

ROBISON'S BODY IS BROUGHT BACK TO NATIVE STATE

State Land Commissioner—for Twenty-Two Years Who Died in Connecticut is Buried at Austin Tuesday.

Austin, Sept. 12.—The body of J. T. Robison, Commissioner of the General Land Office, was returned to the soil of his native Texas Tuesday.

In the presence of Justices of the higher courts, state officials and men and women from all walks of life and many parts of Texas, funeral services for the veteran commissioner were held by Rev. W. D. Brandfield of the Southern Methodist University of Dallas.

The body reposed in the Senate chamber of the Capitol from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m., when it was removed across the Capitol grounds to a funeral home, where the services were held at 5 p. m. Burial was in the family plot, where are the graves of a son and daughter.

While Commissioner Robison lay in the gray metallic casket in the center of the Senate chambers, hundreds of people came to look upon his features. Many of them brought flowers and these soon multiplied into a great heap at the foot of the casket.

All departments of state were closed by order of Governor Moody and the presence of death within the great granite structure moved people to talk in whispers and walk with soft tread.

Having made his home in Austin continuously since 1895, when he came to accept employment as a clerk in the Land Office, he was intimately known and held in esteem by much of the populace. Many of the home people visited his bier and scores came from great distances to do honor to a faithful public official.

Mr. Robison became Commissioner of the General Land Office in 1908 and had been elected 11 consecutive times.

When he went to New London, Conn., where he died, for a visit with his son, Dr. J. T. Robison, Jr., he was seeking rest from the strain of a legislative investigation of his official acts and a hearing before the House of Representatives on proposed impeachment charges. The House refused to vote charges against the veteran official after a long hearing, during which Commissioner Robison testified at length.

Mr. Robison was born in Morris County on Sept. 30, 1861. His father was a Confederate veteran, who died for the lost cause. Mr. Robison was left an orphan when a child. He and Mrs. Robison had reared 15 orphans.

Banquet to Honor Teachers, Trustees

The Young People's department of the Methodist Sunday school, of which Rolfe Wagner is superintendent, will be hosts at a banquet at 8:15 tonight, (Friday,) at the Lions Club banquet hall in honor of the teachers and trustees of the Merkel Public schools. Guests will include the teachers, superintendent and principals of the schools and all of the members of the board of trustees with their wives, also the husbands of the teachers as well.

The courtesy is unique in its conception and it is assured in advance that it is an event that will be greatly enjoyed by all participating.

Presbytery Elects Merkelite Moderator

At the close of the two days' meeting of the Abilene Presbytery at Snyder Tuesday and Wednesday, James H. West of this city was elected moderator and Baird was named as the place for the spring meeting. The heavy rains of Tuesday kept many from attending.

Visiting pastors included Rev. J. Wood Parker, Post; Rev. Fred S. Rogers, Stamford; Rev. G. D. Robison, Lubbock; Rev. J. A. Owen, Albany; Rev. Frank McDowell, Breckenridge; Rev. E. A. Walker, Merkel.

The sermon Tuesday night was preached by Rev. Glenn Harris, Strawn. J. H. Reed, representing Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage, Dallas, was on the program Wednesday.

RAINS CONSIDERED OF GREAT BENEFIT OVER THIS SECTION

Rain, which began falling in parts of West Texas as early as Tuesday of last week, visited Merkel and vicinity Friday night, breaking the drought of more than two months, and up to Monday morning the rainfall had amounted to 2.25 inches, according to B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer. Early Tuesday morning nearly two inches more fell bringing the total to more than four inches.

According to the opinion generally expressed by those in position to know, the belated rains in this section will have a decidedly beneficial effect. Some of the late cotton will be helped, late feed will be greatly benefited and a fine season is in the ground for a grain crop next spring.

In addition the rain was a godsend to stockmen, as it will bring the grass and weeds out very rapidly, in addition to supplying abundant water for pastures.

Saturday night's rain was accompanied in some sections by a disastrous hail storm, the worst damage near Merkel being in the Mt. Pleasant community where the crops in a considerable strip were beaten down and stripped.

CONDITION CRASH VICTIM SERIOUS

As the result of injuries suffered in a bus-automobile crash three miles west of Trent Tuesday night about 8:30, an unidentified man, thought to be William Hennessy of St. Louis, Mo., is in the Merkel Sanitarium in a very critical condition, but reports Thursday were to the effect that he had a slight chance to recover. In addition to a fractured skull, the injured man sustained serious scalp wounds and lacerations about the face.

At the time of the crash, Hennessy was riding with Arthur Ashmore, 506 Samuel Avenue, Fort Worth, and was thought to have been standing beside the parked machine, which was stalled on account of being out of gasoline. It is not known just where Hennessy had been picked up.

Ashmore suffered a right broken shoulder and minor cuts. His son, Arthur Ashmore, Jr., who came to Merkel upon being informed of the crash, returned to his home Wednesday.

Wife of Sweetwater Man Dies in Waco

Waco, Sept. 12.—Mrs. Monte Owen of Sweetwater, who had been in a hospital here for several days, died at 11 o'clock Tuesday night. Mrs. Owen, who had been in ill health for about two years, was the wife of Monte Owen, secretary of the Sweetwater chamber of commerce. He was at the bedside when his wife died.

Funeral services were held in Waco at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with interment in a Waco cemetery.

Trent Woman Dies Paralysis of Heart

Funeral services were held at Trent Sunday afternoon for Mrs. L. T. Currington, 39, who died Saturday night of paralysis of the heart at the home of her brother, G. A. McDonald, who lived about a quarter of a mile from the Curringtons. Services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Watson of the Methodist church.

When a black cloud came up Saturday night, Mrs. Currington, her husband and two sons, aged 5 and 7, hastened to her brother's home, intending to enter a storm cellar there, and just as they entered the McDonald home Mrs. Currington dropped dead.

The family had lived in Trent only a short while but had made a number of friends, who join with the entire community in extending their sympathy to the surviving members in their sad bereavement.

Boy Scout Will Meet.

The regular weekly meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held tonight, (Friday,) at 7:45 in the workshop of the Burton-Lingo company. The special subject for this meeting is to be training boys in woodcraft.

Cattle Shipment.

Only one car of cattle was shipped from this point during the past week, this being a car of mixed cattle on Monday by Ellerby and Brooks.

BADGERS WILL MEET SQUAD AT SWEETWATER SATURDAY IN FIRST GAME OF SEASON

The Badgers will have their first game of the season Saturday when they journey to Sweetwater to meet the second team of the High school there at 3:30. The next game will be on September 23 with Roby at the West Texas Fair at Abilene. In addition to the schedule of games announced last week, Roscoe has been booked to play here on Nov. 15, making a well balanced schedule of games both at home and away from home.

Lining up new men and starting signal practice for the new season got under way Monday but was dampened somewhat on Tuesday by the heavy downpour. An hour, however, was devoted Tuesday to skull practice and fundamentals.

Checking over the positions, individually, Captain Fred Guitar is back in the ranks at his old position of full back and his running mate and triple threat man, J. E. Boaz, is holding down left half. The remainder of the back field will be new material, with Joel Darsey showing up well at quarter and Raymond Petree and Euel Mashburn making strong bids at left half.

In the line two veterans, Orion Tittle and J. D. Ashby, are holding down each end and fans are expecting great

things from this, their third and last year in High school. Two letter men will show in the line also, Lee Darden, the little but-fast guard, and Terrill Mashburn, the big freshman of last year, who will hold down a tackle.

For center Milton Case, Leon McGaughey and B. P. Middleton are contesting hotly for a position, with Paul Collins, Gerald Drick, W. J. Derstine and other new men reporting daily.

It is assured that from the wealth of material offered Coach Davis will be able to build a team that will make other teams in the district take notice and that will make a record for itself.

PEP SQUAD ORGANIZES. The Girls Pep Squad was organized Tuesday with 27 members. Miss Roberta Sloan is sponsor, with Mrs. Young assistant sponsor. Louise Booth, Nadine Tippett and Willie E. Boaz were elected yell leaders and Verna Tee Beasley secretary-treasurer.

Purple dresses, with square cut collars and cuffs, yellow silk ties, yellow tams and a yellow belt will make a striking uniform for this bevy of sport enthusiasts and they will be heard from loud and often.

The first meeting of the Pep Squad was held Thursday afternoon.

LIONS DISCUSS PHONE SERVICE

Operating Company Will Be Asked to Take Steps to Modernize Plant.

With the exception of the entertainment features, which were as usual greatly appreciated, the weekly luncheon of the Lions club was strictly informal this week, due to the fact that the appointed toastmaster was out of the city and Rev. Ira L. Parrack, who substituted, had not had time to prepare a program.

By way of variation in the club singing, three tables were divided into separate groups with a leader for each, Lion L. B. Scott at one table, Lion Charlie Jones at another and Miss Christine Collins at the speakers' table, with Miss Melba West playing the accompaniment. In this way, all members participated under penalty of a fine, if he remained silent, and the president expressed the hope that more lusty club singing could be developed by following such a process in future.

Rev. R. A. Walker delivered the invocation and the introduction of guests was the first order of business. Vernon Dunn of Abilene and Jim Grayson were presented to the club and their presence was warmly welcomed.

Two special numbers were included in the program of entertainment, the first being readings by Miss Lucy Tracy, "My Old Friend," by Riley, and "The Annual Protest," an epic on the young son's performance on the opening day of school, were given in Miss Tracy's usual clever manner.

Miss Christine Collins, accompanied by Miss Melba West, sang two numbers with pleasing charm, "A Little Bit of Heaven," and "When My Dreams Come True," from "The Cocoanuts" the latter being so enthusiastically received that she favored the club with an encore.

In a general discussion of club activities and needs, progress in the improvement and development of the High school athletic field was reported and the local telephone exchange and service came in for a share of the discussion. At the suggestion of Henry C. West, it was proposed for the secretary of the club to address a letter to the operating company calling attention to the need for modernizing the exchange and otherwise improving the service.

When the meeting was turned back to the president, Booth Warren, the latter asked each member to be prepared at the next meeting with a suggestion, critical or otherwise, tending to the good of the club or the advancement of the city's growth in civic and commercial lines.

BOY IS CRUSHED BY WAGON WHEELS

Fourteen-Year-Old Trent Boy Killed When Thrown From Wagon and Run Over.

When Harley Quattlebaum, 14-year old farm boy of Trent, was thrown beneath a wagon loaded with water barrels Saturday morning, two wheels of the wagon passed over the left side of his body, crushing him, and he died almost instantly.

Early that morning with three other boys he had driven to the Albert Purser farm nearby for a wagonload of water and when turning from the Purser farm into the steeply-graded road leading from Trent to Eskota the front wheels of the wagon dropped into the roadside ditch; the barrels began rolling from the impact and three young Quattlebaum and his companion Albert Purser, sitting with him on the front end of the wagon, over the tongue. Purser fell partly clear escaping with an injured foot, but Quattlebaum fell under the wheels of the wagon. Doctors thought a rib punctured his heart. The other two boys leaped to safety as the team started running.

Harley was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Quattlebaum and had been attending the White Plat school. Besides his parents, he leaves two sisters and two brothers. His father was in Sweetwater at the time of the accident, but was quickly located and came home immediately. The remains were shipped for burial to the father's childhood home in Arkansas.

The family has a large number of friends in the Trent community who are extending them their heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Requested to Send Checks.

Lot owners in the cemetery who have not yet subscribed to the fund for drilling the well are earnestly urged to send in their checks at once so that the work may be started.

It is planned to erect a windmill and tank there and a committee has been actively engaged in raising funds for this purpose for the past few weeks.

Cotton Receipts.

On account of the rains during almost the entire past week, only a little more than 100 bales of cotton were weighed by Public Weigher T. A. Boarden. The total receipts for the season up to Thursday noon were 1,494 bales, of which 909 bales were still in the cotton yard here and 585 bales had been shipped out.

Will Show at Amarillo.

C. M. Largent and Sons have shipped two cars of their fine Herefords, consisting of 20 head, to Amarillo for showing at the Tobacco Fair there.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Aaron Ford, 109, was billed in San Antonio Tuesday night for disturbing the peace after a noisy altercation with his great-granddaughter.

While seated in a chair opposite her husband and surrounded by her five children, Mrs. Adela Jacobs Karam, 45, of San Marcos died of a blood clot.

Tom Mix, movie star, who is heading a circus playing Texas cities, suffered a slight injury when his horse, Pale Face, fell while attempting to make a jump at Dallas Monday.

Marcia Villanise, 55, was shot fatally by his 21 year old son, Pedro, at his home near San Marcos, the shooting having been accidental, according to members of the Villanise family.

J. H. Walker, who has served as chief clerk of the land office for 21 years, was appointed State Land Commissioner by Governor Moody Wednesday to succeed the late J. T. Robison.

Explosion of a boiler, which partially wrecked two buildings and hurled the boiler two blocks and through the roof of another building, rocked Texarkana's business section and two workmen were seriously injured.

Frank R. King, 35-year-old business man and aviation enthusiast of Big Spring, was killed Saturday morning when his biplane, in which he was going to Amarillo to attend an airport opening, crashed near Tula.

J. T. Dodson, who was chief of Abilene's police department in 1927 and 1928, was elected Monday as chief of police to succeed the late R. E. Burch, who was killed in an automobile accident on the highway near Trent July 27.

F. J. Bryant, 24, his 22-year-old wife and their baby, James, 3, were drowned as their motorboat capsized on the Colorado River at Austin, while Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bryant, who were with them, were saved by two young men.

The world's deepest "paying" oil well, the Group Number One Oil Corporation 1B in Reagan county, set a new record Tuesday with production of 2,861 barrels of .563 gravity, as compared with its previous peak of 2,792 barrels on August 20.

Jasper Daniels of Cisco is suffering from severe injuries after having been attacked and bitten by an enraged mule on a farm near Nimrod lake Friday afternoon and the head of the animal has been sent to Austin for examination as to rabies.

Harry H. Fatum, business man of Denison for half a century, was killed and his wife fatally injured when their automobile plunged over an embankment near that place. Funeral services were held in Abilene Tuesday, where a daughter resides.

Miles J. Scannell, assistant chief inspector of the border patrol, was shot and stabbed to death at a lonely spot on the Rio Grande fifteen miles from Presidio, having been overwhelmed by a gang of outlaws, presumably smuggled aliens and their guides.

When a bolt of lightning struck a shed in Houston Tuesday, Benjamin B. Gardner, 56, died instantly, his clothing torn from his body, his boots burned off and his skin singed, while a neighbor working beside him escaped injury.

Nat M. Rice, who started his railway career with the Santa Fe as brakeman in Temple 40 years ago and who was at the time of his death vice-president and purchasing agent for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway company, was buried in Temple Monday.

While attempting to cleanse their bodies of oil and grease that had saturated their clothing while at work on an oil well near Wink, three men, Martin Smith, Albert Helms and George Jackson succumbed to burns when the gasoline they were using became ignited from a small heater and caused them to become flaming torches.

170 ENROLLED AT MERKEL HI SCHOOL ON OPENING DAY

Senior Class Numbers Thirty-Two; Grammar School Enrollment Shows Falling Off; Roster of Teaching Staff.

Enrollment on the opening day of the new school session reached 170 at the Merkel High school as compared with 140 at the opening last year and a total enrollment of 182 for the last school year. In the Grammar school on opening day the enrollment was 310, as compared with a total enrollment during the last year of 544. The total attendance for the High school and the Grammar school on opening day was 480.

The senior class this year numbers 32 as compared with last year's graduating class of 30. The class of 1930 includes the following on its roll: Tracy Campbell, Marcella Pinkley, Odell Hunter, Gwendolyn Vickers, Dorice Brown, Alberta Butler, Orion Tittle, Lucille Cole, Ectyl Spurgin, Jeff Chancey, Carlos Montandon, Wesley Butler, Nina Vantrees, Louise Booth, Hilda Rister, J. D. Ashby, Maurine Davis, Helen Kello, Milton Case, J. T. Darsey, Jr., Frances Frederickson, Pauline Toombs, Beryl Hunter, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Lee Darden, Harold Boney, Vera T. Beasley, Nadine Tippett, Buster Hogton, Tula Miller, Clinton Bryant and E. L. Turner, Jr.

The complete roster of teachers, principals and superintendent reads:

- GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
 First Grade—Eunice V. Russell.
 First Grade—Mrs. Holland Teaff.
 Second Grade—Alzada Pogue.
 Second Grade—Evelyn Curb.
 Third Grade—Mrs. Jack Anderson.
 Third Grade—Vennie Heizer.
 Fourth Grade—Addie Williams.
 Fourth Grade—Orpah Patterson.
 Fifth Grade—Imogene Hayes.
 Fifth Grade—Mrs. Melvin Davis.
 Sixth Grade—Ora McDonald.
 Sixth Grade—Jesse Rodden. ---
 Seventh Grade—Ralph Duke. ---
 Seventh Grade—Mrs. Len Sublett, principal.

- HIGH SCHOOL.
 Lucy Tracy—English, Expression.
 Mrs. Geneva Young—Spanish.
 Roberta Sloan—History, Mathematics.
 Vera Baker—English, Pl. Geometry.
 Julia Martin—English, History.
 Melvin Davis—Science, principal.
 Roger A. Burgess—superintendent.

OPENING EXERCISES.
 The opening exercises were attended by all the pastors of the city, the members of the school board and a large number of ex-students. Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, led the devotional features and Postmaster Oscar J. Adcock, who is president of the school board, made an address.

Piano selections were given by Miss Katherine Loyless, teacher of piano and Miss Lucy Tracy, teacher of expression, gave a reading.

Roger A. Burgess, superintendent also made an address to the students in which he incorporated announcements of details of the school opening.

Record of Births.

- Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm, a baby girl, Saturday, Sept. 7, 1929.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Arnold, a baby girl, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1929.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bradshaw, residing on the Carter lease, a baby girl Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1929.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster, who reside on the Bill Patterson farm, a baby boy Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1929.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Loftin of Smith, a baby boy, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1929.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Frederickson, a baby girl, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1929.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price, a baby girl, Monday, Sept. 9, 1929.

Ladies to Have Charge.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will have charge of the 11 o'clock service at the church Sunday morning and an interesting program is being arranged. The pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, was voted a two weeks' vacation and on last Sunday the laymen of the church had charge of the morning service.

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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Stratford will no doubt before long have natural gas to burn. The Stratford Star has started an editorial campaign urging the people to have their answers ready when the canvas is made to see how many users there would be. Virtually every residence owner and every business house is expected to be consumers.

A Rankin farmer has succeeded in producing and marketing 1500 dozen ears of corn from 5 acres in 80 days on land that was fifty years old. For the last two years this field has been sowed in the fall with a bushel of wheat and one half bushel of rye and pastured until spring when it was plowed under.

The Tyler Board of Education has authorized establishment of a night school, in response to a number of requests from people who are regularly employed, and who feel the need of further training. The courses of study will depend upon the tastes of the students.

The Slaton American Legion post will present a special trophy to the Slaton High School student who shows the best traits of citizenship during the school year, according to Dan W. Liles, post commander. Selection of the trophy will be made by school authorities and Legion officers.

Rotan reported 250 bales of cotton already ginned at an early date in the season, with cotton coming in faster all the time. Early cotton continues to open fast, with the hot dry weather starting opening in all fields. Six thousand five hundred bales, or half the crop of last year is estimated for this year.

The Electra Chamber of Commerce and the mercantile bureau visited the Victory community in Oklahoma recently on a good will tour and community night program. The Electra band was taken along and a skit by two black face comedians was given. Other entertainment features and constructive talks were made.

Marfa furnished the principal speaker at the barbecue by John M. Gist at Midland in the person of William A. Wilson. Gist raised everything eaten at the barbecue except bread, pickles and coffee. Over two hundred people were entertained at the barbecue and picnic.

San Angelo reports the highest price paid for leases in Pecos County's fourth oil pool up to this time to be \$3,215 per acre, half of which is to be paid in cash and the other half in oil. Forty acres brought this amount in leasing.

Canyon school officials greeted and entertained over 1000 teachers representing 18 Panhandle counties in the annual institute. Many teachers of the West Texas State Teachers College were on the program and special lectures were given during the sessions.

Convention plans were made at a meeting of the advisory board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce with A. M. Bourland and Grady Shipp. A time and place will be designated for the giving of programs or stunts by every town represented. The convention will end with a fiesta on the streets of Juarez, Mexico.

West Texas Today for September will be in the mails this week. Stories on the Panhandle region take up a great deal of space in the official organ of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Spur, Alpine, Perryton and Tulia also have stories of their recent industrial and civic growth.

Winters is sending out an appeal for cotton pickers. The cotton picking is in full blast there now and has averaged one-fourth bale per acre. They are paying \$1.00 per hundred pounds and furnishing houses for families who want to pick.

Fort Houston, San Antonio, is one of the largest military posts maintained by the United States. It has 12,000 officers and men in its area and, at the average annual cost of \$1,100 for each soldiers' upkeep, the total receipts from that source are more than \$13,000,000 a year, exclusive of civilian employes and additional capital investments. The Federal military plant at San Antonio, including flying fields and target ranges, is of an estimated value of \$26,831,326.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

White Church News

The rain and hail which fell Saturday night did a great deal of damage to the farmers' cotton of this community.

H. E. Farmer, Jr., of Snyder is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coates and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coates of the Nubia community.

Mrs. Lester Shugart and baby Melba of Big Spring are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berry.

Miss Alice Reid of Stephenville, who has been going to school there, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Reed, and friends here.

Everyone is urged to remember that next Sunday is preaching day and we are expecting large crowd. Rev. Marvin Williams will preach.

In the period from 1849 to 1929—79 crop years—Texas has produced 154,255,204 bales of cotton, according to Stuart McGregor, editor of the Dallas News Texas Almanac.

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Auto Race Contests Featured Sept. 25th At West Texas Fair

Arlene, Texas September 12.—Winners in the automobile race contest to be held at the West Texas Fair in this city September 25 will divide a cash prize of \$2,000. The contest will be run under the sanction of the American Automobile Association and will be staged on the fair's five-eighth mile dirt track, one of the best speedways in the country.

Featuring the speed program will be a 15 mile race in which the winner of first place will receive a prize of \$475.00. Second money will be \$270.00; third, \$135.00 and fourth, \$50.00. In addition to the big race there will be four other contests on the afternoon bill in addition to the time trials.

Pat Cunningham of Omaha, Nebraska, who won the big races here July 4 is coming back as are Francis Quinn of Los Angeles; Earl Hovenden of Duncan, Oklahoma; Slim Harper from Longmont, Colorado; and a number of other race drivers who have made records on tracks in the southwest during the past few years.

This race will be one of the attractions of the annual West Texas Fair, which opens September 23 and closes on September 28.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

Over three hundred faithful members and visitors attended our Sunday school services last Sunday. Everyone was proud of the recent rain and almost everybody knew something of his lesson.

Many old members were back after their vacations. Let us welcome each of them back and all return to work with happy hearts. God certainly expects as much of us this year as last. Let us give Him more.

Miss Elizabeth Harkrider was with us Sunday.

Miss Vera Baker has returned to Merkel for the winter and is back in Sunday school again.

Miss Julia Martin has returned from a visit to relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. Ada Watkins and her daughter, Dahlia, have returned from a visit to Wichita Falls.

—Reporter.

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Breeders and Feeders Organize at Midland

Midland, Sept. 12.—Breeders and feeders of Texas formed a permanent state organization Saturday at Midland. Frank P. Holland, publisher of Farm and Ranch, Dallas, was elected president.

Other officers elected were W. B. Mitchell, Marfa, vice president; G. W. (Stud) Barnes, Texas A. & M., secretary. William A. Wilson, Marfa, one of the originators of the movement, presided at the meeting. Paul T. Vickers, Midland, served as secretary.

A resolution favoring modification of the packers decree was telegraphed Secretary of Agriculture Hyde.

John M. Gist, famous Hereford breeder, was host at a big dinner on his ranch near Midland. He was warmly applauded when presented to the crowd.

About 80 delegates from 15 towns registered on recommendation of a committee composed of C. T. Watson, Big Spring; Willett Foster, Colorado; Lee Satterwhite, Odessa; and Leon Goodman, Midland. The conference voted to hold a meeting in Dallas

October 17 and 18 in connection with feeders day at the state fair.

Addresses endorsing the purposes of the organization were made by Leon Goodman of Midland, Marsh Holland of Dallas, W. B. Mitchell of Marfa, A. L. Ward of Dallas, representing the Texas Cotton Seed Crushers' association, Colonel C. C. French of Ft. Worth, Earnest Gibbons of Marfa, and G. W. Barnes and J. M. Jones, A. & M. extension service.

Holland declared on taking the chair as the first president of the organization that the permanent organization formed at Midland was the most important single agricultural step ever taken in Texas. He declared if the aims of the organization were realized, Texas would in a few years become the greatest agricultural state in America.

Wymore Chief Pulls Hoax on Motorists

Wymore, Nebr., Sept. 12.—Fire Chief Henry Anderson of Wymore believes he has found a cure for those motorists who insist on racing to a fire with the fire engines.

On a recent night he had the fire alarm sounded. As usual, it was the signal for a number of motorists to tag the equipment. Chief Anderson

had his men drive across town to the west side, and then by a circuitous route, returned to the fire engine house. By the time the engine house was reached, a caravan of motor cars a couple blocks in length had formed a parade behind the engine. Chief Anderson then announced it was merely a fire drill and there wasn't any fire.

Epworth Junior Program.

Song, Prayer by superintendent. Song, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," Scripture, Exodus 40:16 by leader, Lois Whiteley. Special music. Lesson story, Mollie Frank Touchstone. Bible story, Duncan Briggs. Song, "Take My Life and Let It Be." League benediction.

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MARY JANE was in tears. "...and Grandma didn't bear the telephone," she sobbed.

"Not even when Jimmy called the second time! So Jimmy asked Helen Parks instead, and...and...now she's going to the dance with him.

"And no-nobody else has asked me!"

The tragedies of seventeen are dark and bitter. Disconsolate, Mary Jane buried her face in a pillow.

Mr. Mason looked down at the forlorn little figure on the couch sympathetically.

"You know," he said to his wife, "Grandma really doesn't hear as well as she used to. She needs an extension telephone in her room. I think I'll order one tomorrow."

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MR. RASKOB ON WEALTH.
(Dallas News.)

John Raskob thinks that not only can everybody be rich, but ought to be. And he is not secretive about his prescription. It works this way: Save \$15 a month only—no stocks bought on margin, no money borrowed, no stocks bought for quick return or resale, but for permanent investment only. The returns from the stock reinvested will run the total up to \$80,000 in twenty years, from an actual saving of \$3,600. At least, Mr. Raskob says, three investment trusts he has maintained on this principle for twenty years are worth \$80,000. Eighty thousand dollars at 6 per cent will yield the investor \$400 a month.

No fairy wand is used, but it must be conceded that considerable acumen will have to be exercised in the way of investment. And it is not possible for every one to save \$15 per month. But it is possible for more American families to save than do stow it away. Its saving means probably doing without the car and the radio and the cook. Because most of us would rather have these things now than wait twenty years to buy them with our \$400 income, there are few investors saving on the Raskob plan. And there are not so many \$80,000 fortunes.

THE COUNTRY WEEKLY.
(Chillicothe Valley News.)

As an advertising force, the country weekly is regarded by many prominent manufacturers as the leading medium in America. Although there are still many who have not yet discovered its possibilities, it does hold a unique position among periodicals. A writer has listed a number of the advantages of the community paper. His points follow:

"At one sitting the average reader scans all the pages of the local paper. No other publication has all its pages read as carefully by so large a percentage of its readers.

"There is no paper that reaches so many families in a given trade territory as does the local paper. No other is read by as many people for each subscriber. The whole family reads it.

"An advertisement in the local paper backs up the sales efforts of the local retailer far more effectively than any other medium."

For these reasons the country weekly is able to serve, not only the advertiser, but every worthy cause for the betterment of the entire country.

Graham McNamee to Broadcast Series

New York, Sept. 12.—The National Broadcasting company has obtained permission from Judge K. M. Landis, baseball dictator, to broadcast the world series games, and started arrangements Tuesday on the assumption the contest will be between the Philadelphia Athletics and the Chicago Cubs. Graham McNamee will describe the games.

Injured in Collision.

Returning from a vacation in West Texas, J. C. Zachary, yard foreman for the Phillips Petroleum company at Vernon, suffered serious lacerations of the nose, right cheek and both eyebrows, lacerations on the right wrist and partial fracture of one of the bones of the right knee, when his car collided with a truck on the highway east of this city Monday night. He is at the Merkel Sanitarium for treatment and will remain several days.

Chicken Ordinance Cited.

The Merkel Mail has been requested to call attention to the fact that there is a city ordinance against owners of chickens permitting them to run at large and everyone is urged to take this notice as directed for himself, if his chickens are not kept within an enclosure.

England has no mountains high enough to be perpetually covered with snow.

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POULTRY CARE OF PULETS DECIDES PROFITS

Mash Grain and Clean Water Should Be Available.

The care of pulets makes a big difference in next year's profits or losses, says L. M. Hurd, of the New York state college of agriculture. After the pulets are twelve weeks of age both mash and grain should be constantly available in separate outdoor hoppers. Fresh clean water should be frequently provided if there is not a natural supply in the field. Unlimited grass, clover, or alfalfa range and shade, are essential for best growth.

The ability to lay is inherited, and thus depends more on breeding than on feeding; but pulets should be well developed in body before they start to lay. If the pulets seem to mature too rapidly, do not feed them wholly on grain to slow up their inclination to lay; anything that checks laying is also apt to stunt permanently the growth of the birds. Feed a mash along with scratch grain, as it is more complete in protein minerals and vitamins.

For proper fleshing at maturity it is sometimes advisable temporarily to reduce the amount of animal protein—meat scraps, milk, etc.—in the mash, or to limit the amount of mash fed. The former plan is better, as it allows the birds a better chance to obtain more of the minerals and vitamins, which they need. To feed large amounts of scratch grain and mash low in protein for about a month before the pulets normally mature, tends to make them complete their development in better flesh. Experiments at the Cornell university experiment station show that pulets need a substantial reserve of fat when they begin to lay, for satisfactory production later.

Production of Quality Eggs During Summer

Summer is usually hard on the production of good quality eggs. However, there is no reason why good quality eggs cannot be produced and marketed in summer. Commercial poultrymen can do it; owners of farm flocks can, too, if attention is given to a few important points.

All male birds removed from the pens so the eggs that are laid are infertile is the first thing, since infertile eggs will not spoil so quickly as fertile eggs. Clean eggs is the next. It is always a temptation to wash eggs that are dirty so a good appearance will be given. Such eggs, however, are apt to age more readily than unwashed eggs, since there is a more rapid evaporation of the contents of the egg and the air cell becomes enlarged, giving the egg the appearance when candled of an old egg. Production of clean eggs in the first place will help greatly—have plenty of clean nesting material in the nests.

Poultry Notes

Gather the eggs twice a day.

Crowding at the feed hopper stunts the growth of chicks.

Watch for lice and mites. They multiply fast in hot weather.

Keep poultry supplied with fresh, clean water during hot months.

Green feed in the poultry yard make greenbacks in the pocketbook.

Chicks need fresh air as well as heat. Leave windows open at the top.

Hens need water. It is an essential part of the ration, poultry specialists of the Pennsylvania State college say. A shortage of water causes a decrease in the number and size of eggs.

Use plenty of feed troughs. Start the chicks by nailing a two-inch strip around a nine-inch planked board and provide such a trough three feet long for every 100 chicks. More troughs are needed as chickens grow.

Of the total cost of producing poultry and eggs on most farms, 50 to 60 per cent is feed cost.

Lice and mites breed fast these hot days. And if you don't swat 'em and keep 'em swatted, they'll sap a lot of the growth and profit out of your flock.

A brooder house on clean ground is a profitable investment providing strong, healthy chicks are put into it. Otherwise it is as unprofitable as money in a "closed" bank.

Fresh eggs contain more water than stale eggs. For this reason fresh eggs sink in water when immersed, while stale eggs float.

Bare spots around the henhouse are incubators to breed parasites and disease. It pays to cultivate them up and sow to something green.

Lice and mites are poultry pests which can be controlled effectively. Use nicotine sulphate for lice and creosote or carbolineum for mites. Apply the chemicals on the roosts.

FARM POULTRY

FLOCK HISTORY IS GUIDE IN CULLING

Always Better to Improve Production by Care.

"In culling poultry the history of the flock should be the first important consideration," say the extension specialists in poultry husbandry at the Ohio State university. "If the flock as a whole has been laying heavily throughout the entire year, culling should be comparatively easy, as the good birds will show evidence of high production, while the few poor birds will be outstanding, showing very definite evidences of low production or none.

"If the flock has laid indifferently throughout the year, or has suffered from parasites such as red mites, lice, or intestinal worms, or is improperly housed or cared for, the culling will be very difficult, for many of the birds that are really worth keeping will be questionable, due to their condition. Under such circumstances the first step should be to correct conditions, and allow the good birds to come back and show their value, which will cause the poor birds to be more easily recognized.

"It is always better to improve average production by better management rather than by culling, which decreases the number of birds and cuts down the possible earning power of the flock."

Get Rid of Parasites on Chickens in Flock

The hens have enough to bother with in the summer with the hot weather without having to fight lice and mites in addition. The flock owner can do a great deal to help the hens get rid of these pests.

There are various remedies on the market which can be used, or a drug known as sodium fluoride can be bought at the drug store and can be put on the hens, applying it on the back, head, throat, on the breast, around the vent, between each thigh and the breast and on each wing. This is a rather tedious process, although it will get all the lice.

Within the last year and a half, however, it has been found that painting Black Leaf 40 on the perches will rid a flock of lice. This is easy and effective.

Mites are a worse pest than lice, since these little bugs stay in the cracks and crevices around the nests, droppings boards and perches during the day and get on the birds at night, at which time they suck the hen's blood. These can best be fought by using a strong disinfectant on the nests, roosts and droppings boards.

If these pests—lice and mites—are allowed to remain on the birds, they will sap the chicken's vitality and will hinder egg production considerably.

Ducks and Geese Are Fed Pretty Much Alike

Ducks and geese are fed just about alike. They should be kept warm and dry and fed about four or five times per day. All young water fowl should have soft feeds, that is to say, wet mashes mixed as follows: Three parts yellow corn meal, four parts bran, one part red dirt or low-grade flour by weight. Add to this 10 per cent of high-grade meat scraps, 1 per cent of fine sand, and mix with water or milk so that it is quite moist but not sloppy. Feed this every two or three hours for two weeks.

Care for Chicks

Raising good chicks is about the most important thing on a poultry farm. That to a large extent determines your profits. If you neglect the chicks by crowding them too closely, by letting the house become filthy and the soil in bad shape, you may produce weak chicks that do not live well and lay well. It is comparatively easy to grow good chicks if you are willing to do the necessary work of properly caring for the chicks.

Turkeys on Upgrade

Turkey raising is on the upgrade, now that the blackhead bugaboo has been done away with. And the turkey growers are getting the marketing system down to a fine point, too. Six turkey marketing associations have just been formed in various parts of Colorado, and the next thing will be a statewide pool. Profits received by members of turkey marketing pools in the West last year were very pleasing—that's why new pools are being formed to handle this year's crop.

Scratching Shed

In some of the warmer sections of the country, fowls will prefer to spend their nights in the trees and on outdoor roosts but severe storms, driving snows or heavy rains will in most instances, send them into the houses. It is the storm more than the cold that the hen objects to, and for this reason, if no other, a scratching shed where the fowls are sheltered from the wind, should be provided where the layers can sing and keep busy during the entire day.

State To Continue on Technical Cash Basis

Austin, Sept. 12.—In order to maintain the state on a technical cash basis, W. Gregory Hatcher, state treasurer, announced Tuesday that he had arranged with banks in Dallas and Austin to advance as much as \$2,000,000 to carry warrants drawn against the general revenue fund.

Hatcher said the actual deficiency occurred 60 days earlier this year than usual because deficiency warrants and appropriations had been allowed "by the governor and made by the legislature amounting to \$2,400,000 payable during the fiscal year just ended, which were not taken into account when the tax rate was fixed by the automatic tax board a year ago at 22 cents."

"But for these deficiency appropriations the state would have had on hand about \$3,000,000 instead of the balance of about \$400,000," Hatcher said.

He said that in all probability it would require from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 to keep the doors of the treasury open until the tax collections were received in volume about January 25.

Brackeen and Hughes Start New Business

After spending a week in Dallas, where as a partner in the firm of Brackeen-Hughes company, distributors of commercial Frigidaires in the Dallas and Rockwell counties, he assisted in getting the business started off, Fred C. Hughes returned to Merkel the early part of the week. Business of the old firm of the Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet makes it necessary for one of the members to remain here until the first of the year and Mr. Hughes will then remove to Dallas and devote his entire time to the new enterprise.

Miss Loyless Heard In Pleasing Concert

A large and appreciative audience was present Friday night for the concert at the Baptist church presented by Miss Donna K. Loyless, piano teacher in the Merkel Public schools, supported by Miss Tracy, teacher of expression in the Merkel Public schools.

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess introduced the numbers on the program, every one of which was thoroughly enjoyed. The concert was by way of introduction for Miss Loyless, who has come to Merkel as teacher of piano in the schools and director of the Choral and Glee clubs for her first year.

Miss Tracy selected for her number a playlet, "Caleb Stone's Death Watch," by Martin Flavin, and Miss Loyless' numbers were divided into two groups as follows:

First Group—"Arabesque," by Debussy; "A Dancer in Patio," by Reger, and "Etude in F," by Chopin.

Second Group—"Eccossaises," by Beethoven; "A la Bien Aimee," a love waltz, by Schuett, and "Etude in A flat," by Wollenhaupt.

Merkel Rebekahs Host to Abilenians

The Rebekah Lodge of Merkel was host last Friday night to twenty-six members of the Abilene Lodge No. 89. After the conferring of a degree on a candidate by the visitors, a social session was held and the members of the local lodge served ice cream and cake.

Abilene's delegation included Messrs. and Mmes. A. Fredeck, A. V. Moore, T. W. Proctor, H. C. Archibald, A. F. Loofborow, J. F. Smith, Mmes. W. H. Hooper, Katie Kidwell, George E. Barnett, H. T. O'Bar, Dora Smith, Dan Lawson, Mary Elliott, Joe Smart, Susie Fowler, Zerrie Brown, Archie Lee Crow, E. P. Cook, Miss Cora Lee Fredrick, and O. M. Anderson.

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Dr. Hulsey Attends Chiropractic Meet

Dr. H. P. Hulsey of this city attended the monthly meeting of the Oil Belt Chiropractic society, which was held in the Crystal ball room of the Hilton hotel at Abilene and which was featured by the presence of prominent speakers from Sherman and Dallas.

The principal address was delivered by Dr. S. T. McMurrian of Dallas, vice-president of the American Chiropractic association, who spoke on "The Natural Aspect of Chiropractic." Dr. McMurrian urged closer organization and full cooperation between state and district associations to attain the chiropractor's aim—"full public and legal recognition of the chiropractic methods of healing."

Dr. D. M. Hestand of Sherman urged the chiropractors of Texas to build a state hospital and pledged himself to give \$25,000 toward its erection. "Nothing would give chiropractic science in Texas a greater boost than a first rate state hospital," he said.

Arrangement of the program was in charge of Dr. Lydia P. Hudson and Dr. Joe E. Busby of Abilene.

Attends Federated Meeting.

E. Yates Brown of the Boston Bargain Store attended the regular meeting of Federated Stores in Dallas Tuesday, returning Tuesday night.

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Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Opening Date at Union Ridge.
The school at Union Ridge will open Monday, September 23, according to the announcement made Thursday by D. I. Shelton, president of the school board. J. D. Bolin is principal and Miss Gladys Middleton has the primary department.

As the opening date is earlier than usual, patrons of the school are requested to take notice and it is hoped all of the children will be ready for school on the opening day.



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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

W. F. Golliday is doing jury service at Abilene this week.

G. W. Brown, Jr., left Thursday morning for Oklahoma City.

William Sheppard will leave Tuesday to enter Simmons University.

Lester Patterson goes to John Tarleton college at Stephenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis were buying in Dallas the first of the week.

Preston Clark of Igau is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Messrs. R. A. Ellis and L. R. Thompson were Abilene visitors Wednesday.

Miss Johnny Elliott of Abilene is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George T. Moore.

Mrs. Ara Brown of San Angelo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson will leave on the 16th to reenter Texas Christian University.

E. H. Lyon, auditor for the Fulwiler Motor company of Abilene, was in Merkel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ellis were in Merkel Wednesday visiting with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Fred C. Hughes and little son have returned from a visit with her sister in New Orleans.

Ruskin Smith will attend the University of Texas this year and will leave early in the week.

Mrs. Gene Nix and children have returned to Fort Worth after a visit in the S. D. Gamble home.

Miss Ouida Campbell left Wednesday for Dimmitt where she has a position in the public schools.

Mrs. Otto Bicknell and two little daughters, Mary Joe and Bobbie Nell, spent last week in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson of Greenville are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw.

Edgar Campbell of Dallas was the guest Monday night of his friend of long standing, Dr. H. P. Hulsey.

Claud Derrick left Tuesday for Greenville to visit his father, who has been in a sanitarium there for some time.

Rayford Jennings of Dallas and Biggs Jennings of Shreveport, La., are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. L. Baker.

Mrs. T. H. Boyd, who formerly lived here, and her son of Lamesa are the guests of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Derstine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lang of Jayton were week-end guests of Mrs. Lang's brother, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nesmith.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Harman and little daughter, Mary Lucy, of Mingo, Texas, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee.

Mrs. Bill Cain of South Bend, Texas, who has been visiting with her aunt, Mrs. B. T. Sublett, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nesmith were visitors early in the week with Mrs. Nesmith's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scales, at Ballinger.

Misses Ione Red of Austin and Maggie Red of Amarillo were passing visitors last week with Misses Mary and Ouida Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Russell of Terrell were visiting Messrs. John, Selma

and C. K. Russell and their families the first of the week.

Mrs. J. A. Marsh returned to her home in Spur Wednesday after a pleasant visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parrack.

Miss Mildred Swafford has gone to Mary Neal to resume her duties as teacher in the primary department of the public schools there.

J. M. Chaney of Miles, a former resident of Merkel, and Lee Holland, income tax expert of Dallas, were business visitors here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pettie left last week for Abilene where they will make their home, Mr. Pettie having accepted a position with the Brooks Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. George E. Caple, who went to Waco last week on account of the serious illness of her sister, remained until the latter was convalescent and is again at home.

The many friends of Miss Hallie Pike will be glad to know that she is doing nicely after a very serious operation at the Alexander sanitarium in Abilene last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon and Miss Mollye Shannon have as their guests, Messrs. E. C. Shannon of Fort Worth and W. U. Shannon of Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughter, Miss Boog Sears, returned this week from an extended automobile trip to Virginia and points of interest in east Texas. Miss Mary Eula Sears, who accompanied them on the trip, remained in Clarksville, the guest of Miss Loyce Dry.

Men's Prayer Meeting.

The men's prayer meeting will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15, at 3:30. We want to say that this meeting is for all the men of the town and community and we urge one and all to help in this meeting. Our plan is to go from one church to the other from time to time with these meetings. Last Sunday our meeting was held at the Baptist church with thirteen men present and it was a fine meeting. Herbert Patterson will lead the meeting next Sunday afternoon. Come and be with us. The lesson will be found in the sixth chapter of Matthew and also Mark 14:32-38. Come and be with us.

L. L. Murray.

FINE ARTS STUDIO.

For the accommodation of Voice and Piano Students, I am opening a private studio in my home in South Merkel on Sept. 16. Call 29 for information regarding class or individual work.

Miss Christine Collins.

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PLANTING SEED.

On track, \$1.20 per bushel. Bring sack to car. Friday last day.

M. E. West.

Plain-clothes policemen in Paris are being equipped with a kit of folding armor for protection against bandits.

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BRIDGE GAMES.

Mrs. F. C. McFarland informally entertained a number of friends on Monday afternoon with bridge games and at the culmination of the games refreshments were served to Mesdames H. L. Easterwood of Taft, Tom Largent, R. O. Anderson, S. D. Gamble, C. H. Jones, Jack Anderson, W. T. Sadler, Misses Christine Collins and Frances Anderson.

T. E. L. PARTY.

The entertaining rooms in the basement of the Baptist church were beautifully decorated with cut flowers on Tuesday afternoon when Mesdames R. J. Miller, Deen Higgins and Claude Derrick jointly entertained members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class. The devotional opened the afternoon's entertainment, preceding a business meeting and also enjoyable special features, a reading by Miss Ora Derrick and a piano number by Miss Margaret Miller. Two very clever contests next entertained the guests and at the tea hour a delightful plate and hot chocolate was served to Mesdames Earl Lassiter, Jim Mayfield, Claude Deavers, Hale Lancaster, M. D. Angus, W. R. Conder, L. B. Scott, W. H. Derstine, Earl Teague, T. E. Collins, A. R. Booth, John Toombs, W. I. Crane and the three hostesses.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

Mrs. Bill Haynes' new home on Oak street was the scene of a pretty party on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Earl Baze were joint hostesses to members of the Fidelis Matrons class. Mrs. Sam Swann conducted the devotional and business sessions. Indoor games and contests furnished diversion until tea time when a delectable salad plate and hot chocolate was passed to Mesdames Byers Pettie, Kirby Beckett, George Caple, Warren Higgins, Charlie Higgins, Sam Swann, Bill Fugat and the hostesses.

Philathea Class.

On Tuesday night the Philathea class was entertained by Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr. in the home of her mother. The meeting was opened with two

songs, followed by a devotional led by Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, and prayer. After the business session, music and clever contests were enjoyed.

Delicious brick cream, wafers and mints were served to Misses Sallye Curb, Inice Brown, Hattie Butman, Arlene Willett, Eunice Richards, Anna Lou Russell, Mollye Frank Touch-

stone, Gwendolyn Vickers, Mesdames Claude Dye, Tom Allday, Rolfe Wagner, T. V. Touchstone, W. L. Johnson, Jr. and W. F. Golliday.

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14,825,000 Bales Is Crop Estimate

Washington, Sept. 12.—A cotton crop of 14,825,000 bales this year was announced Monday by the Department of Agriculture as indicated from the condition of the crop on Sept. 1, which was 55.4 per cent of normal.

The forecast compares with 14,478,000 bales of 500 pounds gross ginned last year. The condition on Sept. 1 compares with 60.3 per cent on that date a year ago and 56.1 per cent the ten-year average condition on that date.

Acreage left for harvest was estimated at 46,594,000, the abandonment being placed at 3.8 per cent after July 1, when it was estimated 46,946,000 acres were in cultivation. The ten-year average abandonment is 3.6 per cent.

Texas acreage left on Sept. 1 for harvest was estimated at 17,575,000 acres; the condition of the Texas crop was given as 46 per cent of normal, and the indicated production was 4,107,000 bales.

TEXAS FIGURES RIGHT.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 12.—The Texas cotton report, according to conditions as they exist today, will be about 4,000,000 bales, George B. Terrell, Commissioner of Agriculture, said Monday.

He said the Government estimate "seemed to be about right."

"The estimate of 4,109,000 bales for the Texas crop is 247,000 bales below my estimate of Aug. 15, but there has been very rapid deterioration since that time," he said. "If I were making the estimate now I would place it at 4,000,000 bales."

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Dora Doings

Brother Young of View filled the pulpit at the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday.

This community has had a fine rain since last Thursday night.

Ernest Ensminger and family were visiting in Merkel Monday.

B. E. Dunagan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Tyrone attended the singing at Roscoe Sunday. They report a large crowd and good singing.

Si Dennis and Vetla Brownfield attended the funeral of Mr. Dennis' cousin at Rotan Sunday.

Mrs. Ivy Briggs and Louise Tyrone were shopping in Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook visited her sister, Mrs. Farris, who has been in the Sweetwater Sanitarium for several days. They found her resting as well as could be expected.

HEBRON NEWS

The B. Y. P. U. met Sunday with Mrs. Harris as leader and a splendid program was rendered.

Annamae Harris was the guest of Miss Nina Skidmore at Golan last week-end.

Blanch Carey, Clemens Carey, Bessie Lou Pannell, Bernard Clark, Bernice Clark, Bessie Jones and Leo Harris entered High School at Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Miller is improving nicely at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lige Harris.

Miss Bessie Lou Pannell will reside with Mrs. Vernon Sublett while attending school in Merkel.

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League Bureau First Number Issued Soon

Austin, Texas, Sept. 12.—September 15 has been set as the date of publication for the first issue of the Texas Interscholastic Leaguer, official newspaper of the Texas Interscholastic League, for 1929-30, according to Roy Bedichek, chief of the University of Texas League Bureau. Lists of district managers for the various events and other important announcements will be published in the first issue.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday and during the week.

Our Sunday school has a congenial class and a trained teacher for every one that wishes to study the Bible. We have carefully graded lessons for every one up to the young people's department, an entirely different course of lessons for each year from age 3 to age 17, and above the primary department we have two classes for each year, one for boys and another for girls. Then in our young people's department we have four classes, two for young men and two for young women, and in our adult department we have five classes, two for men and

three for women. This makes about forty classes meeting to study the Bible in our Sunday school every Sunday morning. We can easily take care of another hundred pupils without increasing the number of officers or teachers, and we cordially invite any one in or about Merkel not in Sunday school to come and worship and study with us.

The pastor will preach both morning and evening and will be glad to welcome all resident members in these services. Come and help make the services count for more.

The B. Y. P. U. meeting time is 7 p. m. and this service will begin with a general assembly of all departments and in this part of the program some special numbers will be rendered by different members of one or another department. Come find a place in one of our B. Y. P. U.'s

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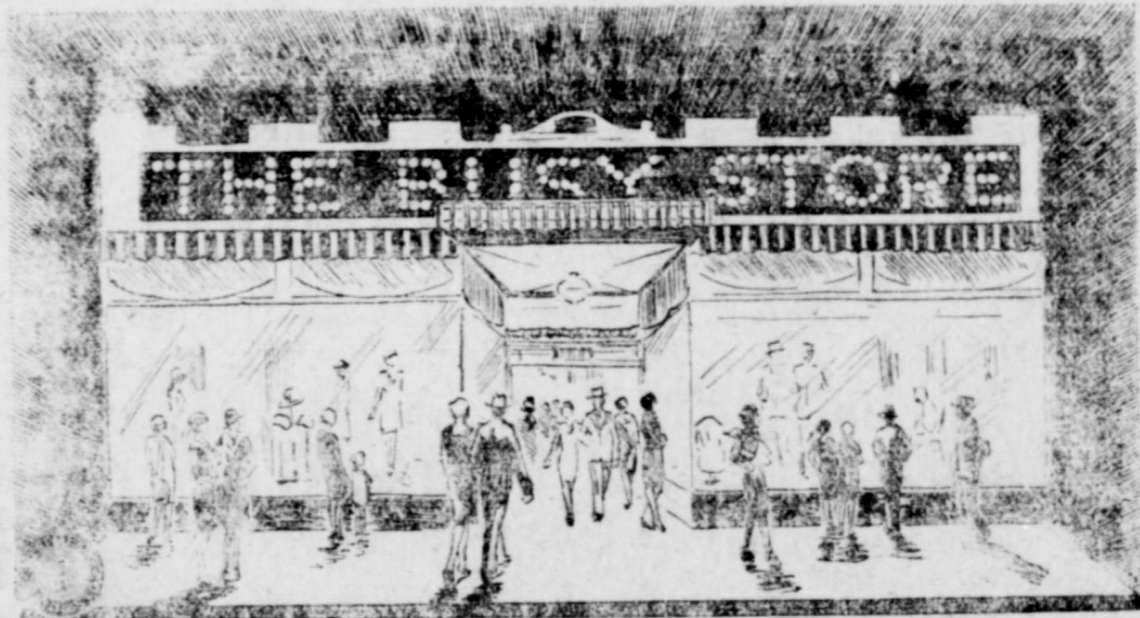
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Later both were married, and in each case the ceremony was performed by the other.

Then the two comrades entered into a covenant. It was agreed that when one died the other should preach the funeral sermon.

The covenant was filled when the Rev. Mr. Nichols, who was pastor of the Church of Christ at Waxah-

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Will Stage Longest Circus Run Ever Made

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 12.—The longest engagement ever played under canvas by any circus in the world will play at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 12 to 27, when the Hagenbeck-Wallace moves on to the "grandstand lot" for a 32 performance engagement. This circus will come to the State Fair with the greatest number of wild animals ever taken on tour by any organization.

One of the big features of the show is the act of Clyde Beatty, 24 year old animal trainer, who handles a mixed group of "cats"—lions and tigers. Beatty has an act in which 32 "cats" perform. He worked all last winter

putting the lions and tigers through their routines.

The circus will unload in Dallas the night before the Fair opens and be on the "lot" before the gates open on Oct. 12.

The State Fair engagement is not only the longest run ever made under canvas by a circus, but is also the greatest number of performances ever played by one show at one place in the entire south. There are but few cities in the entire country which can support a circus for 32 performances.

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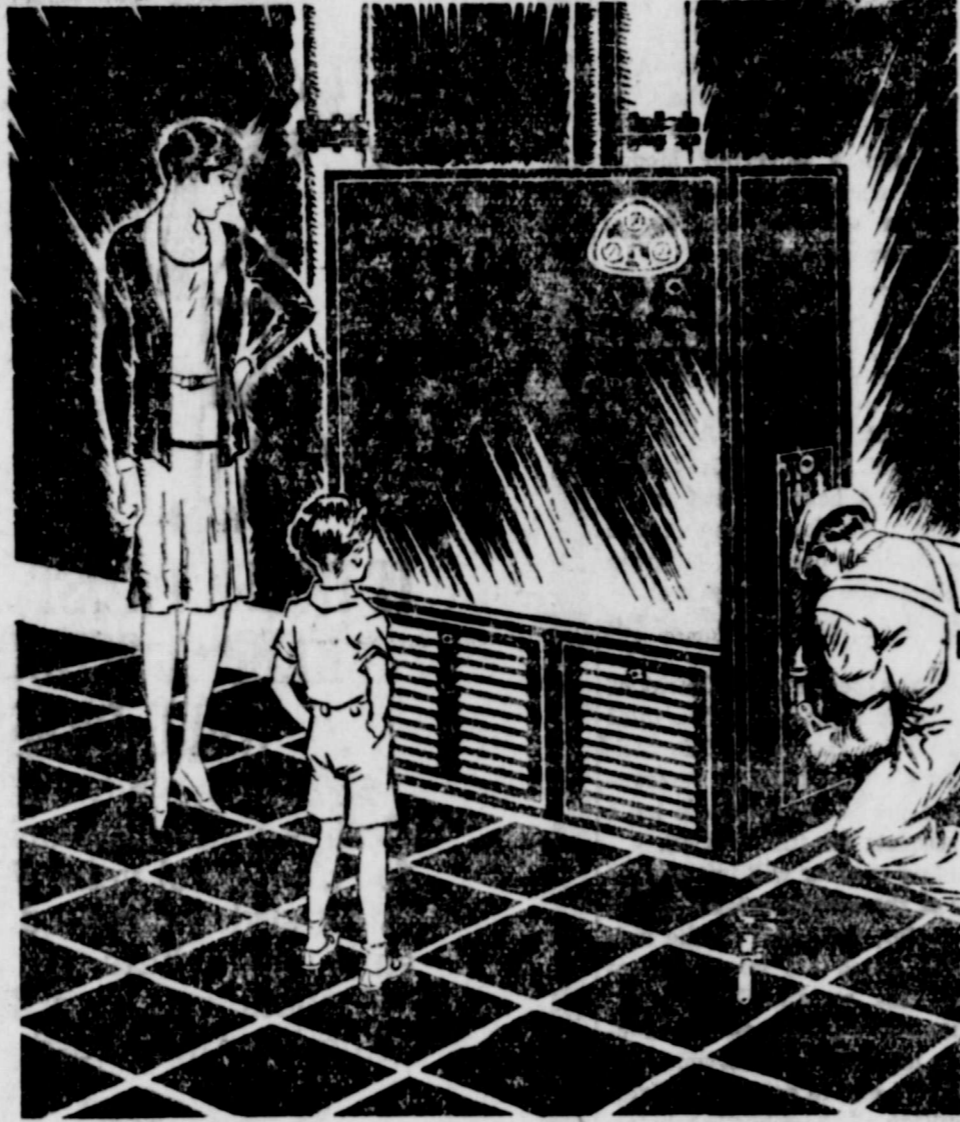
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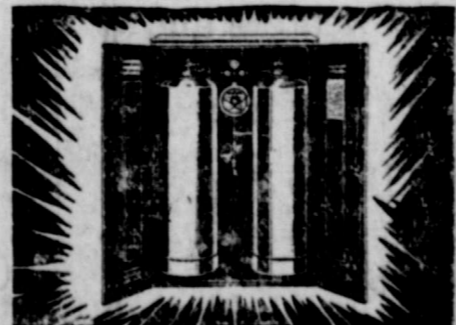
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Trent News and Personal Notes

Miss Fannie Scott, who has been visiting friends at Abilene for the last month, returned home Monday.

Freedland Nugent visited homefolks last week.

John Howell attended to business matters here Saturday.

Mrs. H. B. Terry and children of Sweetwater visited relatives here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Scott visited Mr. Scott's brother, Jack Scott and family, of Hamlin last Sunday.

Winslow Beckham and family accompanied by Mrs. Tom McLeod, are visiting with relatives at Wichita Falls and Graham.

Mrs. Robert D. Martin of Loraine visited her parents here last week, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. C. R. Shannon entertained friends of her little daughter, Katherine, age 7, with a doll quilting party. The little girls from age 6 to 9 gathered at the Shannon home and their mothers let them quilt in their own way. When they finished the quilt, they were invited into the dining room where the mothers served them with lemonade and cookies. They all expressed themselves as having a wonderful time.

Miss Clara Scott made a short visit with her brother, Huston Scott and family, last week-end.

Mrs. Sherman Jones is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murdock and children of Big Spring spent last week end with Mr. Murdock's brothers, Carl and Marvin Murdock.

Mrs. John B. Winn and Miss Ruby Johnson shopped in Abilene last Monday.

Dewey Willis and wife, who have been away for a few weeks' visit with relatives, returned home Tuesday.

Mary Boyd and Estell Terry were Abilene visitors Wednesday.

Jack Bowen spent last Monday in Abilene.

Miss Viola Smith, who spent a few days at Christoval last week, returned home Friday.

Edwin Alexander of Lubbock is here on a visit with his aunt, Mrs. Fred Hale.

Mrs. E. L. Mangum and daughter, Imogene, were in Abilene Tuesday to arrange for Miss Mangum to enter college there for the next term.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crane and daughter, Lady Fred, were Abilene visitors Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Copeland is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Adrian, having just returned from a visit with her brother in Arkansas.

Andrew Archer of Dallas spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. A. R. Archer.

Messrs. Volley Vessels, Irvin Reneau and Stutts made a trip last week to the Carlsbad Caverns, visiting Joe Alexander while there.

Barnum Howell and Allen Terry are in Stephenville where they will enter John Tarleton College this fall.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson had as her guests last week some old acquaintances and school chums, Misses Crutcher and Ray of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks have moved to El Paso, where Mr. Burks has accepted employment with the El Paso Power and Light company.

Mrs. John West and daughter, Doris Gay, of Merkel visited Tuesday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

W. W. Cole of Sweetwater, an old time acquaintance of the Shrman family, visited in their home last Monday.

Miss Florene Sherman motored to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Coxton of Dallas visited last week with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Saperton.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

We had a great day last Sunday, good attendance considering the weather. Let us keep our interest up and make next Sunday a greater day. Let every member of the Sunday school come and try to bring some one with you. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Be on time. Men's prayer meeting of the different churches at our church at 3:30 p. m. All men are specially invited. There will not be any service Sunday night on account of the pastor's vacation. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.
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Nearly \$5,000,000 worth of motorcycles will be sent from the United States to other countries this year.

Texas' wealth is increasing at the rate of \$1,400,000 a day.

Don't miss the Fall Opening event beginning Saturday at the Boston Bargain Store.

Census Office To Be Opened January First

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 12.—W. R. Southworth of this city who recently received notice of his appointment as Federal census supervisor the eighth Texas district comprising nine counties, said Saturday that he would open an office in the chamber of commerce rooms here January 1.

"That will be early enough for applicants to see me," Mr. Southworth said, "as the actual work will not start until April 1."

Every prospective enumerator will be required to take an educational test, Southworth stated, and preference will be given to ex-service men and widows of ex-service men.

The census taking of the eighth district, which includes Taylor, Parker, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Eastland, Callahan, Shackelford, Throckmorton, and Jones counties, is expected to take from six to eight months to complete.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Two big and interested audiences heard J. G. Malphurs last Lord's Day at the Church of Christ. Mr. Malphurs the new minister, appreciates the splendid interest being manifested by the members of this congregation. His subject for the morning was the question the Lord asked Peter, "Lovest Thou Me," found in the 21st chapter of John. At the evening service the speaker held the best of attention with the subject, "God's Love for the World," John 3:16. Quite a number of the members of the church surprised the minister and his family Monday night when they came to the home with a great shower of groceries. For this manifestation of Christian fellowship the minister and his family desire to express their thanks.

Your attention is called to the following program and especially to the changes: Friday night 8 p. m. cottage prayer service at Mr. Baze's. Lord's Day—10 a. m. Bible school for all. 11 a. m. sermon and worship. 7 p. m. Young people's study, conducted by the minister. 8 p. m. sermon and devotion. 4 p. m. Tuesday, ladies' class. 8 p. m. Wednesday, prayer service. Glad to have you visit us.

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Legislature is Due To Set New Records

Austin, Sept. 12.—With committees and commissions created by the legislature about ready to report, the 41st legislature now is in a position to establish an endurance record.

Already with a regular and three extraordinary sessions for a total of 144 days to its record, it faces the prospect of at least two more special sessions. The record is four special sessions for a single legislature.

Three important matters will come before the legislature this fall or early next winter as a result of findings of legislative commissions and committees. They are the penitentiary problems, fee system and boundary between Oklahoma and Texas.

Any one of these is big enough and loaded with sufficient partisanship to keep the legislators busy a full 30-day extraordinary session, constitutional period. If this should be the case, there are at least three more specials ahead before the 42nd legislature comes into being in January 1931, unless Governor Moody should grow weary and just decide the lawmakers had run their course as far as he was concerned.

President Sandefer Starts His 21st Year

Abilene, Sept. 12.—The 38th annual opening of Simmons University will be observed here September 17, when registration for freshmen and other new students begins. A program will be held at the university auditorium in the morning beginning at ten o'clock.

Authorities expect an enrollment of 1200 for the fall quarter and a total of over 1500 for the year. This estimate is made on the basis of reservations in the men's and women's halls and the requests for information.

The coming quarter will initiate the 21st year of the administration of Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of the university. He closed his twenty years of service this month. During this time he has led in adding eleven buildings and a half million endowment to the institution and in securing universal recognition of the school's scholarship.

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