coates.

The M. E. revival meeting closed at Butman last Tuesday night, with Rev. Marvin Williams doing the preaching. There were twenty con-

versions and reclamations and ten were baptized Wednesday afternoon in the Butman pool.

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"Why honey!" Allen sympathized, "how did it happen?"

Carefully, Mrs. Allen lifted the smoking skillet and started toward the sink.

"I can't," she observed bitterly, "I simply can't go clear to the front of the house to answer the telephone, and watch a meal at the same time. I just didn't know I'd left the fire turned up so high!"

Allen hurriedly picked up his hat.

"Tomorrow I'll order an 'extension' telephone put in back here," he said. "And—don't worry, dear. The butcher shop's still open."

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Liberal Praise For Musical Show at the Abilene State Fair

Abilene, Texas, August 29.—Liberal praise is being given the Winter Garden Follies, the musical show which is to play in front of the grandstand at the West Texas Fair in this city each evening during the week of September 23-28, by newspapers and fair executives in North and South Dakota and Iowa.

The show started its tour for the current season in North Dakota about thirty days ago and is coming south, making stands at the larger fairs en route and apparently is giving the patrons of those expositions much satisfaction.

At some of the fairs this revue has played, high admission prices have been charged but that hasn't seemed to keep the people from going to see it. At Burlington, Iowa, on the opening night of the Tri-State Fair, over 5,000 people were in the grandstand for the presentation of the show and according to the Burlington Hawk-Eye, the crowd on the second night was much larger.

When the Winter Garden Follies comes to Abilene, it will be presented free of admission charge to patrons of the fair. The show has been bought outright for the week by the association and after a person pays the general fair admission at the main gate, no other charge will be made for the grandstand show.

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.

Ruth Elder Will Marry Next Week

Los Angeles, Cal.—The Examiner in a copyrighted story Saturday said that Ruth Elder, the first woman to attempt to fly the Atlantic Ocean and an entrant in the Santa Monica, Cal., to Cleveland air derby, was engaged to marry Walter Camp Jr., son of the late athletic mentor at Yale.

The newspaper said that Camp, who is president of the Inspiration Pictures, Inc., is now en route to New York to make arrangements for the wedding, which will take place there a week after the completion of the women's air derby, scheduled to terminate next Monday.

Miss Elder gave Camp her answer by long-distance telephone from San Bernardino, Cal., the first stop of the flight after he had proposed just before her take-off from Santa Monica, the newspaper says.

The marriage will be the second for both. Miss Elder was recently divorced from Lyle Womack, who claimed that aviation had taken his wife away from him. Camp has been divorced for several years.

William Sunday Jr., son of the evangelist, will leave here in a few days to act as ward of honor for Miss Elder.

The Gleaner Class of the Methodist church still has a few Cook Books for sale; also some extract. Call Mrs. Herbert Patterson or phone 282W.

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Expect Maude Adams To Return to Stage

Los Angeles, Cal.—Maude Adams is reported in Los Angeles, remaining in seclusion and seeing no one except a few old friends.

During the past years reports have found their way to the press that Miss Adams was not idle, but was experimenting with photography and lighting, and a rumor is prevalent here that she is expected to make an all-color talkie next year with novel features of a technical and locational nature.

A rumor of greater importance to the theater is the possibility that Miss Adams will come out of retirement and return to the legitimate stage for a time. This is looked for during 1930. Charles L. Wagner is her manager.

Total State Tax Is Fixed at 68 Cents

Austin—The state tax rate Saturday was fixed at 68 cents when the automatic tax board set the school tax at 31 cents after previously having decided to levy a 30 cent ad valorem tax for general fund purposes and a seven cent confederate pension tax.

The new rate is four cents higher

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than that which has been in effect during the past year.

During the past year the rate was divided as follows: Ad valorem 22 cents, pensions 7 cents, and schools 35 cents.

Governor Moody said the school tax was based on the recently completed scholastic census of the state department of education showing that there were 1,450,000 children of school age in Texas.

In reducing the school tax, the board brought the figure under the 35 cent constitutional limit for the first time since 1918, when the maximum for school purposes was raised from 20 cents.

DECREASE IN TAYLOR.

While the state tax rate has been fixed at 68 cents on the \$100 taxable values by the automatic tax board, Taylor county tax assessments will drop below last year in spite of the increase.

This is due to the fact that the county tax rate has been lowered for this year from \$1.06 to 98 cents and hence, although the state rate has been increased four cents, the total county and state tax rate in Taylor county will be four cents less than last year.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Mrs. J. W. Minnick of Gordon, returning from a visit with her sons, who live at Graham, stopped over for a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Elbert Bright, last week.

W. L. Boyd and wife accompanied by C. T. Beckham made a trip to Junction last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rogers are happy to announce the arrival of a fine baby boy, who made his appearance last Wednesday night. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Bill Nally of Pecos visited relatives here last week.

Hays Wheatley had as his guests last week his two brothers and one sister from Lexington, Tenn. They left for home Friday.

After spending sometime in Mineral Wells, Alex Williamson returned home last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Bryan and children visited in Abilene last Sunday with Mrs. J. M. Billings and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford.

Mrs. W. E. Hamner and daughter, Gladys, left last Monday for Temple, being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks of Santa Anna. They returned home Wednesday.

B. Bell, who has been engaged in the barber business in Merkel for sometime, removed his family there this week. We regret very much to give them up.

Little Misses Christine and Gloria McLeod of Abilene are here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian and Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod for a few days.

Okley and Melvin Reid of Lamesa are here for a short visit with their mother, Mrs. Joe Reid. Okley expects also to make a visit with Miss Elizabeth Pryor of Corsicana.

Miss Lillie Harris, who has spent the summer in Dallas with relatives, has returned home to remain until she

leaves for Ropes, where she will teach this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pribble of Dallas stopped over for a visit with friends here last week-end on their return from Mexico.

Miss Reta Mae Winn visited relatives in Corsicana this week.

C. T. Beckham, in company with Ewel Bone of Abilene, is visiting friends in Arkansas.

Mrs. Dr. Watkins of Lubbock and her son of Dallas visited here with friends this week and also attended to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of Lorraine visited Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott, last Sunday.

Miss Odessa Moon of Graham is a guest in the Beckham home this week.

R. L. Reeves and family left Tuesday for a motor trip westward.

Mrs. Buddie Smith and son, accompanied by Miss Clara Lee Howell, all of Fort Worth, made a short visit here this week with relatives and friends, also visiting Mrs. H. B. Terry of Sweetwater. Mrs. Smith will be remembered as Hattie Howell.

Miss Edna McGregor of Cohoma, who has been attending Simmons University, was the guest overnight of her aunt, Mrs. E. L. Mangum, en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and son Harmon of Cleburne visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian and family last week-end.

Rev. Watson and little daughter, Louise, returned from Cohoma Monday where Brother Watson held a very successful meeting.

Messrs. Jim, Jack and Isaac Bright attended the funeral of their brother, which was held last Monday at Fort Worth.

T. O. Norton of Colorado was the guest of Miss Rita Adrian Wednesday. Granddady Been passed away Tuesday morning after a lingering illness of three or four weeks. He was 74 years of age and a respected husband, father and neighbor. The town and community as well as the family will

miss him, as he always had a cheerful way of meeting his friends and a helpful word for all.

Rev. McGinnis and family of Abilene have returned home after taking a few weeks from his work here and they visited in the Beckham home last Tuesday evening. Brother McGinnis will fill his pulpit here next Sunday and also announces that the workers' conference will be held here with the Trent Baptist church all day Monday.

Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene is back from a vacation in Carlsbad, New Mex., and Colorado Springs and is a guest of Mrs. Alex Williamson.

Little Elizabeth Cathcart is reported quite sick with tonsilitis.

Mrs. C. L. McLeod and daughters of Abilene are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Rev. Humphrey of Abilene, former pastor of the Trent Baptist church, has suffered a stroke of paralysis recently.

Mrs. T. L. Stevens, who is under the care of doctors at Abilene, had her tonsils removed Tuesday and she is reported as improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pass of Abilene, who have been at Goldthwaite for the summer, are here with Mrs. Pass' grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williamson. They will remain here until Sept. 12, when Mr. Pass will resume his school duties at Abilene.

Jo Boone of Amarillo, who has been here visiting his mother, Mrs. Annie Boone, some two weeks, returned home Thursday.

AT SHANNON'S POOL.

A most enjoyable evening was had Thursday at Shannon's Pool in Merkel when Mrs. John Haroldson of Montague, Texas, sister of Mrs. W. L. Boyd, and her family were complimented with a swimming party and picnic supper. Those partaking of the feast and fun were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd and family, Wesley Johnson and family of Abilene, Mrs. Walker Stedman and children, Mrs. Buena

McLeod and children, Mrs. Alex Williamson and son and Mary Jo Howell.

SLUMBER PARTY.

On Friday evening Marjorie Adrian entertained her friends with a slumber party. Early in the evening games and music were enjoyed and at eleven o'clock sandwiches, ice cream and cake were served to Misses Rosalie Sorelle, Thelma Nalley, Sallye Freeman, Mary Jo Howell, Gladys Hamner and Marjorie Adrian.

After other games and contests the guests retired for a few hours to wake again at seven, when they built a campfire and cooked their breakfast, bidding their hostess adieu a short while later.

BANK NOTICE.

Effective Monday, September 2, the following banks will remain open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. for the convenience of our customers.

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W. M. S. Program.
The following is the program for the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church: Song. Devotional, Mrs. Walker. Spiritual Assets, Mrs. Butler. Spiritual Liabilities, Mrs. John Russell. How Missionary-Minded are they?, Mrs. Emory Jones. Winning Jewish Girls, Mrs. Andrew Baker. Prayer. Song. Benediction.

Epworth Junior Program.

Song. Prayer. Song. Scripture, 1 Samuel 17:32, by leader, Ina Mae Berryman. Special music, Alice Church. "David's Visit to the Camp," Nell Hughes. "David Volunteers to Meet Goliath," Mollie Frank Touchstone. "Faith Brings Victory," Opal Huskey. Bible Story, Cullen Tittle. League benediction.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Let's keep up the interest and attendance. If not in a Sunday school elsewhere, come be with us. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for the Reynolds' Home. Evening service at 8:15. Session meeting Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Visitors always welcome.

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Third place is held by Miss Nadine Tippet with 15,410 votes.

Below is the count of Votes tabulated early Thursday morning:

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| Mary Helen Lancaster | 10,920 |
| Himalaya Swafford | 22,835 |
| Annie Lee Owens | 14,800 |
| Nadine Tippet | 15,410 |
| Thelma Mathews | 26,890 |
| Ida Mae Derstine | 13,460 |

The winner of this contest is to receive free tuition for the coming nine months of school in Piano Lessons.

There will be also a second and third prize in this contest.

The second prize is a crepe de chine dance set trimmed with fancy laces.

Third prize is a silver mesh bag

with modernistic designs.

Prizes are now on display at the Boston Store and will be awarded Monday afternoon September 2nd at 4 o'clock.

Now is the time to help your favorite contestant. Saturday will be the last day. Think of the many things you are going to need in a few days when the weather turns cooler. Come in and make your purchases of school supplies now and give the votes to the young lady that you want to win.

And by the way, folks this Saturday will be the first day of our big School Sale. There will be many articles you will need when you start to school just one week from Monday.

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